

Redistricting Values and Policy

Any meaningful redistricting reform must include the following VALUES:

- **Independence:**
 - Legislators should not have sole control over selecting commissioners or in selecting the final map.
 - Commissioners must be selected through a mechanism that preserves their independence and must not be appointed or elected officials, registered lobbyists, or staff or family members of the above, for a significant period of time.
 - The Commission should have primary responsibility for drafting maps
- **Nonpartisanship:** No single party should have unilateral control of the process. This includes the selection of commissioners, the party affiliation or tilt of the commission as a whole, and the approval of the final map. The makeup of the Commission must be balanced based on party registration. There must be a meaningful role for third party, or unaffiliated voters on the Commission.
- **Transparency and Openness to Public Input:** The map drawing process must be public and transparent. This may include, but is not limited to, accessible and open public hearings, public discussion among commissioners of any proposed maps and/or the mapping process, and written rationale for any map produced. Additionally, off-the-record conversations between commissions and any outside individual or group regarding proposed maps should be prohibited. Formal hearings held across the state must be part of the map approval process.
- **Diversity of Commissioners:** The makeup of the commission must reasonably reflect the geographic, racial, ethnic, gender, and other diversity of the Commonwealth.

Any meaningful redistricting reform must include the following POLICY ELEMENTS:

- Includes both congressional (US Congress) and legislative (PA House and Senate) redistricting process
- Map approval process that cannot be hijacked by either or both of the major parties
- Fail safe mechanism: a mechanism to ensure that the Commission has a meaningful role in drafting the final map and that final maps are approved by the relevant deadlines.
- Diversity of commissioners reflecting the Commonwealth
- Transparency and public input mechanism
- Prohibition against use of past election results, voter addresses or registration data.
- Access to PA Supreme Court judicial review by aggrieved voters