

Brenda A. Wise

From: Fern Finger <fpfinger@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:41 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional redistricting

I am writing in support of the Special Master's draft Congressional redistricting map released this past Monday. As a resident of Brunswick in Rensselaer County, just outside of Troy (currently NY-19), I strongly support the new map, which places all of Rensselaer County together with Albany County, Schenectady County, and part of Saratoga County in NY-20, thereby recognizing our shared interests with the rest of the NYS Capital Region. I urge you to keep Rensselaer County in the new 20th Congressional district.

Yours truly,

Fern P. Finger, Ph.D.
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Brenda A. Wise

From: Suzanne Ryan <suzry@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:41 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: proposed change of district lines for Stuyvesant Town

I am very much opposed to the proposed change in the district lines. We should be represented by the same person who represents are neighbors. Stuyvesant town should not be lumped into a district that includes Queens and Brooklyn
- this is ridiculous

- Suzanne Ryan

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Analysis of Proposed and Alternative Erie County State Senate Districts

**Prepared for Special Master Jonathan Cervas,
TIM HARKENRIDER et al v. GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL et. al.
E2022-0116CV - Steuben County Supreme Court**

**Prepared by Michael Latner,
Professor of Political Science
California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo**

1. I am a Professor in the Political Science Department at California Polytechnic State University. I have a PhD in Political Science from the University of California at Irvine, and my research focuses on representation, electoral system design, and statistical methods in elections and in designing electoral districts. I have extensive experience with redistricting and have specialized in analyzing electoral district maps for compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, which includes analysis of partisan advantage present in district maps. Over the past two decades, I have analyzed the properties of various types of electoral systems across the globe, the impact of the 2011 redistricting cycle on representation in Congress, the causes and consequences of redistricting across state legislatures, and have conducted numerous analyses of the ways that electoral rules have shaped electoral outcomes in state and local elections in the United States. A copy of my curriculum vitae is included in a separate file.

2. My first co-authored book on the topic, *Gerrymandering in America*, which has received over 100 academic citations, was also cited for our measures of the magnitude of partisan bias produced in the 2011 redistricting cycle in an amicus brief by political science professors submitted to the United States Supreme Court in *Gill v. Whitford*, 138 S. Ct. 1916 (2018). See Brief for Political Science Professors as Amici Curiae 3. This portion of the amicus brief was cited by Justice Elena Kagan in her concurrence. See 138 S. Ct. at 1941.

3. I have also served as an expert witness before the Ohio Supreme Court regarding the drawing of the Ohio General Assembly district plan for the 2020 redistricting cycle: *League of Women Voters of Ohio v. Ohio Redistricting Comm.*, No. 2021-1193 (Ohio Sept. 23, 2021), Slip Opinion No. 2022-Ohio-65, Slip Opinion No. 2022-Ohio-342, and Slip Opinion No. 2022-Ohio-789.

4. I have been retained by the office of State Senator Timothy M. Kennedy to analyze the Special Master proposed Senate districts covering Erie County, specifically with regard to certain communities of interest who have voiced concerns about which districts they

will reside in. I have reviewed letters from the NAACP, labor unions, other advocacy coalitions, as well as public officials from Amherst, Buffalo, and Lackawanna regarding these concerns. I am receiving compensation for my study and testimony at an hourly rate of \$350 per hour. My compensation is in no way dependent on the outcome.

5. In the following analysis, I assess the extent to which the three State Senate districts (the 60th, 61st, and 63rd) that the Special Master proposed for Erie County might be drawn in a matter that is less intrusive in terms of changing the membership of existing districts, while retaining the quality of the overall plan with regard to other redistricting criteria.

Background

6. Effective redistricting requires the accommodation of multiple, often competing principles. In addition to meeting requirements of avoiding malapportionment, minimizing the splitting of other political boundaries, and achieving racial and partisan fairness while maintaining geographically compact districts, redistricting authorities must take into account the harms that can occur from splitting up communities of interest, including members of an existing electoral district. Placing voters into new electoral districts can have deleterious effects on voting behavior and representation. Severing the tie between constituents and their existing representations can increase information costs and non-voting (McKee 2013; Hayes and McKee 2009), and being displaced out of one's partisan political environment has also been shown to dampen participation (Hunt 2018). Such effects are examples of more general concerns about the harms caused by placing individuals into electoral contexts that are detached from or blur the boundaries of geographic communities of interest (Niven and Solimine 2022; Bone 2014; Leib 1998). As a result, gerrymandering remedies should be "narrowly tailored" to specific violations, and changes to existing districts should be limited where possible (Grofman 2018).

