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### LWVWA Releases Redistricting Maps That Put Communities of Interest First

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The League of Women Voters of Washington (LWVWA) has released example legislative and congressional redistricting maps that put communities of interest first. After a transparent statewide nonpartisan feedback process to develop the maps, the LWVWA submitted them to the Washington State Redistricting Commission for consideration. To view a full description of the process and example maps, visit the LWVWA website at [lwvwa.org/redistricting](http://lwvwa.org/redistricting), [lwvwa.org/maps](http://lwvwa.org/maps), and [lwvwa.org/speakup](http://lwvwa.org/speakup).

The League's process parallels the Redistricting Commission's in developing new legislative and congressional district solutions. The League used [Dave's Redistricting](#) tool to both develop and publicize the draft maps throughout the process.

For this redistricting cycle, the League held [Speak Up School](#) workshops across the state to teach citizens how to testify and has educated over 4,700 people to date. To develop these [maps](#), the League also held more than 40 "listening sessions" in communities around the state to discuss redistricting. The League has been publicizing draft maps each month based on feedback from communities across Washington state.

While redistricting relies on technology and data analysis, ultimately human judgement must balance representation among many disparate groups—with many needs that sometimes overlap or conflict. Maps are a compromise among a range of objectives and many legal and equitable mapping solutions exist. The League hopes that the Washington State Redistricting Commission will study the district lines and use them to develop the best solutions for the people of Washington.

The Redistricting Commission will continue to take public input on the following dates in October, and the LWVWA encourages people to submit recommendations and concerns. The deadline to ensure full consideration of third-party map submissions by the commission is October 22, 2021.

October 2021 Public Input Dates:

[10/5 7:00pm - Redistricting Commission - Public Input on Draft Legislative Maps](#)

[10/9 10:00am - Redistricting Commission - Public Input on Draft Congressional Maps](#)

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