Our Re-Drawing Democracy Event

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On July 29, LWVGGB and YWCA Greater Green Bay co-hosted "Redrawing Democracy: How Fair Maps Impact Future Elections," an enlightening presentation by guest speaker Carlene Bechen from *Wisconsin Fair Maps Coalition*. Carlene led us through the history of gerrymandering and the fair maps movement and gave us some insight into how the new maps might impact future elections. The biggest takeaway from her presentation was that a decade of gerrymandered maps have subverted the will of the people on countless critical issues and paralyzed our legislature.



The new maps will help that but, until we have an independent nonpartisan process for defining our legislative maps, the voters will always be at risk of having their priorities ignored and their needs unmet. The work continues!

Thank you to all who attended the event and to YWCA Greater Green Bay for their shared commitment to voter education and engagement. If you were unable to attend the event, you can <u>view</u> the entire presentation here.

