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## Governor announces commission for 6th District redistricting

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Gov. Larry Hogan appointed a Frederick County resident to the Emergency Commission on 6th Congressional District Gerrymandering, his office announced Thursday.

Deborah Lundahl, a registered Republican in Frederick County, is one of two Republican citizen members Hogan appointed to the commission, which is tasked with redrawing the 6th Congressional District, which includes portions of Frederick County. The current district lines were rebuked in a federal court ruling in November in *Benisek v. Lamone*.

The Emergency Commission on 6th Congressional District Gerrymandering will be charged with developing new boundaries in an open and transparent manner to address all constitutional violations; made up of nine members, including three registered Democrats, three registered Republicans, and three registered voters not affiliated with either party; and the commission's meetings are required to be open to the public and live-streamed.

Hogan had already appointed three members to the commission, including U.S. District Judge Alexander Williams, a registered Democrat, and Walter Olson, a registered Republican and senior fellow at the CATO Institute for Constitutional Studies. The two will serve as co-chairs of the commission. League of Women Voters administrator Ashley Oleson, who is unaffiliated, had also previously been appointed to the commission.

Lundahl, the lone Frederick County resident appointed Thursday, serves on the county's Ethics Commission.

She is a former public information officer for the Carroll County government and nursing home program coordinator for the Montgomery County Board of Elections.

Along with Lundahl, Hogan appointed:

- Maury Epner, a registered Republican in Montgomery County.
- Christopher Howard, a registered Democrat living in Anne Arundel County.
- Luis Gutierrez Jr., a registered Democrat who resides in Montgomery County.
- Matthew Douglas is registered as an unaffiliated voter in Montgomery County.
- Kathleen Jo Parson Tabor, an unaffiliated voter who resides in Howard County.

“Free and fair elections are the very foundation of American democracy and the most basic promise that those in power can pledge to the citizens we represent,” Hogan said in a statement. “This nonpartisan redistricting commission will result in a fair, open, and transparent redistricting process for the sixth congressional district.”

