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November 8: White Plains 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.

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White Plains Hearing Key Takeaways: The White Plains public hearing took place on November 8, 2021, and lasted about four hours. The majority of concerns were about preserving congressional district 16 and keeping South Westchester with North Bronx. There were also many concerns about the division of Ramapo. Concerns were raised about not prioritizing geography over communities of interest.

Organizations Named:

- Concerned Families of Westchester
- Hispanic Democrats of Westchester
- League of Women Voters, Larchmont & Mamaroneck
- League of Women Voters, Scarsdale
- League of Women Voters, Westchester County

Communities of Concern and Specific Issues:

- Baychester: keep within a North Bronx and Southern Westchester district
- CD 16: should remain intact
- Edgemont: should not be divided between congressional districts; keep with Scarsdale and White Plains
- Hastings: should be with CD 17
- Larchmont & Mamaroneck: should be considered as one community; should be with Westchester and Long Island Sound communities
- Lewisboro: keep in the same Assembly District as Bedford, North Salem, and Pound Ridge; communities of interest
- New Rochelle, Mount Vernon, & Yonkers: should not be separated
- North Bronx & South Westchester: keep in the same district; community of interest
- North Salem: keep in one Assembly district
- North Salem, Pound Ridge, & Mount Kisco: keep in the same Assembly district
- Peekskill: remain in CD 17; different than Putnam County
- Pound Ridge, Bedford, & Mount Kisco: should be kept together
- Ramapo: do not divide; keep in the same district
- Rye: keep the Village of Rye Brook in the same district as Rye
- Rye & Portchester: keep in the same district

- Saugerties: should be within the Mid-Hudson region; should not be placed with city districts like Albany and Troy
- Scarsdale: should not be divided
- Ulster County: keep together
- Westchester, Greenburgh, and Rockland: keep river towns in one congressional district
 - The district should be north-south instead of east-west
- Yonkers, Riverdale, Northern Bronx, and Westchester: keep together

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