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The New York Redistricting Process

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Today's Agenda

1. The Redistricting Process in New York
2. The Independent Redistricting Commission
3. Congressional Districts
4. State Assembly and State Senate Districts
5. City Districts
6. Redistricting Timeline and Important Dates
7. How You Can Get Involved

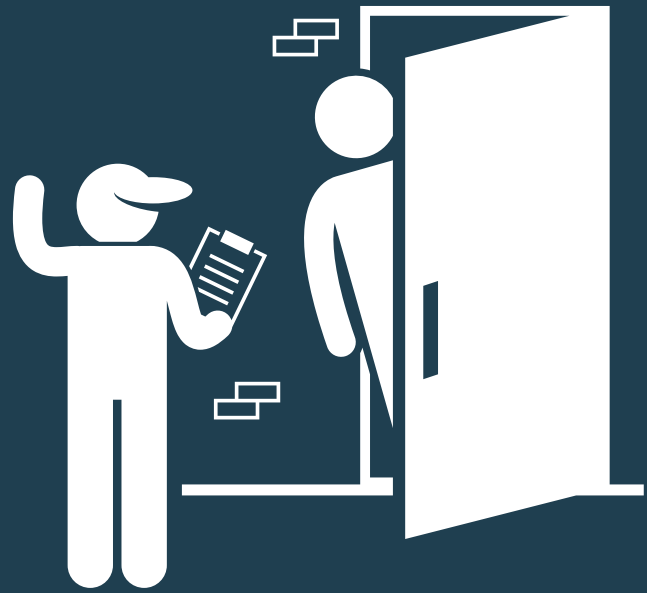


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The Steps to Redistricting

1



Census

2




Reapportionment

3



Redistricting




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The Redistricting Process in New York



- History of Redistricting in NY
- Current Redistricting Landscape
- Upcoming Events



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The Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC)

Independent Members

Appointed by Senate Majority



Dr. Ivelisse Cuevas-Molina
Political Science Professor
New York City



David Imamura, Chair
Civil Litigator
Westchester



Dr. John Flatau
Business Professor
New York City



John Conway III
Former Senate Attorney
Albany



Jack Martins, Vice-Chair
Former State Senator
Long Island

Appointed by Assembly Majority



Ross Brady
Attorney and Administrator
New York City



Eugene Benger
Attorney
New York City



Elaine Frazier
Veteran State Employee
Albany

Appointed by Assembly Minority




Charles Nesbitt
Former Assembly Minority Leader
Western NY



Willis H. Stephens, Jr.
Former Assembly Member
Westchester

IRC in Action



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**Public Hearings
and Testimony**

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**IRC Publishes
Initial Drafts of Maps**

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**Public Input Hearings
on Published Maps**

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**IRC Submits Map
Recommendations to NY
State Legislature**

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What happens after the IRC submits the map recommendations?



- The IRC submits the map recommendations to the NY State Legislature. The State Legislature can either approve the recommendations and send to the Governor for her signature, or reject the recommended map.
- If the maps draw by the IRC are rejected by the State Legislature, the IRC can send a second round of recommended maps to the legislature. If the recommendations are approved, the maps are sent to the Governor for her signature.
- If the second set of recommended maps is rejected by the State Legislature, the responsibility to draw the congressional maps falls on the legislators. Once the new set of maps is drawn they are sent to the Governor's desk for approval.
- The Governor of New York has the power to veto redistricting legislation.



