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State Redistricting Reform Commission plans public meeting in Erie

Erie, PA – The Pennsylvania Redistricting Reform Commission will hold a public meeting in Erie on Thursday, April 18, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Peninsula Room at Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St.

The meeting will be organized into two public comment sessions – one from 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and one from 5:40 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. Those wishing to speak directly with members of the commission will have to register on site prior to one of the comment sessions.

The meeting is free and open to the public, and residents are encouraged to attend even if they do not have a question directly for the commission members.

The Pennsylvania Redistricting Reform Commission was created by Gov. Tom Wolf in November to study best practices for nonpartisan redistricting and engage Pennsylvanians in discussion around the processes for drawing state legislative and congressional maps. The Erie meeting is the second of nine public meetings planned in communities around the state designed to allow residents to voice their thoughts, questions and concerns about redistricting processes.

Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper is one of 15 members on the bipartisan commission.

Residents are encouraged to submit feedback on the redistricting process online at www.governor.pa.gov/pa-redistricting-commission-feedback.

Staff from Draw the Lines PA, a nonpartisan citizen-mapping competition, will also be available at the Erie public hearing to provide demos of redistricting software as well as information on the group's Spring 2019 redistricting contest.

For more information on the Redistricting Reform Commission or the Erie meeting, please contact Patrick Christmas at 919-423-7281 or pchristmas@seventy.org.

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