

Rally Planned for Fair Maps at State Capitol

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LWV-WI to call for nonpartisan redistricting Monday. Kristin Brey of As Goes Wisconsin to emcee event featuring legislators, activists, and musicians at first in-person Fair Maps rally in more than a year.

MADISON, WI - Member organizations of Wisconsin's Fair Maps Coalition will join State Senator Jeff Smith and State Representative Deb Andraca to re-introduce nonpartisan redistricting reform at a rally on Monday, May 17, at 12 noon, on the State Street side of the State Capitol. Other speakers include former Republican State Senator Dan Theno, Devin Anderson from the African-American Roundtable, and other leaders in the redistricting reform movement.

"The keyword for redistricting is transparency," said Sachin Chheda, Chair of the WI Fair Maps Coalition and Director of the Fair Elections Project. "We look forward to reintroduction of the 'Iowa-model' legislation to take map-drawing out of the hands of politicians and return it to the people."

WHAT: Rally for Fair Maps, expected attendance 100+

WHEN: 12 noon, Monday, May 17, 2021

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WHERE: State Street side of State Capitol

VISUAL: Speakers, rally attendees, event to take place rain or shine

NOTE: The State Capitol is closed to the public and no public restrooms will be available at the rally site.

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The Wisconsin Fair Maps Coalition is composed of organizational leaders from member groups working to fight partisan gerrymandering and to promote independent redistricting. The Coalition's current work focuses on supporting proposed legislation to make the redistricting process in Wisconsin independent, educating the public about the consequences of rigged maps and partisan gerrymandering, and insisting the legislature redraw the maps in 2021, following the Census, in an open and transparent manner.

To learn more about the Wisconsin Fair Maps Coalition, visit www.fairmapswi.com, or @WIFairMapsCoalition on Facebook, and @WIFairMapsCo on Twitter and Instagram.