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October 31 Roundtable Update

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NEW YORK REDISTRICTING ROUNDTABLE UPDATE

Redistricting And You Map Website Updated

The CUNY Graduate Center's Mapping Service has published an updated nationwide version of Redistricting & You, featuring the recently enacted congressional and state legislative districts across the country, in comparison with prior lines, along with data for each district (demographics, vote patterns, redistricting metrics).

Here's a link to the new page: <https://us.redistrictingandyou.org/>

NYC Council Accepts Commission Map

On October 27th, New York City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams sent a letter on behalf of the body to New York City Districting Commission Chair Dennis Walcott, notifying the Commission of the Council's acceptance of the proposed district maps without objection. The proposed maps are expected to be submitted to the City Clerk for certification following a NYC Districting Commission meeting on November 1 at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held at 22 Reade Street, 1st Floor, New York, NY 10007. The meeting will also be live streamed at nyc.gov/districting.

A copy of Speaker Adams' letter can be accessed here: <https://on.nyc.gov/3SQIMDu>

Poughkeepsie Common Council Redistricting

As reported by the Mid Hudson News, The Poughkeepsie Common Council has faced criticism for its delayed redistricting process and alleged city charter violations. First, the council failed to put in place a redistricting commission by March 1, 2021, as required by the city charter. Council Majority Leader Evan Menist noted that the council had requested applicants for the commission but had been unable to assemble five members that met charter qualifications. Next, without a commission in place, the council allegedly violated the charter requirement that the commission submit a proposed redistricting plan to the council by November 1, 2021. The common council came under fire again when it scheduled a charter-required informational meeting for April 4, 2022, instead of during the month of March as required by the charter.

On October 17th, Redistricting Commission Chairman Tom Lawrence submitted two maps to the common council for consideration. However, as Menist noted, state law requires the use of prisoner reallocation population data which the commission did not have. Menist further pointed out that the population deviation in the proposed maps is

greater than state law allows. The council then voted not to take any action on the maps. They will instead submit notes on the maps to the commission by November 7, 2022, and the commission will have until February 1, 2023, to submit new maps to the council.

For the news clip, see: <https://bit.ly/3DpVP9k>

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.