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## COMMENTS OF COMMON CAUSE/NY REGARDING SPECIAL MASTER'S PROPOSED CONGRESSIONAL & SENATE MAPS

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### Introduction

The New York State Constitution sets forth the criteria which are to be applied in drawing new districts in Article III §4(c). The very first criteria, is the protection of the voting rights of racial and language minorities, New York State Constitution, Article III §4(c) (1). That the criteria includes protection of the voting rights of racial and language minorities, as well as requiring that incumbents be neither favored nor disfavored, were arguments that supporters<sup>1</sup> of the redistricting constitutional provision made when the amendment was presented to New York voters in 2014. The 2014 New York City Voter Guide, mailed by the City of New York to all registered voters in the city, contained the following argument in favor of the redistricting amendment:

The amendment will discourage gerrymandering because the commission and the legislature are required to follow common principles that would prohibit drawing district lines that abridge the rights of racial or language minority voters, or lines that favor or disfavor incumbents, would be required to consider maintaining the cores of pre-existing districts, political subdivisions, and communities of interest, and would be required to create districts of contiguous territory that are as compact as practicable. The courts can use these principles to evaluate any plan and throw it out if necessary. [*emphasis added*]<sup>2</sup>

We respectfully submit that the Special Master has improperly applied the state constitutional map-drawing criteria, ignoring or de-emphasizing the first priority - respecting the voting rights of racial and language minority voters – in favor of making slight improvements in the mathematical calculations of compactness and small reductions in the number of counties, towns and cities split into more than one district. The criteria requiring that consideration must be given to “the maintenance of cores of existing districts, ... and of communities of interest” is also, in large part, ignored.

We submit these comments to highlight specific areas where changes can be made to follow more appropriately the state constitutional mandate, should the Special Master choose to make changes to the proposed maps rather than redraw as proposed in the Common Cause/NY & Unity Maps for New York City.

We have also solicited comments regarding the Special Master’s proposed maps from Common Cause/NY’s

<sup>1</sup> Vote Yes for Progress campaign website, accessed May 18, 2022

<https://web.archive.org/web/20140821174000/http://www.voteyes4progress.org/5-reasons/>

<sup>2</sup> New York City Voter Guide 2014, accessed May 18, 2022

<http://www.nycfb.info/public/voter-guide/general-2014/ballot-proposals.aspx#Proposal1>



grassroots activists and members. We have compiled the most relevant comments and attached them, removing the individual identifying information, as Exhibit 1 to these comments.

## CONGRESS:

Our concerns regarding the proposed congressional map center, primarily, on the districts drawn for New York City. The map in current use was drawn by a special master appointed by the Eastern District of New York United States District Court following the 2010 redistricting cycle. That map was widely regarded as fair and non-partisan, respecting, in major part, both racial and language minority voting rights and obvious communities of interest. Using the existing congressional map, with some minimal adjustment, as a reasonable basis for a new map in New York City this cycle not only would preserve the voting rights of racial and ethnic minority voters, as required by federal law and the New York State Constitution, but also follow good map-drawing practice in respecting long-standing communities of interest and the constitutional charge to consider maintaining the cores of existing districts and communities of interest. A least-change map would also have the advantage of minimizing voter confusion. We have limited suggestions for changes to be made outside of New York City, endorsing the general arrangement of the districts proposed outside of New York City.

### County Splits:

Court-Ordered 2012 Map: 19 counties are split a total of 36 times: Bronx (3), Broome (1), Dutchess (1), Erie (1), Herkimer (1), Kings (5), Monroe (1), Montgomery (1), Nassau (3), New York (3), Niagara (1), Ontario (1), Oswego (1), Queens (6), Rensselaer (1), Saratoga (1), Suffolk (2), Tioga (1), and Westchester (2).

CCNY 2022 Map: 17 counties are split a total of 34 times: Bronx (4), Erie (1), Herkimer (1), Jefferson (1), Kings (5), Livingston (1), Nassau (3), New York (3), Niagara (1), Orange (1), Orleans (1), Queens (5), Saratoga (1), Suffolk (2), Tompkins (1), Ulster (1), and Westchester (2).

Cervas 2022 Map: 15 counties are split a total of 26 times: Bronx (3), Dutchess (1), Erie (2), Jefferson (1), Kings (4), Nassau (2), New York (2), Orleans (1), Oswego (1), Otsego (1), Queens (4), Saratoga (1), Suffolk (1), Ulster (1), and Westchester (1).

### Compactness: (larger score is better)

Persily 2012 Map: Reock: 0.3825, Polsby-Popper: 0.3356

CCNY 2022 Map: Reock: 0.3869, Polsby-Popper: 0.3227

Cervas 2022 Map: Reock: 0.3995, Polsby-Popper: 0.3398

### Minority Districts in NYC:

The proposed map appears to prioritize compactness and county/town boundaries over maximizing minority representation in the following instances:

1. **District 5 (Meeks)** does not cross into Nassau even though doing so (like the current and CCNY map do) increases NH Black VAP in that district by 2-3 points. However, we note that activists in the Black community centered in Valley Stream and Elmhurst prefer the current county line boundary.



2. **District 7** (Velasquez) does not cross into Manhattan to take the Latino-majority precincts of the Lower East Side as it historically has and also does not include Red Hook and Sunset Park. While the proposed district is more compact, Latino VAP is no longer a plurality as Long Island City is added to the district instead of these areas. Cypress Hills, Bushwick, Williamsburg, the Lower East Side, Red Hook, and Sunset Park have a decades-long history of working together towards common goals within a Congressional district – there is no such connection between these areas and Long Island City, Sunnyside, Maspeth and Middle Village in Queens, now contained in the proposed CD 7. One example of the deleterious impact of the proposed CD 7 is removing the Latino-majority precincts in Sunset Park from the current CD 7, where they are part of a district with a Latino plurality, and placing those voters in proposed CD 11, where they will now be part of a district with 21% Latino VAP. Additionally, CD 7, as drawn in the proposed map, cracks the Asian communities of Chinatown and Sunset Park between 2 districts, where earlier redistricting litigation has recognized there is a community of interest uniting the Asian voters of those neighborhoods. Similarly, placing the Asian voters of Sunset Park into CD 11 is likely to abridge their ability to elect a representative of their own choosing.
3. **Districts 8 and 9** The historic division between Districts 8 (Jeffries) and 9 (Clarke) with one district clearly representing the "A train corridor" of Downtown Brooklyn, Prospect Heights, Fort Greene, Clinton Hill, Bed-Stuy, (then out to East New York) and one district more centered in Crown Heights and East Flatbush, following the B & Q train lines, is disrupted as the Downtown Brooklyn-Fort Greene-Bed Stuy area that was previously in District 8 is chopped between four districts. At 42.5 and 39.7% NH Black VAP, these two districts are also drawn with weaker Black representation than is possible (CCNY/UNITY draws them both at 43.5 and 43.3%).<sup>3</sup>
4. The Asian communities in South Brooklyn are chopped among four districts (8,9,10,11) rather than clustering them together in 10 and 9 to allow those voters to have an opportunity to elect a representative of their choosing, as UNITY/CCNY proposes.
5. The Black community in Mount Vernon-Wakefield-Co-Op City – a clear community of interest that has historically been held together in Congressional and State Senate districts -- is broken between three congressional districts (14, 15, and 16) rather than included wholly within District 16 as proposed by CCNY/UNITY. By cracking the low-income communities of the Upper Bronx into three congressional districts, the Black VAP is reduced by 17%. These low-income communities are ill-served by a map that prioritizes compactness and preserving county lines over providing them with an opportunity to elect a representative of their choosing and respecting the long-standing community of interest made up of these densely-populated majority Black neighborhoods.

