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Redistricting process comments

1 message

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I attended the Rock Island meeting today. The gentleman who got the applause came closest to reflecting my opinions.

1. You NEED to put out a suggested map, then ask for public comment. Otherwise you have no veracity and this is all gamesmanship.

2. The suggested map needs to reflect our areas cohesive elements;

a. Our area is a broad based economy of industry jobs; both industrial and management for Deere, Alcoa, and a spectrum of other businesses.

b. Defense Dept jobs on the Arsenal.

c. Major schools such as Augustana, WIU, Blackhawk college, et al.

d. Huge numbers of agriculture workers.

e. These all benefit from our being a major transportation nexus; Interstate crossroads, rail lines and river barges.

3. These elements tie Rock Island, Henry, Mercer, and Whiteside at a minimum into a cohesive, contiguous entity.

4. Your map SHOULD NOT be based on racial profiling, ethnicity or any other citizen grouping profile. That constitutes political pandering.

5. It would be best to adopt the Iowa plan of having a computer draw the whole thing and no politician should be involved at all!

I honestly have very low expectations that Springfield is capable of producing anything better than the Gerrymandering poster child that we have now.....

Arthur Fanter

Additional Submissions

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