



# Redistricting: What You Can Do Now!

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**PEOPLE  
POWERED**   
**FAIR MAPS™**

# Why is Redistricting Important?



- Redistricting is about representing community interests
- It determines:
  - What voices are heard
  - What (policy) interests are served
- Group or community voices that are diluted or isolated may not be heard and their interests may not be served
- Think Policy not Party



# How are Maps Drawn in Minnesota?



# Redistricting Elements

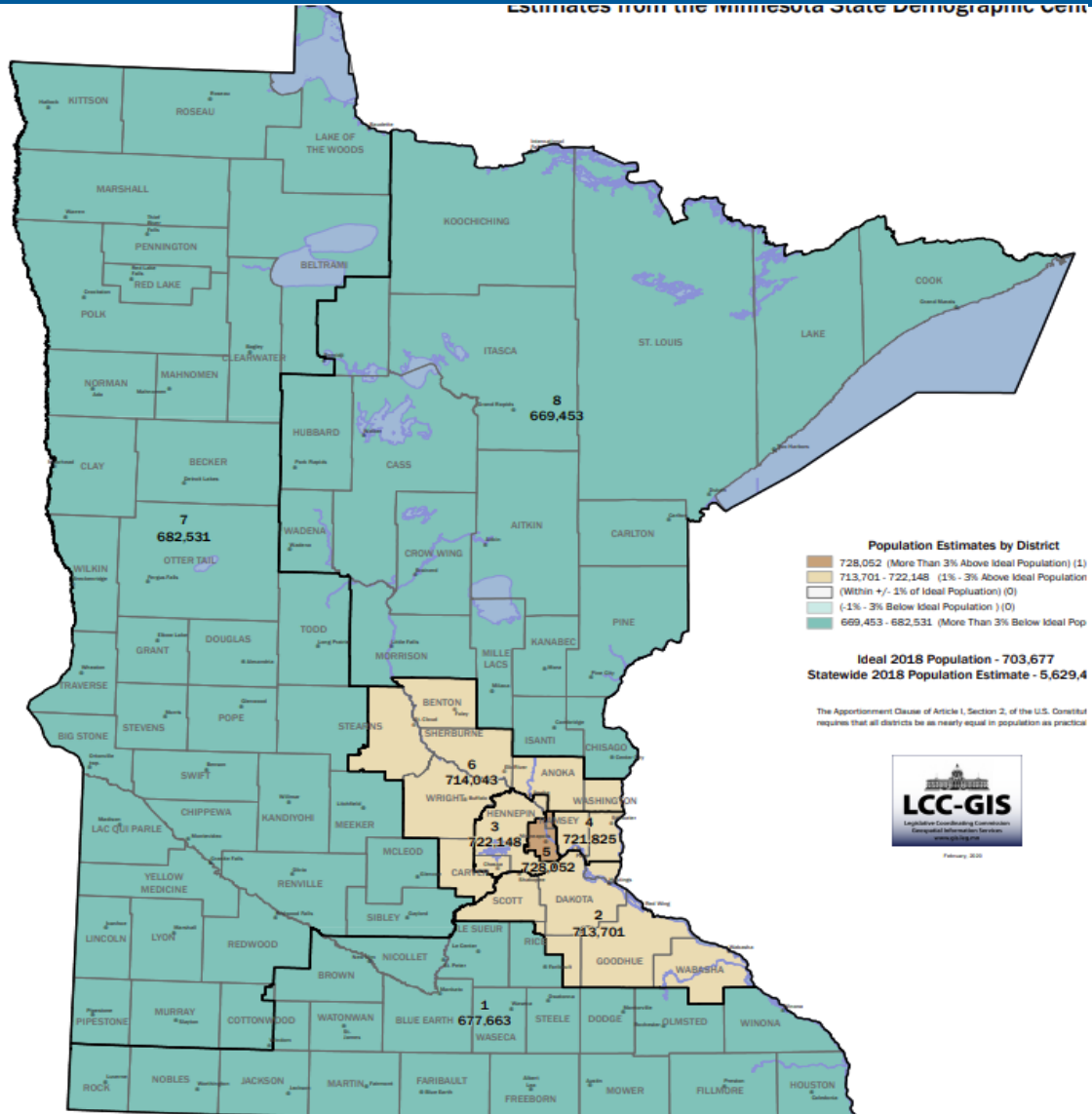


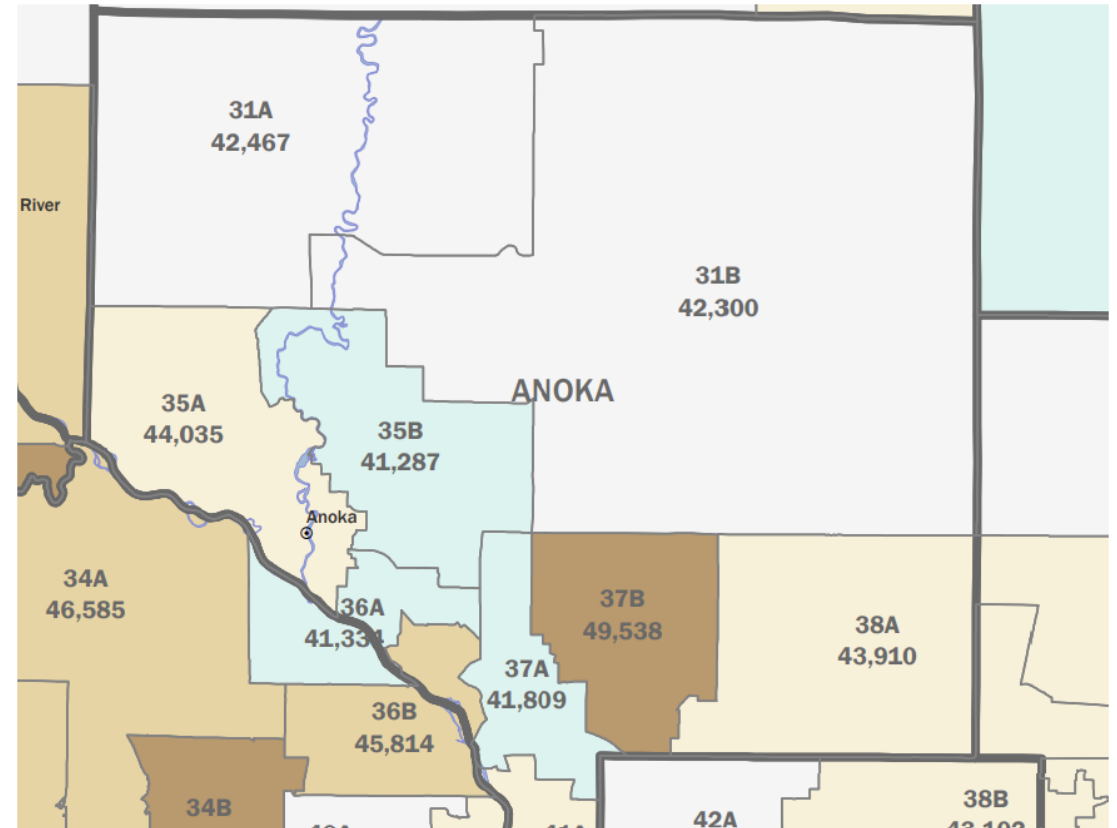
