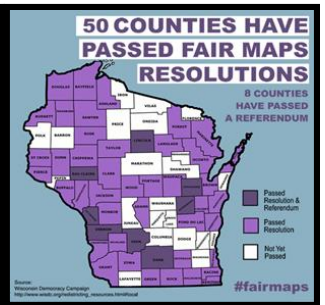




Fair Maps Wisconsin Newsletter

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Message from the Fair Maps Coalition:

We're going to be sending out this newsletter to you every other week so that we're all up to date on the progress of this exciting mass movement for democracy in Wisconsin. If you know of any additional referendums or resolutions or meetings or events related to this effort, please let Beverly (speer@wisdc.org) and Carlene (carlene@wisconsinvoices.org) know. To schedule a speaker for your group use this speaker request form: <http://bit.ly/FairMapsSpeakerRequest>. To get more involved with the fight to end gerrymandering, use this sign-up form: <http://bit.ly/FairMapsSignUp>. Thanks to everyone involved in this movement. We're winning!

— Matt Rothschild, Wisconsin Democracy Campaign

Regional Organizing Meetings

Grassroots groups are organizing statewide for education and action in their regions. Join a meeting near you.

- **Wisconsin Leadership Development (WiLD) Fair Maps Training** is coming up soon. Please register to be part of this highly impactful training at <https://forms.gle/ex3wNDDH4jVqLE7N6>.
- **Grassroots Fair Maps Team Meetings** are happening around the state. Check the list below to find the team meeting near you.

Sun., February 9, 3rd CD, 1:00 PM, ECDC Coffee Shop in the Lismore Hotel, 205 S Barstow St., Eau Claire, WI 54701 (RSVP Heather Britz)

Wed., February 12, 7th CD NE/SCentral, 6:00 PM, Whitewater Music Hall & Brew Works, 130 1st St. Wausau, WI

Wed., February 12, 5th CD/Jefferson County, 6:00pm to 7:30pm, Lake Mills Fargo Public Library, 120 E. Madison St., Lake Mills 53551

Thur., February 20, 8th CD, 6:00 to 7:45, *Summer's Room*, Brown County Central Library, 515 Pine St, Green Bay, WI 54301

Wed., March 4, 1st CD, 6:00 to 8:00 PM, Community United Methodist Church, 455 S. Jefferson St., Waterford, WI 53185

Sat., March 7, 7th CD NW, 11:00 AM, Rusk County Community Library, 418 Corbett Ave. W, Ladysmith, WI.

Other CDs should contact Carlene Bechen at carlene@wisconsinvoices.org.

Speaking Events

Learn more about gerrymandering and what's happening to end it. Attend one of these events.

Wed., March 4: Montello. 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Matt Rothschild on "Why We Need to Ban Gerrymandering." Marquette County Extension Community Room, 480 Underwood Avenue. Sponsored by Fair Maps Mid-State.

Tues., March 10: Milwaukee. 12:00 PM. Matt Rothschild on "Democracy at Risk in Wisconsin." Venue to be determined. Sponsored by the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee.

Mon., March 16: Tomah. 7:00 PM with Wendy Sue Johnson. Sponsored by MoCo Fair Maps. Details to follow.

Thurs., March 19: Oneida and Vilas Counties. 12:00 PM. Matt Rothschild on "Why We Need to Ban Gerrymandering." Times and locations to be determined.

Sat., March 21: Mazomanie. 9:00 AM. Matt Rothschild on "Democracy at Risk." Wisconsin Heights High School, 10173 US Highway 14. Sponsored by the Wisconsin Grassroots Network.

Sat., March 21: Oshkosh. 6:00 PM. Matt Rothschild on "What's at Stake for Our Democracy." La Sure Banquet Hall, 3125 South Washburn Street. Sponsored by the Winnebago County Democrats.

Mon., March 30: Westfield. 6:00 PM. Jay Heck of Common Cause, Community Conversation on Fair Maps for Wis. Ethel Everhard Public Library, 117 E 3rd St. Sponsored by Fair Maps Mid-State.

Tues., March 31: Whitefish Bay. 7:00 PM. Matt Rothschild on "Why We Need Nonpartisan Redistricting." United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay, 819 East Silver Spring Drive. Sponsored by the United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay.

Sat., April 11: Woodruff. 2:00 PM. Matt Rothschild on "Overcoming Money in Politics and Gerrymandering in Wisconsin." 714 Elm Street (Highway 51). Sponsored by the Vilas County Democrats.

County Fair Maps Resolution & Referenda

A Fair Maps Referendum is confirmed for the April 7, 2020 ballot in the following locations unless otherwise noted:

Counties (9):

1. Marquette
2. Milwaukee
3. Monroe
4. Pierce
5. Portage
6. Rock
7. St. Croix
8. Trempealeau
9. Wood

Jefferson County will have one in November.

Municipalities (14):

In Vilas County: Eagle River; Presque Isle, Arbor Vitae, Bolder Junction, Lac du Flambeau, Phelps, Plum Lake

In Oneida County: Hazelhurst, Pine Lake, Woodruff, L. Tomahawk, Rhinelander, Pelican, Crescent

News and Resources

- *County Gets a Lesson in Influence* (1/31/20) — <https://doorcountypulse.com/county-gets-a-lesson-in-influence/>
- *A Radical Voter Suppression Tactic: This Republican plan would redefine the whole state of political representation in America* (1/28/20) — <https://slate.com/podcasts/what-next/2020/01/the-first-signs-of-a-radical-voter-suppression-effort>
- *Wis. Gov. Tony Evers Signs Order Creating Nonpartisan Redistricting Board* (1/27/20) — https://madison.com/ct/news/local/govt-and-politics/wisconsin-gov-tony-evers-signs-order-creating-nonpartisan-redistricting-board/article_5da00938-f4d1-5566-8b94-b0f78f727646.html
- *Stop the assault on advisory referendums, which let the people speak* (1/17/20) — https://madison.com/wsj/opinion/column/matt-rothschild-stop-the-assault-on-advisory-referendums-which-let/article_f6a0a672-4445-5486-886f-1e6684a208ef.html
- *Fair Maps Coalition Toolkit for Banning Gerrymandering in Wisconsin* (c/o Wisconsin Democracy Campaign) — http://bit.ly/BanGerrymanderingToolkit_WI
- Quick link to map and list of counties and municipalities: <https://www.wisd.org/reforms/118-redistricting/6392-toolkit-for-banning-gerrymandering-in-wisconsin#resolutions>

