



State Sen. Kwame Raoul, Redistricting Committee Chairman
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As you may know, the United States Census Bureau recently released the detailed 2010 Census population totals for Illinois. In accordance with Article IV, Section 3 of the Illinois Constitution and Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution, the General Assembly must re-draw the boundaries of Illinois' congressional, legislative and representative districts in order to account for population shifts since the 2000 census.

We are seeking information from interest groups throughout the state in order to facilitate the redistricting process and ensure full public participation. As Chairman of the Senate Redistricting Committee, I invite you to submit information about your organization and the community you serve or represent. Information may include, but is not limited to:

- A description of the community or communities of interest your organization serves or represents, including any relevant demographic information such as social, political, economic or other characteristics that are unique to the community or communities of interest your organization serves or represents;
- A map of the community or communities of interest your organization serves or represents as encompassed by relevant precincts (or voter tabulation districts (VTDs)) either in a paper copy or electronic format compatible with Arc GIS software;
- Specific views on any social, political, economic or other issues commonly held by the members of the community or communities of interest your organization serves or represents evincing that community's cohesion;
- Specific interest groups that exist within the community or communities of interest your organization serves or represents;
- Concerns you have regarding existing congressional, legislative or representative boundaries that affect the community or communities of interest your organization serves or represents;
- Suggestions for the placement of new congressional, legislative or representative boundaries that will affect the community or communities of interest your organization serves or represents;

If you are interested in providing written or oral testimony before the Senate Redistricting Committee, please contact Ron Holmes at (217) 782-0571.

Sincerely,
Senator Kwame Raoul
Chairperson of the Senate Redistricting Committee