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February 7 Roundtable Update

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NEW YORK REDISTRICTING ROUNDTABLE UPDATE

Statements on New York Redistricting Plans

The League of Women Voters released a statement on February 1st, 2022 on the Congressional, Senate, and Assembly maps released by the legislature. Please see the attached for the complete statement.

The New York Immigration Coalition also released a statement. The following link includes the release from NYIC as well as quotes from the panelist from their recent event. For more visit: <https://www.nyic.org/2022/02/after-release-of-new-district-maps-advocates-assess-impact-on-nys-4-4-million-immigrants/>

Common Cause released a statement on the proposed congressional maps. For the complete statement please visit: <http://readme.readmedia.com/Common-Cause-NY-on-Proposed-NY-Congressional-Maps/18367670>

New York Congressional Map Analysis

FiveThirtyEight: This website includes a partisan breakdown of the proposed map in New York. The analysis concluded that the changes include an increase of three Democratic-leaning seats, a decrease of three Republican-leaning seats, and a decrease of one highly competitive seat. The website also includes an analysis of the competitiveness and fairness of New York's maps, the democratic and partisan breakdown of the proposed map, and an update on the latest in New York. For more visit: https://projects.fivethirtyeight.com/redistricting-2022-maps/new-york/democratic_proposal/

PlanScore: PlanScore bases its scores on predicted precinct-level votes for each office built from past election results and the U.S. Census data. According to the website analysis, the efficiency gap shows votes for Democratic candidates expected to be inefficient at a rate of 5.4% lower than Republican candidates, favoring Democrats in 89% of predicted scenarios. The website also includes district data and a predicted 78% D / 22% R seat share across scenarios* vs. 61% D / 39% R vote share. For more visit: <https://planscore.campaignlegal.org/plan.html?20220202T150656.896112064Z>

Dave's Redistricting App (DRA): The plans have been uploaded into DRA.

Congress: <https://davesredistricting.org/maps#viewmap::8cc3d1a0-e8ea-4728-b1bf-316ed44ce3bb>

Senate: <https://davesredistricting.org/maps#viewmap::3a79eddd-3bf9-47c9-b967-2ab3305c907a>

Assembly: <https://davesredistricting.org/maps#viewmap::fc23f3f9-0ed1-4919-8261-db5da47bc583>

CUNY Redistricting and You: Redistricting & You includes a feature to compare current districts with post-2020 proposed plans. You can visit the site [here](#).

Webinar: February 8; Updates and Answers on Redistricting and Re-Weighting County Voting Systems

With questions still coming in from county planners, legislators, supervisors, attorneys, etc.; we have decided to offer a webinar on how to interpret and implement the new state law requiring that counties follow specific criteria included in the new 2021 law.

This webinar will cover the criteria and rules and answer any outstanding questions counties may have as they continue to plan for redistricting or re-weighting their voting system.

The program will be presented by Jeffrey Wice, Gerald Benjamin, and Joshua Simmons. It will take place on February 8, 2022, from 10:00 am- 11:00 am. You can register for the webinar [here](#).

As GOP Sues Over New Political Maps, Groups in Marginalized Communities Weigh Doing the Same

Members of a coalition of New York City groups representing communities of color say they may join Republicans suing to block newly redrawn congressional maps signed into law by Democratic state lawmakers and Gov. Kathy Hochul. The advocates claim that lawmakers unfairly divided Black, Latino, and Asian populations and spread them among several districts, reducing voters' chances to elect representatives from those groups. These claims follow the lawsuit filed by a group of Republicans that alleges that "the Democratic Party politicians who control the New York Legislature and Governor's office brazenly enacted a congressional map that is undeniably politically gerrymandered in their party's favor." The full complaint is attached. You can access the full article [here](#).

New York City Council Appointees to the Districting Commission

The Council Majority leader appointed five commissioners on Monday. The Districting Commission Appointees include Maf Misbah Uddin (Queens), Kristen Johnson (Brooklyn), Gregory W. Kirschenbaum (Manhattan), Yovan Samuel Collado (Bronx), and Michael P. Schnall (Staten Island).

The Council Minority Leader appointed three commissioners on Monday. Mac Wurzel, who was a member of the last two commissions, will again serve on this one. The other two appointees are Kevin Hanratty, a Queens attorney, and Darrin Porcher.