



Press Release
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The Citizen Redistricting Committee is doing its job

Fair Districts for New Mexico (FDNM), a coalition of over 30 New Mexico organizations, applauds the work of the Citizen Redistricting Committee (CRC). Today the CRC issued a comprehensive 171 page report to the legislature: <https://www.nmredistricting.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/2021-10-30-CRC-Map-Evaluations-Report-Final.pdf> .

The report reflects hard work of the CRC members of and the CRC staff. The CRC accomplished this in a compact time frame while allowing comprehensive public input and following the letter and the spirit of the Open Meetings Act.

When Fair Districts for New Mexico worked to pass the Redistricting Act this was the result that we hoped for. FDNM is especially pleased that the CRC chose to limit the number of maps to 3 each for the Congress, the New Mexico Senate, the New Mexico House and the Public Education Commission.

The recommended maps were sent to the Dr. David Cottrell at the University of Georgia for evaluation of partisan fairness and Dr. Cottrell's evaluations are included in the CRC report. When Fair Districts for New Mexico worked to pass the Redistricting Act this was the result that we hoped for. Today was a big victory for the people of New Mexico.

Fair Districts for New Mexico will now turn its attention to the redistricting special session that will be held in early December. We will urge the Legislature to be as transparent as the CRC was in its deliberations. We will also ask that if the Legislature amends the maps sent to them by the CRC that they fully explain the reasons for those amendments.

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