Method

7. To conduct this analysis, I rely on publicly available census, redistricting, and election data from the Redistricting Data Hub (<https://redistrictingdatahub.org/>) and Dave's Redistricting App (<https://davesredistricting.org/>). To assess the properties of several possible electoral district configurations and compare them with the existing State Senate districts, I matched the current district boundary shapefiles to 2020 census block data, citizen voting age population (CVAP) estimates and 2016-2020 VTD-level election data curated by the Voting and Election Science Team (VEST), located at <https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataverse/electionscience>.

8. To compare the Special Master's and alternative districting possibilities with the existing districts, I edited copies of the Special Master's State Senate map proposal using Dave's Redistricting App. While I attempted to minimize splitting voting precincts and the demographic data interpolated into those precincts, there are some discrepancies that are inevitable when attributing census data to voting precinct areas. Minor splitting of precincts is also necessary, and changes between maps resulted in a small number of precincts (or parts of precincts) not being assigned to districts (less than one percent). I am confident that my analysis can be easily replicated, and provide precinct-district files with the report for such use.

Analysis

9. The Erie County State Senate districts require substantial modification from the Special Master, in accordance with the Article 6.A.93-94, Section 2(f) requirement that districts not cross county boundaries. The current 59th and 61st districts stretch across multiple counties from Buffalo to Rochester. As a result, regardless of the plan, approximately 177,000 Erie county residents from the removed district 59 (the yellow shaded area in Figure 1) will reside in one of the three remaining districts.

