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January 31 Roundtable Update

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NEW YORK REDISTRICTING ROUNDTABLE UPDATE

New York State Legislature Proposed Maps

The Assembly and Senate posted the congressional (A.9039A/S.8172A) and maps on Sunday. The CUNY Mapping Service's "Redistricting and You" website has added the plan to Redistricting & You to help stakeholders evaluate the proposal.

Here is a link to one of the proposed

districts: https://newyork.redistrictingandyou.org/?districtType=cd&propA=current_2012&propB=congress_latfor_20220130&selected=-77.686,43.197#%26map=8.21/43.327/-77.587

Here is the

bill: https://nyassembly.gov/leg/?default_fld=&leg_video=&bn=S08172&term=2021&Summary=Y&Memo=Y&Text=Y

Here is the data: https://latfor.state.ny.us/maps/?sec=2022_congress

Ithaca's Student Population Lands at the Center of the City's Redistricting Conversation

Students from Cornell University and Ithaca College are estimated to make up around two thirds of Ithaca's population when the semester is in session. The constituency fundamentally shapes the way representative districts are drawn in the city and even the county, and emerged as the central point of discussion at a public input session for both of the redistricting groups on Tuesday. The City of Ithaca's Redistricting Working Group and Tompkins County Independent Redistricting Commission held a joint meeting to gather public input and guidance as they prepare to redraw the city's wards and county's legislature districts. For

more: <https://ithacavoices.com/2022/01/ithacas-student-population-lands-at-the-center-of-the-citys-redistricting-conversation/>

Mapping Our Future Campaign Updates & Calls to Action

Advocates and community members will be holding an emergency rally on Monday, January 31st at 11am at 250 Broadway in Manhattan, to demand a public hearing and fair districts that keep communities together. Please see the flyer for the rally below, and join us if you are able to attend.

The Mapping Our Future coalition will be holding a virtual press briefing next Tuesday, February 1st at 10am, to be hosted by the NYIC and coalition partners. Panelists will

present on the latest developments in the redistricting process and on how the maps that the State Legislature will be voting on will impact minority voting rights and representation for their communities. To join the event via Zoom please use this link.

Common Cause NY has created an excellent tool for individuals to send letters to the State Legislature's LATFOR redistricting task force. Sending a letter via email using the tool takes under one minute— please send a letter today, and share with others.

Request for LATFOR to Hold a Public Hearing

Nearly 60 organizations signed a letter requesting LATFOR to hold a public hearing before the Legislature votes on its maps. Please see the attached for a copy of the updated letter.

Draw Democracy: New York Needs a Truly Independent Redistricting Commission

The #DrawDemocracy Campaign released a statement about the Commission's failure. Please see the attached document for the full statement.