



MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson - District 5

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Board of Supervisors Approves Nicholson Appointees to Serve on Independent Redistricting Committee

MILWAUKEE – Last week the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson’s appointment of six retired judges to serve on Milwaukee County’s Independent Redistricting Committee.

“Redistricting is a sacred responsibility. In order to ensure the equal representation of the people by representatives of their choosing and uphold the constitutional principle of one person, one vote, new maps must be drawn fairly. We’re all familiar with how partisanship can influence the process of redistricting and lead to gerrymandered districts that undermine our democracy. With our Independent Redistricting Committee, Milwaukee County has created a fair redistricting model for the country. Each of the individuals we have chosen to serve on the Independent Redistricting Committee is a retired judge familiar with Milwaukee County, and I’m confident they will guide the process with honor and integrity,” said Nicholson.

With Thursday’s confirmation vote, the Honorable Judges [Mary M. Kuhnmuench](#), [Jean DiMotto](#), [James A. Gramling, Jr.](#), [Charles F. Kahn, Jr.](#), [Frederick P. Kessler](#), and [Charles N. Clevert Jr.](#) will lead the process of redrawing Milwaukee County’s supervisory district maps, and the maps of any Milwaukee County municipalities that wish to use the County’s independent process.

As an added measure of independence, Milwaukee County [ordinance](#) provides for the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) to provide technical assistance and map drafting services to the committee.

Meetings of the Committee will be livestreamed via the [County Legislative Information Center](#), and the body will hold at least four public hearings on the proposed maps, where members of the public can inspect and provide input on the proposed district boundaries.

The Independent Redistricting Committee plans to meet on August 16 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss principles of fair maps and provide direction to map-makers from SEWRPC.

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