### Minority Districts in Long Island

1. We endorse the comments made by The Law Offices of Frederick Brewington, filed separately. We concur that CD 4 should be redrawn to include Westbury/New Cassel, recognizing the commonality of interest with the Village of Hempstead, rather than Massapequa. Similarly, we concur that Lakeview should not be divided from Rockville Centre.

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<sup>3</sup> Note, if Districts 7, 8, and 9 were restored back to closer to their current cores, Districts 10 and 12 would also likely be, restoring the historic division of Manhattan on East-West lines vs. Midtown/Uptown vs. Downtown.



**Failing to Preserve Communities of Interest:**

1. In New York City, radically redrawing the districts in Manhattan on a north-south rather than the traditional east-west basis has engendered much public outcry and voter confusion. The communities between 14<sup>th</sup> St and 96<sup>th</sup> St. in Manhattan strongly identify on an east west orientation as distinct communities of interest. While drawing on a north-south divide may look neater on the map, it has engendered voter outrage. See the several comments included in exhibit 1.
2. On Long Island, following Town boundaries appears to take precedence over the North Shore-South Shore community of interest division, as CD 2 and CD 3 span North Shore-South Shore. CD 3 is especially awkward as there is little commonality between Massapequa and Bayside Queens, although we recognize that there are significant challenges in drawing CD 3 in a coherent manner.
3. In the Hudson Valley, dividing the city of Kingston, the County Seat of Ulster County, between CD 17 and 18 is a problematic split not only of a jurisdictional unit but also a distinct community of interest. Area residents regard Kingston as central for work and shopping and understand it as a unified economic, social and cultural unit. Additionally, Saugerties and Woodstock have more in common with Kingston and the rest of Ulster County than the rural areas of proposed CD 19. See the several comments from area residents included in Exhibit 1.
4. We have received numerous comments objecting to the placement of Saratoga Springs in CD 21 rather than CD 20, as Saratoga Springs has much more in common with the other cities of the capitol region than it does with the far reaches of the Adirondack. See the several comments from area residents in Exhibit 1.
5. In Western New York, we believe that taking all of Niagara County into CD 26 with Buffalo instead of more of Erie County Buffalo suburbs (namely Cheektowaga, West Seneca, and Lackawanna) combines communities that have little in common.

**SENATE:**

Again, in drawing Senate districts, the Special Master appears to have prioritized compactness and town boundaries in various areas over the voting rights of racial and language minorities and keeping long-standing communities of interest together.

**County Splits: -- CCNY map actually has fewer County splits**

CCNY 2022 Map: 22 counties are split a total of 59 times: Albany (1), Bronx (6), Broome (1), Cayuga (1), Dutchess (1), Erie (3), Kings (9), Monroe (3), Nassau (4), New York (7), Onondaga (1), Ontario (1), Orange (1), Oswego (1), Putnam (1), Queens (7), Rensselaer (1), Richmond (1), Rockland (1), Saratoga (1), Suffolk (4), and Westchester (3)

Cervas 2022 Map: 25 counties are split a total of 66 times: Albany (1), Allegany (1), Bronx (6), Broome (1), Dutchess (1), Erie (2), Kings (11), Lewis (1), Monroe (3), Nassau (4), New York (7), Oneida (1), Onondaga (1), Orange (1), Otsego (1), Putnam (1), Queens (9), Richmond (1), Rockland (1), Schenectady (1), St. Lawrence (1), Suffolk (4), Ulster (1), Washington (1), and Westchester (4).

**Compactness:** (larger score is better)



CCNY 2022 Map: Reock: 0.3794, Polsby-Popper: 0.3254  
Cervas 2022 Map: Reock: 0.3889, Polsby-Popper: 0.3403

**Key Suggestions re minority representation, communities of interest:**

1. **Long Island Districts 4 and 6:** on Long Island, the Special Master's map seems to prioritize following Town lines rather than protecting the opportunity for racial and language minorities to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of their choice.
  - a. District 4 on the Special Master's map is entirely within the Town of Islip, rather than joining these communities with those in the neighboring Town of Babylon (North Amityville and Wyandanch) as CCNY District 4 shows is possible. (Special Master's District 4 is majority NH White VAP, with 32.9% Latino VAP and 10.4% NH Black VAP, compared to CCNY District 4 which is majority-minority at 40.6% Latino VAP, 17.1% NH Black VAP)
  - b. District 6 on the Special Master's map also seems to prioritize following the Town line of Hempstead over providing opportunity for racial and language minority voters to elect a candidate of their choice. The District does not cross to North Hempstead to include Westbury and New Cassel (historically included together with Hempstead in County Legislature District 2 for this very reason) and also egregiously splits the Black community of Lakeview right down the middle (between 6 and 9) (Proposed District 6 is 26.8% Latino VAP and 26.2% NH Black VAP, compared to CCNY District 6 at 31.6% Latino VAP, 27.5% NH Black VAP).
2. **NYC District 16** As drawn, SD 16's shows a lack of familiarity with the communities of Queens . A more coherent version of this district would extend it to the west to keep more of Flushing and Elmhurst together as in the current district and the UNITY/CCNY Map. The district would extend further south to compensate for redrawing the Briarwood area out of the district.
3. **NYC District 17 (new district in Sunset Park-Bensonhurst)** Like nearly every Senate plan put forth, the Special Master's plan appropriately draws a new district in the Brooklyn neighborhoods of Sunset Park and Bensonhurst that brings together growing Asian communities. However, the Special Master's proposed district boundary in Sunset Park excludes a significant portion of the Asian community north of 51<sup>st</sup> St, whereas the UNITY/CCNY map would include all of eastern Sunset Park north to Green-Wood Cemetery and be 50.5% NH Asian VAP compared to the Special Master's district at 46% NH Asian VAP.
4. **Bronx** The UNITY/CCNY Map proposes compact neighborhood-based Districts 32 and 33 in the Bronx, whereas the Special Master's Map draws a District 32 that stretches nearly across the whole length of the Borough from Throgs Neck to University Heights – neighborhoods where communities rarely interact and are clearly not a compact community of interest . The lines here divide the heavily Dominican Latino community in West Harlem and Washington Heights (between 30 and 31).
5. **Capitol Region** The Special Master's map fails to make coherent choices in the Capitol Region – most notably separating the nearby cities of Albany and Troy from each other (and Albany from Rensselaer as well) – instead placing Albany in a district stretching west to Montgomery County (46) and Troy



and Rensselaer in a district with rural Washington County. CCNY District 44 shows how Albany, Troy, and Rensselaer could be included in a compact district that much better reflects the way communities in this region live, work, shop and play.

