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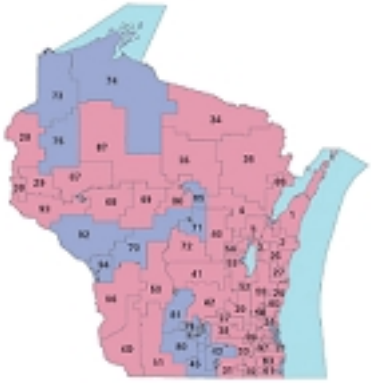
"People should get to choose their elected officials, not the other way around"

MADISON - Gov. Tony Evers announced this week the official application and selection processes for The People's Maps Commission, a nonpartisan redistricting commission charged with drawing fair, impartial maps following the 2020 U.S. Census. During his 2020 State of the State Address, Gov. Evers announced he would be creating a commission comprised of the people of our state—not elected officials, lobbyists, or political party officials—to draw maps and present them to the Legislature for their consideration. Several days later, the governor signed Executive Order #66 creating The People's Maps Commission. The governor's executive order came just months after Gov. Evers declared in signing his first biennial budget he would bring the fight for fair maps to the Legislature after the Republican-controlled Joint Finance Committee removed a nonpartisan redistricting proposal from the governor's proposed 2019-21 budget.

"I believe, and I know Wisconsinites do, too, that the people should get to choose their elected officials, not the other way around," said Gov. Evers. "The maps we have were drawn behind closed doors without public input, resulting in years of litigation. When I ran for governor, I promised the people of this state that I would fight for nonpartisan redistricting and fair, nonpartisan maps that were drawn in the light of day, and by golly, we're going to make good on that promise."