

DOA: Chairman Tehassi Hill, James Hall, Jr., and Rebeca López to testify at People's Map Commission hearing Jan. 14 featuring 4th congressional district

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MADISON – Today, the People's Maps Commission announced Chairman Tehassi Hill, James Hall, Jr., and Rebeca López will provide expert testimony to the Commission during the [online virtual public hearing on Jan. 14, 2020](#), beginning at 5:00 pm.

Chairman of the Oneida Nation, Hill serves a liaison for the National Congress of American Indians, is on the Natural Resources Damage Trustee Council, and is a designee to Environmental Protection Agency's Regional Tribal Operating Committee. Hall has practiced law in Milwaukee since 1979, and has extensive experience representing individuals in matters involving discrimination in employment, housing, and education. López is a Senior Associate in Godfrey & Kahn's Labor, Employment, and Immigration Practice Group, and she is actively involved in supporting Milwaukee non-profit organizations and small businesses.

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., Jan. 12, 2021.** Each speaker will have three minutes to speak. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis, with priority to residents of Wisconsin's 4th Congressional District.

Although the Jan. 14th hearing will focus on the 4th 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, January 14th - 4th Congressional District
- Thursday, January 28th - 7th Congressional District
- Thursday, February 11 - 1st Congressional District

- Thursday, February 25th - 6th Congressional District
- Thursday, March 11 - 2nd Congressional District

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

- 8th Congressional District [HERE](#)
- 5th Congressional District [HERE](#)
- 3rd Congressional District [HERE](#)