

You are invited to join
League of Women Voters® of the Fairfax Area
and OneVirginia2021: Virginians for Fair Redistricting
for a special screening of



TURNING DEMOCRACY ON ITS HEAD

Cinema Arts Theater (Fair City Mall)
9650 Main Street | Fairfax, VA 22031

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017
7pm FREE Screening
8pm Q&A with Panel

Film Screening of "GerryRIGGED" and Panel. The Community Idea Stations and OneVirginia2021 have joined forces to produce a statewide public television documentary, ***GerryRIGGED: Turning Democracy On Its Head***. This one-hour documentary will bring awareness to the impact of gerrymandering, and explore how Virginia can progress from a system where legislators create their own districts toward a system that makes sense for true representative government.

Gerrymandering is the deliberate manipulation of legislative district boundaries for political gain. In Virginia, both Democrats and Republicans have engaged in this practice to distort the electoral process, promote the party in power, and turn competitive districts into non-competitive ones. The Washington Post has called ending gerrymandering "the biggest ethics issue facing the state."

This film will examine the historical context and consequences of gerrymandering through a multi-partisan lens that includes Republicans, Democrats, Independents, Libertarians, and the Tea Party. The documentary will explore the impact on communities and individual lives by including testimonials from strategists, political consultants, and map drawers, and by incorporating interviews with the men and women in politics who have the most to win - and perhaps lose - through reform.

"Gerrymandering is the enemy of representative government. It deliberately manipulates the system to take away from voters the very choice that should be a hallmark of our system," says program producer William Oglesby. "We hope with this documentary to help citizens understand that this isn't the way it has to be; that the voters have a right to choose their representatives rather than the representatives choose them."



OneVirginia2021 is committed to education and advocacy, with a multi-partisan approach that includes Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. We believe that state and congressional districts belong to the citizens of our Commonwealth, and not to any legislator, political party, or special interest.