IRC Key Dates and Next Steps

- The IRC concluded the first round of public hearings and published the initial draft of proposed maps. The initial proposed maps can be viewed here: www.nyirc.gov/draft-plans
- The IRC will be holding public commentary meeting on the proposed maps from **October 20 to November 23, 2021**. You can see the schedule here: www.nyirc.gov/meetings
- Feedback from the public will help the IRC Commissioners draw fair Senate and Assembly district lines that make sense and keep our communities together. **These maps will last 10 years.**
- If the IRC's proposed maps are not approved by the legislature, the commission has until **February 28, 2022** to submit a second draft of proposed maps.
- The legislature will have the responsibility of drafting district maps if they reject the second map proposal made by the IRC. **There is no deadline to complete the redistricting process.**

Upcoming IRC Hearings



October 25, 2021 at 4:00pm
Southern Tier Region

November 8, 2021 at 3:00pm
White Plains

November 16, 2021 at 3:00pm
Kings County

October 26, 2021 at 4:00pm
Syracuse,

November 9, 2021 at 3:00pm
Bronx County

November 17, 2021 at 3:00pm
Queens County

October 27, 2021 at 4:00pm
North Country

November 10, 2021 at 3:00pm
New York County

November 22, 2021 at 4:00pm
Nassau County

November 1, 2021 at 4:00pm
Albany

November 15, 2021 at 3:00pm
Richmond County

November 23, 2021 at 4:00pm
Suffolk County

Redistricting for Congressional Districts

- The population data captured during the U.S. Census data is used for Apportionment - the process used by the federal government to determine how many congressional seats each state will have for the next 10 years.
- After the most recent reapportionment, the state of New York lost a Congressional seat due to an undercount of 89 people. The state now has 26 Congressional districts.
- The drawn districts must comply with federal law and regulations, the Voter Rights Act, and New York State law.
- The average population of each Congressional district in NY will be 777,529 people.



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Did you know?

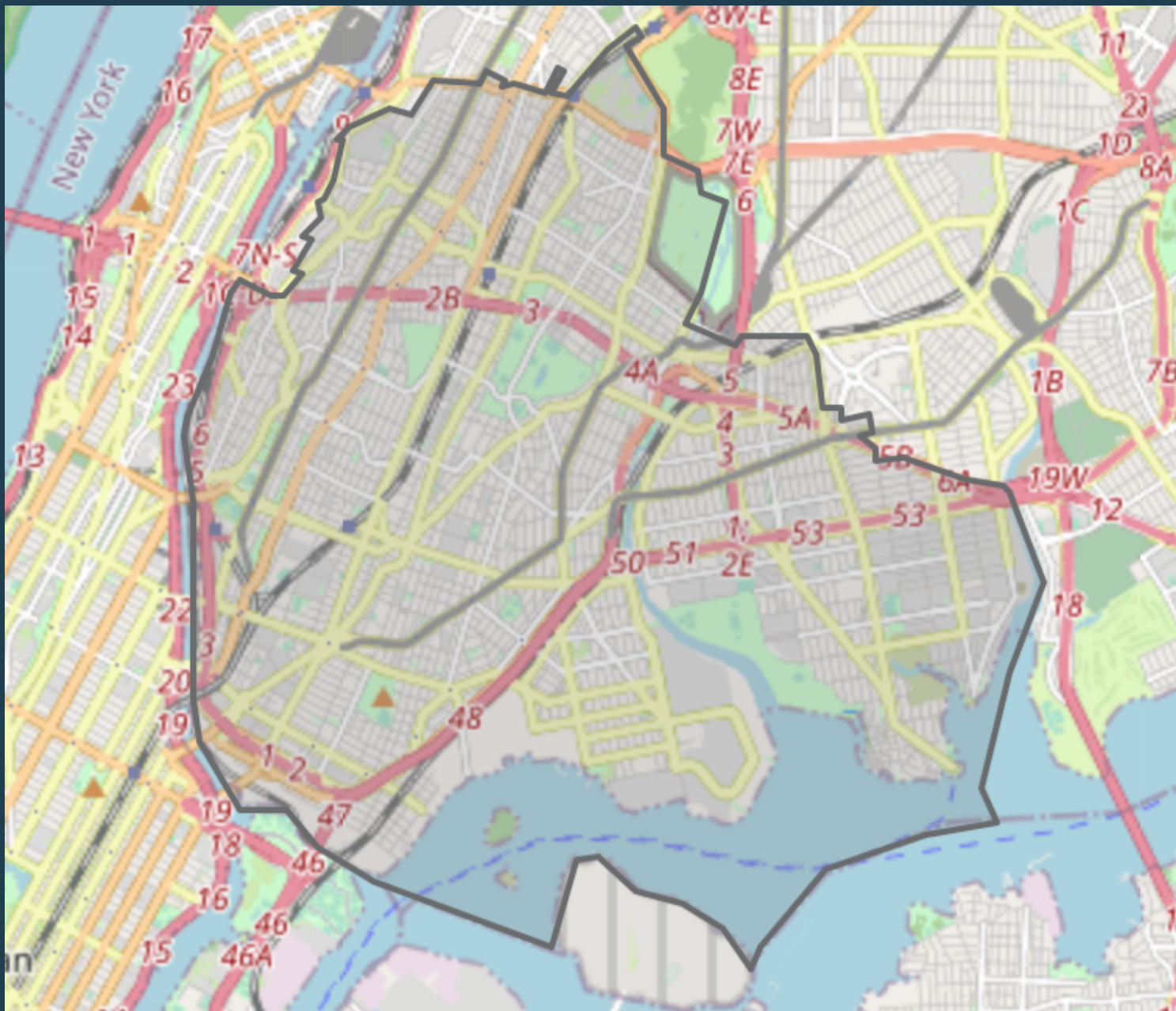
**New York has lost
17 Congressional Seats since 1950**



