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RE: Knopp Congressional Redistricting Map

The map shown on the previous page is based upon two basic principles:

1. Congressional districts should be subsets of larger Regional Districts that follow county lines and are related to each other, typically with a large city being the focus of the Regional District. By following county lines to define a Regional District, the boundary for congressional districts can be firmly established. Areas outside the Urban Regional Districts will become Rural Regional Districts by default.
2. Regional District boundaries are based upon county population density. As a result, Urban Regional Districts will have multiple Congressional districts within them, whereas Rural Regional Districts will typically comprise a single Congressional District. The next page is a screen shot from the US Census showing density for the State of Ohio. The boundaries shown on the previous page are based upon this density map.

Summary of Map:

1. Four Regional Districts will each define a single congressional district for a total of four Congressional districts. These Regional Districts are labeled on the map as follows:
  - a. Northwest Ohio encompasses 16 counties.
  - b. Toledo encompasses 6 counties
  - c. Heart of Ohio encompasses 15 counties
  - d. Southeast Ohio encompasses 20 counties
2. The remaining urban areas of Cincinnati, Columbus, and Cleveland will each be their own Regional District and encompass the remaining 11 congressional districts.
3. Cincinnati's Regional District will encompass 3 congressional districts within the 7 counties shown. I did not try to determine boundaries for these 3 congressional districts, but they should be developed using current rules.
4. Columbus' Regional District will encompass 3 congressional districts within the 11 counties shown. I did not try to determine boundaries for these 3 congressional districts, but they should be developed using current rules.
5. Cleveland's Regional District will encompass 5 congressional districts within the 13 counties shown. I did not try to determine boundaries for these 5 congressional districts, but they should be developed using current rules.

Granted this map is generalized, but it should be in order to be comprehensible to the citizens of Ohio.



# 2020 Census Demographic Data Map Viewer

Population Race alone Race alone or in combination Hispanic Origin Housing Group Quarters

Population Density Population Change Population Age 18 and Over

This map shows the population density—expressed as persons per square mile—from the 2020 Census at the state, county, and census tract levels. Zoom in to see county- and tract-level data. Click on the map to learn more.

## Legend

State (or state equivalent) boundary

County (or county equivalent) boundary

Census tract boundary

Persons per square mile by census tract

- 10,000.0 or more
- 5,000.0 to 9,999.9
- 2,000.0 to 4,999.9
- 1,000.0 to 1,999.9
- 500.0 to 999.9
- 100.0 to 499.9
- 50.0 to 99.9
- Less than 50.0
- Water only

U.S. density = 93.7