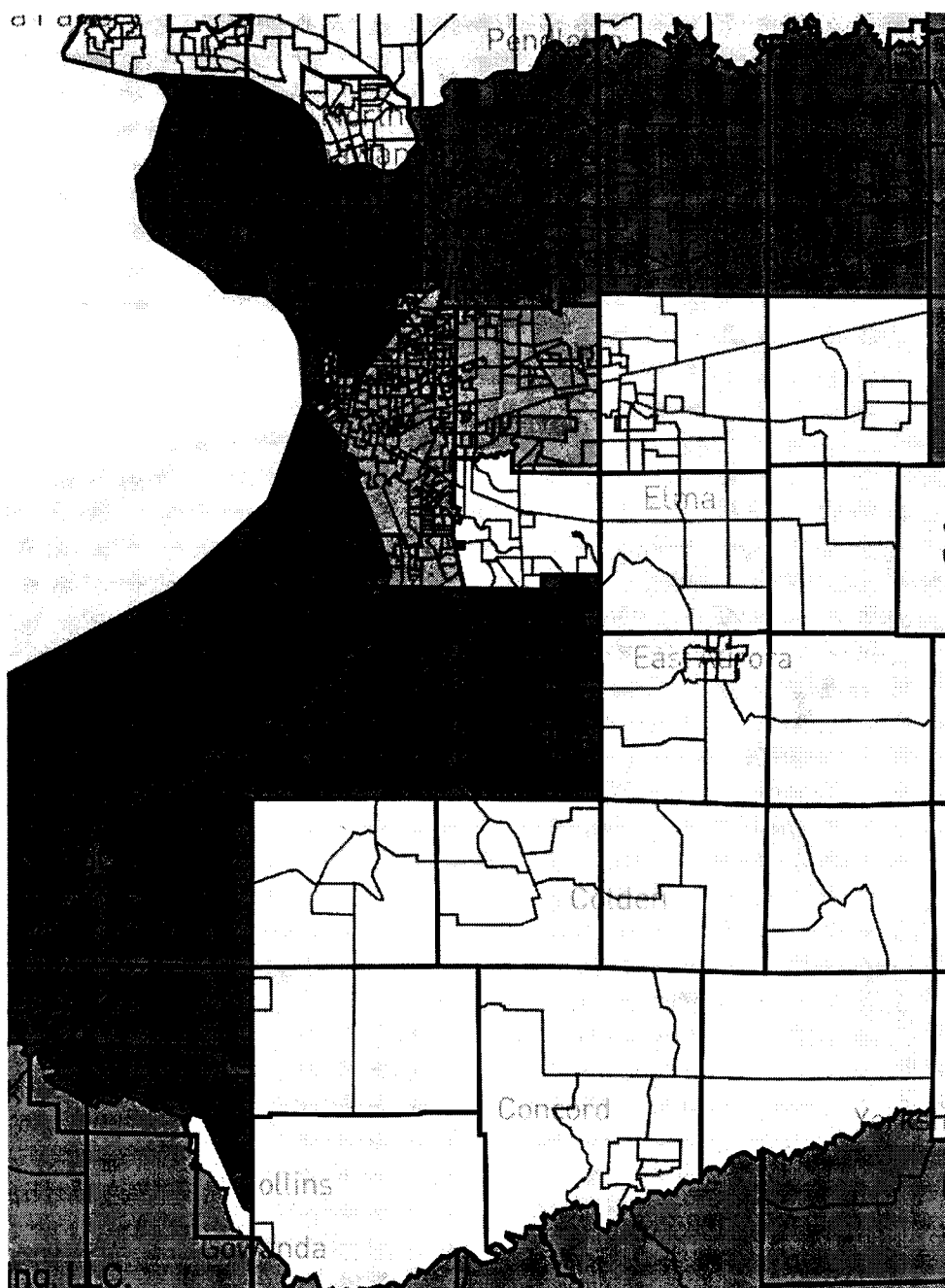


Figure 1. Existing Erie County State Senate districts

10. The Special Master placed the vast majority of Erie's District 59 residents into the revised district 60, maintaining a largely rural district. To accommodate this population change, the Special Master swapped out a large portion of district 60 in the northern Buffalo region (over

180,000 residents), placing those residents into district 63. District 63 loses residents from Lackawanna and Cheektawaga as it moves northwest. Those residents are then split into the remaining two districts.



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community to varying degrees. I first designed a “minimally intrusive” set of districts, Alternative 1. The only boundary changes in Alternative 1 are the result of adding district 59 residents to districts 60 and 61, keeping in mind population equality requirements. Three additional alternatives seek to better balance other redistricting criteria such as competitiveness, compactness, and maintaining other communities of interest. The largest population deviation for any alternative district is approximately 12,000 persons, or less than 4 percent.

12. Table 1 displays population shifts between districts, excluding the former residents of district 59, who are relocated to new districts under all plans. The Special Master districts shift a total of 347,834 residents from one district to another, more residents than comprise a State Senate district. By contrast, and due to the fact that population change from 2010-2020 was minimal in and around Buffalo, all residents currently in districts 60, 61, or 63 could remain there. While the thin section connecting the north and south of district 60 may not look appealing, its compactness (Reock = .43) is comparable to the Special Master district 60 (.46).

13. Alternative 2 addresses the odd geographic spread of district 60 by creating two more compact, urban district and a larger rural district 60, while still trying to maintain minimal population shift between existing districts. The result is a population shift between districts of just under 200,000, still 149,873 less than the shift of the Special Master districts. The more rural district 60 in Alternative 3 stretches across the county north to south, bringing together more rural communities, yet the relocation of this district still changes the district of fewer residents than in the Special Master. Maps for all alternative plans are included in an appendix. These scenarios demonstrate some basic tradeoffs in districting. However, it is clear that it is not necessary to displace hundreds of thousands of residents from their existing districts to achieve relatively compact, equally populated districts that reflect communities of interest.

Table 1: Population movement under proposed and alternative districts

Population district shift	Special Master	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3
60-61			175190	188880
60-63	181401		13874	
61-60				78821
61-63				
63-60	79246			
63-61	87187		8897	36929
sum	347834	0	197961	304630
difference		347834	149873	43204

14. Table 2 demonstrates this point with regard to the racial composition of districts. 2019 citizen voting age population (CVAP) are compared by race and Hispanic identification across plans and districts. The Special Master district keeps together largely African-American precincts in East Buffalo, but so do the alternative plans. Indeed, there are no remarkable differences in the racial composition of districts across plans. The least (60) and most (63) diverse districts are under Alternative 2. However, the Special Master districts have the effect of casting away voters outside of East Buffalo who are part of a long-standing community.