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Examples of Congressional Districts

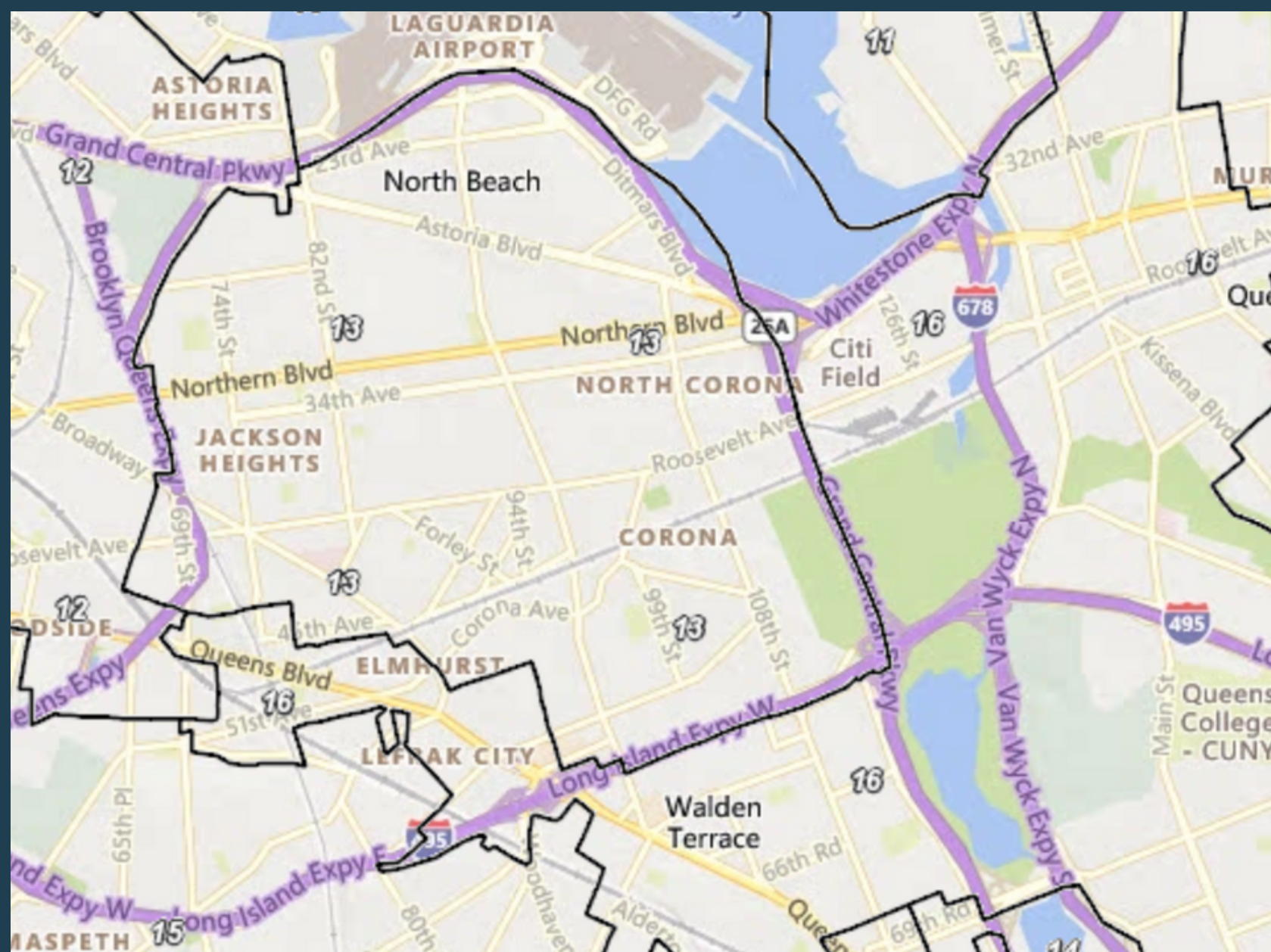


Senate District 13 Changes

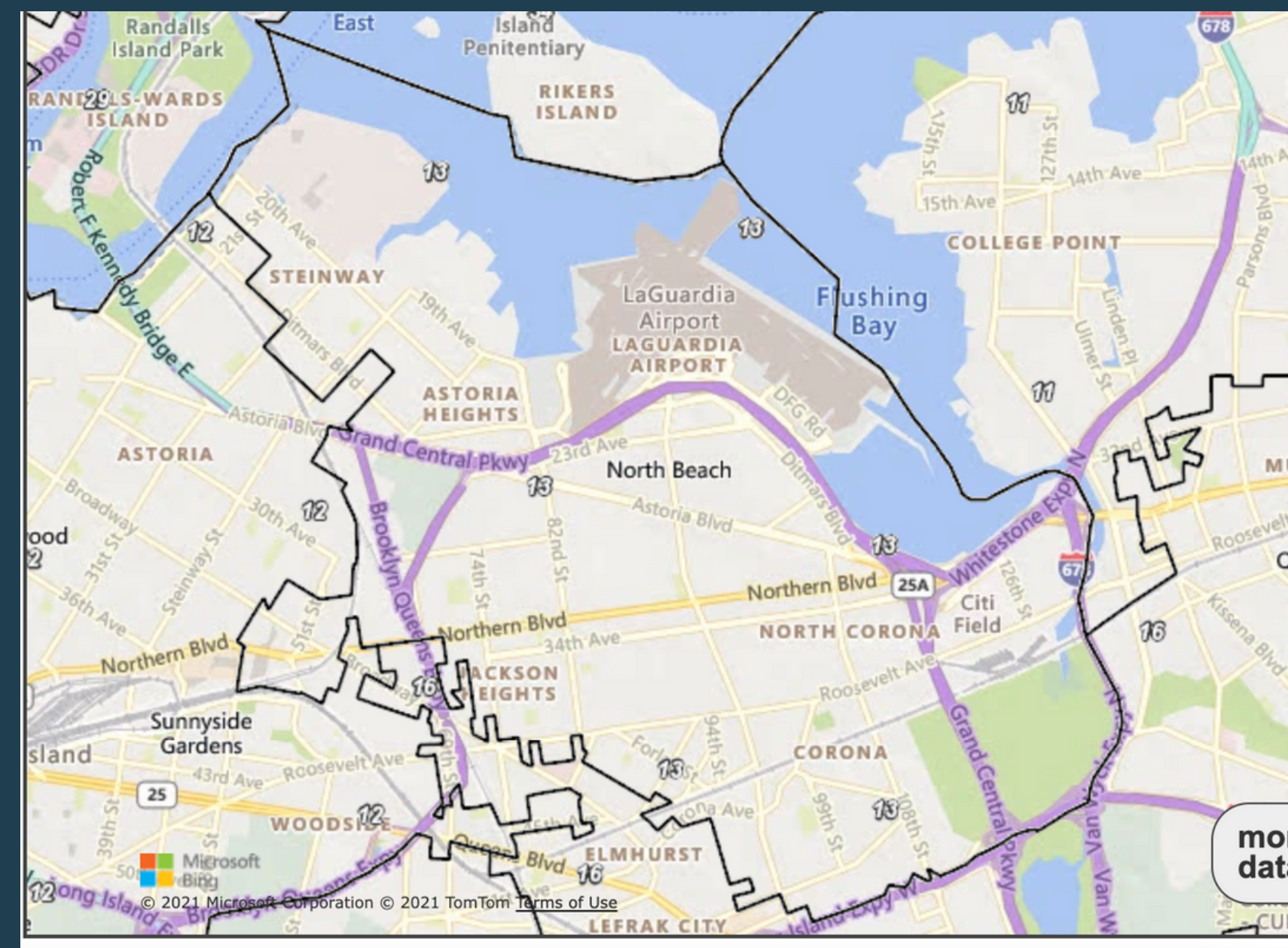


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2002 - 2012



2012 - 2022

Redistricting for New York City Districts

- The redistricting process for New York City Council districts is controlled by the Districting Commission – and entity separate and apart from the IRC.
- The **Mayor appoints 7 members** to the commission, and the **City Council appoints 8 members** (5 by the majority and 3 by the minority).
- "The commission shall have amongst its members at least one resident of each borough, and members of the racial and language minority groups in NYC... in proportion, as close as practicable." - **NYC Charter § 52(7)(b)**
- Public comment periods begin once the commission publishes the city districts map draft.
- Once commission submits the final plans, the NY City Council can oppose the plan and ask the commission to redraw a final plan. The final plan also has to go through a public comment period, and then that final is submitted to the City Council for approval.
- This is the first redistricting cycle that the DOJ does not have preclearance authority.



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NYC Council Redistricting Timeline

June 2022 - New York City Mayor announces appointments to the Districting Commission.

September 2022 - Districting Commission makes first draft of maps available to public.

October 2022 - Public comment and input period.

November 2022 - Districting Commission submits map recommendations to NYC Council.

November 2022 – February 2023 - If the recommendations are not approved by the council, the commission drafts a second set of maps, holds hearings, and submits a revised final plan to the NYC Council.

March 2023 - Expected approval of NYC Council district maps.



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Redistricting Principles in NYC Charter

