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June 6 Roundtable Update

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NEW YORK REDISTRICTING ROUNDTABLE UPDATE

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

On **May 31**, Judge Patrick McAllister denied potential intervenor Parent Party's motion to intervene to extend the time period for collecting signatures and decreasing the signature requirements for the upcoming primary. The Intervenor motion to create a primary for the US Senate for August 23, 2022 was also denied. On **June 6**, the Parent Party intervenors appealed to the Appellate Division, Fourth Department.

LWV v. NYS BOE: New Lawsuit Challenge to Primary Date

On **May 25**, Judge Paul Engelmayer denied the LWV's preliminary relief in its entirety. The LWV's request for relief included enjoining the BOE from holding the primary election for New York offices on June 28th and aligning the statewide primary to August 23rd. The relief requested also included directing the BOE to extend the time period to no later than June 20 for signatures for independent nominating positions. The LWV appealed to the Second Circuit on **May 26**.

LWV v. NYS BOE: New Lawsuit Challenge to Assembly

The League of Women Voters appealed the denial of their petition that argued that the BOE failed to perform its duty imposed on it by law when it certified the 2022 Assembly primary ballot without first properly configuring the Assembly district maps as required by the 2014 Constitutional Amendment. On **June 14**, the Court of Appeals dismissed, without costs, the appeal upon the ground that no constitutional question is directly involved. The decision is attached.

Nichols et al v. Hochul et al: New Lawsuit Challenges Assembly Map in New York County Supreme Court

Nichols appealed the decision that authorized use of the procedurally defective Assembly maps for the 2022 elections. On **June 14**, the Court of Appeals dismissed, without costs, the appeal upon the ground that no constitutional question is directly involved. The decision is attached. There still is the need for a remand action in the Manhattan Supreme Court to remedy the Assembly maps for use in the 2024 elections.

Governor Hochul Signs the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act

Today, Governor Hochul signed the New York Voting Rights Act into law. The law creates new legal protections against denying and abridging the right of minority New Yorkers to vote. The law creates a right of action against vote dilution. One remedy includes implementing new or revised districting or redistricting plans. The law also creates preclearance coverage to ensure that the right to vote is not denied or abridged on account of race, color, or language-minority group as a result of the enactment or implementation of a covered policy by a covered entity.

Dominican Bar Association Webinar on Redistricting and Local Communities

On **June 22 at 7:00 pm** the Dominican Bar Association is hosting a redistricting event to discuss its dangers and benefits to local communities. Latino Justice's Cesar Ruiz will present a webinar on redistricting and its importance and impact on local communities in a program sponsored by the Dominican Bar Association.