6. **Rochester and Buffalo** For reasons that are not clear, the Special Master 's Senate map divides both Rochester and Buffalo between two separate districts. This reduces the opportunity for racial and language minorities to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of their choice and also goes against the principle of avoiding dividing political subdivisions. In Rochester, Special Master's proposed District 55 is 8.6% Latino VAP and 13.3% NH Black VAP, and District 56 is 9.1% Latino VAP and 22.3% NH Black VAP, compared to the CCNY District 56 that keeps Rochester whole at 13.5% Latino VAP, 26.2% NH Black VAP. In Buffalo, the Special Master's proposed District 60 is 5.7% Latino VAP, 5.1% NH Black VAP and District 63 is 7.1% Latino VAP, 30.6% NH Black VAP, compared to the CCNY District 63 at 10.4% Latino VAP, 31.8% NH Black VAP.



## **EXHIBIT 1 TO COMMON CAUSE/NY COMMENTS**

**Selected comments from Common Cause/NY Grassroots Members & Activists**

Your Current Congressional District	Please provide your comments on the proposed Congressional map
CD 17 (Rep. Mondaire Jones)	I would like the District to remain the same.
CD 19 (Rep. Antonio Delgado)	Splitting Kingston in two seems like voter suppression... people will be so confused!! AND - it will deprive Kingston of effective representation! With two representatives, perhaps of opposite parties, Kingston will literally fall through the cracks... and how is the Mayor of Kingston and the County Executive of Ulster County supposed to get things done when half of the largest city in Ulster is represented by one person, and half by another? This is BAD!
CD 20 (Rep. Paul Tonko)	I note that all districts have exactly the same number of residents. I know that's the ideal. But, that is NOT more important than keeping communities of interest together!
CD 9 (Rep. Yvette Clarke)	While it is regular, and sometimes compact, it's terrible. First and foremost, it does not keep communities of interest together. Second it is clearly politically partisan. Democratic areas definitely have been cracked, and republican areas packed in many places outside NYC. (and even to a certain extent inside NYC)
CD 12 (Rep. Carolyn Maloney)	I am concerned by the placing of two Black incumbents into the same district in the proposed NY 16 with Representative Jamaal Bowmann and Representative Mondaire Jones. This works to diminish Black political power in NY state and is racist and concerning.
CD 19 (Rep. Antonio Delgado)	I don't think counties should be divided into more than one district unless big cities are involved in respect to Otsego County.
CD 12 (Rep. Carolyn Maloney)	It's bad. It would make Nadler and Maloney compete for the same seat.
CD 20 (Rep. Paul Tonko)	Very distressed with the job done by the special master. Shouldn't have put the same congressional reps in the same district, moved reps out of the district where they live. NYC is still largely democratic, should not have made such major changes
CD 10 (Rep. Jerry Nadler)	The original maps were good.
CD 6 (Rep. Grace Meng)	Mostly compact and VRA compliant, these maps would be very good if they weren't drawn so close to weird August primary election date that will likely lead to very low turnout. Shouldn't apply this year.
CD 23 (Rep. Tom Reed)	This map favors Republicans beyond their proportional representation in the state and needs to be rejected by some mechanism.
CD 9 (Rep. Yvette Clarke)	I was disappointed to see district's of Black members of congress in the Bronx and Westchester divided so as to dilute Black representation and voter power in congress. I was also disappointed to see other cultural communities divided across new districts.
CD 23 (Rep. Tom Reed)	There seems to be very little that Tompkins county residents have in common with people on the Connecticut border except high gas prices.





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CD 23 (Rep. Tom Reed)	It is extremely wide and red. No way someone can represent this many variants or get to know the people.
CD 20 (Rep. Paul Tonko)	1. funny loop of suffolk into nyc. 2. funny district surrounding rochester
CD 17 (Rep. Mondaire Jones)	The map looks much more logical and fair than the state legislature's proposal. Communities of interest are kept together.
CD 19 (Rep. Antonio Delgado)	The proposed District 18 makes sense because it is compact, but it makes no sense when it splits neighbors and leaves towns dangling. All of Kingston should be in the district, and all of Woodstock and Saugerties.
CD 16 (Rep. Jamaal Bowman)	Much better than original proposals
CD 23 (Rep. Tom Reed)	I strongly oppose these proposed maps, which severely disadvantage nonwhite voters.
CD 10 (Rep. Jerry Nadler)	Splitting the fewest counties seems to only work for upstate. For the first time the districts containing Buffalo (with Niagra Falls), Rochester, Syracuse(with Utica) & Albany/ Schenectady/Troy are tight. But the real beneficiaries are the less populated, more rural counties. Downstate - not at all. Drawing lines from Montauk west always disadvantages New York City. Perhaps someone can explain the concave districts in Brooklyn and the Bronx. These maps up the Republican prospects to easily 11 out of 26 districts. Bye bye to three of four Black male Democrats, albeit one is now Lt. Governor. Jerry Nadler and Carolyn Maloney can retire each other. Is that a hint? Eight competitive districts? Republican vs Democratic dark money? We have a shot an elevenfold Stefanik sweep. The four upstate metropolitan Democrats are not likely to be progressives.
CD 10 (Rep. Jerry Nadler)	It is unbalanced, unfair, and pits excellent Democratic Representatives against each other to cause damage one way or another.
CD 9 (Rep. Yvette Clarke)	Looks OK
CD 8 (Rep. Hakeem Jeffries)	I object to the changes that make it so that incumbent Congresspeople, some who have been in Congress for decades, would have to run against each other. And why were so many districts made more competitive, but NY-11 wasn't? It's heavily favored for Republicans.
CD 12 (Rep. Carolyn Maloney)	I like that I am in Nydia's district because I think she is a strong rep + and it means I will not have to deal with the possibility of Suraj or Rana. I like that the district no longer includes Manhattan because I think now my Queens community will get more attention/money. I do not like that once again, the high growth area of western Queens is parceled out/split up instead of map makers leaning into this growing community. My community is not connected to Brooklyn, its connected to the rest of western Queens. Also, this is a new brand new rep for



