

Introducing the Democracy Quilt—Physical and Virtual
“Hanging by a Thread” taken from Goshen
redistricting testimony

At League Day (January 6) in our State Library meeting space, we will be unveiling the Democracy Quilt project, a physical patchwork quilt comprised of 4.5" squares with the letters DEMOCRACY in white blocks superimposed and "hanging" by threads from a clothesline superimposed across the top. We will have a clothesline strung in the Library to which people can pin fabric squares on which they have written messages/statements (*Fair maps, Hear my Voice, My vote counts*, etc.) with fabric pens. We will continue to collect quilt squares until we have the requisite 440 squares. The quilt top will be assembled and it will be quilted over time, displayed at League and All IN for Democracy events to keep the issue of representation before the public. The physical quilt will be displayed in process to parallel the legislative process. We anticipate that the quilt may be finished before we actually have a more equitable process in place for redistricting, but we will continue to display it until we achieve democratic representation.

Our All IN for Democracy coalition will be developing a **virtual patchwork quilt** to parallel the physical one created by League members. The virtual quilt, much like virtual choirs, will be comprised of multiple windows of citizen testimony to the ICRC hearings about desirable mapping criteria.

In the Statehouse at the League Table on January 6, Paulette will have two large sets of maps, those adopted by the legislature and those proposed as amendments. The set of adopted maps will have **“Democracy Hanging by a Thread”** at the top and will be labeled **“adopted October 1, 2021”** on each of those three. The other set will have **“ICRC citizen-drawn maps proposed as amendments (motions failed)”**

Democracy Quilt Specifications:

Finished, the quilt will measure 84x90” using 2” trim

440 squares:

4 ½” to allow for ¼” seams

100% cotton

Solid or small print

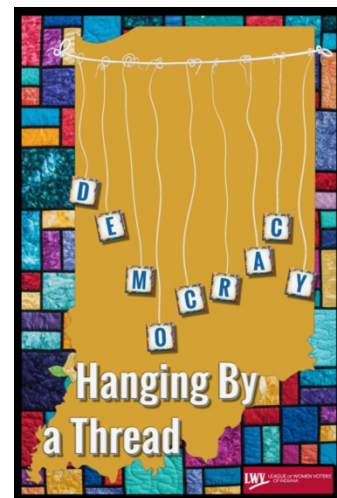
Ideal colors: blue, red, purple, green (but we can include a few others to emphasize diversity)

Fabric pens (available at JoAnne, Michael’s)

Medium to broad tips

White (to use on dark fabric)

Black (to use on light fabric)



Colors – okay if visible on fabric of choice
...to write short messages:
Count my vote!
My vote counts!
Hear my voice!
Fair Maps!
End Gerrymandering!

We'll welcome any completed squares (those with messages) or any 4½" square contributions to the launching of the project on January 6.

If your league would like to create larger sections, the easiest way to do that is to stitch squares into strips, using exact ¼" seams. The blocks must measure exactly 4" after seaming.

On January 6 we'll collect names of those who would like to help piece the quilt top or assemble or quilt it.

Virtual Patchwork Quilt

- All IN for Democracy coalition will be collecting video testimonies of individuals on January 6 to create a virtual quilt – which will ultimately be a produced video and used for email, social media and social media ads. We will also make direct asks to organization leaders to make videos of themselves.
- We will deliver copies of the video to representatives' offices.
- We ask all of our members to try to collect video too—using only their phones!
- Here's the question we will ask for each video:
 - Why do you believe that redistricting reform is critical to rebuilding our democracy?
- Quick steps on how to do this:
 - Identify five people in your community who are willing to make or be shot for a 30 second video
 - You can take the video of the person yourself or ask them to create the video and send it to you.
 - If you take the video, stand approximately two-three feet from them while shooting. Its important to get them from the waist up and make sure you can hear them. Aim for a quiet area while shooting. You should do a test video first (if possible).
 - We would like all video to be sent to us by Tuesday, January 11th.
 - Please send all video to Jenn Watts at jenn@wattschangeagency.com or you can upload the videos directly to our shared folder if files are too big to send:
 - https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_sc9ZD9KUYrn5WqpNcgAEHJNV6YpeE5Q?usp=sharing