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November 8 Roundtable Update

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NEW YORK REDISTRICTING ROUNDTABLE UPDATE

IRC Upcoming Hearings and Summaries

The New York State Independent Redistricting Commission's (IRC) public hearings are now underway. The NY Census and Redistricting Institute will be releasing summaries of the hearings each week. A summary of the Albany hearing is attached. The remaining dates and locations include:

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

Redistricting Reform

Following the defeat of the redistricting reform amendment last week, there are still a few items that need to be addressed.

2022 election calendar: the redistricting commission now has a January 1, 2022 (with an extension to January 15, 2022 if needed) deadline to submit congressional, senate, and assembly districts to the legislature. If those maps are rejected, the commission has until February 28, 2022 to submit a second set of maps. If the commission does not send one set of maps to the legislature by January 15, 2022, the legislature should be able to enact new map legislation on its own.

Spring Primary petitioning usually gets underway in late February or early March. The legislature may need to consider ways to accommodate a Spring primary calendar if the commission needs to submit a second set of maps in February, 2022.

Prison gerrymandering: the legislature would have to enact a chapter law (approved by the Governor) to reallocate incarcerated individuals to their homes of record for congressional redistricting purposes, in a bill similar to the 2010 legislation that reallocated prison populations for the senate and assembly.

The New York City Unity Map Coalition Unveils its Maps for New York City

The Unity Map Coalition, comprised of the leading legal voting rights advocacy organizations representing people of color in New York City, unveiled its proposed Senate and Assembly redistricting plans for New York City last week., The Unity Map attempts to demonstrate that fair and equitable districts for all New Yorkers are possible, ensuring that all communities, particularly those most vulnerable, have full and fair political power and representation. You can read more and access the maps here: <https://www.latinjustice.org/en/news/aaldef-clsj-and-latinjustice-unity-map-coalition-propose-redistricting-plan-nyc>

Redistricting Commission Sends Map to Onondaga County Legislature

The Onondaga County redistricting commission approved a map with new legislative districts in a four to two vote. The map now heads to the county Legislature for a vote. You can read more here: <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/central-ny/news/2021/11/04/redistricting-commission-votes-on-new-district-maps>

Public Mapping Project Is Underway

The deadline for submissions for the Public Mapping Project is **November 24**.

To participate please visit: <https://app.districtbuilder.org/o/nyls>

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

Online Redistricting Resources

The Digital Commons at New York Law School 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

CUNY Mapping Center New York Tool: 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/>

Redistricting Data Hub has new trainings, resources, news, and the state population change charts. You can access the website here: https://redistrictingdatahub.org/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwtrSLBhCLARIsACh6Rmhgic5YhW2i6d-NMevsRxe4E6Hf7geOlsOLCyX13-ERI9HWIBJuH_0aAsxZEALw_wcB

American Statistical Association 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>