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	most of the district--how is that what the voters picked and it will be confusing for many. Outside my district, I see a lot racial and political gerrymandering, I listened to much of the testimony at two hearings in Queens and I don't think the maps reflect that input. I think this is just partisan and racist gerrymandering.
CD 10 (Rep. Jerry Nadler)	I don't understand why it was necessary to split Manhattan north/south when it was already well divided east/west. It seems crazy to have two established Congress-people that are being thrown into the same district and the southern district has no incumbent. Please return the districts to east/west. Additionally there are several districts in Brooklyn where the same is happening. The Westchester/Bronx/Hudson Valley districts worked very well and it makes no sense to disrupt them.
CD 22 (Rep. Claudia Tenney)	I approve of the changes to the Congressional map.
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CD 19 (Rep. Antonio Delgado)	How can the seemingly arbitrary splitting of the City of Kingston be justified? It breaks up an important economic, cultural and political community, and combines each half with a new district that bears little resemblance to each other.
CD 25 (Rep. Joseph Morelle)	Looks good.
CD 3 (Rep. Thomas Suozzi)	Once again Old Bethpage is treated as an excrescence, a little lump of dough to be chopped off this loaf here and stuck on that loaf there. We are a community of interest with Plainview - the same school district, public library, fire department, and water district. We shop, dine, and worship in Plainview. Yet here we are , lumped in with wealthy North Shore communities with which we have nothing in common, and a chunk of Queens, with which we have even less in common. Is this any less of a gerrymander?
CD 21 (Rep. Elise Stefanik)	Greenfield, Saratoga County should NOT be in NY21. We have nothing in common with the far north, rural counties. Our town is now a suburb of Saratoga Springs and should be in NY20.
CD 7 (Rep. Nydia Velázquez)	I like the proposed maps decrease in area controlled. There being such a large district area has lead to decline in safety and opportunities.
CD 6 (Rep. Grace Meng)	Im very pleases with it
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CD 3 (Rep. Thomas Suozzi)	I live in Bay Terrace, Queens, NY, which is a Northeast Queens County neighborhood within the 3rd Congressional District in New York. I've lived in this community for nearly 30 years, a member of Queens Community Board 7 for over 23 years and an original member of the

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	<p>Bay Terrace Community Alliance, the civic association for the community.</p> <p>For as long as I've lived in Bay Terrace, I felt it was inappropriate for our Congressional District (initially NY CD5 and for the past decade in NY CD3) to be combined with suburban Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Northeast Queens has little, if anything, in common with these two counties east of New York City.</p> <p>When the Independent Redistricting Commission held their public hearings, I testified twice urging the IRC to redraw the Congressional lines removing Bay Terrace (and other adjacent neighborhoods of Whitestone and Beachhurst) from the current NY CD3 and include Bay Terrace (Zip Code 11360) in NY CD6 which district represents Queens communities exclusively.</p> <p>While I am greatly relieved that the redrawn draft maps submitted by Mr. Cervis rectified the bizarre redrawn district to include five New York counties into one Congressional District (expanding NY CD3 to include parts of The Bronx and Westchester counties), I urge you to reconsider my initial comments to the IRC - that the residents of Bay Terrace, Queens (as well as Whitestone and Beechurst) would be best served if they were represented by an exclusive Queens Congressional District (personally, I think our community should have been in NY CD 6 for the last decade).</p> <p>I appreciate the time you have taken to consider my passionate plea for my neighborhood.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
<b>CD 9 (Rep. Yvette Clarke)</b>	<p>Years ago a Judge said the districts do not have to be equal in residents but could be 10% off and still be fair. WELL the GOP made every GOP district 10% fewer residents as if that was fair. Point being the districts must be as close as possible in population to be fair</p>
<b>CD 10 (Rep. Jerry Nadler)</b>	<p>Outrageous what has been planned for districts with representatives of color. Unbelievable for New York.</p>
<b>CD 3 (Rep. Thomas Suozzi)</b>	<p>My comments relate only to CD 3 since I have no knowledge of the other districts. The proposed CD 3 makes more geographic sense than the version that was originally proposed.</p>
<b>CD 8 (Rep. Hakeem Jeffries)</b>	<p>It seems to dilute the political influence of black communities. Also the waterfront area of Brooklyn needs to be treated as a district of interest and not divided. Waterfront policies are incredibly significant and cannot be diluted.</p>

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CD 12 (Rep. Carolyn Maloney)	Merging Maloney and Nadler is ridiculous. They superbly represent their districts and this throws adequate representation into the toilet.
CD 16 (Rep. Jamaal Bowman)	Has everything Larchmont-Mamaroneck has been advocating
CD 4 (Rep. Kathleen Rice)	This proposed change at nearly the very last minute is achieving "VSBC," or "voter suppression via confusion." I believe the American people are given the right to vote with the expectation that they will make informed choices, yet this year the information necessary is being denied. Thus some Americans will be, in effect, denied representation which to me sounds unconstitutional. Please reject these new maps immediately so that the scheduled elections may take place on time before an educated population.
CD 12 (Rep. Carolyn Maloney)	It's a mess! It puts Rep. C. Maloney and Rep. Nadler in the same district! We'll get two important House committee chairs competing against each other. Rep. Jeffries also pointed out that it splits up majority Black districts and puts Rep. S.P. Maloney in the same district as Rep. M. Jones.
CD 20 (Rep. Paul Tonko)	I like it. It is compact and includes commensurate urban areas.
CD 12 (Rep. Carolyn Maloney)	The East Side and the West Side are distinct communities with distinct identities, notwithstanding their demographic similarities. Manhattan below Harlem should be divided on East-West lines rather than North-South.
CD 24 (Rep. John Katko)	My District should be connected and contiguous
CD 10 (Rep. Jerry Nadler)	It is absurd that they changed all the districts around. What a mess
CD 6 (Rep. Grace Meng)	This map cuts Jackson Heights in half and gives part of the Hispanic neighborhood to Elmhurst/Flushing (I live in Elmhurst). Honestly, this makes no sense from a communities of interest perspective.
CD 12 (Rep. Carolyn Maloney)	It seems very unfair that Carolyn Maloney and Jerry Nadler, two long-standing Democrats, members of very important committees, will have to run against each other.
CD 19 (Rep. Antonio Delgado)	I would say it is a big mess, overall, pitting incumbents against each other, leaving numerous candidates outside their districts, and leaving some districts without viable candidates. More specifically, it is a big mistake to divide the city of Kingston in Ulster County, with some of it in District 19 and some in District 18. Kingston is a small city and is the County seat for rural Ulster County. It will lead to much confusion and divisiveness for this one small city to be divided in two by the new districting. Kingston should be left intact and should remain in the new district 18. If it creates a small population shift, that could be remedied by moving a couple of smaller towns into the new district 19.

