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New Fair Maps Submission Portal a Win for Public Engagement

Improved website makes mapping communities of interest easier, more transparent

MADISON, WI — Today, the People's Maps Commission released <u>a new submission portal</u> to receive public communities of interest maps. As part of the nonpartisan and transparent redistricting process, the PMC will consider Communities of Interest, or COIs, groups with shared interests that should be given consideration in map-drawing.

The new submission portal is more user-friendly, offers tutorials and demonstrations for map-making, and empowers voices from across the state to give input on redistricting.

"Wisconsinites are demanding an open, honest, fair, transparent, and nonpartisan redistricting process," said Sachin Chheda, Chair of the WI Fair Maps Coalition and Director of the Fair Elections Project. "From Bayfield to Bayshore, we're encouraging every Wisconsin resident to spend a few minutes mapping their community. The more input, the more likely we get fair maps that truly represent the citizens of Wisconsin for the next ten years."

Wisconsin residents should draw and submit their COIs to the PMC before the mid-July deadline.

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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 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.