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October 26: Syracuse 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](#).

Syracuse Hearing Key Takeaways: The Syracuse public hearing took place on October 26, 2021, and only had three testifiers. There were concerns raised about keeping districts competitive, gerrymandering, and keeping communities whole.

Organizations Named:

- Orleans County Democrats

Communities of Concern and Specific Issues:

- Cortland and Otsego: keep counties competitive
- Madison, Cortland, and Otsego: keep counties together to maintain a competitive district; keep separate from Syracuse
- Oswego: keep whole within single districts

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