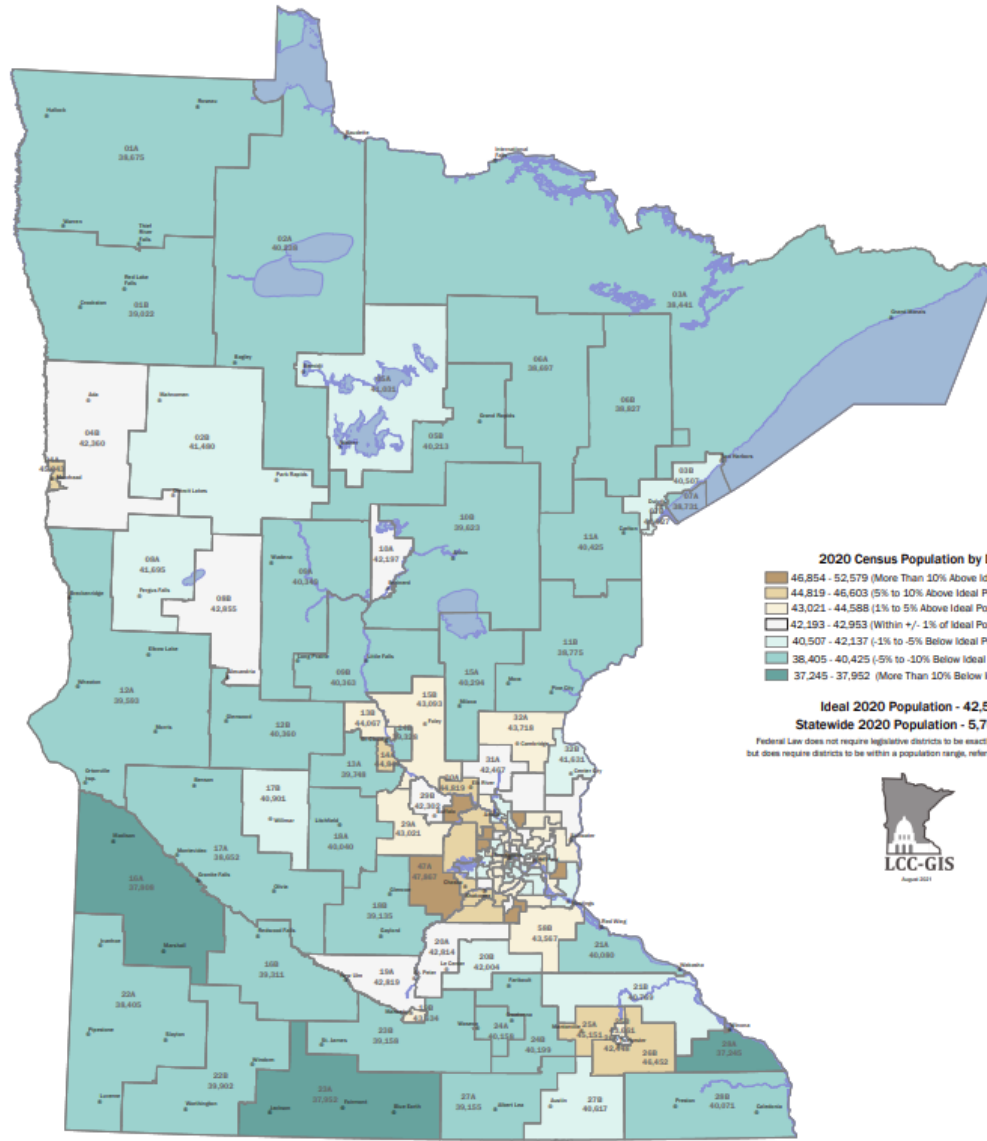
- People – Who make the decisions and draw the maps
  - In Minnesota the people drawing the maps are the same elected officials that will benefit from the maps – Legislators, County Commissioners, City Council members
- Principles – What needs to be considered to make a map “fair” (Hint: It’s more than just the legal minimum)
- Process – How the maps are drawn
  - How is public input, involvement and review part of the redistricting process?
  - Minnesota is among the worst in the country for public input and involvement in redistricting

