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## November 21 Roundtable Update

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## **NEW YORK REDISTRICTING ROUNDTABLE UPDATE**

### **Round 2- Assembly Redistricting Gets Underway (Again)**

Pursuant to a court order in *Nichols v Hochul*, the state's Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) is expected to meet in December in Albany on December 1<sup>st</sup> to work on (and possibly agree on, a new state Assembly map in advance of a December 2<sup>nd</sup> court deadline. With the appointment of new Senate Majority member Ken Jenkins, the commission is now back up to a full membership of 10 members.

There has also been discussion on whether to request an extension of time past December 2<sup>nd</sup>, but that request could not be made until the commission meets to discuss it.

Any commission plan (or plans) made public by the commission must undergo a round of at least 12 public hearings across the state before a plan can be recommended to the state legislature by a current April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 deadline.

For details on the place and time of the meeting, please check <https://www.nyirc.gov/meetings> for more up-to-date information.

### **David Imamura Resigns from State Redistricting Commission**

IRC Commission member and chair David Imamura resigned from the commission last week to run for a position on the Westchester County Board of Legislators. Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins replaced Imamura with Ken Jenkins, who is currently serving as Deputy County Executive in Westchester County. According to press reports, both Commissioners Jenkins (D) and Charles Nesbitt (R) are interested in serving as chair or vice chair of the commission. Both positions are currently vacant.

### **Monroe County Map Vetoed**

Monroe County Executive Adam Bello vetoed a county legislative map approved by the county legislature. According to the county executive, the map "reduces opportunities for communities of color to elect their candidates of choice to the County Legislature." Unless the County Executive and County Legislature come to terms on a modified map, litigation could be expected over the failure of the county to have a new map in place for the 2023 elections.

## **Nassau County Commission Map Vote Scheduled**

The Nassau County Districting Commission meets to vote on a plan to submit to the county legislature today at 6:00 PM in the legislative chamber in the Theodore Roosevelt Executive and Legislative Building, 1550 Franklin Avenue in Mineola. According to a Newsday report, Republicans say they are too far apart from the Democratic commissioners to agree on a plan. Any failure to recommend a plan leaves it to the GOP-dominated county legislature to enact a plan of its own (subject to approval by the county executive).

## **Future Redistricting Roundtable Updates and A Look At The Census**

This weekly publication will continue to publish on Mondays in 2023 as long as there is redistricting news to report on. With the coming holiday season, several Mondays in December may be skipped unless there are significant actions to report. The weekly update will also begin focusing on the need for a robust New York conversation on the census and how to incorporate the census and American Community Survey (ACS) into New York's civic dialogue.

## **Redistricting Institute Resources**

The New York Census and Redistricting Institute has archived many resources for the public to view on our Digital Commons Page.

Our Redistricting Resources page contains notes from previous NYC Districting Commission hearings as well as resources on the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act. You can access the page here: [https://digitalcommons.nyls.edu/redistricting\\_resources/](https://digitalcommons.nyls.edu/redistricting_resources/)

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