

Redistricting Commission Comments: Daniel Hogg

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Good morning, my name is Dan Hogg. I live in Beavercreek near Dayton. I retired from LexisNexis after a rewarding 33 year career as an IT Manager. I have voted for Republicans and Democrats, making my choices based on the candidates and issues I most aligned with.

Choice.

That is what is at issue. Fair districts are what voters expect. Districts where the outcome is not a foregone conclusion.

All districts should be competitive. When the majority party uses its authority - note I didn't say power - to secure for itself gross advantages over the minority at the expense of voter choice, then the majority loses its moral authority.

This is what Ohio Republicans have done. This is what you have done. Power-drunk, you draw districts that disenfranchise voters by reducing and effectively eliminating competition.

When caught at it and ordered by courts to produce constitutional maps, you delayed, prevaricated, ignored, and ran out the clock for 2022 elections. Voters are stuck with these maps...for now.

With 16 months since you managed to foist illegal maps on voters, you have continued to delay, avoiding all work on districts, and pretending you care about constitutional rule. In short, you lied and continue to lie.

You have shown no respect for voters and our voice - as evidenced by your recent manipulation of election timing and ballot language.

This is why politicians ought not be drawing districts. We wouldn't want the Michigan coach officiating the OSU game. Those with an inherent interest in the results don't get to make the rules. That's fairness.

You may well extend your control until 2024 but you underestimate the disgust your antics have produced.

You have a chance to to reach the bottom rung, the bare minimum of fairness and by implication, integrity. I'm a skeptic and would be delighted to learn you are ceasing your war on voters.

I have low expectations. Prove me wrong, please.