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November 22: Nassau 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.

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Nassau County Hearing Key Takeaways: The Nassau County public hearing took place on November 22, 2021, and lasted about an hour and a half. There were many concerns raised about keeping Nassau County separate from Queens County. There were also concerns raised about not dividing communities of interest and keeping communities whole. Lastly, many testified about keeping the corridor (Freeport, Roosevelt, Hempstead, Uniondale, and Westbury) together.

Organizations Named:

- Black Voters Matter
- Elmont Culture Center
- Hempstead Hispanic Civic Association
- Long Island Hispanic Bar Association
- Make the Road New York
- NAACP New York State Conference

Communities of Concern and Specific Issues:

- AD 18: keep intact
- Baldwin: take out of AD 18; put with the “corridor”
- CD 4: should not be in Queens County; should remain intact otherwise
- Elmont: keep separate from Queens and keep with Nassau County
- Freeport, Roosevelt, Hempstead, Uniondale, and Westbury (keep together; community of interest)
- Lakeview: should not be with Rockville Centre
- Southwest Nassau and Queens: keep separate
- Village of Lawrence: keep whole and do not put with the five towns

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