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Reference: Redistricting

The redistricting process should have been moved outside the realm of politicians, but we did not act. Now we advocate for transparency and clear explanations of the guidelines/motives behind any proposed map.

Transparency is the key for communities to become effectively engaged in meaningful communication with redistricting authorities.

Open and transparent redistricting process will ensure that public servants are elected who actually represent citizens. Transparency will create confidence in the redistricting process.

When a redistricting authority fails to state the reasons for the plan design or its rationale for deviation from guidelines set out by federal and state law, then the public's ability to support a plan is diminished.

I ask that the redistricting web site lists guidelines set out by federal and state law, what data is being used, and list members that are collectively the redistricting authority.

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