

Representable email

Hello,

2021 Redistricting for Dane County is upon us. There are many opportunities for the public to directly participate in the process by drawing maps and attending public hearings which will be announced at a later date.

Following the 2020 census, every municipality, county, and state must redraw their respective wards or precincts, aldermanic districts, county supervisory districts, state assembly, senate, and federal congressional districts.

One of the criteria for map submission (among others) is to consider communities of interest when creating maps. Upon review, communities of interest is not defined in state statute or county ordinance. Following discussion at commission meetings, the Commission will be using Representable to ask the public to establish their community of interest.

Communities of interest are groups of individuals who share common social and economic interests, and who are likely to have similar political concerns.

The public can create maps based on their communities of interest by using Representable. Representable is an online tool that allows people to draw communities of interest and share information about the interests and needs in those communities.

<https://www.representable.org/drive/tell-us-about-your/>

As a commission member, I would like to encourage you to go to the Representable tool for Dane County and establish your community of interest.

More information on the redistricting process and the commission, a timeline, and other resources is available [here](#) ([Hmong](#), [Spanish](#)). The commission also has a website with additional information <https://www.danecountyplanning.com/Projects/Redistricting>

Please share this information and request to submit a community of interest with others you know. The more participation – the more information the Commission has when beginning their work.

There will also be a training session for the public on Wednesday, July 15 at 5:30pm. You can register and attend by clicking on this [link](#).

Thank you,