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November 28 Roundtable Update

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NEW YORK REDISTRICTING ROUNDTABLE UPDATE

State Independent Redistricting Commission Schedules Meeting

The NYS Independent Redistricting Commission will meet on Thursday, December 1 at 12:30 pm in the Legislative Office Building's Roosevelt Hearing Room C in Albany. Commission members will elect a new chair and vice chair, amend the commission's bylaws, and vote on a draft map that will be subject to a statewide round of public hearings.

Miranda Goodwin-Raab has returned to the commission to serve as director of engagement. She recently worked as assistant director of engagement for the New York City Districting Commission.

Nassau Commission Fails to Recommend New Map

For the third decade in a row, Nassau County's bipartisan advisory legislative redistricting commission failed to agree on a single plan to send to the county legislature. The commission's failure to send one or more plans to the legislature could eventually lead to litigation if the county legislature attempts to enact a plan of its own. At its final meeting on November 21, the commissioners voted on two separate plans, one promoted by the Republicans and another by the Democrats. Both were defeated. While Republican members defended their draft map as one that followed all federal, state, and county laws, the Democrats attacked their map as illegal. Republicans also criticized the Democratic map. To view the maps and for more information, see:

<https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/5455/Redistricting>

N.Y. Post Supports Census Count of Incarcerated Persons at Homes

In a November 27th editorial, the New York Post came out in support of having the Census Bureau count incarcerated persons at their homes of residence prior to incarceration and not at the prisons where they may be housed on Census Day. The Post recognized incarcerated persons as "residents of their true homes because the Bureau acknowledges the importance of family and community ties. Inmates should get similar recognition." Read the editorial here: <https://bit.ly/3OO3G5Z>

Redistricting & You Website Updated for Nassau, Suffolk & Onondaga Counties

The CUNY Graduate Center launched a new version of its “Redistricting & You: New York” online map to focus on county legislative redistricting. The map shows legislative districts in Nassau, Suffolk, and Onondaga counties. Just like with the New York State maps, you can easily find the current district you're in, compare that with different map proposals, and learn more about population and voting characteristics for the proposed lines.

The CUNY map includes the latest county legislature district proposals in Nassau County and also highlights the county legislative district plan adopted by the Suffolk County Reapportionment Commission and approved by the County Legislature.

Here's the main link: <https://nycounty.redistrictingandyou.org/> More information can be found here: <https://madmimi.com/p/3449741/>

Census Bureau Updates

The Census Bureau published a notice in the Federal Register that it is resuming challenges to its Population Estimate program, beginning with 2021 estimates. Local governments are eligible to request review. The Census Bureau will release 2022 county-level estimates in March 2023 and 2022 sub-county estimates in May 2023. Requests for additional information from the US Census should be directed to Amel Toukabri, Chief, Local Government Estimates and Migration Processing Branch, 301-763-2461 or POP.Challenge@census.gov. Challenges to the 2021 estimates must be submitted by February 21, 2023. You can view the notice here: <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2022-25413>

The Census Bureau also published notice that it is considering revisions to its Population Estimate program. The Census Bureau is proposing to amend its regulations to update references to the input data used to produce the estimates and revise the evidence required to support a challenge. Additional information is available here: <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2022-25415>

Upcoming Hearings

November 29- **Town of Hempstead Temporary Redistricting Commission** will meet on both November 29, 2022, at 7:00 pm, and December 13, 2022, at 10:30 am, in the Nathan L.H. Bennett Town Meeting Pavilion, Hempstead Town Hall, Town Hall Plaza, One Washington Street, Village and Town of Hempstead, New York.

The internet address of the website streaming such meeting is [hempsteadny.gov \(https://hempsteadny.gov/524/Live-Streaming-Video\)](https://hempsteadny.gov/524/Live-Streaming-Video)

December 1- the **Albany County Redistricting Commission** holds a public hearing on a revised county legislative map at 7:00 PM in the Cahill Room of the Harold L. Joyce County Office Building, 112 State Street, Albany, NY. The Commission is considering a revised map following the county legislature's rejection of an earlier map developed by the commission. Anyone wishing to participate should send an email

to Redistricting@AlbanyCountyNY.gov. The hearing can be viewed at the hearings page on www.AlbanyCounty.com/acrc.

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/

Our Redistricting Roundtable Updates page contains all archived Roundtable Updates. You can access the page here: https://digitalcommons.nyls.edu/redistricting_roundtable_updates/