



## ACTION OF THE WEEK

November 18, 2019

### Your Action of the Week: Act to "End Oregon Gerrymandering"

Your Action is to **Sign the End Gerrymandering Pledge**.

At the UUA 2019 General Assembly, participants approved the Democracy Uncorrupted Statement of Conscience. This necessary political process reform is included in that Statement: "Eliminating gerrymandering, partisan redistricting, and other forms of voter suppression." Here is our first opportunity to act here in Oregon.

This summer, Common Cause Oregon asked their members whether they should support a ballot initiative that would put ordinary people -- not the politicians who directly benefit -- in charge of drawing Oregon's voting maps.

Their message was loud and clear. **YES!**

We are proud to announce that Oregon UU Voices for Justice will join Oregon Common Cause and Oregon League of Women Voters in the People Not Politicians coalition to put an anti-gerrymandering ballot initiative in the November 2020 general election.

At its simplest, this initiative would change the way legislative and congressional districts are drawn by creating an independent redistricting commission comprised of Oregonians, rather than partisan politicians.

Letting politicians manipulate voting maps is like putting the fox in charge of the henhouse. We need to create a fair and transparent process so that voters choose their politicians, instead of politicians choosing their voters.

Be on the lookout for signature-gatherers in your community so we can get this initiative on the 2020 ballot.

And show your **support now by signing the "End Gerrymandering Pledge"**

(<https://tinyurl.com/endgerrymandering>)

Here are key details about the People Not Politicians measure:

- 1) The redistricting commission would consist of 12 Oregonians, chosen to rule out conflicts of interest and neutralize partisan power (including four Democrats, four Republicans, and four voters unaffiliated with either major party).
- 2) The commission would draw congressional and state legislative district maps that keep communities together, not that favor an incumbent or political party.
- 3) The commission's work would take place in public, including 10 public hearings in every region of the state and all testimony and data received by the commission would be in the public record.

P.S. Want to volunteer for the campaign? **Register to volunteer now** (<https://tinyurl.com/peoplenotpoliticians>)

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