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Promote the Vote statement on the ICRC exclusion of publicly submitted maps

Michigan Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission states plan to exclude Promote the Vote, Michigan State University’s Institute for Public Policy and Social Research maps and adaptations in final submission.

Detroit – “We are encouraged that the ICRC took our map and the community’s commentary into consideration,” said Micheal Davis Jr., Executive Director of Promote the Vote. “We support the Commission because their duty and responsibility is to adopt the best final map for all of us. But, the remaining plans, including Daisy 2, feature packed districts - racial gerrymanders - in violation of the federal Voting Rights Act.

The mission and duty of PTV’s unity mapping project is to show Michiganders that fair, equitable plans are possible. Mr. Braden’s analysis yesterday confirmed that our map – which protects communities of interest and preserves partisan fairness without diluting the voting power of Black and Brown Detroit and metro-Detroit residents – meets the VRA criteria.

Promote the Vote worked diligently to create fair, reflective districts, and will continue to advocate for a map that is representative of our state and communities. In our democracy, that’s what Michigan voters deserve.”

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Promote the Vote is a coalition of partner organizations committed to ensuring that Michigan’s voting system works for all. These partner organizations share a rich history and deep investment in preserving and advancing the rights and protections of marginalized communities and Michigan voters.

