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**WASHTENAW APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION ADOPTS PLAN FOR 9 COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS EFFECTIVE THROUGH 2032**

WASHTENAW COUNTY, MI – The Washtenaw County Apportionment Commission has approved a Reapportionment Plan for nine County Commissioner districts that will be in effect through 2032, beginning with elections to be held in 2022.

The approved map of county commissioner districts can be viewed online at [Washtenaw.org/Apportionment](http://Washtenaw.org/Apportionment).

The county's Apportionment Commission has worked to approve a reapportionment plan since US Census data was published in August, 2021. The plan adopted on November 8, 2021 makes modifications to the existing nine districts currently in place.

The approved plan meets statutory criteria which requires that:

- All districts shall be single-member districts and as nearly of equal population as is practicable. The latest official published figures of the United States official census are used in this determination.
- All districts shall be contiguous.
- All districts shall be as compact and of as nearly square shape as is practicable.
- No township or part thereof shall be combined with any city or part thereof for a single district, unless such combination is needed to meet the population standard.
- Townships, villages and cities shall be divided only if necessary to meet the population standard.
- Precincts shall be divided only if necessary to meet the population standard.
- Residents of state institutions who cannot by law register in the county as electors shall be excluded from any consideration of representation.
- Districts shall not be drawn to effect partisan political advantage.

County Clerk/Register and Apportionment Commission Chairperson Lawrence Kestenbaum states: "Washtenaw County's population grew by 8% since the last census, but that growth was widely shared among all of our communities. As a result, we were able to maintain almost the same districts, with minor changes. This represents strong continuity and minimizes dislocation of voters. The districts remain simple, clear, and aligned with natural boundaries."

The statutory members of the Washtenaw County Apportionment Commission are Larry Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register of Deeds; Catherine McClary, County Treasurer; Eli Savit, Prosecuting Attorney; David Frey, Washtenaw County Republican Party Chairperson; and Chris Savage, Washtenaw County Democratic Party Chairperson.

More information including meeting minutes, recordings, and all proposed plans can be found at [Washtenaw.org/Apportionment](http://Washtenaw.org/Appportionment).

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