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Subject: Online Submission Tool & Video/Live Meeting Suggestions

Message Body:

Your Commission needs 3 basic aspects for submissions to help you define communities of interest.

You need the maps with explanation to back up the maps for online submissions and a form that collects the name, email and city/communication of residence.

The map portion of the online submission tool could allow the submitters to select county precincts, counties, cities, city districts, school districts, community college districts, water districts, tribal government areas, other special districts, and/or neighborhoods as defined by google maps overlaid over a street grid; in order to create a map of the community of interest the submitter wishes to have the commission consider when drawing the eventual districts.

The explanation of the map portion of the online submission tool, must work like Microsoft Word, allowing the end user to create a report with embedded cells working like spreadsheet charts.

The online submission tool should be error tested by each of the commissioners to check for ease of use.

As far as other forms of submission through video, oral or via mail submissions, you will need to have staff who will have to transcribe, interpret and/or scan in the submissions. I suspect if the online submission tool I outlined above is easy to use, 75 to 90 percent of the submissions will be via that tool, which will allow your commission to categorize the communities via state region or regions, where a community of interest overlaps two or more regions.

As far as public meetings for those who are for whatever reason unable to use the online submission tool here is one way to accommodate those submitters...

Setup a reservation system with video/live meeting hybrid, where commissioners, staff, line drawers, and interpreters work in a socially distant environment should COVID still be a problem by the time you get to the public submission stage.

The auditoriums used could be sectioned off with seats marked off to enforce social distancing with 6 to 8 different regions in each auditorium each with a person with a microphone, with a screens for each mic. After the submitter is finished they must leave so the next person or group in line can come in to make their submission/presentation.

Of course the video/live meeting hybrid allows commissioners & staff to participate from home and/or their work place should work, sickness, and/or pre-existing conditions prevent them from physically traveling to the meeting site in question, while allowing commissioners who are able to travel to physically experience the communities as they travel to the meeting locations around the state.

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