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<b>CD 11 (Rep. Nicole Malliotakis)</b>	Bay Ridge Brooklyn and Staten Island SHOULD NOT be combined. Let Staten Island stand alone. Nicole never votes for the common good. She votes to defeat anything good offered by the dem. party.
<b>CD 19 (Rep. Antonio Delgado)</b>	Terrible. Politics aside we live in western foothills of the catskills and the needs and success of our area is connected to the local economy. This is not the adirondacks nor are we tied in any way to the Adirondacks. Splitting otsego County also disenfranchises progressive voters in this area.
<b>CD 12 (Rep. Carolyn Maloney)</b>	This is not in the best interest of the constituents.
<b>CD 23 (Rep. Tom Reed)</b>	The congressional district severs counties surrounding Rochester from Monroe county. The Finger Lakes counties should be joined with Monroe county to make a single community of interest. Furthermore it links several Finger Lakes counties with counties on the eastern shore of Lake Ontario. These counties do not represent a homogeneous community of interest. Both the senate and the congressional maps which include Yates County were drawn to clearly favor Republicans. They do not represent the diversity of the population in and around the Finger Lakes region. There is little point in a non-Republican even voting in the new congressional district 24.
<b>CD 12 (Rep. Carolyn Maloney)</b>	I live in midtown East and have been well represented in the district that generally covers the East side of Manhattan in NYC. The Manhattan maps were drawn to combine east and west parts of town that share little. The East side is a community of interest much more than "midtown: (east and west) and the upper east and west sides are a community of interest. My representation will be compromised with this new map. The east and west sides of Manhattan should not be combined
<b>CD 10 (Rep. Jerry Nadler)</b>	I think maps should be fair and there should be a NON-PARTISAN committee drawing the maps rather than the legislature or a "Special Master" who may or may not be partisan. However, I think it is unfair to change the districts so radically so close to an election so that in NYC, at least, long-standing Representatives should be in jeopardy of losing their seats.
<b>CD 10 (Rep. Jerry Nadler)</b>	Awful. Disgraceful. So destructive it seems deliberately set on hurting the democratic constiutents.
<b>CD 12 (Rep. Carolyn Maloney)</b>	It is u just to put 2 highly experienced, very competent Members who have delivered consistently for their constituents against each other. The constituents will lose unless you change the ruling
<b>CD 12 (Rep. Carolyn Maloney)</b>	This map is staggeringly undemocratic. It is aggressively demoralizing to watch the votes of my neighbors and fellow New Yorkers be overwritten to ensure the many must be subject to the whims of the

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	few. What is the point of voting only to have an unelected figure wipe away the results?
<b>CD 23 (Rep. Tom Reed)</b>	I was ok with the maps before the judge ruled against them -however I am against someone living outside the district to run for our district
<b>CD 16 (Rep. Jamaal Bowman)</b>	Of numerous concerns I have about the map, one of the biggest is that it undermines Democratic representation by pushing two of the strongest progressive Representatives, Jerry Nadler and Carolyn Maloney, into competition with each other. We need them both, and both would have won with previous maps. I strongly urge you to make it possible for them to run in separate districts.
<b>CD 10 (Rep. Jerry Nadler)</b>	Pitting Jerry Nadler against Carolyn Maloney would result in a horrible loss for my city and my beleaguered nation.
<b>CD 18 (Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney)</b>	I am concerned about the amount of splitting and how that results in districts that are not based on community but otherwise believe the maps are fair.
<b>CD 21 (Rep. Elise Stefanik)</b>	The 21st district (north country) shouldn't extend south of the thruway. Simply including Watertown could remedy this.
<b>CD 24 (Rep. John Katko)</b>	You have basically cut the City of Auburn loose from areas with which we have long, established ties, common ideas and interests, and relegated us to a sprawling district about which we know nothing and with which we seem to have few interests in common. Auburn is firmly identified with Central New York, and we should remain grouped with our area of common interests and concerns for voting purposes. I oppose partisan gerrymandering in principle, even when it benefits me, but this seems blatantly counterintuitive to separate Auburn from Syracuse, Skaneateles, Camillus, and the other areas to which we are most closely tied in history and practice...for what?
<b>CD 13 (Rep. Adriano Espaillat)</b>	The proposed change for Districts 10/12 is not acceptable.
<b>CD 23 (Rep. Tom Reed)</b>	Tompkins County is on the far western edge of the proposed 19th District, which extends east all the way to the Massachusetts border. Was there no way to draw a more compact district while keeping communities of interest together? I do not know if the eastern parts of the district have anything in common with the western parts. That said, I am pleased that Tompkins County would be in the same district as Cortland and Broome Counties, as those counties have a lot in common. Currently liberal Tompkins County is in a conservative district that extends all the way to the western NY border. Congressman Reed used to run TV ads sneering at political opponents who were what the ad called "radical Ithaca liberals"--he openly disdained his own constituents from Tompkins County.
<b>CD 12 (Rep. Carolyn Maloney)</b>	While to people who do not live in New York City the East and West sides of Manhattan would seem to be the same place, to those of us

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	<p>who live here we are worlds apart. We should not be the same district. If two unrelated districts must be combined it would make more sense to go up and downtown because many transportation issues and other issues are related to getting up and down the island of Manhattan and proximity to the East or Hudson Rivers.</p>
<b>CD 19 (Rep. Antonio Delgado)</b>	<p>Surely there must be a better way to create new districts than to split an "upstate" County in two? Our most populous area (Kingston), is also shown split with seemingly no clear reason as to why.</p>
<b>CD 19 (Rep. Antonio Delgado)</b>	<p>I am horrified at the prospect of splitting up Ulster County--and especially the city of Kingston. As a long-time resident, I feel that both these proposed divisions betray ignorance of the life experience of residents. Kingston is central for work, shopping, etc., for everyone in the region. It should not be divided.</p> <p>I also experience Ulster as having an identity (beyond anything partisan) that indicates that it should all be in the same CD. If there is something I am missing, and splitting Ulster is warranted, this division is still insane.</p> <p>Especially splitting Kingston. The Hudson River is a serious barrier. The proposal would put me in a CD with Poughkeepsie (a pain to travel to, inaccessible by public transportation, and which I rarely visit)--but not all of Kingston? Which I am in all the time and can easily access--even during rush hours, without a pileup on a bridge. (Unlike Poughkeepsie)</p> <p>TL;DR: Kingston is central to the wider region and a proposal to split it betrays ignorance of how locals live.</p>
<b>CD 23 (Rep. Tom Reed)</b>	<p>It looks bad to me--partly because it continues to be partitioned to weaken strong Democratic cities' clout by mapping them into red areas. Partly because I DON'T like seeing incumbent Democrats being carved out of a district or forced to run against one another. (I mean, what is Mondair Jones supposed to do?) Just as an example.</p>
<b>CD 19 (Rep. Antonio Delgado)</b>	<p>I like the new 20th better as it's more the Capital District area.</p>
<b>CD 8 (Rep. Hakeem Jeffries)</b>	<p>This is a horrible map; my neighborhood is moving to Yvette Clarke's District (9) and Hakeem Jeffries will no longer live in District 8. Nydia Velasquez, Grace Meeks also will no longer be residents of their districts, and Mondair Jones and Jamaal Bowman will be in the same district, pressuring 2 Black Congressional Representatives to compete against one another. It is horrible for representatives of color who are will have to compete against one another for the same seat, or no longer reside in their district and have to chose to represent a district they don't live in, or move.</p>

