

From: [Gary Carlson](#)
To: [Weiss, Rachel](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Districting commission to meet November 1
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 9:41:11 AM

Please do Rachel. The crux of the matter is that Montana now has over 1 million citizens and still has only one rep. Montana cannot get two because the counting of illegals in California, Arizona, Texas etc is higher than how Montana grows. That means states with only one rep will never get two until Congress makes a rule that says the minimum number for any state is two not one. That only affects seven states (one is DC and is really not a state). One new rule for DC could be that every citizen has to register to vote in either Maryland or Virginia. No one needs to vote from DC that way (Hmmm that is really interesting.)

Also, Rachel, the current number of 435 was not because of any amendment, That means Congress could raise the minimum to two with having to pass a Constitutional Amendment. Most people think an amendment would have to be passed but that is not how the House got to 435.

You will smile at this Rachel, but in 1787 the colonials thought it would be proper to have one House rep for every 30,000 people and they also thought it was best to have them re-elected every year not even two. Wow, how that changed.

Thanks Rachel. Yes you can share with the commissioners. I would have enjoyed being one. The GOP should have picked me for one spot.

Gary

On Wed, Oct 23, 2019 at 8:35 AM Weiss, Rachel <RWeiss@mt.gov> wrote:

Hello Mr. Carlson,

Would you like me to provide your comments to the commissioners as public comment? If so, I'll distribute them at the November 1 meeting.

Sincerely,

Rachel

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From: Gary Carlson <garycarlson11@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 3:00 PM

To: Weiss, Rachel <RWeiss@mt.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Districting commission to meet November 1

Good morning commission staffers. You have an excellent agenda for November 1st. When you discuss the issues remember that only 7 states (including DC) now have only one House rep. If Congress passed legislation to have every state have a minimum of two reps instead on one it would only raise the total number in the House from 435 to 442. That makes sense for better representation.

Gary Carlson

On Tue, Oct 22, 2019 at 12:09 PM Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission <rweiss@mt.gov> wrote:

You are receiving this email as a subscriber to the Districting and Apportionment Commission interested parties list.

The [Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission](#) will meet at 10 a.m. on November 1 in Room 137 of the State Capitol in Helena. A tentative [agenda](#) is now available on the commission's website along with other meeting materials. The commissioners will hear from experts on the U.S. Census process and the efforts in Montana to publicize the census. They also will learn about efforts to expand ways the public can participate in the mapping process. In addition, the commissioners will discuss and possibly revise and adopt initial procedures to guide their work. The meeting agenda also includes time for public comment.

The meeting will be streamed live at leg.mt.gov and will be broadcast on the Montana Public Affairs Network (MPAN).

For more information about the meeting, including the [agenda](#), please visit the commission's [website](#) or contact the commission's staff.

Commission website: <https://leg.mt.gov/districting/2020-commission/>

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