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October 21: Rochester Public Hearing

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The following material consists of themes and key points raised during the public hearings planned by the NYS Independent Redistricting Commission after the release of their preliminary maps. It also provides a list of organizations from each region that were identified and the communities of concern that were raised.

Access the NYS Independent Redistricting website [here](#). Watch or listen to all sessions [here](#).

Rochester Hearings Key Takeaways: The Rochester public hearing took place on October 21, 2021, and lasted about 50 minutes. Most speakers were constituents of the counties and towns they testified about. The majority of concerns were either about the creation of city-centric districts and the preservation of the Southern Tier as its own district. There was also a concern raised about the lack of diversity on the commission and an urge to do a better job of reaching minority communities.

Organizations Named:

- There were no named organizations.

Communities of Concern and Specific Issues:

- 19th Ward (should be included in Rochester centric district)
- Allegheny County and Wellsville (should be kept with the Southern Tier and the Southern Tier should be kept together and not tied to a northern district)
- City-centric districts (there were concerns that there should be city-centric districts created to maintain communities of interest)
- Greece (should be put with Rochester as these have similar interests)
- Maplewood (should not be divided into two separate districts)
- Monroe and Rochester (should be preserved as one district)
- Pittsford (should not be linked with Livingston because Livingston is more rural; should be put in the 135 Assembly District)
- Tioga County (should be the eastern border for the Southern Tier)

You can view the specific hearing for Rochester [here](#).