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## Emergency Commission on Sixth Congressional District Gerrymandering



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Friday, January 4, at 11:00 a.m.  
 Wineland Building, 4th Floor  
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 Location TBD



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## Emergency Commission on Sixth Congressional District Gerrymandering

Meet Maryland's Emergency Commission on Sixth Congressional District Gerrymandering members:

**Alexander Williams, Jr., (co-chair)** is a retired United States District Judge, a former elected State's Attorney for Prince George's County, and has been widely recognized as a leading civic leader in Maryland and beyond.

**Walter Olson (co-chair)**, a Frederick County resident, is a senior fellow with the Cato Institute, a Washington, D.C. nonprofit research institution and the author of four books and many other writings on law, government, and public policy.

**Ashley Olson** is Administrator for the League of Women Voters of MD. The League of Women Voters has been a leading voice calling for redistricting reform and educating voters about the issue.

**Maury S. Epner, Esq.**, a registered Republican, lived in the 6th Congressional District for more than 30 years, and has served as a federal prosecutor, private practice attorney, and former adjunct professor of law at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. He currently resides in Montgomery County.

**Deborah Lundahl**, a registered Republican, currently resides in Frederick County where she serves on the County Ethics Commission, and works as an accounting manager for Redeemer Lutheran Church and program administrator for Building Veterans. She is a former public information officer for the Carroll County Government and nursing home program coordinator for the Montgomery County Board of Elections.

**Christopher Howard**, a registered Democrat living in Anne Arundel County, is a software engineer with Clarity Business Solutions in Severna Park, Md. and an adjunct professor of Computer Science and Technology at University of Maryland University College. His career focus is supporting technology development in defense and aerospace industries, and he is a member of local chapter of National Society of Black Engineers.

**Luis T. Gutierrez, Jr.**, a registered Democrat, has over 20 years of experience in biopharmaceutical and medical technology industries, and is currently a self-employed consultant to medical product developers. He is also the former president, CEO and board member of Theranostics Health, Inc. (now Avant Diagnostics). He resides in Montgomery County.

**Matthew Douglas, Esq.** is registered as an unaffiliated voter and currently resides in Montgomery County. He works as a senior policy analyst for the Federal Housing Finance Agency, has experience as a civics teacher, and has worked in the Kentucky Attorney General's Office.

**Kathleen Jo Parsons Tabor, Esq.** is registered as an unaffiliated voter and works as a solo practitioner attorney in Elkridge, Md. She serves as a gubernatorial appointee on the Maryland Horse Industry Board and is founder and chair of the Agriculture Law Section of the Maryland Bar Association. She currently resides in Howard County.

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## Background

### Redistricting Reform

In 2015, Governor Hogan established the Redistricting Reform Commission by [Executive Order 01.01.2015.21](#). This 11-member commission brought together a knowledgeable bipartisan panel of citizens who studied the issue of gerrymandering and issued a [final report](#) of recommendations for establishing fair election districts.

### Emergency Redistricting

In November 2018, a three-judge panel of the U.S. District Court ruled unanimously in the case of *Benisek v. Lamone* that Maryland's 6th Congressional District is unconstitutional and must be redrawn prior to the 2020 election, giving a deadline of March 7, 2019. The U.S. District Court ordered the state of Maryland to redraw the 6th [Congressional District boundaries](#) on the basis of compactness and geographic continuity, and with regard for natural boundaries, boundaries of political subdivisions, and geographic and other communities of interest, and without considering how citizens are registered to vote or have voted in the past or to what political party they belong.

On November 26, 2018, Governor Larry Hogan signed [Executive Order 01.01.2018.29](#) creating the [Emergency Commission on Sixth Congressional District Gerrymandering](#), a nonpartisan commission to comply with a federal court order requiring Maryland to draw new boundaries for the 6th Congressional District.

The [nine-member Emergency Commission on Sixth Congressional District Gerrymandering](#) will be charged with developing new 6th Congressional District boundaries in an open and transparent manner to address all constitutional violations. It will be comprised of nine members, including three registered Democrats, three registered Republicans, and three registered voters not affiliated with either party, and the commission's meetings are required to be open to the public and live-streamed.

By March 4, 2019, the Commission will approve and certify a proposed redistricting plan and proposed map with adjusted district boundary lines for the Sixth Congressional District. They will also publicize the proposed plan and map at this time. The Commission will accept and review public comments about the proposed plan and map until March 26, 2019.

