

**To: Ohio Redistricting Commission**

**Re: Cleveland Meeting - Monday August 23, 2021**

Goals for any redistricting:

1. Encourage as many citizens as possible to vote.
2. Each district should have as close as possible to the same number of citizens represented. In other words, the spread should be as small as possible.

Goals in equity for Ohio minorities:

3. Establish at least one district where the Black population of Ohio can assure that a Black candidate has a good chance of winning.
4. But it should also be possible for a white candidate to win in that district, if he or she has the support of more than 50% of the voters.

Given these minimal goals, I recommend the following procedures for redistricting the state of Ohio:

1. Create the first district near the City of Cleveland, where a large population of Black people reside.
2. But make this intentional Black district as small as possible, with no more than, say 60% of Black citizens, in that district.
3. Do not allow gerrymandering by political affiliation to benefit any political party.
4. However, do use citizens' political affiliation from their last election to group people into any new district.
5. Make sure that the political parties are represented as close to equal in number as possible. This will ensure citizens will want to vote and have their vote count.

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