Table 2: Racial composition of proposed and alternative districts

District	Population	Special Master	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3
60	Black CVAP	3.6%	6.0%	1.7%	1.8%
	Hispanic CVAP	4.7%	5.0%	1.6%	1.7%
	Asian CVAP	0.9%	1.4%	0.8%	1.3%
61	Black CVAP	6.4%	3.5%	7.8%	9.6%
	Hispanic CVAP	2.3%	2.0%	5.1%	7.5%
	Asian CVAP	2.9%	2.7%	3.3%	3.2%
63	Black CVAP	29.0%	30.6%	30.7%	27.6%
	Hispanic CVAP	6.4%	6.4%	7.0%	4.2%
	Asian CVAP	2.3%	2.1%	2.1%	1.7%

15. African-Americans are part of a larger geographic community of interest in this region, a community that includes working-class white and clusters of recent immigrants. Figure 3 displays the percent racial minority voting age population across precinct in the East Buffalo region. This community clearly extends beyond the municipal border of Buffalo into Cheektowaga, and south into the town of Lackawanna. Moreover, the Cheektowaga-East Buffalo-Lackawanna community has long-shared cultural and economic ties. They are among the most marginalized of communities in the region. As noted in a letter from community leaders and residents of the City of Lackawanna:

“The economic similarities between Buffalo and Lackawanna once again underscore the importance of ensuring these communities remain in the same Senate district. While Hamburg and West Seneca have poverty rates of 6.5% and 7%, respectively, Buffalo and Lackawanna have significantly higher and similar poverty rates, at 28.3% and 25.4%. Though these numbers are unfortunate, they speak to the need for these communities to be able to elect representatives who can prioritize their significant needs.”

16. This community also votes largely as a bloc for their candidates of preference, regardless of the race of the candidate, as the results of Democratic primaries indicate. In 2012, African-American voters in Lackawanna’s 1st Ward, like voters in largely Black precincts in Cheektowaga and East and South Buffalo, voted overwhelmingly for an African-American candidate. By 2018, the community was still voting as a bloc, but strongly in favor of a white incumbent, even with African-American candidates on the ballot.

17. The proposed Special Master districts remove the Cheektowaga and Lackawanna residents from this community, then combines the East Buffalo residents with the largely white and affluent communities of Elmwood Village and North Park, north of Main Street. As the racial composition statistics indicate, very little is gained from that particular combination of precincts in terms of racial representation, but a community of interest has been divided.