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## Guidelines for Third-Party Plan Proposals

The Emergency Commission on Sixth Congressional District Gerrymandering will review congressional district boundary plans proposed by the public (referred to as third-party plans). Third-party plans may be prepared and submitted in one of three ways:

1. **Electronically, via web portal** – with this method, the user engages the software application used by the commission. This is an all-inclusive method that packages data, district creation software, geo-processing tools, and statistical tests used to assure district contiguity and compactness. Third-party plans are automatically uploaded to the Emergency Commission Plan Library.
2. **Electronically, via user software** – with this method, the user assembles the specified database and uses owned or purchased software to create a third-party plan. Electronic files containing the proposed plan and accompanying documents and materials (as per guidelines) are transmitted electronically or delivered to the commission for Plan Library Upload.
3. **Hardcopy** – with this method, the user assembles the specified database, and creates a third-party plan. Hardcopies containing the proposed plan and other accompanying documents and materials (as per guidelines) are delivered to the emergency commission for electronic conversion and Plan Library Upload. Users intending to submit hardcopy third-party plan proposals may contact the Maryland Department of Planning for technical assistance.

To facilitate the review of these plans, the commission has established guidelines and procedures for their preparation and submission. The guidelines are intended to promote uniform plan preparation and enhance public participation in the redistricting process.

The procedures for submitting third-party plans will facilitate the timely transmission and review of proposed plans and are based on accessing publicly available redistricting data and map products from the Maryland Department of Planning. These procedures also enable third-party plans to be submitted either electronically or in hardcopy.

The optimum method for submitting a third-party plan proposal is to use an electronic format. However, **the commission will review timely submitted third-party plans in hardcopy.**

Prior to submitting a non-electronic third-party plan, persons or groups may contact Jesse Ash, Acting Director of Planning Data and Research, at (410) 767-4453 or by e-mail at [DLMDP-Redistricting-proposed-plan@maryland.gov](mailto:DLMDP-Redistricting-proposed-plan@maryland.gov) for technical assistance with submitting the plan as a hardcopy.

Third-party plan proposals submitted in formats not adhering to guidelines will not be considered.

Mailing address:

Emergency Commission on Redistricting  
Third-Party Plan Submission, Attention: Jesse Ash  
Maryland Department of Planning  
301 West Preston Street, Suite 1101  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201-2392



## Next Meeting Public Hearing

Monday, January 14

7:00 pm

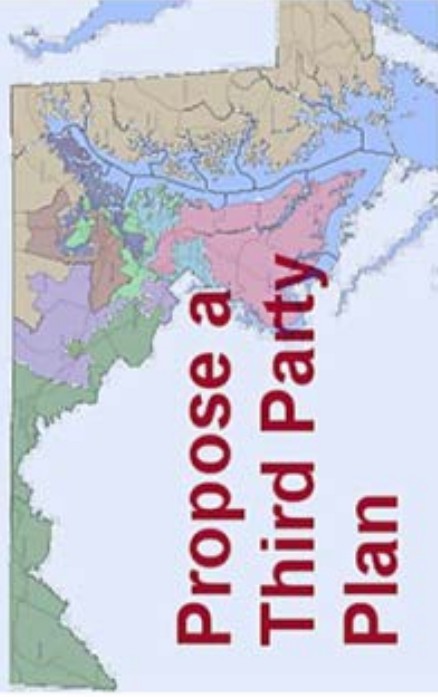
Location To Be Announced

"Free and fair elections are the very foundation of American democracy and the most basic promise that those in power can pledge to citizens."

*Governor  
Larry Hogan*



## Propose a Third Party Plan





# Maptitude Online Redistricting

Maptitude Online Redistricting is web-based redistricting software designed for governments or organizations that want to provide their members or the general public with a means to draw and report redistricting plans. Because the Windows and online versions share common file formats, plans developed online can be electronically submitted to the central redistricting office, opened in the Windows-based software, and analyzed to the full extent as if they had been created using the Windows-based software.

The Maptitude Online Redistricting screen contains the plan map, a dataview listing the existing districts and their statistics, and a dataview of pending changes based upon the user's current actions. The redistricting toolbox is similar to the toolbox in the desktop version, and the user can zoom, pan, and query the map using the mapping tools.

The screenshot displays the Maptitude Online Redistricting interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with options like 'Plan Manager', 'Plan Settings', 'Reports', 'Plan Capacity', 'Print', 'View', 'Print', 'Email', 'Submit Plan', 'Log Out', and 'Help'. The main map area shows a geographic view of Charlotte, NC, with a red-shaded district. A 'Pending Changes' table is open on the right, showing details for a change from source 37 to target 25. Below this, a 'Layers' panel is visible. At the bottom, a 'Districts by Plan (%)' table provides a summary of the plan's statistics.

