

Plan Name	Opinion	Comment	Date	City	State
CCFD ruleset - equal population	Like	CCFD's narrative explaining this map is attached.	12/6/2021	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
Congressional No Muni Split .02 pop dev	Like	I like that the submitter reviewed all the testimony and tried to create map that incorporated the priorities of the committee while still creating a fair map. My county is whole and incorporates part of another county, as it must, to reach the required population. I like that this mapper used the areas of Montgomery County that I testified would be good to connect with Bucks County. I chose these areas to retain the naturally occurring competitiveness of Bucks County's congressional district. PA is a purple state (51% Democrat, 46% Republican, 3% Other) and that purpleness should be reflected in the districts. Competitive districts give more voice to more people and would ensure every Pennsylvanian, from the left to the right to all those in between, are represented in congress. I appreciate the opportunity to view these maps and comment, I just wish the ability to view mapping criteria was more like Dave's Redistricting website. I know many people who testified directed attention to that site and the tools used there. Overall, I hope the final map drawers make competitive districts a priority.	12/6/2021	Warrington	PA
PA Citizens' Map from Draw the Lines	Opinion	I like that the submitter respected the maps and priorities of all those that took the time to submit a map through Draw the Lines. Unfortunately, the site and mapping tools being used by our legislators (mydistricting.com) do not allow me to see all the measured criteria I'd like to review in order to evaluate the maps submitted. Fortunately, the comment indicated that this map was available on Dave's Redistricting site so I viewed it there as well. My county is whole, and is competitive, as it should be. I would have liked the districts to be more evenly split so that we have 5 leaning toward each political party and 7 competitive districts. PA is a purple state and that purpleness should be reflected in the districts. Competitive districts give more voice to more people and would ensure every Pennsylvanian, from the left to the right to all those in between, are represented in congress. I appreciate the opportunity to view these maps and comment, I just wish the ability to view mapping criteria was more like Dave's Redistricting website. I know many people who testified directed attention to that site and the tools used there. Overall, I hope the final map drawers make competitive districts a priority.	12/6/2021	Warrington	PA
PA Congressional Map using LACRA Provisions	Like	I like that the submitter used LACRA priorities to draw this map. Unfortunately, this website and mapping tool does not allow me to see all the measured criteria I'd like to review in order to ensure that these priorities were in fact met. I'm left having to trust the comments. I support LACRA requirements. My county is split, but if it is split in order to produce a map where testimony was incorporated, minority representation was maximized, and LACRA was followed, then I'm for it. I would have liked to have been able to see if these districts are competitive as PA is a purple state and that purpleness should be reflected in the districts. Competitive districts give more voice to more people and would ensure every Pennsylvanian, from the left to the right to all those in between, are represented in congress. I appreciate the opportunity to view these maps and comment, I just wish the ability to view mapping criteria was more like Dave's Redistricting website. I know many people who testified directed attention to that site and the tools used there.	12/6/2021	Warrington	PA
Fair Compact Balanced Districts Plan	Opinion	I like the compactness of this map. Population deviations are high though. (I think 0.5% is reasonable.) And I wouldn't split Montgomery that much.	12/5/2021	Pittsburgh	PA
Holt Congressional Plan Version 0 -- 0 Person Deviation	Opinion	While roughly equal population is important, I think aiming for such a small population deviation is unnecessary, gives a false impression of precision (because Census data itself is by definition outdated the day after it is collected and is never 100% precise to begin with), and causes you to sacrifice other principles of good mapping. Several districts need to be more compact and more sensibly shaped.	12/5/2021	Pittsburgh	PA
District Map V.1	Opinion	This map appears to have done a good job making districts compact and with minimal county splits. I can't tell to what extent municipalities are split because there aren't municipal lines or overlays available, as far as I can tell. But it does appear that a number of municipalities are split, which is bad and unnecessary. While roughly equal population is important, I think aiming for such a small population deviation is unnecessary, gives a false impression of precision (because Census data itself is by definition outdated the day after it is collected and is never 100% precise to begin with), and causes you to sacrifice other principles of good mapping, such as avoiding municipal splits.	12/5/2021	Pittsburgh	PA
