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July 24 Roundtable Update

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NEW YORK REDISTRICTING ROUNDTABLE UPDATE

Proposed "Unity Map" for New York City Council Districts

The Unity Map Coalition, a coalition of the leading legal voting rights advocacy organizations representing people of color in New York City, unveiled its proposed Unity City Council Map in response to the maps proposed by the New York City's Redistricting Commission. The Unity Map Coalition is composed of the Asian American Legal Defense Fund, the Center For Law And Social Justice At Medgar Evers College and LatinoJustice PRLDEF. Together, these organizations defend the civil and voting rights of the majority of New Yorkers. Members of the coalition say the city's map will not adequately represent many New Yorkers, especially the most vulnerable. For the full article visit [here](#).

Referendum Set on Hudson Ward Redistricting

A public referendum will be held on November 8 to determine the fate of Hudson's proposed ward redistricting plan. The Council unanimously approved a law to amend the boundaries of the city's five wards and will send the measure to a public vote on Election Day this fall. The adjustments were made due to the 2020 Census results and shifting populations. For the full article visit [here](#).

Mayor Adams, City of New York Join Fight for Voting Rights at US Supreme Court

New York City Mayor Eric Adams and New York City Corporation Counsel Sylvia O. Hinds-Radix have joined the fight to protect voting rights at the U.S. Supreme Court by filing an [amicus brief in the case Merrill v. Milligan](#). The City of New York joined the brief in an effort to support Alabamians fighting against the implementation of a newly drawn congressional districting map that dilutes Black votes in violation of the Voting Rights Act. "Voting is the most fundamental right, and so whether in New York, in Alabama, or anywhere else across the nation, we stand united against any attempts to dilute the votes of Black Americans and disenfranchise millions," said Mayor Adams. "For years, the Voting Rights Act has served as a key safeguard against racially gerrymandered redistricting maps that reduce the voice of Black voters. Alabama's new congressional districting map is a clear violation of the law, which is why New York City is joining this fight and standing up for voting rights nationwide." For the full article visit [here](#).

Redistricting Efforts in Tompkins County Hits Snag

WHCU released an interview with Tompkins County Legislature's Chairwoman Shawna Black. The Commission has recommended a 16-body legislature. Shawna Black tells WHCU not everyone is on board. For the full interview visit [here](#).