

September 10, 2021

Senator Kevin Kelly
Senator Douglas McCrory
Senator Paul Formica
Senator Mary Daugherty Abrams
Representative Gregg Haddad
Representative Vincent Candelora
Representative Tammy Exum
Representative Jason Perillo

Dear Reapportionment Committee members
of the CT General Assembly:

I write from LWV Greenwich on the process your committee has followed to date.

The committee's CGA website is not built for public oversight. The public should know meeting dates well in advance with minutes of past meetings posted immediately and hearing dates posted with at least a week's notice. Underlying data needed for informed decisions will arrive on your website after public hearings and after the committee disbands.

A commission map will arrive after the deadline passes for a vote by our local legislators. This weakens constituent influence. Having constituents submit their own maps is no substitute for transparency.

Transparency happens when draft maps created by legislators are released in advance of public hearings. Transparency happens when the commission takes feedback from constituents on new district lines and explains how and why specific reapportionment decisions are proposed in 2021.

LWV Greenwich believes redistricting is best done by an independent commission with diverse membership. Since that is not possible this year, we ask that you improve communication to make it complete, timely, interactive and transparent.

Sincerely,

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