

Map-a-Thon

Granite Staters Drawing Fair Voting Maps



TO: NH Senate Redistricting Committee, Sen. James Gray, Chair
Nashua Board of Aldermen, Lori Wilshire, President

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SUBJECT: Proposed Nashua Ward Lines to Allow for Two NH Senate Districts

Good Day:

The Map-a-Thon Citizen Mapping Project is an all-volunteer corp of engineers, GIS mapping specialists, database specialists, data analysts and other citizens who are working for fair voting districts in New Hampshire.

Recently, NH Senator James Gray brought a challenge in Nashua to our attention. If the wards in Nashua were equal in population, it would not be possible to have just two NH Senate districts in Nashua given the 2020 population changes and the population math with nearby communities.

Understanding that Nashua has not yet drawn its maps, we are submitting a balanced ward population combination that meets the necessary deviation, yet allows the Senate Redistricting Committee to cover Nashua with two Senate districts. This change is compatible with Nashua's NH House seats as well.

Attached is a second document with the specifics of our proposal.

Thank you for your consideration, and please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have.

Regards,

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