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## September 26 Roundtable Update

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## **NEW YORK REDISTRICTING ROUNDTABLE UPDATE**

### **Broome County Redistricting Challenge Hearing Scheduled**

In *Tokos et al. vs. Broome County et al.*, a hearing on the motion and cross-motion is scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM before State Supreme Court Justice Joseph A. McBride in Binghamton. This case is a challenge to the county legislative redistricting plan over its alleged violations of state required redistricting criteria.

### **New York City Commission Publishes Draft Revised Plan**

The New York City Districting Commission has published a version of the rejected 51 City Council district map on its website [nyc.gov/districting](https://nyc.gov/districting). The Commission voted against submitting a revised plan to the City Council last Thursday. A presentation of the draft revised plan at the September 22, 2022 public meeting also included a description of the redrawn 51 City Council districts and a racial bloc voting ("RBV") analysis by Dr. Lisa Handley, a national expert on redistricting and voting rights. Her analysis showed that the draft revised plan complied with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 by providing minority voters with an opportunity to elect their preferred candidates. To reflect the city's major new population changes and bring the new districts in line with the new 5% deviation state law, the revised plan has a range of 168,560 to 177,204 persons per council district. The maps were revised from a July preliminary plan. After hearing concerns from commissioners for potential further edits to the map, the Commission voted not to submit the draft revised plan to City Council but the Commission is making the rejected plan available to the public. The draft revised plan and video of the meeting of the Districting Commission is available for viewing on its website: [nyc.gov/districting](https://nyc.gov/districting).

### **NYC Districting Commission Schedules 2 Public Meeting Mapping Sessions**

The Districting Commission released a preliminary plan of the City Council districts on July 15th. Pursuant to the City Charter, the Commission must revise the plan and vote to submit it to City Council. The Districting Commission will meet to discuss revisions to the plan. The meeting will be virtually on Zoom-with a recorded live stream on [nyc.gov/districting](https://nyc.gov/districting). The dates are listed below:

Thursday, September 29, 2022, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday, September 30, 2022, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### **Upcoming Redistricting Hearings**

Nassau County

The county's redistricting commission has scheduled the following public hearings to hear public comments about redistricting. All of the meetings begin at 6:00 PM.

Sept. 28 at Long Beach City Hall, 1 West Chester St., Long Beach

Oct. 3 at Albany Avenue Community Center, 214 North Albany Ave., North Massapequa

Oct. 13 at Freeport TBA; Oct. 18 at Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen St.;

Oct. 20 at Albany Avenue Community Center, 214 N. Albany Ave., North Massapequa;

Oct. 25 at Elmont TBA;

TBA at Hicksville.