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CD 19 (Rep. Antonio Delgado)	Unfairly splits Kingston in half, which could wreak havoc in coordinating the needs of this small city. Similarly splits Ulster County in ways that could again make coordination of services more difficult.
CD 12 (Rep. Carolyn Maloney)	I think it is a terrible idea to have two important, experienced Democrats go up against one another in the 2022 primary election. We need both Maloney and Nadler. Who came up with this foolish idea to combine their districts? Please change this situation. It is not good for New York City, nor is it good for our country.
CD 10 (Rep. Jerry Nadler)	It's insane! Slicing Manhattan crosswise when it's always been lengthwise? Defies the sense of the 2014 amendment in that it doesn't respect previous districts at all! I don't have a
CD 10 (Rep. Jerry Nadler)	It needs to be rethought to put Nadler and Maloney in the smart district is going to get rid of one really good candidate For New York it makes no sense!
CD 9 (Rep. Yvette Clarke)	The proposed redrawn Congressional map is bent on pitting Democratic incumbents against one another and BIPOC reps against one another as part of the mix. The loss of a House seat was done by subtracting one from upstate. Given that, the upending of CDs downstate signal a clearly partisan move.
CD 20 (Rep. Paul Tonko)	Saratoga Springs is a supporting community to the GlobalFoundries semiconductor technical area. The culturally diverse citizens that commute or work from home in Saratoga Springs are not represented by the values or leadership of the current 21st district. This is obvious by the number of confederate flags, anti immigrant and pro-gun signs along side the road when I travel on the county roads east of Saratoga Springs towards the Hudson river. It is very difficult to bring in talented semiconductor people to the area and even harder to keep them when they are offered jobs in ethnically diverse cities in CA, OR, WA or Austin TX. I do not know why Saratoga Springs is not in the proposed the new district 20 since it is an extension of the Albany tech region. But from my current experience of training people for the technical jobs needing to be done here and having them leave for the other places mentioned above I doubt there would be much point in continuing if the redistricting goes into effect. The political discourse in the current 21st district definitely alienates the folks that come to live in Saratoga Springs and work in the technical sector.
CD 12 (Rep. Carolyn Maloney)	I was distressed to learn that the new maps mean that 2 very excellent and experienced congress members - Jerry Nadler and Carolyn Maloney would be combined in one district and therefore have to run against each other. We can't afford to lose either of them.



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CD 10 (Rep. Jerry Nadler)	I'm very upset to see Nadler and Maloney having to run against each other. They are two powerhouses and great reps for NY. We can't risk losing either one of them.
CD 10 (Rep. Jerry Nadler)	All West Siders loyal to Jerry Nadler are appalled by this plan that would put him in competition with his colleague Carolyn Maloney. What kind of ignorance proposed this change? FIX IT. We need both of these devoted servants of NYC.
CD 16 (Rep. Jamaal Bowman)	Very good map. The map fulfills the requirements for vra, compactness and county lines. Then in terms of competitiveness, the map has 5 toss up seats plus the 11th district is right on the edge of toss up and 3 more seats within 10 points. The more toss up seats the better. I would have drawn the 11th district to be slightly bluer so it would fully be a toss up seat. I would have also drawn the riverdale section of the bronx into the 16th district instead of the southern portion of wakefield.
CD 12 (Rep. Carolyn Maloney)	Putting 10 New York Congress Members in jeopardy, including my Congresswoman, cannot represent the will of the people.
CD 10 (Rep. Jerry Nadler)	I vote NO on the congressional maps. 1st - they dilute areas with large minority populations by compressing 4 districts into 2 districts. /Bd - they break up natural communities in NYC.
CD 21 (Rep. Elise Stefanik)	I live in Greenfield Center in Saratoga County, this County is split in half by the proposed map. This town and County is much more aligned with District 20 than 21. The interests of Greenfield Center and Saratoga Springs are the same as the Capital District area, this is where we work and shop and this area is where political issues are centered, not in District 21. Please include Greenfield Center in District 20.
CD 19 (Rep. Antonio Delgado)	Cutting the City of Kingston in half is damaging to that city and people's ability to know who represents them as well as their sense of solidarity, esp in the face of rising gentrification, climate change, and preparing for future shocks (like COVID). It is important to not lose sight of the goal of keeping people engaged and connected to their representatives. This proposed line implies you want to undermine that goal.
CD 9 (Rep. Yvette Clarke)	The overall maps are outrageous - most especially the collapsing of the 16th and 17th districts. That two progressive Black candidates are going to be forced to compete against each other while Sean Patrick Maloney will get an uncontested easy district indicates that bias can infect even the most "neutral" algorithms.
CD 19 (Rep. Antonio Delgado)	I object to Otsego County being split into two districts, and I am especially distressed that I would live in a district, the proposed 21st CD, that extends from Interstate 88 -- more than an hour's drive south of the Adirondacks -- to the Canadian border, which is 270 miles away.

