

# Creating Fair Maps for Congress, Legislature and More!

- ★ Counties should be kept whole as much as possible when drawing fair maps, especially in rural areas.
- ★ Neighborhoods should never be split--this causes confusion for voters.
- ★ Groups of counties that make up a legislative district should have similar interests.
- ★ Communities of color should not be diluted nor should they be packed into concentrated legislative districts.
- ★ Congressional districts should keep urban and suburban areas together, while keeping rural areas in rural districts.
- ★ Talk about YOUR community. Your voice is most powerful in the area where you live. You do not have to be a data expert.
- ★ Make sure your testimony includes which set of maps you prefer--they will be labeled in the hearing room.

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## Sample Testimony (just a guide, speak from your experience and give as much feedback as possible):

I have a comment on the **legislative** maps. **I prefer the Wayne map** because the Linehan map seems to cut up counties and neighborhoods. I live in the Sesame Street neighborhood. Our children attend school there, we use the city park on East Street and we shop at the local grocery store. We should have the same representative as our neighbors two blocks away. Linehan's map bisects the neighborhood along East Street and puts close neighbors in different districts. Wayne's map is fair because the boundary is located along a busy street instead of a neighborhood. Please work together across party lines to do what is best for our state over the next 10 years, the length of time for these maps. Voters will remember who was fair and who just wanted more power.

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## Hearing Information:

9/14, 1:30pm: Grand Island, Central Community College, Room 555 in Health Science Center  
9/15, 9:00am: Lincoln, State Capitol, Room 1524  
9/16, 10:00am: Omaha, Scott Conference Center

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## More Information:

**NDP Redistricting Page + Training:** <https://nebraskademocrats.org/2021-redistricting/>

**Legislature's Redistricting Page:** <http://news.legislature.ne.gov/lrd/redistricting/>

**Proposed Maps:** <http://news.legislature.ne.gov/red/proposed-base-plans/> (We prefer the Wayne maps)

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