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July 10 Roundtable Update

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NEW YORK REDISTRICTING ROUNDTABLE UPDATE

Buffalo Common Council Delays Redistricting Vote

Fresh calls about transparency and community involvement are being made by city residents and community activists toward the Buffalo Common Council as it figures out a new district map. Buffalo has faced criticisms of its maps by many local activists and residents, leading to continued delays in wrapping up its redistricting process. Activists are calling for further opportunity to sit down and hammer out a map that works in the interests of the council and its constituents. It is yet to be determined when a new meeting will be held. For the full article visit [here](#).

Jefferson County Board Approves New District Lines

The Jefferson County Board of Legislators has officially adopted new district lines, remapping the 15 legislative districts to more equally cover the county's 115,800 residents. The new map is largely similar to the existing legislative district lines, with shifts made to account for changing population counts. Each district was required to hold about 7,720 people, with a margin of error of 5% in either direction. For more information please visit [here](#).

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

On **June 29**, the Supreme Court of New York County restored the challenge to the Assembly maps to the Court's active calendar. Judge Lawrence Love ordered that all parties shall submit briefs and supporting materials on or before August 8. Judge Love also ordered that all parties shall appear for oral argument at 10 am on August 19.

***Hoffmann et al v. The New York State Independent Redistricting Commission*: New Lawsuit to Compel IRC to submit a Second Redistricting Plan**

On **June 28**, petitioners Anthony Hoffmann, Courtney Gibbons, Lauren Foley, Seth Pearce, and Nancy Van Tassel, registered voters in the state, filed a Petition for an Order and Judgment Pursuant to Article 78 against the New York Independent Redistricting Commission to compel the respondents to submit to the legislature a second redistricting plan and the necessary implementing legislation for such plan as is required by the New York Constitution in order to ensure a lawful plan is in place immediately following the 2022 elections. The petitioners argue that the IRC failed to fulfill its constitutional duty under the New York Constitution when it failed to vote and submit a second round of maps. The documents further argue that the people of

New York adopted the Redistricting Amendments for the purpose of having such a commission fulfill its constitutional duties. The Albany County Supreme Court set August 12 at 9:30 am as the date to hear the Respondents.