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From the desk of Rep. Isaacsohn



Dear Neighbor,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones well. As we head into the fall, the Ohio House is preparing to return to more frequent floor sessions—times when all members gather in the Ohio Statehouse to debate and vote on the issues before us. With my election as House Minority Leader, I will no longer serve on committees.

While I'll miss the day-to-day work of shaping policy in those rooms, this new position gives me the opportunity to do something just as important: lead our caucus in setting and advancing the Democratic agenda for the House Minority. This means I'll be spending more of my time building bi-picture strategy, coordinating with members, and making sure the input from our communities is centered at every stage of the legislative process. Far from stepping back, I see this as an opportunity to step up. I am eager to amplify the priorities we all share, ensuring they have the strongest possible impact in Columbus.

One of the most significant challenges we will face together this fall is redistricting. The maps that shape our representation in Congress will once again be drawn, after the Ohio Supreme Court found the last attempt unconstitutional. This is not just a procedural matter. Rather, it is about whether Ohioans get fair maps that let voters choose their leaders, rather than the other way around. This newsletter includes a deeper dive into the process, but you can also learn more by following along on my social media and by staying connected to my office.

Our work together on behalf of 12 million Ohioans continues—just with a broader scope. While I am no longer seated on policy committees, I remain closely engaged with my colleagues who are working arm in arm to advance the issues that matter most to our communities, including folks across District 24.

Sincerely,

Dani Isaacsohn
State Representative, District 24
Ohio House Minority Leader

National Voter Registration Day

SEPTEMBER 16, 2025



Scan the QR code or visit VoteOhio.gov to register to vote and learn more!

September is National Infant Mortality Awareness Month



In Ohio and across the nation, too many babies do not make it to their first birthday.

This month is a reminder of the ongoing work we must do to correct the systemic social and economic factors impacting the ability of mothers, babies, and families to thrive.



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Ohio Congressional Redistricting

Every ten years, following the U.S. census, Ohio redraws our state and congressional districts. This year, however, we are constitutionally required to begin the process again for our U.S. congress seats. After a 2023 Ohio Supreme Court ruling, our districting maps were found to be unconstitutional, triggering the redistricting process we have found ourselves in now.

Ohio residents have had their voice and vote stripped from them through unfair districting, but Ohio Democrats have been working diligently on a new plan that accurately represents Ohioans and restores rights to fair representation. We believe in a very straightforward principle, that *voters choose their elected officials – not the other way around*.

Democratic Vision

Ohio Senate Minority Leader Nickie J. Antonio and I [recently held a press conference introducing our proposal for fair, constitutional congressional maps](#) and urging the General Assembly to pass a bipartisan map.

Our proposal, in House Bill 442/Senate Bill 259:

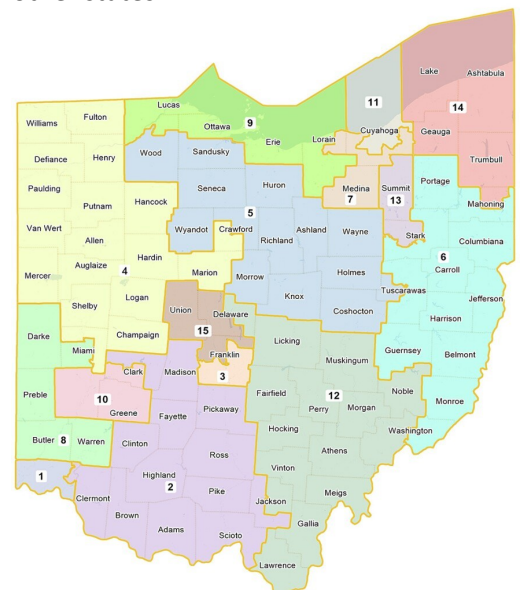
- Models districts from statewide voter preference of the past 10 years.
- Does not unfairly pit any incumbents against one another.
- Does not illegally split municipalities or townships in any district and is rated as more compact than the state's existing map.
- Maximizes compliance with all provisions of the Ohio Constitution and U.S. Constitution, as well as federal laws, including those that protect racial minorities and voting rights.
- Keeps 74 counties whole; 14 counties are split once, while no counties are split twice; and all districts are contiguous.

On September 22, I provided public testimony to the committee regarding our proposal. Full, interactive details of the Ohio Democrats' fair, constitutional redistricting plan can be viewed [here](#). Also this month, I traveled to Missouri with Assistant Minority Whip Rep. Desiree Tims to be in solidarity with Missourians in the fight for fair representation as they also move through a redistricting process. The issue of gerrymandering is not just in Ohio, but in states all around the country. In order to achieve true representation in the United States, we all must join together in dismantling unfair and corrupt systems, and that starts with showing solidarity with our friends in other states.



