

I am Kathy Deitsch. I live a few miles outside of Celina, Ohio in Rural Mercer County. I grew up on our "family farm." I worked as a teacher; I am a writer and author, I have my own businesses. I graduated from the Ohio State University, BS in Education. I lived most of my life in TX, NM, and 22 years in Denver, CO. I returned to my homestead here in August 2013.

The 2021 population is estimated at 41,612. Our county is gerrymandered these days into three Congressional Districts; #5 & #8 and District #4 was added NEW--in 2011-2012.

**Gerrymandering manipulates & rips communities apart!
Gerrymandering is bullying! Our Community now needs so much greater Unity!**

People have died for the Right to Vote. There is power in the VOTE.

Fairness is characterized by equity and justice. This is how I see redistricting---even playing fields will Improve & Safeguard Democracy. Every citizen should be able to Share & Participate.

When the process is unfair, who speaks out to fix it? When anger grows inequality and underlying nasty consequences too often result.

I am loyal to Fairness in Redistricting. In our neighborhoods we've done non-partisan initiative work. We describe to Voters here and statewide, that Fair Elections-Fair Districts Make a Difference and are intended for Democracy.

Voters often say:

"I've lost interest and choose not to vote, especially when races are not fair and competitive." It stifles the will of the voters.

When elected officials make no local contacts; when they do not visit their districts, when they hold no town halls; citizens then ask, Why Vote?

Voters & Would-be-Candidates find it difficult to make a decision to run for office because the deck is stacked against them. In other words they can't win! Let's have a Fair & Open Process that results in Fair Maps.

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