# How Would You Draw Your Map?



Estimates from the Minnesota State Demographic Center





# Local Redistricting Opportunities



- County: Anoka County
- Cities:
  - Blaine
  - Champlin
  - Coon Rapids
  - Fridley
  - Ramsey
- School District: Anoka Hennepin School District



# Where Do We Go From Here?



# 2021 – 2022 Redistricting Timeline



- Fall 2021 MN Legislative hearings on revision of state maps
  - House Committee for CD6 on 9/13
  - Senate Committee for CD3 and CD6 TBD
- October 11- 20, 2021: Special Redistricting Panel hearings (input to Supreme Court)
- October 2021 – January 2022: City/County Governments decide on local redistricting process
- **2/15/22: Court Issues Final Redistricting Order**
- February – April 2022: Local Redistricting Hearings
- 3/29/22: City redistricting complete
- 4/26/22: Other local redistricting complete

# Options for Action



- **State:** Provide testimony (written or verbal) to legislative redistricting committees
- **Courts:** Provide testimony to Special Redistricting Panel (court of currently serving judges) regarding interests on current and potential maps

# Options for Action - Local



- Postcard/letter/email campaign to **local elected officials** responsible for redistricting (counties and cities with wards)
  - Ask what plans are for conduct of redistricting
  - Advocate for public input before maps are drawn and public review of draft maps
  - Suggest defining redistricting principles that place priority on minority representation and communities of interest above political boundaries
  - Make suggestions consistent with “good practices
  - ***Be polite and persistent***
- Partner with other community organizations to prepare to provide comments on existing and proposed maps before and at meetings

# LWV MN PPFM Focus Areas



- **Today:** Influence 2021 – 2022 development of state and local district maps through litigation, advocacy and supporting community mobilization of partners
- **Future:** Target 2026 for legislature and constitutional amendment to reform redistricting in Minnesota
  - Engage, educate, and mobilize communities to advocate for public involvement, transparency and consideration of community interests in redistricting
  - Educate and advocate change legislature to for long term change that reduces to potential for gerrymandering redistricting in Minnesota **before 2030!**

# Questions?