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## November 23: Suffolk 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](#).

**Suffolk County Hearing Key Takeaways:** The Suffolk County public hearing took place on November 23, 2021, and lasted about an hour and a half. There were many concerns raised about keeping the three villages together (Stony Brook, Setauket, and Old Field). There were also concerns raised about not keeping Gordon Heights whole. Lastly, there were concerns raised about keeping communities of African descent together (Gordon Heights, Setauket, Coram).

Organizations Named:

- SEPA Mujer

Communities of Concern and Specific Issues:

- Brentwood: keep whole; do not crack greater Brentwood area
- Brentwood, Islip, and East Islip: should be together in a district
- CD 1: keep intact
  - Brookhaven should remain in CD 1
- Gordon Heights: do not split between districts; community of interest
  - Should be with Setauket
- Stony Brook and Brookhaven: should be together
- Three Villages: should be together; should be with Port Jefferson and Brookhaven

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