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## Brighton redistricting reform town hall

**WHO:** Voters Not Politicians, a non-partisan ballot committee to end gerrymandering, the manipulation of voting maps for political gain.

**WHAT:** Town hall discussions on the problems caused by gerrymandering and a proposed solution for Michigan voters to appear on the November 6 ballot.

WHEN: Friday, October 19, 2018 at 6:30pm-8:00pm

WHERE: St. Paul's Episcopal Church | 200 W St Paul St, Brighton, Michigan 48116

**WHY:** To inform voters about Proposal 2, an amendment to the Michigan State Constitution to reform the process for redrawing congressional and state legislative district boundaries through an Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission.

**DETAILS:** Currently, politicians and lobbyists draw our voting maps behind closed doors. Voters Not Politicians is working to amend the state Constitution to establish an Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission that would empower voters to draw district lines through a series of open meetings. Proposal 2 has been certified for the November ballot in order to safeguard the rights of all citizens to have a voice and input in their democracy.

Using all volunteer petition circulators, the organization collected more than 425,000 signatures in 110 days to place the proposal on the November 2018 state ballot, well in excess of the 315,654 minimum required by law. Ending partisan gerrymandering is an important first step in solving our state's most important issues, like education, roads and safe water.

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Voters Not Politicians is a nonpartisan, volunteer-driven organization dedicated to passing a state constitutional amendment to end gerrymandering by taking politicians and lobbyists out of the redistricting process and putting Michigan citizens in charge. Learn more at www.votersnotpoliticians.com.