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- [Click here](#) for volunteer photos prior to August 2024
- [Click here](#) for volunteer photos from August to December 2024
- [Click here](#) for photos of the signature turn in taken by Paul Becker
- [Click here](#) for a photo of the Common Cause Ohio Team at the Ohio Statehouse celebrating turning signatures.
- [Click here](#) for photos from the Fair Districts Thank you/Holiday party (50 participants; [photos](#))
- [Click here](#) for the Halloween post from Rachel Coyle

Common Cause Ohio staff worked with the Democracy Lab to create [this map](#) indicating where Ohioans could pick up yard signs and flyers.

Common Cause Ohio organized weekly meetings of regional Fair Districts leaders including leaders in Southwest Ohio ([running agenda](#); [Group Leader Guidance and Resources](#); [overview of signature collection](#)).

In addition, we provided numerous resources for volunteers to get involved, including through our Speakers Bureau and by engaging with local news outlets and social media:

- [Speakers Bureau Toolkit](#)
- [Speakers Bureau slides](#)
- [Tips for Letters to the Editor](#)

From June 2024 to March 2025, Common Cause Ohio helped organize Fair Districts All Volunteer Huddles:

- June 12 with 130 participants (featured author David Daley [slides](#); [recording](#))
- July 10 with 124 participants ([slides](#); [recording](#))
- August 14 with 166 participants (featured Katie Fahey of The People [slides](#); [recording](#))
- September 11 with 145 participants ([slides](#); [recording](#))

- October 9 with 175 participants (featured comedian Trae Crowder and Libertarian Travis Irving [slides](#); [recording](#))
- November 13 with 200 participants (featuring a review of 2024 work and Common Cause Director of Redistricting and Representation Dan Vicuna [slides](#); [recording](#))
- February 12 with 132 participants ([slides](#); [recording](#))

Materials: [Summer educational handout](#) [Disinfo quarter sheet](#) [Fair Districts business cards for volunteers](#)

Some news clips:

- [To get Ohio's elected leaders to listen, get involved](#), op-ed by Catherine Turcer, Crain's Cleveland Business, July 22, 2024
- [Backers of Ohio Redistricting Measure Vow Lawsuit over Ballot Language They Call 'Deceitful'](#), Associated Press, August 16, 2024
- [This year, you decide how Ohio addresses gerrymandering. Hear from both sides on Issue 1](#) (includes op-ed by Common Cause Ohio's CJ Wilson), Dayton Daily News, September 6, 2024
- [Untangled: How do we draw fair maps?](#), All Sides with Anna Staver (WOSU), features Sam Gresham, Common Cause Ohio Chair and Dan Vicuna, Common Cause's Redistricting Director, September 9, 2024
- [Ohio Issue 1 2024: What is it? Would it stop gerrymandering?](#), Chillicothe Gazette, September 13, 2024
- [The Redistricting Proposal That Could Transform Ohio Politics](#), The Nation, September 30, 2024
- [Questions about early voting in Ohio? Call 1-866-OUR-VOTE for help](#), WVXU, October 9, 2024
- [Analysis: Is the Ohio GOP driving down a dead-end street on Issue 1?](#), WVXU, October 15, 2024
- [We Are Ohio and Union Strong advocating for State Issue 1 in Lima](#), Hometown Stations ABC/Fox, October 17, 2024
- [21 News Political Panel: Political strategies and missteps in the final stretch](#), WFMJ, October 16, 2024
- [Debate on Issue 1 continues as Election Day nears](#), WCMH, October 24, 2024
- [Anti-Gerrymandering Groups Warn That Ohio's Ballot Language Is Misleading Voters](#), Bolts Magazine, October 28, 2024
- [Ohioans Reject Redistricting Reform, Protecting GOP Gerrymanders](#), Bolts Magazine, November 5, 2024
- [Would adding more legislators end Ohio's gerrymandering fight? This lawmaker thinks so](#), Cincinnati Enquirer, November 22, 2024

- [Republican state senator suggests more legislators, smaller districts](#), Toledo Blade, November 27, 2024
- [Government watchdogs say Cleveland City Council drew new ward maps in secret](#), Cleveland.com, January 10, 2025
- [Ohio senator proposes expanding legislature, simplifying initiated statute process](#), Ohio Capital Journal, February 3, 2025

Editorial support:

- [Akron Beacon Journal](#), Oct. 13: Ohio Issue 1 would give more power to voters. Here's how. *"We heartily endorse Issue 1 as a critical step in reforming Ohio's state government and attracting more moderate candidates to run in their party primaries with reasonable hopes of prevailing into a fair general election. Vote yes."*
- [Cincinnati Enquirer](#), Oct. 20: Issue 1 will end gerrymandering, returning power to Ohio's voters. *"When it's time to update political districts, Democratic and Republican lawmakers nationwide consistently show they're more interested in protecting their seats and helping their party."*
- [Columbus Dispatch](#), Oct. 6: Editorial: Ohio Issue 1 would give more power to voters. Here's how. *"Make no mistake, Issue 1 will end gerrymandering and remove self-serving politicians from the process. Neither party would control the maps ... Ohio voters must seize power from greedy politicians when they head to the polls on or before Nov. 5."*
- [Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), Oct. 13: Yes on Issue 1, the Citizens Not Politicians redistricting amendment: endorsement editorial. *"In short, passage of Issue 1 will end gerrymandering in Ohio. We emphatically endorse it. Rarely do Ohioans have such an opportunity to improve their government ... We are passionate about Issue 1. Please vote 'yes.' Future generations will be glad we made this change."*
- [Lorain Chronicle Telegram](#), Sept. 26: Vote yes on Issue 1. *"Nevertheless, Issue 1 represents Ohioans' best chance to get congressional and state legislative districts that fairly and accurately reflect the Buckeye state's politics. That's what a majority of Ohio voters wanted in 2015 and 2018. In 2024, they might finally get their wish."*
- [Toledo Blade](#), Oct. 6: Yes on 1 to end gerrymandering. *"Ohio Issue 1 is recognition that state government belongs to citizens. Districts drawn by civic-minded Ohioans in public view can help restore trust in state government that has been eroded by constant scandal always tied to partisan political*

advantage. Issue 1 is an improvement on politician control of redistricting and should be approved by Ohio voters.

- [Warren Tribune Chronicle](#), Sept. 27: Don't fall for deceptive ballot language on Ohio Issue 1. *"A vote for Issue 1 is a vote to restore full and fair participation in the drawing of election districts in Ohio. A vote for Issue 1 is a vote to end decades of politicians in power conniving to preserve and expand that power."*