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	<p>This part of the state has no economic, cultural or other political links to the North Country. We're south of the Mohawk Valley and south of Albany. In fact, this part of the proposed 21st is closer to New York City than it is to the northern border region.</p> <p>This proposed district seems intended to protect the 21st CD's incumbent rather than to redress any unfairness in the previously approved maps.</p>
<b>CD 23 (Rep. Tom Reed)</b>	the Buffalo subs give some urbanity to the 23. It counters the stodgy farmers. We actually had a Dem rep when we were dist 29 that had Rochester suburbs
<b>CD 12 (Rep. Carolyn Maloney)</b>	If ever there were two distinct communities of interest, it is the Upper West Side and Upper East Side of Manhattan. Divided by more than a massive manmade park, we are two unique communities with our own story, character and local interests in common. Combining the two only serves to pit one against the other. Keep the east side and the west side separated by 5th Ave as was intended by the original mapmakers.
<b>CD 12 (Rep. Carolyn Maloney)</b>	The proposed map is wrong & unfair for pitting long time congress people against each other.
<b>CD 7 (Rep. Nydia Velázquez)</b>	My current district (District 7), centered in Sunset Park, is a majority minority district with a large community of low to middle income Latinos and Chinese residents. I believe District 7 is, or was, a "voting rights district" which is required by law to guarantee representation of minorities. Unfortunately in the proposed map, this community has been moved into District 11, which is only slightly changed from its current borders, comprising Bay Ridge and all of Staten Island. By putting this minority community into District 11, which is largely white and economically advantaged, may cause the votes of Sunset Park to be diluted and lost in elections and their interests to be ignored.
<b>CD 16 (Rep. Jamaal Bowman)</b>	<p>The CD 16 proposed by the Special Master ("Proposed CD 16") is substantially similar to the current CD 16 ("Current CD 16") and shares the same significant flaws. The law requires that the Commission take into account "pre-existing political subdivisions, including counties, cities, towns, and communities of interest." Since the Bronx is part of NYC, and Westchester is completely outside of NYC, combining parts of the Bronx with parts of Westchester blatantly violates that principle. Here are just a few of the many reasons why Westchester and the Bronx do not belong in the same district, and why no one – not the Bronx, not Westchester, and not the Congressperson – is well served by randomly conjoining the constituencies of such structurally different governmental systems. The Bronx, as part of NYC, and Westchester have entirely separate and different:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governments: Bronx has NYC's Mayor and City Council, a Borough President, etc. Westchester has its</li> </ul>

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	<p>own County government – County Executive and Board of Legislators – plus numerous and varied political subdivisions: cities, towns, villages, hamlets, unincorporated areas, etc., each with its own government. • Police: Bronx has the NYPD; Westchester has County Police, plus myriad, separate PDs of its many different political subdivisions. • Firefighting and EMS: Bronx has the FDNY; Westchester has an amalgam of professional and volunteer services among its many separate political subdivisions. • Transportation: Bronx is public-transit oriented, with NYC’s mass-transit system of MTA subways and busses. Westchester County relies primarily on cars, plus Metro-North Commuter Railroad and a contractual arrangement with a private bus company (Beeline). • Public School Governance: Bronx has NYC’s centralized Board of Education. Westchester has numerous, separate, local school boards. • Taxation Systems: Bronx has NYC income tax. Westchester has real estate taxes. • Boards of Elections: Bronx has the NYC BOE. Westchester has its own County BOE. • Libraries: Bronx is part of the NYC Library System. Westchester has a cooperative system of local libraries, separately funded and governed. • Electrical Infrastructure and needs: NYC has underground infrastructure and fewer trees, resulting in relatively few and short-duration outages. Westchester has overhead wires – and lots of trees – resulting in much more frequent, widespread, severe, prolonged, dangerous, and costly power outages. These are just some of the significant structural differences between the Bronx (NYC) and Westchester. Thus, placing Westchester and Bronx communities together in one district is illogical. It places an untenable burden on the Representative who must navigate such diverse and divergent systems of governance and services. This shortchanges everyone involved. Quite simply, the northern Bronx belongs with other NYC communities. Westchester, particularly central and southern Westchester and all of its Sound Shore communities -- which share significant coastal, flooding, and environmental infrastructure, interests and concerns, should be reunited. Notably, Westchester's population is extremely diverse and multidimensional in terms of socioeconomics, race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, immigration status, age, and political affiliation. It is not, as some may claim, a monolith, and does not need to be artificially conjoined with a piece of the Bronx in order to make it somehow more "representative". For all of the very significant structural reasons described above, the populations of each of these two counties would be best served by being joined with others similarly situated, and by having a representative who is not charged with understanding, representing and navigating so many fundamentally different governmental and infrastructure systems. Thank you for your consideration.</p>

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<b>CD 23 (Rep. Tom Reed)</b>	It reduces the overall Congressional representation from what the County had previously.
<b>CD 16 (Rep. Jamaal Bowman)</b>	"The newly drawn NYCD16 breaks up long-time connected Black and Latino neighborhoods and eliminates seats of BIPOC incumbents. By diluting voter power of POC, this district amplifies the structural racism and is inconsistent with the remaining sections of the Voting Rights Act"
<b>CD 19 (Rep. Antonio Delgado)</b>	The proposal is very disappointing and ignores the imperative to keep communities of interest intact. In my region, splitting the city of Kingston between two congressional districts is particularly egregious.
<b>CD 10 (Rep. Jerry Nadler)</b>	The proposed redistricting sounds utterly biased. Please prioritize keeping Nadler, Maloney, Jeffries in congress, and the integrity of minority communities as a voting block.
<b>CD 19 (Rep. Antonio Delgado)</b>	Otsego will be split in two and my area will be linked to the distant Adirondacks. This is unacceptable and gerrymandering at it's worst. Otsego county is not the Adirondacks and my vote will be worthless. Please reconsider and keep otsego county together.
<b>CD 10 (Rep. Jerry Nadler)</b>	Yesterday's newly released district maps violate the New York State constitutional requirement of keeping communities together and the cores of existing districts largely intact. I am disturbed that a judge would allow such a clear drift from the rule of law — especially without holding a single public hearing on these new lines.

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SD 40 (Sen. Pete Harckham)	I would like it to remain the same.
SD 46 (Sen. Michelle Hinchey)	Looks okay
SD 51 (Sen. Peter Oberacker)	I don't think counties should be divided in more than one district unless big cities are involved.
SD 58 (Sen. Thomas O'Mara)	Rather odd boundary. Ithaca has little to do with Binghamton yet is being put together. The man who did these maps has little idea of the people included in them and the ties that are being stretched and broken.
SD 37 (Sen. Shelley Mayer)	Same as above. Fair and sensible.
SD 35 (Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins)	Better than the current boundaries.
SD 21 (Sen. Kevin Parker)	Looks OK
SD 25 (Sen. Jabari Brisport)	I think that the Senate maps look more fair for the most part, though it does draw some Senators out of parts of districts that they have represented for some time. SD-22 was drawn to be even more red and conservative than it already is now.
SD 12 (Sen. Michael Gianaris)	TERRIBLE. I am in a senate district that includes three boroughs and there's no clear connection. They have split up a clearly established western queens community. They have set up incumbents to run against each other as they did with Congress. The new District 11 is worse than anything from the LATFOR maps. It is as if the maps were made by someone who has never set foot in Queens. As someone who has long lived in SD-12 it feels like they are trying to take away our power as a progressive force and our Senator's power away. Again, I ask how is this what the people want?
SD 47 (Sen. Joseph Griffo)	I agree with changes to the State Senate District.
SD 52 (Sen. Fred Akshar)	This new proposal is an extremely rural map that covers too much area and too many counties! Including all of Broome County in this map would have added a larger municipality and could reduce the expanse to the east and south.
SD 55 (Sen. Samra Brouk)	Super!
SD 6 (Sen. Kevin Thomas)	Once again Old Bethpage is treated as an excrescence, a little lump of dough to be chopped off this loaf here and stuck on that loaf there. We are a community of interest with Plainview - the same school district, public library, fire department, and water district. We shop, dine, and worship in Plainview. That is my complaint with the Congressional map, and it's the same with the state senate map. We are sliced and diced to make the numbers come out even with no regard to the realities on the ground. Garden City's concerns, Levittown's concerns, Hempstead's concerns are not ours, and we

