

People's Maps Commission Holds Virtual Executive Session

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Will discuss and vote on draft map-drawing criteria online April 15 at 5:30 pm.

Madison, Wis. — The People's Maps Commission (PMC) will hold a virtual Executive Session from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 15, 2021, to discuss and vote on draft map-drawing criteria that will be used to sift and winnow the 2020 U.S. Census data.

The criteria were developed by the Commissioners after hearing from more than 1,000 Wisconsinites, representing 65 counties and 245 municipalities, as well as engaging 18 redistricting experts from across the U.S. and Wisconsin.

The PMC criteria are ordered into four groups based on their importance and ultimate feasibility. These four groups create a data funneling process that will guide the next phase of the Commissioners' work and lead to the ultimate goal of fair district maps in Wisconsin.

The four grouping criteria are:

- GROUP 1: Traditional Districting Principles
- GROUP 2: Communities of Interest
- GROUP 3: Population Tuning

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- GROUP 4: Partisan Fairness

A high-level overview of the draft criteria is available for review [HERE](#) . A more in-depth explanation of the draft process is available [HERE](#) .

There will not be an opportunity for public comments during the Executive Session; however, written comments remain strongly encouraged throughout the tenure of the PMC initiative. Written comments can be submitted at any time using the feedback form available on the People's Maps Commission website [HERE](#) . A link for viewing the Executive Session will be shared publicly closer to the meeting date.

Selected by a three-judge panel, the Commission is a nine-member nonpartisan redistricting commission charged with drawing fair, impartial maps for the State of Wisconsin. More information about the Commission, its members, and its activities are available [HERE](#) .

Every 10 years, each state redraws its legislative and congressional districts using data from the decennial census. In addition to the data from the 2020 U.S. Census, the Commission will use information gathered during the public hearing process to prepare new maps. It will then be up to the Legislature to take up and approve the maps created by the Commission.

Individuals interested in watching previous PMC hearings can find the recordings [HERE](#) .