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November 10: New York County 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](#).

New York County Hearing Key Takeaways: The New York County public hearing took place on November 10, 2021, and lasted about four hours. The majority of concerns were about keeping the West Side and the East Side separate and maintaining these historic districts. There were also concerns raised about not dividing communities of interest such as Chinatown. Concerns were raised over the dilution of racial minorities' political power.

Organizations Named:

- APA Voice
- Chinese Progressive Association
- New York Jewish Agenda
- Unity Map Coalition
 - Latino Justice PRLDEF
 - Center for Law and Social Justice at Medgar Evers College
 - Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund

Communities of Concern and Specific Issues:

- Carnegie Hall: keep with an east-side district
- Community Boards: should not be split between districts
- CD 12: Upper East Side, Roosevelt Island, Long Island City, and Astoria should be kept together
- CD 13 and 15: should not be joined together
- CD 14: concerns over the elimination of this district
- Chinatown: concerns over the division of Chinatown
- Chinatown and Lower East Side: keep together
- Chinatown and Sunset Park: keep together in a congressional district; community of interest
- Dilution of minority voices and votes
 - There were concerns raised about the splitting of communities of interest and performing districts.
 - There were also concerns raised about population growth being reflected in districts.
- Eastside and west side districts: keep separate and intact
- East Harlem: should be unified
- Eastside medical corridor: should be kept in one district

- Hamilton Heights: concerns over division; take SD 29 out of Upper West Side
- Hells Kitchen: should be kept intact with an eastside district
 - Boundaries:
 - 8th Avenue to the east, the river to the west, 34th street to the south, and 59th street to the north
- Koreatown: keep with an eastside district
- Lower Manhattan: keep together; Battery Park City, Financial District, Seaport are communities of interest
- Morningside Heights: should be with the Upper West Side and not Harlem
 - Boundaries:
 - North-South: 110-125th
 - East-West: Morningside Park to Riverside Park
- Roosevelt Island: keep with the Upper East Side
- Stanley Isaac Houses: currently with AD 68 but should be with AD 73
- Stuy Town: keep in one district
- Yorkville, Stuy Town, and Upper East Side: keep together; community of interest

You can view the specific hearing for New York County [here](#).