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## April 11 Roundtable Update

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### NEW YORK REDISTRICTING ROUNDTABLE UPDATE

# New York State Redistricting Update: *Harkenrider et al. v. Hochul et al.*

On April 7th, oral arguments were heard via a teleconference hearing conducted by Rochesterbased Appellate Division Judge Stephen Lindley. After reviewing party submissions and arguments, Judge Lindley granted in part the state respondents' application for a stay of the order issued by Steuben County-based Judge Patrick McAllister on March 31st. The stay applies to the provisions of Judge McAllister's order that would have prevented the state from "implementing any of the recently enacted 2022 maps for this or any other election in New York, including but not limited to the 2022 primary and general election for Congress, State Senate, and State Assembly."

The stay will allow candidates for Congress, State Senate, and Assembly to file designating petitions by the statutory March 7<sup>th</sup> deadline and to allow the boards of elections to accept the petitions.

The stay also applied to the provision of Judge McAllister's order that struck the recently enacted state redistricting legislation "from the books" and the requirement that the legislature enact new maps with bipartisan support to the lower court by today (April 11<sup>th</sup>)

The stay will not prohibit Judge McAllister from retaining a neutral outside expert to prepare a proposed Congressional map in case it is ever needed. Any map developed by an expert will have no force or effect unless and until the Court of Appeals affirms Judge McAllister's order.

The stay will remain in effect until the Appellate Division renders a decision on the state's appeal, scheduled for oral argument on April 20<sup>th</sup> before a judicial panel in Rochester. A quick decision is expected following oral arguments.

For the full decision, please see the attachment.

#### Long Island Redistricting

The Long Island Press takes a look at the redistricting process in Nassau and Suffolk counties in the April issue. To read the article, see <u>here</u>.

#### **Census: Greene County Biggest Landing Spot During Pandemic**

According to an article in Hudson Valley 360, Greene County saw the state's second largest surge in population from April 2020 to June 2021, followed by Sullivan County. Sullivan

gained 1,182 new residents (a 1.5% increase) while Greene picked up 568 new residents (a 1.2% percent increase). To read the article, see <u>here</u>.

#### NYC League of Women Voters Webinar on Redistricting & Elections

The NYC League of Women Voters hosts a webinar on redistricting and the elections featuring NYC Council Speaker Adrienne Adams and New York Law School's Jeff Wice on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. To register, please go to: https://bit.ly/3JpBJ00

#### **North Hempstead Commission Meets**

The Town of North Hempstead Redistricting Committee meets today at 7:00 PM for an organizational meeting.

#### **Albany County Redistricting Commission Hearing**

The Albany County Redistricting Commission and the Majority Minority Subcommittee will hold a joint hearing on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. For details, please see <u>https://bit.ly/3E1MOmQ</u>