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November 7 Roundtable Update

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NEW YORK REDISTRICTING ROUNDTABLE UPDATE

NYC Districting Commission Approves New Council Map

On November 1st, the NYC Districting Commission approved a new map for the city's 51 council districts. This action followed the notification by City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams that the City Council did not object to the draft plan submitted to it for review by the Commission. On November 4, the map was filed with the City Clerk for certification. At this time, all action is now complete.

While several Commission members attempted to reopen the mapping process to make several additional changes, that effort was rejected by a large majority of the commission members.

Rockland County Finalizes New Map

On a bipartisan 13-1 vote, the Rockland County Legislature approved a local law establishing new county legislative districts.

The new map retains the existing Haverstraw-based Hispanic minority district and rebalances the minority population in Spring Valley to create two solidly minority districts. These districts provide opportunities for each of the county's largest minority groups to effectively elect a candidate of their choosing. The Suffern School District was recognized as a community of interest that needed to be included in a legislative district within the school district.

Fewer districts cross town boundaries by reducing to splits to 5 districts with just one consisting of three towns.

Cayuga Voters Asked to Downsize County Legislature

On Election Day, Cayuga County voters will be asked to approve new district lines that would reduce the county legislature from 15 seats to 11. This change is being sought to eliminate the legislature's need for weighted voting when the full body meets to consider resolutions and local laws. Because of population disparities among the current districts, legislators have varying numbers of weighted votes.

Chemung Voters Asked to Approve New Map

Chemung County Voters are being asked to approve a new county map that was vetoed by County Executive Chris Moss, whose veto was overridden by the county legislature. Moss had complained that the county legislature failed to comply with his effort to downsize the legislature. The Legislature maintained that it was not required to downsize but to redraw the districts.

The Census Bureau Wants Your Input on Census 2030

The deadline for submitting comment on the 2030 Census as part of the Federal Registrar process is November 15! The US Census Bureau, for the first time, is soliciting public comment on ways to improve the decennial census. Please visit <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/decade/2030/2030-census-main.html> to find out more and submit your comments by the deadline.