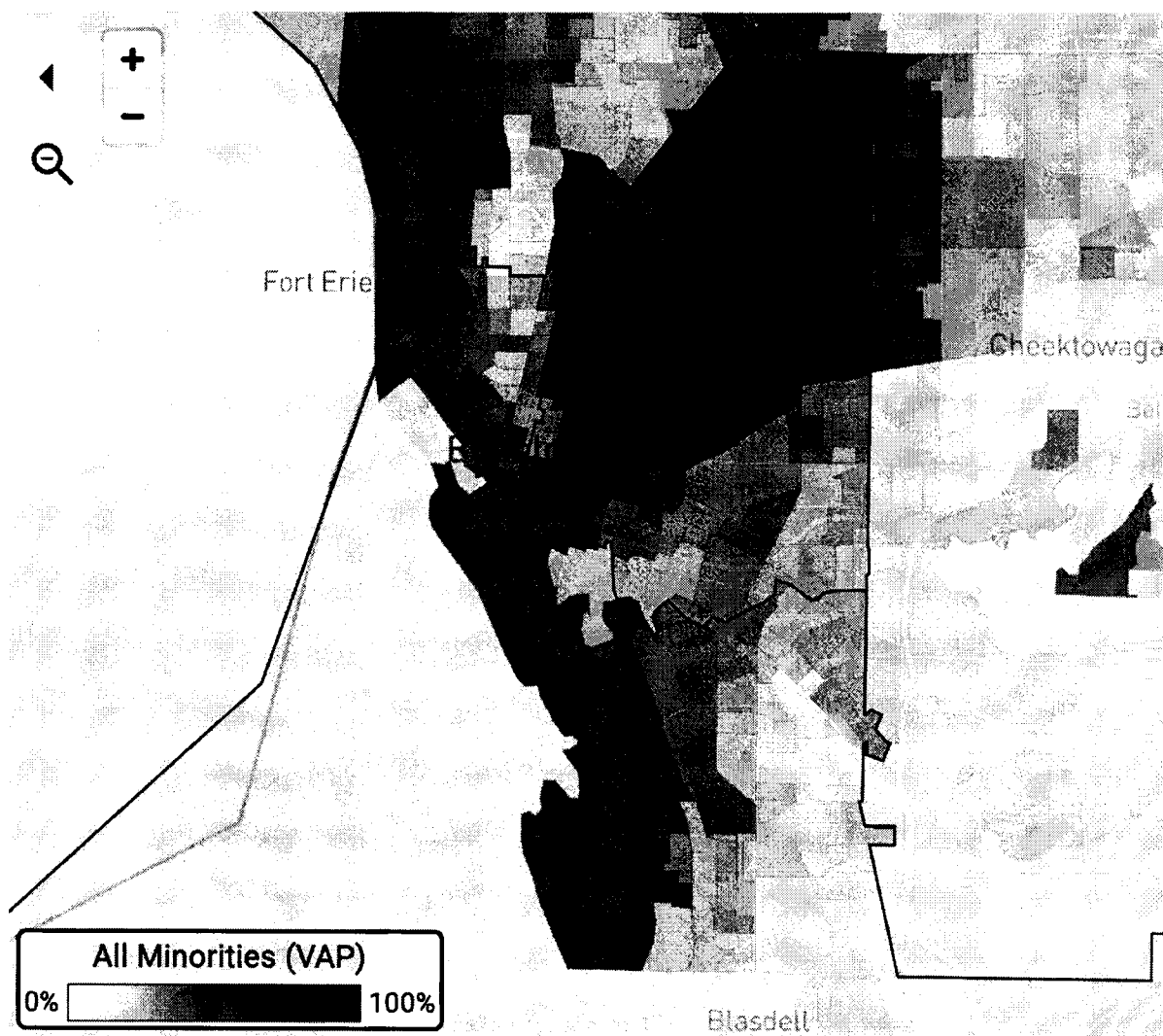


Figure 3. The Cheektowaga-East Buffalo-Lackawanna Community

18. Finally, I take partisan fairness and competitiveness into consideration in evaluating the necessity of shifting populations across districts. Table 3 displays the average partisan vote share across districts using the 2016-2020 composite election data provided by VEST. Results indicate that it is possible to achieve nearly the same expected partisan outcomes, and a similar level of competitiveness, without removing large numbers of people from their current districts. For all plans, district 63 is a heavily Democratic district, but it is somewhat more competitive under Alternative 2, encompassing more suburban voters from West Seneca.

Under the Special Master plan, each party has a slight advantage in one district, for a 2D/1R split on average. The same is true for the alternative plans. Over the next decade, all of these plans should perform rather similarly in terms of partisan yield, and none of the alternative plans substantially alters the overall partisan symmetry or competitiveness of the Special Master's Senate plan.

Table 3: Average 2-party vote share (2016-2020) under proposed and alternative districts

District	Party	Special Master	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3
60	Democratic	47%	57%	46%	43%
	Republican	53%	43%	54%	57%
61	Democratic	51%	49%	62%	63%
	Republican	49%	51%	38%	37%
63	Democratic	71%	73%	73%	64%
	Republican	29%	27%	27%	36%

Conclusion

19. I have been asked to analyze how residents are being relocated across the Special Master's proposed Senate districts in Erie County. My analysis indicates that, by comparison to several districting alternatives, the number of residents who will find themselves in a new district under the Special Master is unnecessarily high. The shift of such a large segment of the population to new districts, over one third of the county, does not appear to be a necessary tradeoff against other redistricting criteria, nor does it appear to yield any distinct benefits.

