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November 15: Richmond 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](#).

Richmond County Hearing Key Takeaways: The Richmond County public hearing took place on November 15, 2021, and lasted an hour and a half. There were concerns raised about maps reflecting the increases in populations of communities of African descent. There were also concerns raised about racial and partisan gerrymandering.

Organizations Named:

- 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:

- CD 11: should get remaining population from directly over the bridge in Brooklyn
- North Shore of Staten Island:
 - Should be kept together at all levels of districting
- SD 23: should not include Coney Island
 - Should include Port Richmond, West Brighton, North Shore of Staten Island, St. George, Mariners Harbor, New Brighton, and Stapleton
 - Should extend into lower Manhattan

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