Congressional No Muni Split .02 pop dev	Opinion	Congrats on the map. I like how you give attention to avoiding municipal splits. This is very important. While roughly equal population is important, I think aiming for such a small population deviation is unnecessary, gives a false impression of precision (because Census data itself is by definition outdated the day after it is collected and is never 100% precise to begin with), and causes you to sacrifice other principles of good mapping. Most districts are compact, but I think there are several that are unnecessarily far flung and oddly shaped. Also, I generally think it is better to split large counties like Butler instead of small counties like Venango. I can't tell if the map unfairly favors Dems or Republicans, but hopefully the map would give each party representation in the congressional delegation proportional to their share of the statewide vote. Some of the districts should be competitive (close to toss ups.)	12/5/2021	Pittsburgh	PA
PA Citizens' Map from Draw the Lines	Dislike	Allegheny County should have one district entirely within the county, and another split. This is an unnecessary county split that would gerrymander two democratic districts in western Pennsylvania.	12/3/2021	Lancaster	PA
Plan #1 - Bipartisan Plan	Dislike	The Embreeville/Marshallton/Pocopson area should not be separated from the Kennett/Unionville district. Reunite these communities with District 11, move the residents in the far northwest of the District (northwest of Conowingo creek into District 12 to balance, and extend District 9 further north into District 12 towards Friedensburg to balance District 9.	12/3/2021	KENNETT SQUARE	PA
PA Citizens' Map from Draw the Lines	Dislike	This map separates the city of Pittsburgh between two different districts.	12/3/2021	Gibsonia	PA

Congressional No Muni Split .02 pop dev	Like	<p>This map splits 13 counties 15 times. 3 wards are split in Philadelphia. Besides Philadelphia, no municipalities are known to be split and therefore no precincts are split. Philadelphia is the only county that is split more than once.</p> <p>The population deviation is .02% with a range of 158 persons total. Perry and Windsor in Berks County should be swapped out to reduce the range to 152 persons. With no appreciable change in range, one could tweak the map to leave Schuylkill County and Montour County whole and instead split Sullivan and Snyder Counties. And one could also leave Venango County whole and split Butler instead.</p> <p>There are two majority minority districts with Black VAPs of &gt; 37%. One could tweak the map to include one majority minority district with a Black VAP of &gt;50% leaving the other as a coalition district.</p> <p>A good congressional map should work to balance all the metrics and should incorporate community feedback. So I don't categorize this map as "good". However, when I listened to the Senate SGC Committee hearing on Congressional Districts, a number of senators seemed genuinely interested in using no municipal splits, minimal county splits and minimal population deviation as the primary map drawing criteria.</p> <p>If a very low population deviation with minimal county splitting and no municipal splitting are the criteria that have been decided upon, this map splits only 13 counties and is different from the ones previously entered into testimony and should therefore be considered.</p>	12/3/2021	Schwenksville	PA
PA Congressional Map using LACRA Provisions	Opinion	<p>This map was created to test the mapping option available on this site after hearing from others that submitted maps were not visible.</p> <p>It was first created on Dave's Redistricting App and transferred here.</p> <p>The map is drawn to demonstrate provisions &amp; priorities as expressed in LACRA, the Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Act, HB 22 and SB 222. It balances constitutional requirements regarding compactness and minimal split counties and municipalities, does not split any county more than mathematically necessary plus one, and respects geographic boundaries where possible. It was also drawn to maximize minority representation, with three majority-minority districts.</p> <p>In interpreting compactness, the goal was not to draw neat edges, since PA geography works against that, but to avoid districts that sprawl too far across the state.</p> <p>The map was also drawn to incorporate testimony submitted to State Government Committees about regionality, communities of interest and other citizen concerns.</p> <p>The original map had a population deviation of .28% and no split precincts. Splitting precincts creates unnecessary burden on election officials and confusion for voters. This is not a major problem in precincts with small populations, but in precincts with large populations, can result in long lines and in some cases voters have been given the wrong ballot - both resulting in voter disenfranchisement.</p>	12/2/2021	Exton	PA
PA Citizens' Map from Draw the Lines	Like	<p>The Citizens' Map is a composite, 17-district congressional map that attempts to represent what over 7,200 Pennsylvanians have collectively mapped in five Draw the Lines competitions. This map meets or exceeds the statistical benchmarks set by 1,500 fully completed maps, and it reflects the values that mappers declared as important to them. The Citizens' Map, in effect, represents the everyday Pennsylvania mapper. Visit <a href="http://drawthelinespa.org/pa-citizens-map">drawthelinespa.org/pa-citizens-map</a> to learn more about this map and read the Story of the Citizens' Map.</p>	12/2/2021	Philadelphia	PA