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	overlap only a little. I don't feel this map is constructed to actually meet my concerns and those of my neighbors.
SD 18 (Sen. Julia Salazar)	This redistricting is needed and seems fair. All will show in next elections.
SD 16 (Sen. Toby Ann Stavisky)	I am very happy with this map
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SD 11 (Sen. John Liu)	I am pleased with the proposed State Senate map.
SD 37 (Sen. Shelley Mayer)	Could be more compact - looks gerrymandered. We have more in common with Long Island Sound shore communities and the southern Westchester Long Island Sound watershed than we do with the northern reaches of this proposed district.
SD 8 (Sen. John Brooks)	Unacceptable.
SD 43 (Sen. Daphne Jordna)	I am satisfied that Rensselaer County is all in one district
SD 54 (Sen. Pamela Helming)	My Senate District should be community based and contiguous
SD 31 (Sen. Robert Jackson)	It's terrible
SD 16 (Sen. Toby Ann Stavisky)	Same comment as above, I'm baffled that my Elmhurst district would cut Jackson Heights in half like that.
SD 51 (Sen. Peter Oberacker)	Even worse. The progressive towns of Cooperstown, Middlefield and Westford are carved out and stuck with a super conservative area that will completely diempower our voice and that we have little if any connection to. Basically both these maps screwed otsego County and are disgraceful
SD 27 (Sen. Brad Hoylman)	This is not in the best interest of the constituents.
SD 58 (Sen. Thomas O'Mara)	Pretty much the same as above. Clearly drawn to favor Republicans. Why bother to vote?
SD 27 (Sen. Brad Hoylman)	Awful. Don't you dare pass such a thing.
SD 58 (Sen. Thomas O'Mara)	Again I was ok with the maps before the judge's ruling
SD 41 (Sen. Sue Serino)	I believe these maps are fair.
SD 21 (Sen. Kevin Parker)	As good as can be done under the circumstances, I think. I would prefer if the districts followed community district lines and overlapped as much as possible.
SD 47 (Sen. Joseph Griffo)	Looks like Potsdam is now in 45, which seems almost reasonable, but 49 looks like it goes all the way from Ogdensburg to cooperstown, which is too attenuated.
SD 54 (Sen. Pamela Helming)	I like the proposal, as all of Tompkins County would be in the same district as all of Cortland County and the western part of Broome County (including the City of Binghamton)--those areas have a lot in

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	common. Currently Tompkins County is split between two State Senate districts, which dilutes the liberal votes and has resulted in two Republican State Senators representing Tompkins County.
<b>SD 27 (Sen. Brad Hoylman)</b>	The Senate districts were not drawn in a manner that takes local communities into account. Historical neighborhoods have been ignored, and communities that belong in one district were driven apart. This will result in decreased participation by racial and ethnic minorities. It is hard to imagine that the lines were not drawn as an intentional racial gerrymander to maximize the number of white elected officials.
<b>SD 54 (Sen. Pamela Helming)</b>	As in the Congressional District map created by the Special Master, this map makes no sense either. It essentially makes it impossible for voters in my current district to have any chance for making change. It should not be used either.
<b>SD 46 (Sen. Michelle Hinchey)</b>	It is impossible to find a readable map of the new Senate district map on line. My wife and I have been searching for hours. This brief comment period is insufficient given the paucity of information available to us, the public. Extend the comment period and make readable maps available
<b>SD 21 (Sen. Kevin Parker)</b>	There is very little easily accessible information currently available regarding the proposed NYS Senate map. And this lack of information under a compressed review and comment period is a big part of the problem. Voters and all New Yorkers will feel the effects of redrawn maps for ten years, but there are less than ten days to review and comment.
<b>SD 31 (Sen. Robert Jackson)</b>	<p>I write to strongly object to the proposed maps as released by the court-appointed Special Master. The process of the Special Master has been substantially opaquer and more resistant to participation than that of either the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission or that of the State Legislature. With the Legislature, citizens have local representatives who they gave feedback to by showing up to their local offices, calling their phone lines, and otherwise contacting and engaging with them. The IRC had an excellent web portal announcing dates and ways to participate in multiple hearings, forms for specific feedback, and education for the public. In contrast to the Legislature and the IRC, the Special Master does not appear to provide much beyond a hard-to-identify, brief public comment process far from the majority of the state's population.</p> <p>The maps adopted by the legislature in February of this year preserved connectivity and communities of interest but removed the gerrymander found in previous maps. This is evident in Senate District 31, where the Special Master map carves the west side into three</p>

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	<p>separate districts (31, 30, and 47), and it creates a new inter-county district with the Bronx. This map may make sense from 30,000 feet up looking purely at racial composition, but it ignores the ways in which the west side is a distinctive and deeply interconnected community. Many families, especially Dominican and other Latino immigrant communities, span West Harlem, Washington Heights, Inwood, and Manhattan Valley on the Upper West Side. Their school districts are Manhattan school districts, they are represented by Manhattan Community Boards, and their New York City Councilmembers are Manhattan Councilmembers. In contrast, creating a Bronx/Washington Heights district brings the number of intercounty districts in Manhattan to three (31, 29, and 59), splitting Manhattan's voting interests by combining them with communities that may have entirely different concerns.</p>
<p><b>SD 51 (Sen. Peter Oberacker)</b></p>	<p>See above. Particularly egregious is carving out Cooperstown, Middlefield and westford and attaching us to the distant and different Adirondacks. This reduces, even nullifies my vote. Please reconsider the unfairness of this division.</p>
<p><b>SD 63 (Sen. Timothy Kennedy)</b></p>	<p>I disagree with the proposed State Senate map as it would divide the Black community. This would cause disunity in our voices be heard in a crucial time when we need our voices to be united. The proposed map would further perpetuate economic disparity that the Black community is already fighting back hard against.</p>