

Fair Districts PA is a nonpartisan, citizen-led, statewide coalition working to create a process for redistricting that is transparent, impartial, and fair.



We're a group of Pennsylvanians from all walks of life, united by the conviction that free and fair elections are the foundation of our democracy. We believe Pennsylvania needs to reform its redistricting rules to promote competitive elections and partisan fairness—so that our government truly is of, by, and for the people.

To accomplish these goals, we hold informational events, drive outreach to lawmakers and the media, and help the public take action. Our current focus is on amending the Pennsylvania Constitution to replace the current partisan redistricting process with an independent, impartial Citizens Redistricting Commission before the release of the 2020 U.S. Census.

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## Who we are

Fair Districts PA was founded in December 2016 by representatives from Common Cause PA, League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania, Committee of Seventy, Pennsylvania Council of Churches, and others concerned about accountable government.

Today, Fair Districts PA is officially an arm of the **League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania**, a nonpartisan political organization which encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Fair Districts PA receives no funding from political action committees (PACs) or political parties, and is [endorsed by a wide range of local and statewide organizations](#).

**Carol Kuniholm** is chair and co-founder of Fair Districts PA and a board member responsible for election reform issues for the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania. She received a PhD in literature from the University of Pennsylvania, worked for over a decade as youth pastor at Church of the Good Samaritan in Paoli, and lives in Exton with her husband, Whitney.

She is joined in the effort by volunteers from across the state who bring a wealth of experience, expertise, and varying political perspectives. Fair Districts PA has grown quickly from a handful of volunteers to a network of local groups, regional support teams, active working groups and almost 100 trained speakers reaching audiences large and small in every corner of the state.

## Our guiding principles

### Fair districts must:

- Adhere to all Constitution and Voting Rights Act requirements.
- Make all districts as equal in population as possible within an established minimal range of deviation.
- Respect city and county subdivisions, natural geographic features, and communities of interest.
- Encourage geographical compactness.
- Not be drawn for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against a political party or candidate.

### Redistricting reform should:

- Assign the redistricting power to an independent commission, of which neither the commissioners, nor members of their immediate families, may be government or political party officials.
- Ensure the transparency of the process and meaningful opportunities for public participation.
- Establish strict timelines for redistricting after each U.S. Census.
- Address other causes of redistricting unfairness.