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## Media Advisory: People's Maps Commission to Release Draft Voting Maps

**Madison, Wis.** — The People's Maps Commission has announced it will hold an informational hearing this Thurs., Sept. 30, 2021, at which point the Commission will release draft electoral maps.

The hearing is being held as the commission wraps up its year-long effort to gather public input and create fair, unbiased maps for Wisconsin voters. Over the course of the last year, the nine <a href="PMC commissioners">PMC commissioners</a>, who respectively represent Wisconsin's eight congressional districts, hosted multiple <a href="public hearings">public hearings</a> to ensure Wisconsinites had a voice as part of the PMC map drawing process.

The Commission has engaged input from nearly 2,000 Wisconsinites, representing 68 counties, and 321 municipalities, as well as 18 redistricting experts from across the U.S. and Wisconsin. In addition, Wisconsinites across the state submitted recommended maps and identified dozens of communities of interest.

The draft maps have been developed using the <u>criteria established by the Commission</u> to ensure and preserve contiguity, compactness, political boundaries, communities of interest, population deviation, and partisan fairness.

Following the draft map release, members of the public will have another opportunity to submit feedback and suggestions for the Commission to consider in creating the final set of electoral maps. The <u>PMC public comment portal</u>, where all public input to date is available for view, will remain open until 11:59pm on Thursday, October 7.

WHAT: People's Maps Commission Informational Hearing

A full copy of the open meeting notice with the agenda is available <u>HERE</u>.

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WHEN:	
5:00 - 6:00 p.m., Thursday, September 30, 2021	
WHERE:	
The hearing will be live-streamed on the Department of Administration's YouTube change	nel
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