District	Population	Deviation	% Deviation	White	% White	Black	% Black	Hispanic	% Hispanic	Asian	% Asian
25	150,807	-1,812	-1.2%	127,858	84.7%	18,754	12.4%	989	0.6%	7,206	4.7%
37	152,619	-7,406	-4.8%	127,641	83.7%	18,325	12.0%	521	0.3%	7,132	4.6%

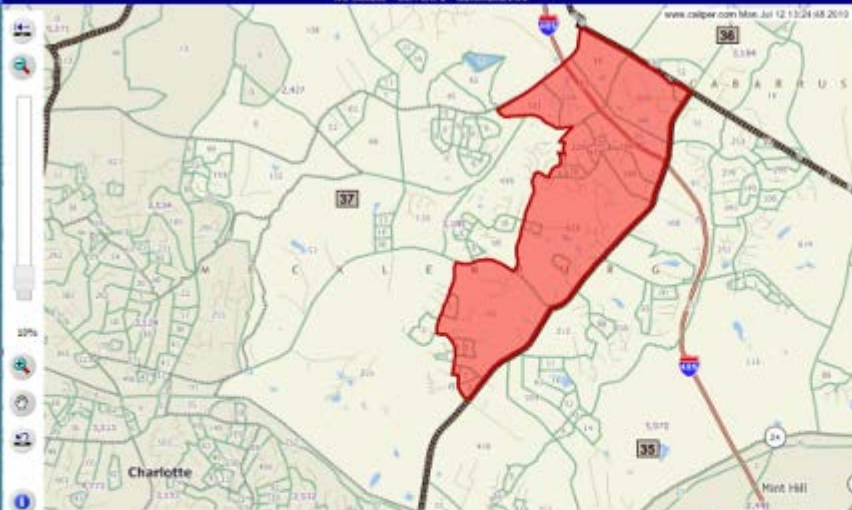
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37	152,619	-7,406	-4.8%	127,641	83.7%	18,325	12.0%	521	0.3%	7,132	4.6%
28	153,452	2,477	1.6%	128,241	83.6%	19,829	13.0%	500	0.3%	4,883	3.2%
29	157,716	6,730	4.3%	140,652	89.2%	9,294	5.9%	363	0.2%	7,407	4.7%

## Maptitude Online Redistricting – Public Edition

The Public Edition is intended for states that are legally required to, or simply wish to, open the redistricting process up to the general public. Anyone can log on, establish a user name and password, and create one or more redistricting plans. The system administrator can limit the number of plans, restrict the number of districts, and specify the level of geographic detail (e.g., to the block or VTD). The user can transmit the finished plan to the system administrator for further analysis. Either the state or Caliper Corporation can host the Public Edition.

NC Senate - Current 2 - danisan2000

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Scale: 1 | 52410 Center: longitude -81.689558 Latitude 35.242525 size 6.35 x 3.76 Miles

Powered by Mapitude for the Web

## Districts in Plan (36) Maximum (50)

District	Population	Deviation	% Deviation	White	% White	Black	% Black	Asian	% Asian	Arrian
35	159,074	-1,912	-1.2%	132,950	83.6%	18,754	11.8%	690	0.4%	1.2
36	153,551	-7,435	-4.8%	127,841	83.3%	18,928	12.3%	531	0.3%	1.4
37	162,967	1,871	1.2%	101,626	62.4%	44,307	27.6%	669	0.4%	4.3
38	163,463	2,477	1.5%	69,241	42.4%	81,828	50.1%	696	0.4%	4.5
39	167,718	8,730	4.2%	148,852	88.8%	9,204	5.5%	353	0.2%	5.5

Redistricting Toolbox - NC Senate - Current 2

Target 35



Source 37

Selection Census Block



## Pending Changes

District	36	37
Population	160,967	161,544
Change - Population	1,813	-1,913
Ideal Value	160,966	160,966
Deviation	1	58
% Deviation	0.0%	0.0%
White	134,317	100,276
Change - White	1,359	-1,359
% White	82.4%	62.3%
Black	19,197	44,474

## Layers

Layers	Labels	Redraw
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Name	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Streets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Name	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Name	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Name	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Census Place	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Name	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Districts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voting District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Population	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Census Block	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Population	