

My name is Eve Herold and I live in Worthington, Ohio house district 21, Ohio Senate district 16, and US Congressional District 12. I carried petitions 4 times over a period of 14 years to get redistricting reform on the Ohio ballot. Once citizens understood what redistricting was all about and the disgrace of gerrymandered districts, they approved a constitutional amendment to reform the way Ohio political districts are drawn by an overwhelming margin in 2015. A companion amendment to reform the way Congressional districts are drawn passed in 2018, also by a large margin. I have confidence that in selecting a map that defines legislative districts on the state and federal level for the next ten years, you will adhere to the rules established by these amendments to the state constitution. These rules ensure that districts are compact and contain constituents who live in proximity to one another and share a community of interests.

Any attempt to approve a map with gerrymandered districts devised to protect partisan interests would be an insult to the voters of Ohio who have clearly spoken that they want fair maps with fair districts.

I will be watching.

Thank you for your attention.