Population Equality

Minority Voting Strength

**Preservation of Political
Subdivisions**

Compactness & Contiguity

Competitiveness

**Preservation of Communities of
Interest**



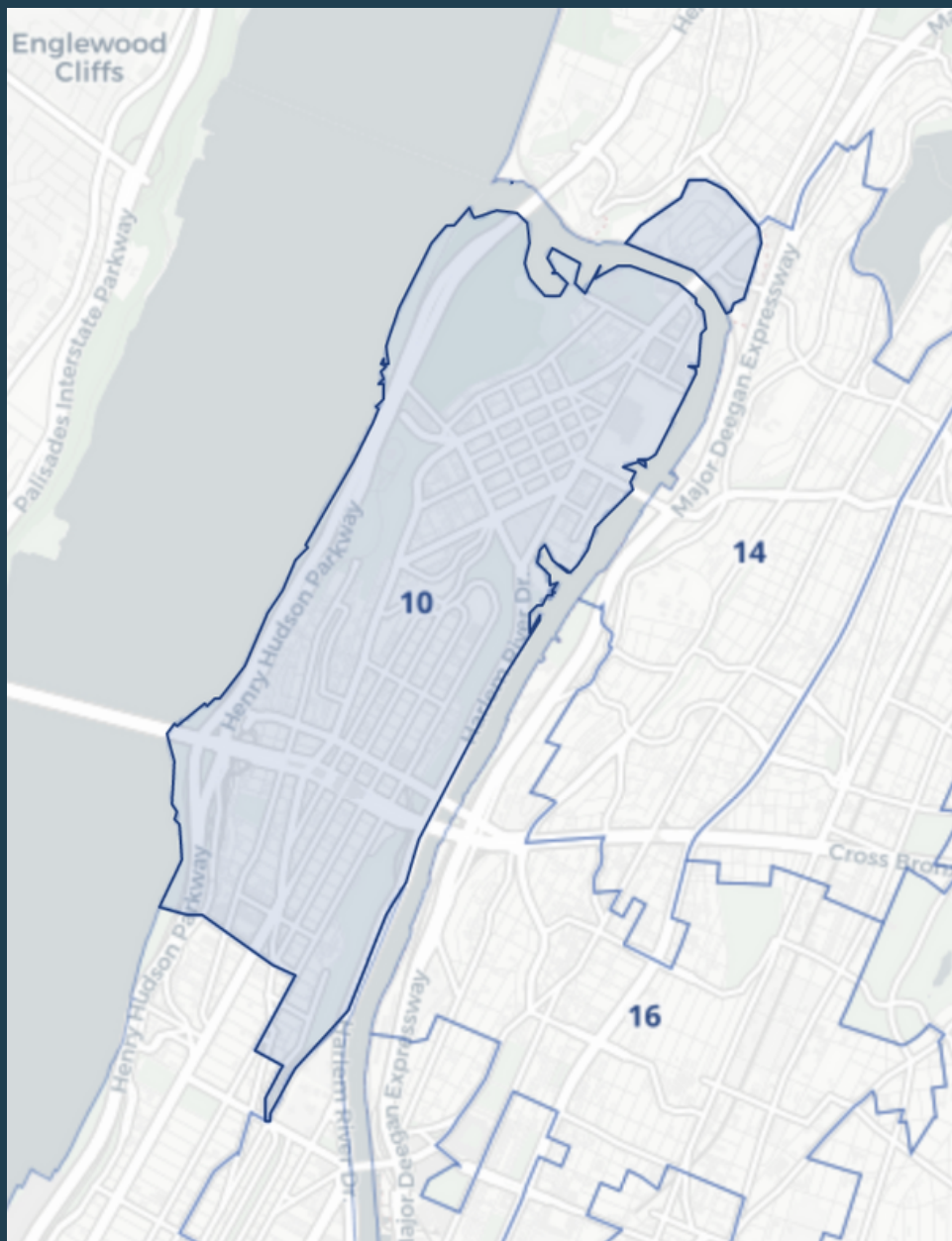
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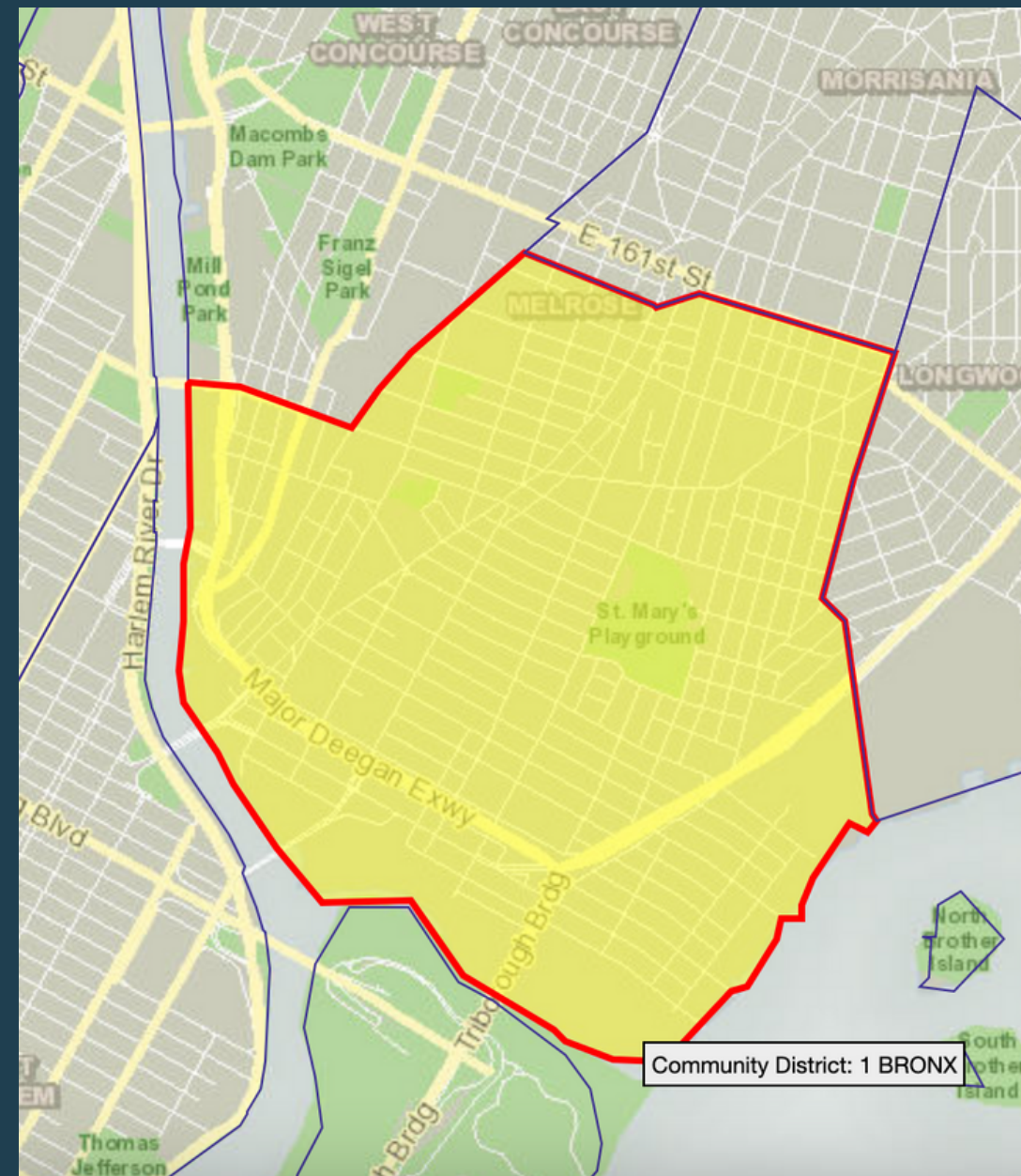
Local District Examples



