Wisconsin 2021 Redistricting: Good Governance/Communities of Interest Plan

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This perfect population map aims to avoid splitting counties and municipalities where possible, while also taking into account Wisconsin's communities of interest. District 4 is centered around Milwaukee and its neighboring cities in Milwaukee County. District 4 is also a Voting Rights Act district. The three "WOW" suburban counties (Waukesha, Ozaukee, Washington) surrounding Milwaukee and a portion of Milwaukee County are now united in a single district, District 5. District 1 covers portions of southern Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties, as well as all of Racine, Kenosha, Walworth, and Rock Counties along the Illinois border. District 4 is centered on Madison's Dane County and its neighbors in Columbia, Jefferson, and Green Counties, all exurbs of Madison. District 3 now more closely tracks the Driftless region of southwest Wisconsin while remaining compact, including the cities of La Crosse and Eau Claire as well as the southwestern Madison exurbs. District 6 is centered around Central Wisconsin rather than split between the interior and the coast as it was in the current map. District 7 includes all of the Wisconsin Northwoods, while District 8 remains centered on Green Bay, Appleton, and the lakeshore. The only notable split community of interest under this map are the Fox Cities (Appleton, Neenah, and surrounding communities) in Districts 6 and 8. This split is necessary to avoid forcing District 6 to take in the lakeshore counties that are part of District 8 in this map, which would reduce compactness and dilute the community of interest benefits of District 6 for the other communities of central Wisconsin. Either the lakeshore or Fox Cities must be split, and the Fox Cities split is much more compact and coherent than a lakeshore split would be.

While District 4 is not majority-Black, minority groups do compose a majority of the District as a collective (47.1% white). This is the only Voting Rights Act district in the state. Wisconsin state law with regard to congressional redistricting is quite unrestrictive. The only requirements are those mandated by federal law. This map complies with all federal standards and is therefore legal under Wisconsin law.