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June 27 Roundtable Update

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NEW YORK REDISTRICTING ROUNDTABLE UPDATE

New York State Bar Association Makes Recommendations To Restore Faith in NY's Election Process

The New York State Bar Association recommends restoring public faith in elections by removing patronage, instituting ethics rules, and requiring election workers be professionally trained. The report recommends that New York devise ethic rules for election workers that would be similar to federal laws and laws adopted by some other states. The rules bar election workers from sharing vote tallies or recount information with only one campaign, prohibit influencing election results and forbid all partisan activity. For the full article see [here](#).

Buffalo's Gerrymandered Council Districts

A coalition of activists and good government groups is urging Buffalo's Common Council to reject a redistricting plan that has been moving toward approval. The proposal moving through the Council was submitted last month by a citizens commission charged with recommending new district lines based on 2020 Census numbers. The new lines yielded favorable demographics for both incumbents. For the full article visit [here](#).

Niagara County Redistricting Map Approved, Debated

The Niagara County Legislature voted 11-3 Tuesday to adopt a local law for the reapportionment of Niagara County voting districts. Changes were made due to the redistricting guidelines law that was enacted by Gov. Kathy Hochul in October, according to the legislature. The law states "the difference in population between the most and least populous district shall not exceed 5% of the mean population of all districts." For the full article visit [here](#).

Redistricting Training by Citizens Union and LatinoJustice PRLDEF

This Thursday, June 30, at 6pm, Citizens Union is teaming up with LatinoJustice to do a redistricting training. Please see the attached for more information.

NYC Districting Commission Releases Primer on Process and 5% Deviation Guide

The 16-page primer explains the New York City districting process, from the US Constitution, to the US Census, to the Charter of the City of New York. The primer also includes the 2022 Five

Percent Deviation Guide mapmakers are using to draw the 51 new City Council maps. For the full primer and guide see [here](#).

Upcoming New York City Redistricting Hearings

June 27, 4-7 pm, York College- CUNY Performing Arts Center

June 29, 4-7 pm, NYC College of Technology- CUNY Auditorium

July 6, 4-7 pm, Hostos Community College- CUNY D Building

July 7, 4-7 pm, Staten Island Borough Hall

Upcoming Rockland County Redistricting Hearings

June 29: Town of Clarkstown: 6 p.m. at Clarkstown Town Hall, 10 Maple Ave., New City

June 30: Town of Ramapo: 6 p.m. at Ramapo Town Hall, 237 Route 59, Airmont