

I grew up, and live in, Lower Merion Township. I am the President of the League of Women Voters of Lower Merion and Narberth, a PA redistricting reform advocate having created and run the resolutions process for Fair Districts PA which now cover over 70% of Pennsylvania, former LWVPA Vice President of Government and Social Policy, and an election and voter rights attorney that has run statewide election protection programs.

Our League has composed the following talking points regarding the proposed House map:

- The proposed House map unnecessarily **divides Lower Merion School District**, the fastest-growing school district in PA, that will only continue to grow through the next decade.
- The proposed House map **is not “compact” under PA law** because it unfairly breaks Lower Merion and Narberth into two uneven districts and combines them with other communities in Montgomery County.
- The proposed House map unfairly **divides Lower Merion and Narberth again**. We are currently divided into four districts from the last redistricting.
- Even with the best-intentioned and hard-working representatives, the proposed House map unnecessarily **puts together different communities with different needs**.
- The proposed House map **impedes our elected officials’ ability to advocate effectively** and leads to confusion in the community as to who their legislator is.
- By keeping HD 148 and 149 similar to the current map in cracking Lower Merion and Narberth, the proposed House map **does not consider the population growth** over the last decade. (HD148 and 149 are in the top five largest population growth districts in fast growing SEPA.)
- At the expense of truly fair representation for our community, the proposed House map appears to **favor incumbents** by maintaining the shape of the current districts.
- The proposed House map **ignores historical districts and communities**, like Villanova and Bryn Mawr, which are more likely to warrant a necessary split in municipalities due to population, but would still allow for most of Lower Merion and Narberth to be together in one compact district.
- The proposed House map **dilutes our voices and representational power in Harrisburg** despite being the largest township in Montgomery County, and with Narberth Borough, larger than most PA cities at 68,125 people.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



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