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***Can this Legislature draw maps in an open, nonpartisan manner that reflects the will of all Wisconsinites, asks non-partisan election watchdogs.***

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MADISON - On Thursday, August 12, the U.S. Census Bureau released the first local-level data from the 2020 Census - data that states will use for drawing new Congressional and legislative district lines – and the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin will watch as the fair districting process commences. With the release of this data, the once-a-decade process of creating new district maps begins in earnest, with huge political and policy implications for the next 10 years.

Districting occurs once every 10 years and is of critical importance to our communities. More than just determining electoral maps, these new districts determine the allocation of funding for schools, hospitals, public transport, and other essential services. A fair districting process is necessary to guarantee that communities in our state receive the resources they need in a just and equitable manner.

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