

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
VOTERS NOT POLITICIANS
AND**

This Memorandum of Understanding is made _____, 202_ between Count MI Vote Education Fund, a Michigan nonprofit corporation doing business as Voters Not Politicians (“VNP”) whose address is PO Box 16180, Lansing MI 48901, and _____, a Michigan _____, whose address is _____ (“Community”).

BACKGROUND

Count MI Vote Education Fund d/b/a Voters Not Politicians is a 501(c)(3) non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting policies that strengthen democracy in Michigan through public education and civic participation.

The Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (“Commission”) is in the process of gathering information about Communities of Interest and other criteria required by law to be considered in drawing the new voting district lines for the Michigan House of Representatives, Michigan Senate and the United States Congress.

VNP is interested in working with Community, and Community is interested in working with VNP to provide resources to Community members for creating maps showing Community boundaries, and testifying before the Commission about the characteristics of the Community, including its cultural, economic, historic and/or other shared interests that should be considered by the Commission as it draws voting district lines.

VNP and Community wish to collaborate in their efforts to provide maps and testimony to the Commission about the Community’s common policy goals or interests that can be served by locating the Community either all in one district or otherwise in a manner that will preserve Community’s voice in Michigan and federal governments.

UNDERSTANDINGS

VNP and Community wish to enter into this MOU to memorialize their understandings about their relationship and the services each will provide.

1. **Services by VNP.** VNP will provide Community with the following for use by Community in creating a map of the Community and giving oral or written testimony to the Commission:
 - a. Access to an on-line mapping tool designed to assist Community in drawing a geographic map of the Community that can be provided to the Commission by

Community members. The on-line mapping tool will include a video explanation and detailed written instructions on its use.

- b. Access to a paper and pencil form for submitting maps and written testimony to the Commission about the Community. The paper and pencil form will include detailed instructions on how to use the form and submit maps and testimony to the Commission.
- c. Access to a handout and FAQs about the purpose of the Commission and how the Community can provide testimony.
- d. One or more live presentations to the Community via Zoom explaining the purpose of the Commission, the mapping tools, and how to provide testimony.
- e. Information about how and when Community members can present testimony to the Commission.
- f. Regular follow-up with the Community and its members to answer questions and confirm progress on the Community's submissions to the Commission.
- g. _____

2. **Assistance by Community.** Community will provide the following to assist VNP in the services described in Section 1 above:

- a. Information about the organizational and leadership structure and membership of the Community, including any local chapters or related groups connected by common interests or policy goals.
- b. One or more dedicated volunteers or support staff who will assist VNP in communication with Community members and any local chapters or related groups.
- c. Publicity within the Community and other support by Community leaders of VNP's efforts to provide the services described above.
- d. Regular follow-up by Community with its members and VNP to answer questions and confirm the progress of the Community's submissions to the Commission.
- e. _____.

3. **Confidentiality; Dedication of Resources.** This MOU is a statement of the mutual goals and commitments of Community and VNP concerning testimony and maps to the Commission. This MOU is non-binding, except that each party will keep confidential any proprietary or non-public information obtained about the other in the course of this MOU.

Community acknowledges that VNP will be entering into similar arrangements with other communities. VNP and Community acknowledge the short timeline for providing testimony and maps to the Commission, and agree to dedicate sufficient resources to enable prompt and diligent responses to information requests and other inquiries from each other.

4. **Relationship.** This MOU does not create a contractual or any other binding relationship between the parties. Neither VNP nor Community, nor their respective volunteers, members, trustees, directors, agents, contractors or employees are employees of the other party. This MOU does not create a financial obligation between VNP and Community, and each party will bear its own costs in providing the services and information described in this MOU.
5. **Termination.** This MOU may be terminated by either party, in writing, with or without cause, at any time.
6. **Approval.** Each party represents that the undersigned has the authority to sign on behalf of their respective organization.

Community:

By:

Date: _____

Count MI Vote Education Fund d/b/a Voters Not
Politicians:

By:

Date: _____