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# League of Women Voters of Michigan files lawsuit against Kent County Apportionment Commission

*Commission's county redistricting plan is a partisan gerrymander*

LANSING – The **League of Women Voters of Michigan**, along with local League members, has filed a lawsuit in the Michigan Court of Appeals against the Kent County Apportionment Commission for partisan gerrymandering in Kent County.

The Apportionment Commission has been meeting since September to craft county commission districts for 2022-2030. The Apportionment Commission adopted its plan in October. The approved plan shows clear partisan bias, among other legal violations. "Partisan gerrymandering goes directly against the League's mission and is counter to what voters demanded when then they voted to pass Proposal 2 in 2018, and it's also a violation of the law governing county apportionment," said **Christina Schlitt**, co-president of the League of Women Voters of Michigan. "Gerrymandering has no place in our state, including at the county and local levels."

The League is asking the Court of Appeals to vacate the Kent County Apportionment Commission's plan and adopt another plan the commission considered that has less partisan bias.

"Michigan voters, including those in Kent County, spoke loud and clear: They want to put an end to partisan gerrymandering no matter where it occurs," said **Paula Bowman**, co-president of the Michigan League. "The commission's plan is obviously biased and should be replaced with a fair and representative plan that takes voters' rights into consideration." View a copy of the filing online.

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