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New York State Independent Redistricting Commission
Rochester Public Hearing
Monday January 10, 2023 @ 5:00pm
Rochester EOC (SUNYUCAWD)

Name	Organization	Testimony
Bill Moehle	Supervisor – Town of Brighton	<p>Keep Town of Brighton whole in a single Assembly District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to draft that divides Brighton into two districts • Town is part of AD 136 – Assemblymember Sarah Clark • Included in one single district since at least the 1970s • Has long been grouped with Irondequoit and portion of City of Rochester • Consider maintenance of cores of existing districts, political subdivisions, and communities of interest • Draft would separate residents of West Brighton from rest of town and would remove them from the core of an assembly district that has existed for four decades • Small enough to be included in single AD • Unify Brighton in AD 136 and return portion of east side of Rochester to AD 137
Richard Dollinger	Former member of NY Senate, Retired state supreme court judge	<p>Keep Town of Brighton whole in a single Assembly District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unity of interests in Brighton • Echoed Supervisor Moehle
Jim Hooper	Neighborhood President	<p>Keep Town of Brighton whole in a single Assembly District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unify West Brighton with the rest of Brighton by: • In north there's section that has been extended to AD 136 Brighton, Irondequoit district and part of city – that section of the city could be returned and unified with the city • 2 eastern areas he also identified on a map that he will submit online as well

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Then to rebalance district that West Brighton will come from: • West side - portion of city can be added to Chili Gates district – could move line to Mount Read Blvd. • Always going to need to have city be portion of other districts but the town is important to keep unified
Michael Slade		<p>Town of Pittsford – Use 2022 districts for Monroe County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft splits part of Monroe County into very rural area • Pittsford is not rural, not pro gun rights, is pro abortion rights - Belongs with other P towns: Pittsford, Perinton, and Penfield • Compact, reasonable, neighborhood grouping with common interests • Assemblymember Marjorie Burns does not represent same interests
Candace Rubin	Teacher	<p>Town of Pittsford – Use 2022 districts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Used to be in Marjorie Burns district – feels that Burns does not represent same interests • Pittsford is majority Democratic – felt they finally had a voice in 2022 • In 2022, had a compact district with common interests • Monroe County is mostly suburban, not rural, not interested in guns
Barbara Grosh	League of Women Voters Rochester Metro – President	<p>Pittsford, Monroe County = Community of Interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't group parts of county with rural areas • Pittsford is an important part of the county – highest income area, nothing like the southern tier, noted home of flagship Wegmans • There are ways to put Pittsford with Monroe County • Could put it with Henrietta to its west and pull in some rural areas of Monroe County • League strongly supports independent redistricting • Happy with commission approving a single draft assembly map, hope they can send one map to legislature

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Mark Glogowski		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to restore former republican structure of NY state legislature • Every county should have one representative in the assembly • No districts should be drawn that include only part of a county or jut into another county • Use board of election voter records to determine how many members each county should receive
Charise Marie Buface Scott?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident affected by previous map, appreciates that commission is going through this process and making it inclusive
Louie Tobias		<p>Need proactive effort by commission to get input from marginalized communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern that there is not true participation from marginalized communities • 5pm meeting – had to run from work to get there • Concern that groups are left out, locked out, and overlooked