



**Endorsement  
of the Five Principles for  
Reasonable Redistricting Reform**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, endorse the five principles for  
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a **Reasonable Redistricting Commission to draw our electoral maps:**

1. Include **the legislature** in the commission process, such as by naming  
*some of its members*
2. Include **citizens and/or impartial experts** as commission members
3. Set **strict rules for the commission's work** that:
  - a. apply **traditional redistricting standards** (*compact, contiguous, keep local government units and communities of interest whole*)
  - b. do not allow the use of **partisan data or partisan objectives**
  - c. use voting rules that **require bipartisan support** for the maps
4. Provide for extensive **citizen participation and transparency**
5. Make the **maps final on the commission's vote**

Signed,

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Signature Date

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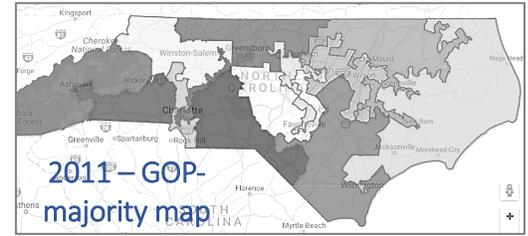
# We need FAIR DISTRICTS for FAIR ELECTIONS

## Questions and answers on reasonable redistricting reform

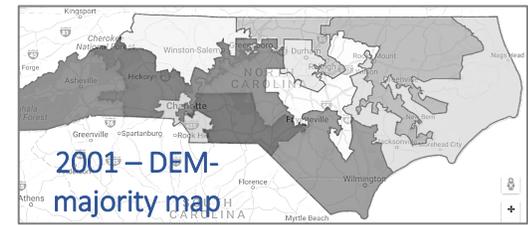
**What is redistricting?** Every 10 years, after the census, our electoral districts are redrawn to take account of population change. In North Carolina, the legislature draws the maps for both its own districts and Congressional districts.

**What is gerrymandering and how does it threaten our democracy?** When politicians draw their own districts, they can rig the maps to favor their own party. That's ***gerrymandering!*** Both parties do it (see recent Congressional district maps at right).

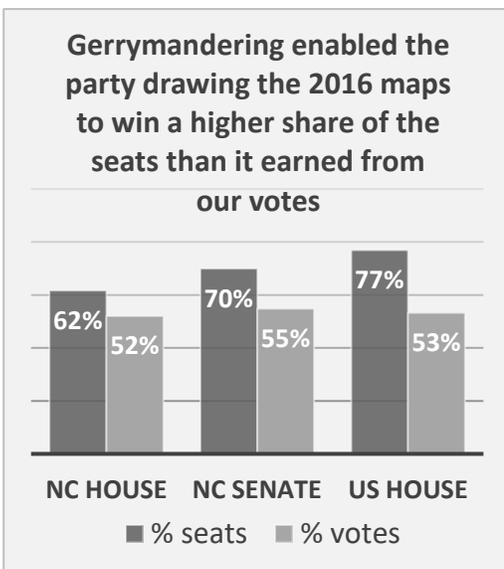
Politicians now use sophisticated computer programs to choose their voters more precisely than ever. They don't have to compete for your votes: the maps make the winners almost a foregone conclusion. Voters can't hold their representatives accountable. This isn't how democracy is supposed to work: voters should choose their representatives, not the other way around!



*Both parties have gerrymandered NC*



*Courts found both maps unconstitutional*



**How can we ensure fair maps for North Carolina? We need Reasonable Redistricting Reform.** The NC League of Women Voters studied redistricting commissions proposed or in place around the country. Their study identified **5 principles** to design a reasonable redistricting commission that can end extreme gerrymandering once and for all:

1. Keep the **legislature** involved, such as by naming some of the commissioners.
2. Include **citizens and/or impartial experts** as commission members as well.
3. Set **strict rules** for the commission's work that:
  - a. rule out **partisan data and objectives** and
  - b. use **voting rules** that force consensus.
4. Provide for **extensive citizen participation and transparency**.
5. Make the **maps final on the commission's vote**.

### What can YOU do to help?

Join us! Together, we can put an end to rigged maps.



Fair Districts NC is a coalition of North Carolinians committed to a fair, open process for the 2021 redistricting. Managed by the League of Women Voters of North Carolina. Contact us at: [FairDistrictsNC@gmail.com](mailto:FairDistrictsNC@gmail.com)

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