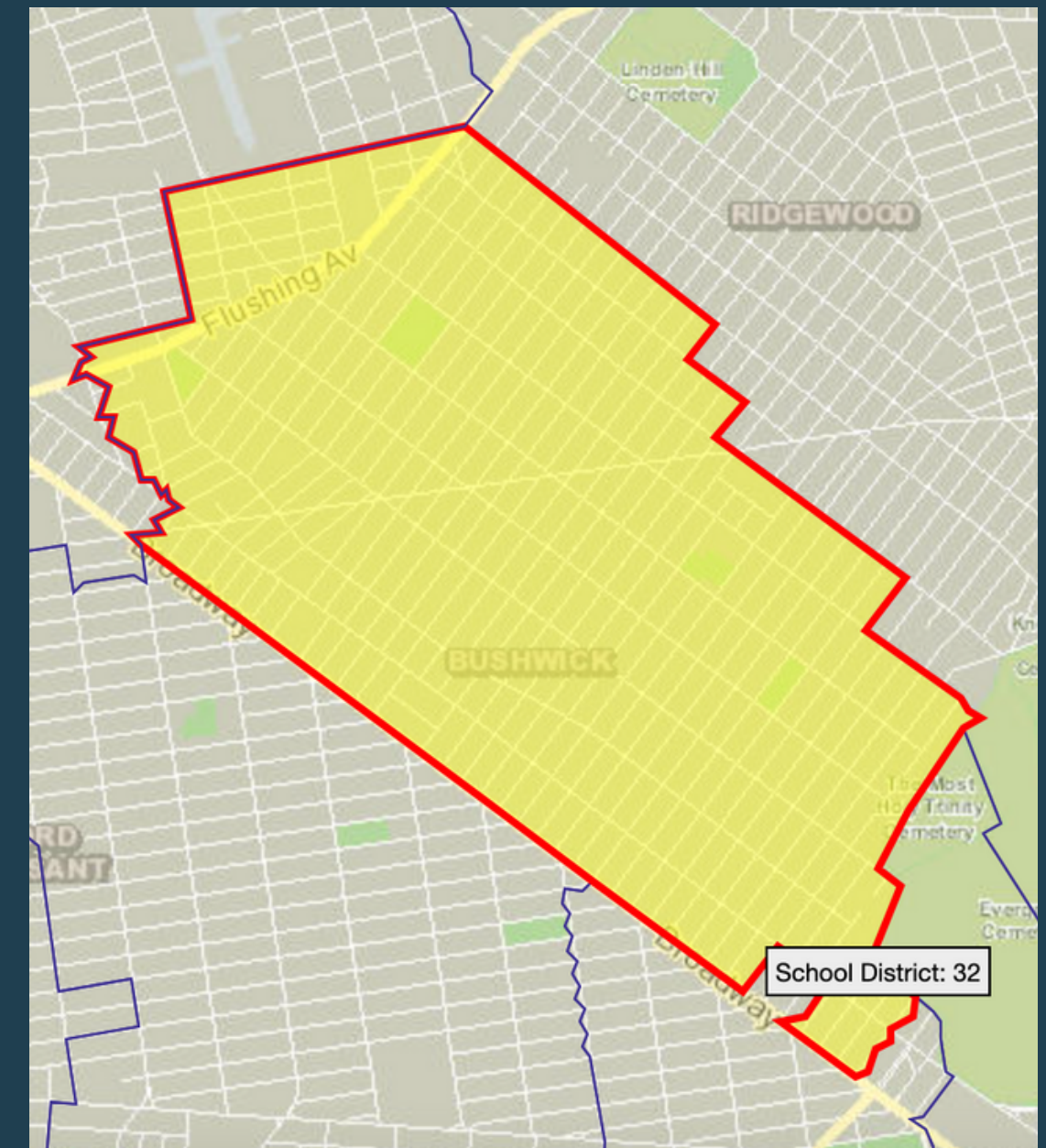
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NY City Council District #10
New York, NY



Community Board District #1
Bronx, NY



School District #32
Brooklyn, NY

How You Can Get Involved



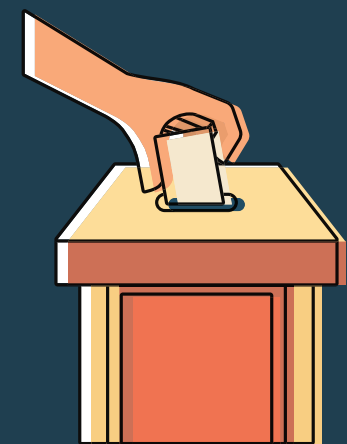
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**Inform
Neighbors & Friends**



**Sign/Create
Petitions**



Vote in ALL Elections



Social Media



**Join
Groups/Coalitions**



**Provide
Testimony**




**Engage
with Stakeholders**



Homework

- Complete the New York Redistricting course assignments listed under the "Homework" tab in the Redistricting Academy website
- Email us at racademy@hispanicfederation.org with any questions you might have



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