

Dept. of Administration: Moon Duchin and Jordan Ellenberg to testify at People's Map Commission

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November 19 Hearing Featuring 3rd Congressional District

Commissioners to learn more regarding tools used for developing legislative district maps

MADISON – Today, the People’s Maps Commission announced Moon Duchin and Jordan Ellenberg will provide expert testimony to the Commission during the [online virtual public hearing on November 19, 2020](#). The hearing is from 5:30-8:30pm.

A math professor at Tufts, Duchin is part of the team that developed [Districtr](#) a district visualization tool that assists redistricting leaders in developing and defining communities of interest. She also leads the university’s [Metric Geometry and Gerrymandering Group](#)’s Redistricting Lab, which focuses on mathematical attention on issues of electoral redistricting. Ellenberg is currently a math professor at UW-Madison who focuses on integrating math with the science of redistricting and gerrymandering. He is also an affiliate member of UW-Madison’s [Election Research Center](#). More information about the expert speakers is available [HERE](#).

Following the experts’ presentations, Wisconsin residents have the opportunity to provide public comment to commission members regarding how they have been impacted by legislative redistricting and share their ideas for how Wisconsin can work together to achieve fair maps. Anyone wishing to testify at a hearing must register in advance by visiting the People’s Maps Commission website [HERE](#). **The deadline for registering to comment during this hearing is 5:00 p.m. Tues., Nov. 17, 2020.** Each speaker will have three minutes to speak. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis, with priority to residents of Wisconsin’s 3rd Congressional District.

Although the Nov. 19th hearing will focus on the Third Congressional District, all Wisconsin residents are encouraged to watch and participate. The hearing will be live-streamed on the Department of Administration’s YouTube Channel [HERE](#).

For anyone unable to join online, written comments are strongly encouraged. All written comments can be submitted at any time using the feedback form available on the People’s Maps Commission website [HERE](#). Written comments will be reviewed by the commissioners and are public record.

Selected by a three-judge panel, the Commission is a nine-member nonpartisan redistricting commission charged with drawing fair, impartial maps for Wisconsin. More information about the Commission, its members, and its activities is available [HERE](#).

Every 10 years, each state redraws their legislative and congressional district maps using data from the decennial census. In addition to the data from the 2020 U.S. Census, the Commission will use the information gathered during the public hearing process to prepare new maps. It is then up to the Legislature to take up and approve the maps created by the Commission.

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the People’s Maps Commission will host the public hearings online for each of Wisconsin’s congressional districts. Agendas and additional details will be announced in advance of future meeting dates. The hearing dates are as follows:

- Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020, 3rd Congressional District
- Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020, 4th Congressional District
- January hearing date TBD, 7th Congressional District
- February hearing date TBD, 1st Congressional District
- March hearing date TBD, 6th Congressional District
- April hearing date TBD, 2nd Congressional District

Individuals interested in watching previous hearings can find the recordings here:

- Oct. 1st - 8th Congressional District [HERE](#)
- Oct. 29th - 5th Congressional District [HERE](#)