

INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONS DRAW POLITICAL MAPS WITH NEW RULES FOR FAIR AND COMPETITIVE DISTRICTS

With a new Census around the corner and dramatic growth set to give Colorado an eighth congressional seat by 2022, Fair Maps Colorado knows now is the time to improve our existing system.

- + **Create balanced independent commissions** (4 Republicans, 4 Democrats and 4 unaffiliateds)
- + **Clear criteria for map-drawing and prohibitions on gerrymandering**
- + **Limits on the roles of partisans and courts**
- + Heightened **open meetings**, public records and ethical rules
- + **Fair and effective representation for all Colorado voters** (e.g. minority and rural communities and other communities of interest)
- + Maximize competitive districts

WHY THE CURRENT SYSTEM NEEDS REFORM

Drawing of **state legislative districts** is overseen by a commission comprised of: 4 legislative leaders, 3 appointees from the Governor, and 4 appointees from the Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court — with no guaranteed seats for unaffiliated voters.

The 100-member General Assembly oversees the drawing of **Colorado’s seven congressional districts**.

Shortcomings

- Can be controlled by politicians and political appointees, which often leads to partisan bickering and behind-the-scenes decision making and serves entrenched interests rather than voters.
- Few of the state’s legislative and congressional districts are considered competitive, limiting voters’ ability to have a real voice in their elections.
- Courts determine final maps in the event of a deadlock.

MAKING COLORADO A NATIONAL MODEL VIA AMENDMENTS Y & Z

Fair Maps Colorado wants to make Colorado a national model for putting fair and effective representation at the forefront of congressional and legislative redistricting.

Key components of the measures include:

Independent commissions to oversee map drawing

- + Of 4Rs, 4Ds and 4Us to reflect state’s political makeup.
- + Applications narrowed by panel of 3 retired judges.
- + First 6 seats (2Rs, 2Ds and 2Us) filled via lottery.
- + Retired-judge panel unanimously selects final 6 members (2Rs, 2Ds and 2Us), working to reflect Colorado geographically and demographically.

Clear, consistent map-drawing criteria

- + Federal criteria on equal population and Voting Rights Act of 1965.
- + Protects communities of interest and cities, towns and counties.
- + Prohibits gerrymandering and incumbent protection.
- + Directs commissions to maximize the number of competitive districts.

Limits on the roles of partisans and the courts in the process

- + Initial maps drawn by non-partisan staff, followed by input from commissioners and the public.
- + Calls for adoption of a final map by a supermajority of 8 commission members — including at least 2 unaffiliateds.
- + Heightened standard for judicial review reduces the possibility that courts are the final arbitrator of maps.
- + Guidelines for adoption of staff map in the event of a deadlock.

Robust ethical and transparency guidelines

- + Commissions and staff subject to open meetings, open records and other sunshine laws.
- + Lobbying of commissions must be disclosed publicly within 72 hours.
- + Three hearings in each congressional district — including hearings on Western Slope, and either Eastern Plains or southern Colorado — required.
- + 72-hour waiting period before map adoption by commission.

As constitutional amendments, the Fair Maps Colorado measures will need 55% of voters to say “yes” in November, so early support is needed and appreciated.

More than 100 groups and individuals have joined Fair Maps Colorado and every member of the Colorado General Assembly in supporting measures Amendment Y (Congressional redistricting) and Amendment Z (Legislative redistricting):

We’re proud to have earned endorsements from:

ORGANIZATIONS

ACLU	
Action 22	Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce
Adams County League of Women Voters	Greater Boulder Green Party
African Leadership Group	Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners
AFL-CIO	Independence Institute
America Votes	Jefferson County Economic Development Corp.
American Federation of Teachers	League of Women Voters Boulder
Arvada Chamber of Commerce	League of Women Voters of Colorado
Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado	League of Women Voters of Estes Park
CleanSlateNow	Let Colorado Vote
Club 20	Mechanical Contractors Association of Colorado
COLOR	Mechanical Service Contractors Association of Colorado
Colorado Association of Commerce & Industry	Mi Familia Vota
Colorado Association of Mechanical & Plumbing Contractors	NAACP
Colorado Association of Realtors	NAIOP Colorado
Colorado Auto Dealers Association	National Certified Pipe Welding Bureau, Colorado Chapter
Colorado Business Roundtable	New Era Colorado
Colorado Common Cause	One Colorado
Colorado Competitive Council	One NOCO
Colorado Concern	Padres Y Jovenes Unidos
Colorado Contractors Association	Palisade Chamber of Commerce
Colorado Council of Churches	ProgressNow Colorado
Colorado Education Association	Represent Us
Colorado Farm Bureau	Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center
Colorado Water Congress	SEIU
COPIRG	SMACNA Colorado
Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce	South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce
Denver Metro Commercial Association of Realtors	State Innovation Exchange
Denver South Economic Development Partnership	The Aurora Chamber of Commerce
Douglas County Business Alliance	Unite Colorado
Fremont County Board of County Commissioners	Vote Vets/Vets Voice Foundation

CURRENT ELECTED OFFICIALS

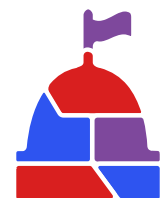
Rep. Larry Liston (R)	Boulder City Councilor Aaron Brockett
Sen. Cheri Jahn (U)	Boulder City Councilor Cindy Carlisle (D)
Sen. Dominick Moreno (D)	Boulder City Councilor Lisa Morzel (D)
Sen. Steve Fenberg (D)	Boulder City Councilor Sam Weaver
Mesa County Commissioner Scott McInnis (R)	Boulder County Trustee Jim Martin (D)
Pueblo County Commissioner Sal Pace (D)	Colorado Springs City Councilor Richard Skormann (U)
Maria De Cambra, Mayor Pro Tem of Westminster	

FORMER ELECTED OFFICIALS

U.S. Sen. Hank Brown (R)	
Gov. Bill Owens (R)	
Gov. Dick Lamm (D)	
Attorney General John Suthers (R)	
U.S. Rep. David Skaggs (D)	
U.S. Rep. Bob Beauprez (R)	
Sec. of State Bernie Buescher (D)	
Sec. of State Gigi Dennis (R)	
Sen. President John Andrews (R)	
Sen. President Tom Norton (R)	
Sen. Norma Anderson (R)	
Sen. Bob Hagedorn (D)	
Sen. Mark Hillman (R)	
Sen. Keith King (R)	
Sen. Josh Penry (R)	
Sen. Jim Rizzuto (D)	
Sen. Ellen Roberts (U)	
Sen. Larry Trujillo (R)	
Sen. Ron Tupa (D)	
House Speaker Frank McNulty (R)	
House Speaker Lola Spradley (R)	
House Speaker Mark Ferrandino (D)	
Rep. Kathleen Curry (U)	Rep. Rob Witwer (R)
Rep. Brian DelGrosso (R)	JeffCo County Clerk Pamela Anderson (R)
Rep. Rob Fairbank (R)	Fort Collins City Councilor Aislinn Kottwitz
Rep. Don Lee (R)	Fruita City Councilor Stacey Mascarenas
Rep. Carl Miller (D)	
Rep. Gregg Rippy (R)	
Rep. Paul Schauer (R)	
Rep. Keith Swerdfeger (R)	
Rep. Steve Tool (U)	

INDIVIDUALS

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Dick Wadhams	Ryan Call
Eric Sondermann	Ryan McWilliams
Gwen Benevento	Scott Martinez
Harry Hempy	Sean Tonner
Jason Dunn	Shayne Madsen
Jayson Sime	Steve Schuck
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