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WORCESTER-AREA LEGISLATORS ANNOUNCE REDISTRICTING HEARING AT CLARK UNIVERSITY

Worcester – Worcester-area legislators today announced that the Special Joint Committee on Redistricting will hold a public hearing at Clark University in Worcester starting at 6:00 PM on Monday, April 11, 2011.

“I encourage members of the public to attend the hearing and to express their views,” said Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury). “This process will determine representation in Congress, both Houses of the Legislature, and the Governor’s Council for the next ten years. It is important for the public to take advantage of the opportunity to have input.”

“I’m glad that the residents of the Worcester area will have the opportunity to weigh in on the important issue of redistricting,” said Senator Harriette L. Chandler (D-Worcester). “I always encourage constituents from my district to participate in public hearings, and this will be a great opportunity to be a part of the redistricting process.”

Representative John J. Binienda (D-Worcester), Chairman of the House Committee on Rules, said, “This is an opportunity every member of the public should be taking advantage of. Their voices, their opinions and their perspectives are very important for the redistricting committee to take into consideration. The effects of legislative redistricting reverberate for a long time and it’s important that the final plan is as fair as possible, and to that extent we need public participation.”

“This is a chance for the citizens of Central Massachusetts to testify in front of the committee on redistricting, giving our communities the chance to share their thoughts on the process and how the legislature should re-draw legislative district lines,” said Representative Vincent A. Pedone (D-Worcester).

“I want to commend Chairmen Moran and Rosenberg for their leadership on the Special Joint Committee on Redistricting and for their efforts to uphold a transparent and fully open process in gathering public input. I know the citizens of 14th Worcester District will take full advantage of the opportunity to be part of this decade’s redistricting,” said Representative Jim O’Day (D-West Boylston).

“Redistricting only happens once every ten years and will affect the Commonwealth and our community. This is your opportunity to speak out and let your voice be heard. I hope to see you at the meeting.” stated Representative John P. Fresolo (D-Worcester).

“This is the real nuts and bolts of democracy,” said State Representative John J. Mahoney (D-Worcester). “Our area is fortunate to have so many politically-conscious people who value and exercise their right to vote. Redistricting is a foundational piece of the political process and I hope the public takes this opportunity to make itself heard.”

“This is a great opportunity for citizens to weigh in on what they would like to see as it relates to redistricting”,

stated Representative George N. Peterson (R-Grafton). "I encourage individuals to share their thoughts and ideas at this upcoming hearing."

Representative Paul K. Frost (R-Auburn) is a member of the Joint Committee on Redistricting said, "It is important for the people of Worcester County and Central Massachusetts to be heard regarding this process especially when it comes to our congressional seats."

"I hope that everyone who is able to attend Monday's hearing at Clark University can do so," said Representative Matthew A. Beaton (R-Shrewsbury). "I am looking forward to it, particularly seeing as how Shrewsbury was one of the towns in the Commonwealth that saw one of the highest increases in population over the last ten years. The insights that the redistricting panel will be able to provide coupled with the public's questions and concerns will hopefully yield some fascinating insights into the entire process and how our area will be represented for the next decade."

For those that cannot attend the hearing, the Committee hosts a website at www.malegislature.gov/redistricting that provides redistricting information, the full hearing schedule and locations, and a contact page for residents of the Commonwealth to submit questions, comments, or materials.

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