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## **Bar Games for Democracy: History Center Event to Explore the Impact of Gerrymandering**

***-Hosted in partnership with Draw the Lines PA, the event is part of the History Center's America 101 initiative-***

PITTSBURGH, July 10, 2018 – The Smithsonian-affiliated Senator John Heinz History Center will host **Slay the Gerrymander: Bar Games for Democracy** in partnership with Draw the Lines PA on Friday, July 20 at 6 p.m.

The public program will educate attendees about the issue of gerrymandering and explore its impact on our democracy – both in Pennsylvania and on a national scale. Guests are invited to engage with this timely topic during an evening of bar games, prizes, food, drinks, and conversation.

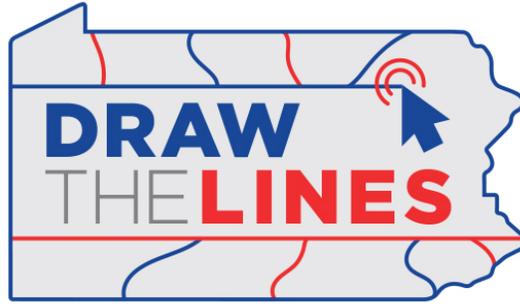
Interactive activities will include drawing a voting map to share with legislators, attempting to piece together the infamous gerrymandered Pennsylvania puzzle, test driving Draw the Lines' new "District Builder" software, and having timely conversations with other civically-engaged Pennsylvanians.

Admission to this program is \$10 per person and includes a complimentary drink ticket and a free pass for a future visit to the History Center. Admission does not include access to museum exhibitions. All proceeds benefit the History Center and Draw the Lines PA. Register online at [www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events).

Bar Games for Democracy is presented as part of the History Center's **America 101** initiative, which engages and inspires the public to learn American history through public programs, educational outreach, and special exhibitions.



**Draw the Lines (DTL)** is a statewide digital mapping competition to engage Pennsylvania's voters and students in this process, which rightfully belongs to the electorate. Using the same digital technology as the political pros, DTL will empower Pennsylvania's voters young and old to "Seize the Pen" so that citizens are the ones who draw the lines. More information is available at [www.drawthelinespa.org](http://www.drawthelinespa.org).



**The Senator John Heinz History Center**, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and the largest history museum in Pennsylvania, presents American history with a Western Pennsylvania connection. The Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum is a museum within a museum, comprehensively presenting the region’s remarkable sports story through hundreds of artifacts and interactive experiences for visitors of all ages. The History Center and Sports Museum are located at 1212 Smallman Street in the city’s Strip District, and are open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The History Center’s museum system includes the Sports Museum; the Fort Pitt Museum in historic Point State Park; and Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, a National Historic Landmark located in Avella, Pa. in Washington County. More information is available at [www.heinzhistorycenter.org](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org).



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