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NEW YORK REDISTRICTING ROUNDTABLE UPDATE

New York Census and Redistricting Institute Upcoming Webinar

The Institute's next webinar will be Tuesday, October 26th at 6:00 PM featuring a discussion on draft congressional and state legislative maps released by the New York Independent Redistricting Commission. Please see the attached flyer for additional details. You can RSVP for this event at: nyls.edu/censusRSVP

NY Census and Redistricting Institute Event on October 16

The recording of the NY Census and Redistricting Institute's webinar on the pending NY Constitutional Amendment can be accessed here.

IRC Upcoming Hearings and Summaries

The New York State Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) has began its 14 series of public hearings. The NY Census and Redistricting Institute will be releasing summaries of the hearings each week. Attached are summaries for the Buffalo and Rochester hearings. Here are the remaining dates and locations:

October 25 - Southern Tier (Binghamton)

October 26 - Syracuse

October 27 - North Country (New Paltz)

November 1 - Albany

November 8 - White Plains

November 9 - Bronx

November 10 - New York County

November 15 - Richmond County

November 16 - Kings County

November 17 - Queens County

November 22 - Nassau County

November 23 - Suffolk County

Black New Yorkers for Fair Redistricting Coalition Meeting Schedule

The Center for Law and Social Justice reconvened the Black New Yorkers for Fair Redistricting Coalition (BNYFRC) to serve as an organizing vehicle for New Yorkers of African Descent to fight for and secure equitably drawn district lines in the 2021 redistricting cycle.

The meeting schedule is below and all of the virtual meeting dates and registration forms also be found here:

10/26 at 4pm - Bronx County https://www.clsj.org/event-details/bnyfrc-bronx-meeting/form

10/28 at 4pm - New York County (Manhattan) https://www.clsj.org/event-details/bnyfrc-manhattan-meeting/form

11/3 at 4pm - Richmond (Staten Island) & Kings (Brooklyn) Counties https://www.clsj.org/event-details/bnyfrc-brooklyn-staten-island-meeting/form

11/5 at 4pm - Queens County https://www.clsj.org/event-details/bnyfrc-queens-meeting/form

Redistricting and You Demonstration

Spectrum News' Nick Reisman provided a demonstration of the CUNY Mapping Center's new redistricting tool "Redistricting and You" and how users can compare current legislative maps to the two proposals released by the Independent Redistricting Commission. The recording can be viewed here.

Debate Over Onodaga County Legislative Districts Continues Between Two Comissioners

A recent article discusses the back and forth between members of the Onondaga County Redistricting Commission, tasked with proposing new legislative district lines, over the process. The commission is made up of three Republicans, two Democrats, and one Independent.

You can read the full article here.

Public Mapping Project Gets Underway

To participate please visit: https://app.districtbuilder.org/o/nvls

If you have any questions, please email Marissa Zanfardino at marissa.zanfardino@law.nyls.edu

Online Redistricting Resources

The <u>Digital Commons at New York Law School</u> will provide all redistricting publications by Jeff Wice and other members of the New York Census and Redistricting Institute. Access the digital commons here: https://digitalcommons.nyls.edu/ny-census-and-redistricting-institute/

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New York Census Data and Tools

<u>CUNY Mapping Center New York Tool:</u> The Mapping Service at the CUNY Graduate Center has launched a New York-specific version of its "Redistricting & You" online map, making it easy to compare proposed Independent Redistricting Commission proposed districts with existing lines. The map displays the "Names" and "Letters" district plans from the Commission compared with current congressional, state senate, and assembly districts. The map is fully interactive. https://newyork.redistrictingandyou.org/

<u>Redistricting Data Hub</u> has new trainings, resources, news, and the state population change charts. You can access the website

here: https://redistrictingdatahub.org/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwtrSLBhCLARIsACh6Rmhgic5YhW2i6d-NMevsRxe4E6Hf7geOlsOLCyX13-ERl9HWIBJuH_0aAsxZEALw_wcB

<u>American Statistical Association</u> released a Task Force Report on 2020 Census Analysis and Quality Indicators. You can access the report here: https://www.amstat.org/asa/files/pdfs/POL-CQI-Task-Force-final-report.pdf

Redistricting Primer and Informational Webinars

Please contact Jeff Wice (by reply email) if you would like to schedule an informational webinar on the state's redistricting process. A copy of the N.Y. Census & Redistricting Institute's basic primer on how New York redistricts can be accessed and downloaded here: https://www.nyls.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/NYCRI-Redistricting-Primer-PDF-0521-v1r6-locked.pdf