Above: Leader Isaacsohn speaks at a joint press conference to introduce Democrats' map proposal

Right: Districts as proposed in HB 442 (Isaacsohn)/SB 259 (Antonio)



The Redistricting Process

The process will follow these steps:

Step One: The Legislature has until September 30 to hold hearings and vote on a bipartisan map.

- While constitutionally required to adopt a map by September 30th, The Joint Committee on Congressional Redistricting met only twice this month to hear public input on the only publicly proposed maps, which originated from the Democrats.
- Passage would have required 60% votes in each chamber, including 50% of Democrats.
- **Because a map failed to pass, the process is moving to step two.**

Step Two: The Redistricting Commission has until October 31 to hold hearings and vote on a bipartisan map.

- Passage requires 4 of 7 votes, including both Democrats on the commission.
- The Commission consists of: The four legislative leaders or their designees, the Governor, the Auditor, and the Secretary of State.
- Maps passed by the commission take effect immediately.
- If a map fails to secure the necessary votes, it goes back to the legislature.

Step Three: The Legislature has until November 30 to hold hearings and pass a bipartisan map.

- Passage requires 60% votes in both chambers, including one-third of Democrats.
- If a map fails to get the necessary votes to pass, the process moves to step four.

Step Four: The Ohio legislature can pass a map along party lines by November 30.

- Passage requires a simple majority (50%+1) and has to meet additional criteria:
- Cannot unduly favor one party over another
- NO unnecessary community splits



Leader Isaacsohn providing sponsor testimony on the Democrat map proposal in front of the Joint Committee.



This month Leader Isaacsohn and Rep Tims visited the Missouri Statehouse to support their legislators and citizens in the fight for fair representation. We must push to save democracy across the nation.

Get Involved!

Stay up-to-date and submit your own proposal at redistricting.legislature.ohio.gov.

Share your thoughts with the Ohio Speaker of the House, Matt Huffman:

- Phone: (614) 466-6344
- Email: Rep78@ohiohouse.gov

Share your thoughts with Ohio Senate President McColley:

- Phone: (614) 466-8150
- Email: McColley@ohiosenate.gov

Share your thoughts with the members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, once announced.

- These members will be working together in the next step of the process to draw and hold hearings on a bipartisan map. You can stay up to date at redistricting.ohio.gov.

National Voter Registration Day

September 16th marked National Voter Registration Day! Participating in our democratic elections is a privilege and registering to vote is easy! **The deadline to register to vote for the November 4th elections is October 6th, 2025.**

You can register to vote online by visiting olvr.ohiosos.gov.

You can also register to vote in-person in these locations.

- The Hamilton County Board of Elections, 4700 Smith Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45212
- Your local public library
- Your local public high school
- Offices of designated agencies, such as the Department of Job and Family Services, the Department of Health, etc.

A friendly reminder, in order to register, you **must** have a valid Ohio drivers license or identification card. If you are not in possession of any of those, you must have the last four digits of your Social Security number available.

Wishing you a sweet New Year!

Monday, September 22 marked the beginning of the Jewish High Holidays. For those who observe, this marks a time for reflection, family, and new beginnings. Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year, a period of celebration and transition. On Rosh Hashanah, we eat apples and honey to welcome a joyful new year. Whether you celebrate or not, I hope you enjoy the sweetness of apples and honey this month and spend time with family and loved ones as we enter the fall season.

October 2nd is Yom Kippur. This is the holiest day on the Jewish calendar, and is a solemn day dedicated to introspection, forgiveness, and recommitting ourselves to becoming better in the year to come. None of us are perfect, and this time reminds us of the power of accountability, growth, and starting fresh.

As I continue settling into my role as House Minority Leader, I'm weaving these threads within my character: renewal, responsibility, and a deep commitment to ensuring every Ohioan feels seen and heard. This fall, take time to reflect and think about how you can be the best version of yourself going into the holiday season. With the High Holidays, the slate is clean, and I look forward to all that is to come in the new year!

Additionally, **the Ohio Jewish Caucus in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati will be hosting a town hall in Cincinnati on October 20th!** Join me and other Jewish members of the 136th General Assembly for a community conversation, opportunity to ask questions, and hear updates from the caucus.

Visit scan the QR code or visit jewishcincinnati.org/caucus to register for more details.

