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## June 13 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 intervenors Parent Party, Tyrell Ben-Avi, Mark Braiman, Upstate Jobs Party and Unite New York's motions to intervene to extend the time period for collecting signatures and decreasing the signature requirements for the upcoming primary. The Intervenor's motion to create a primary for the US Senate for August 23, 2022 was also denied.

### **Federal- *League of Women Voters (LWV) v. NYS Board of Elections: 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 28<sup>th</sup> and aligning the statewide primary to August 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

### **State- *LWV v. NYS BOE: New Lawsuit Challenge to Assembly***

On **June 2**, Judge Henry Zwack of the Albany Supreme Court denied the League of Women Voters Article 78 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. Judge Zwack stated the League's arguments were neither timely, novel, nor accurate. Here, there is simply no authority for the Court to avoid the clear statutory deadlines for any present challenge to the 2022 Assembly primary election. On June 3, the LWV appealed to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, Third Judicial Department.

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

On **Thursday, June 9**, the Appellate Division, First Department in Manhattan will hear the appeal of Nichols v. Hochul at 2:00 pm. Appellants will have 15 minutes of argument time and respondents will also have 15 minutes of argument time.

### **New York City Districting Commission Meets Today**

The NYC Districting Commission will discuss a revised calendar for the districting process and an expanded slate of public hearings at its scheduled meeting at 6:00 PM on June 6th, at La Guardia Community College in Queens.

While June 7th was the initial deadline to release a first draft of proposed maps to the public, the public hearing calendar and modified deadlines will be discussed at the commission's June 6th meeting. There will be no publication of maps or vote on the submission of maps at this meeting. The commission's final deadline to file a new plan with the City Clerk is Feb. 7th, 2023.

## **Rockland County Schedules Hearings**

The Rockland County Legislature's Special Committee for Redistricting will conduct public forums in June to outline the redistricting process and timeline, and to allow for public comment and community participation.

In addition to the public forums, information about this evolving effort will be provided on a [dedicated web page](#), via news releases, and on the Rockland County Legislature's social media platforms.

Here is the Forum Schedule:

- Town of Orangetown: 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 8 at Orangetown Town Hall, 26 Orangeburg Road, Orangeburg.
- Town of Haverstraw: 7 p.m. Thursday, June 9 at Haverstraw Town Hall, 1 Rosman Road, Garnerville.
- Town of Stony Point: 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 21 at Rho Building, 5 Club House Lane.
- Town of Clarkstown: 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 29 at Clarkstown Town Hall, 10 Maple Ave., New City.
- Town of Ramapo: 6 p.m. Thursday, June 30 at Ramapo Town Hall, 237 Route 59, Airmont.

## **Census Group Quarters Question Resolution Gets Underway**

Advocacy works! In response to public feedback on deficiencies in the Count Question Resolution (CQR) operation, the US Census Bureau is notifying 40,000 units of local government of a new US Census operation to check group quarters populations. Called the 2020 Post-Census Group Quarters Review (PCGQR) operation, it covers college/university housing, residential treatment centers, nursing/skilled-nursing facilities, group homes, correctional facilities, and workers' group living quarters and job corps centers but not soup kitchens, mobile food vans, and domestic violence shelters. The US Census will be accepting review requests from June 6, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Please see [https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/decade/2020/planning-management/evaluate/pcgqr.html?utm\\_campaign=20220531msc20s1ccnwsrs&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/decade/2020/planning-management/evaluate/pcgqr.html?utm_campaign=20220531msc20s1ccnwsrs&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) for more information.

## **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. A brochure is attached.