



NEW YORK STATE INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

January 3, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed is the final redistricting plan as approved by the undersigned commissioners of the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission (the “Commission”). Pursuant to the New York State Constitution, Article III, Sections 4, 5, and 5-b, the Commission has been tasked with the drawing of election districts for Congress, Senate, and Assembly following the results of the 2020 Federal Census.

Our mission was to reach consensus on one redistricting plan that could garner at least seven (7) affirmative votes from within the Commission. Following a series of nine (9) virtual listening tour sessions and fifteen (15) public hearings across the state, the Commission attempted to come together and agree on a joint set of maps that were amenable to both sides. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, we were unable to come to such a consensus. As a result, two plans have been voted on, neither of which were able to garner the requisite votes for official approval from the Commission, and have now been presented to the Legislature for consideration.

The enclosed plan represents our best efforts to produce maps with contiguous and compact districts with population deviations as low as possible, which also attempting to maintain the completeness of towns, cities, and counties wherever possible. As you will see, our Assembly maps keep nearly 95% of towns, cities, and Indian reservations whole, while our Senate maps manage to keep thirty-eight (38) counties whole, nearly the maximum number possible given their respective populations. This was done while keeping all but sixteen (16) Assembly districts and all but one (1) Senate district within two percent (2%) deviation from the ideal population.

We, the undersigned commissioners, present this plan in the hope that it will be considered fully and fairly. We truly believe our plan to be what is best for the state when all factors have been taken into account, and stand by it accordingly. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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Ross Brady, Esq., Commissioner
John Conway, Esq., Commissioner
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