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## November 29 Roundtable Update

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## **NEW YORK REDISTRICTING ROUNDTABLE UPDATE**

### **IRC Upcoming Hearings and Summaries**

The New York State Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) series of public hearings are wrapping up. The NY Census and Redistricting Institute has released summaries of the hearings each week. Attached are summaries for the Nassau County, Suffolk County, and a complete summary all of the 14 hearings. The remaining dates and locations include:

December 5 – Statewide via ZOOM at 2:00 PM

For exact locations and to register to testify, please go to <https://nyirc.gov/meetings#testify-in-person>

To view hearing summaries by date, visit our Digital Commons page (see link below).

### **Unity Map Coalition Releases Congressional Map**

On Tuesday, November 23rd, the Unity Map Coalition, an alliance of legal and voting rights advocacy organizations representing people of color in New York City, released its proposed Congressional redistricting plan for New York City.

The plan endeavored to keep communities of interest intact, seeking to ensure that divided communities do not fall disproportionately on New Yorkers of color. The coalition was able to contain Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park in a single congressional district. It also united the communities of Ocean Hill and Brownsville in a congressional district and joined Flatbush and East Flatbush in another Congressional district

### **Governor Hochul Approves Redistricting Legislation**

Governor Kathy Hochul approved legislation (A.7948/S.7150) to require the State Independent Redistricting Commission forward all redistricting plans (both complete and incomplete) to the legislature in the event that the Commission does not take votes on plans. For more information, please see: <https://bit.ly/3D5DVq8>

### **Onondaga County Legislative Redistricting Vetoed; 'Racial Gerrymandering' Could be Costly**

Onondaga County Executive Ryan McMahan vetoed a county legislative map approved by the county legislature. McMahan told the legislative leaders he wants concerns of racial gerrymandering addressed. For more information

please see: <https://www.syracuse.com/news/2021/11/onondaga-county-to-redraw-district-maps-where-racial-gerrymandering-could-be-costly.html>

## Redistricting Data Hub Upcoming Trainings

The Redistricting Data Hub provides trainings on how to get involved using the data that the Redistricting Data Hub hosts, how to participate and access resources, and provides demonstrations on mapping tools that use data to draw Community of Interest and District Maps. There is an upcoming training session on Racially Polarized Voting (RPV) on November 16 at 1 pm, a Data Sets and Analysis RPV training on November 30 at 1 pm, and an issues with and guidance for using RPV data on December 6 at 1 pm. For more information please visit: <https://redistrictingdatahub.org/engage/training/>.

## Public Mapping Project Complete

Thank you to those of you who participated in the Public Mapping Project.

Completed submissions will be posted on our Digital Commons Page.

If you have any questions, please email Marissa Zanfardino at [marissa.zanfardino@law.nyls.edu](mailto:marissa.zanfardino@law.nyls.edu)

## Online Redistricting Resources

The [Digital Commons at New York Law School](#) provides 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/>  
[Redistricting Online](#) and its partners believe that redistricting information from all 50 states (including law, data, news, policy, and research) should be easily accessible. In collaboration with the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and New York Law School, we have created this nonpartisan, multimedia, knowledge hub to give redistricting a trusted, permanent home on the web. Access the website here: <https://redistrictingonline.org/>

## 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-NMevsRxe4E6Hf7qeOIsOLCyX13-ERI9HWIBJuH\\_0aAsxZEALw\\_wcB](https://redistrictingdatahub.org/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwtrSLBhCLARIsACh6Rmhgic5YhW2i6d-NMevsRxe4E6Hf7qeOIsOLCyX13-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>