

## **COMMISSION MEMBERS ACT AS PANELISTS, DISCUSS FUTURE OF REDISTRICTING**

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Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission (OCMC) members Herb Asher and Mark Wagoner participated in “Making Ohio’s Electoral System a National Model,” on Wednesday, December 10, an event co-hosted by The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law and the Bipartisan Policy Center. The panel discussion, moderated by John Fortier, director of the Bipartisan Policy Center’s Democracy Project focused on the future of redistricting in Ohio.

Asher, chair of the OCMC Liaisons with Public Offices Committee, spoke to the significant role the commission has played in examining redistricting stating that it has worked alongside other governmental groups and the League of Women Voters to address the ongoing issues raised by current redistricting efforts.

Wagoner, chair of the OCMC Organization and Administration Committee, shared his optimism that the General Assembly will move on the issue of redistricting and that now is the prime time to do so. He noted that if nothing is done with redistricting soon that it will most likely be the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission’s role to broker a “grand compromise” between the Senate and House.

### **About the Commission**

The OCMC was created in 2011 by the 129<sup>th</sup> Ohio General Assembly in House Bill 188. It is modeled after the Ohio Constitutional Revision Commission of the 1970s. For more information regarding the work of the OCMC, please visit [www.ocmc.ohio.gov](http://www.ocmc.ohio.gov).

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