20. The overall plan of the Special Master reflects a strong adherence to traditional redistricting criteria as required by the state constitution. What my analysis shows is that, as always with redistricting, there are numerous, usually too numerous, paths to get to a solution. In my professional opinion, and in light of the concerns raised by the residents of Erie County, the Special Master should select an alternative districting solution for these three districts, one that is

less intrusive to historical communities of interest, and one that is more narrowly tailored to addressing the harms of the current plan.

Appendix: Alternative districting maps

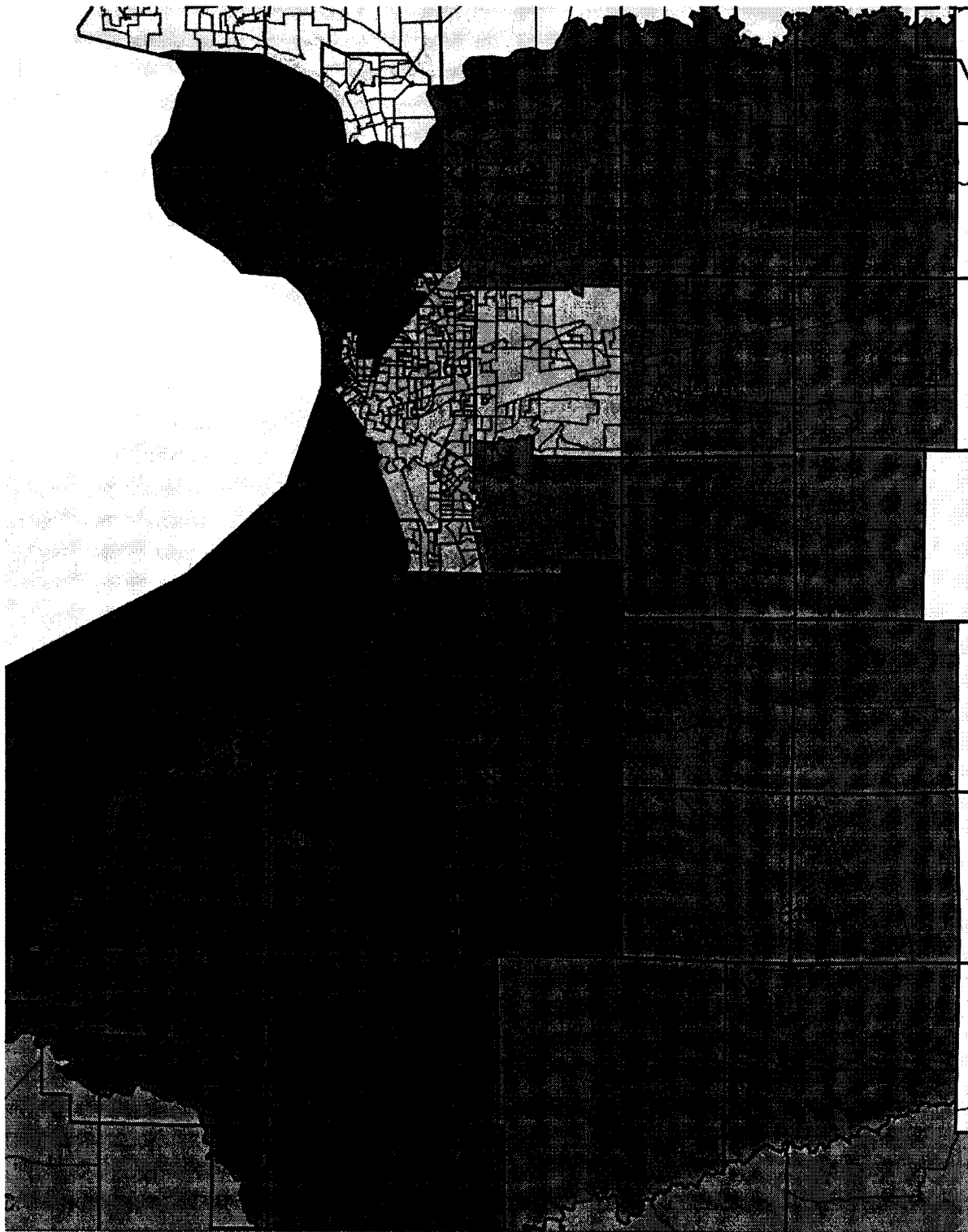


Figure 4. Alternative 1

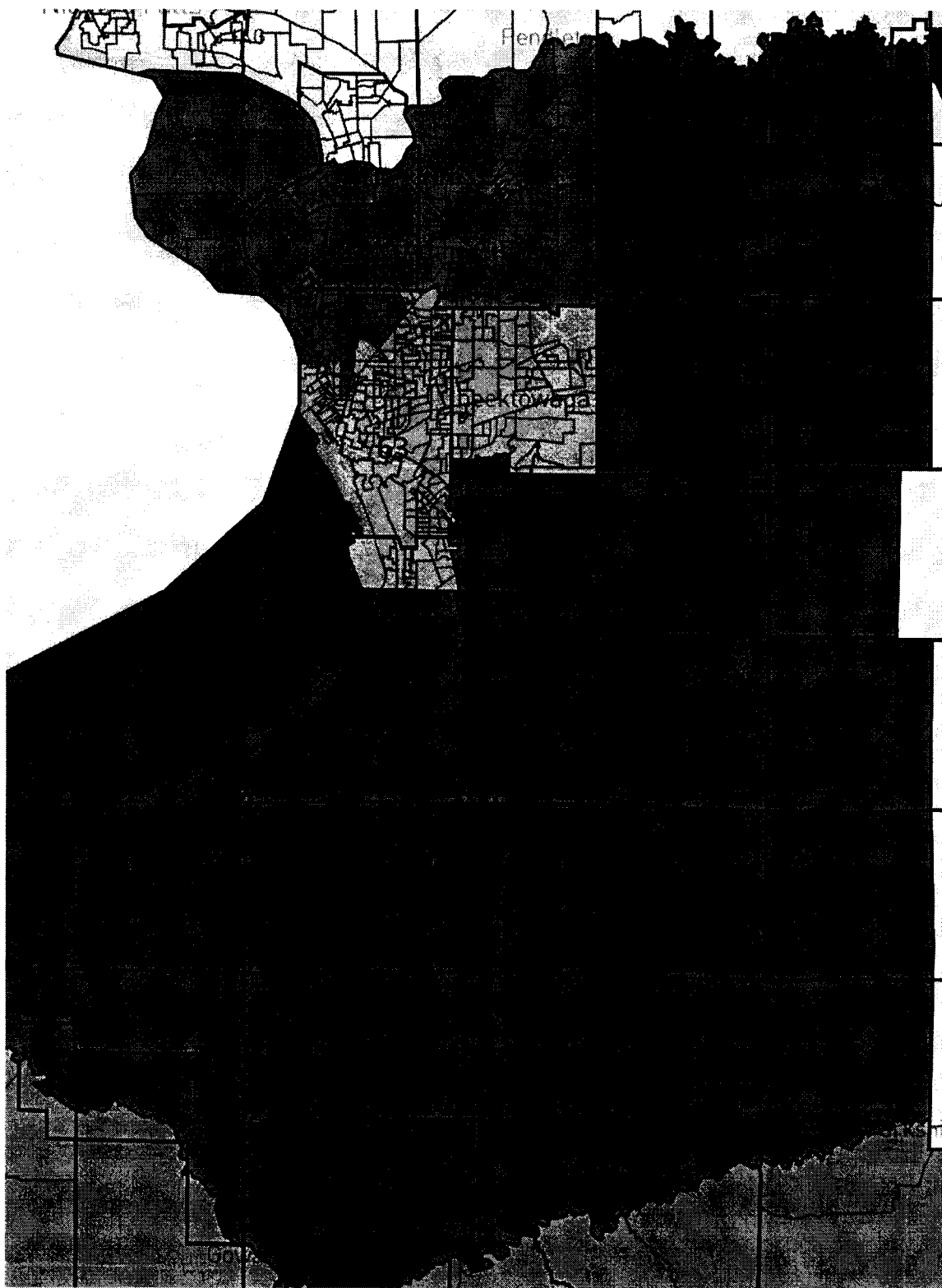


Figure 5. Alternative 2

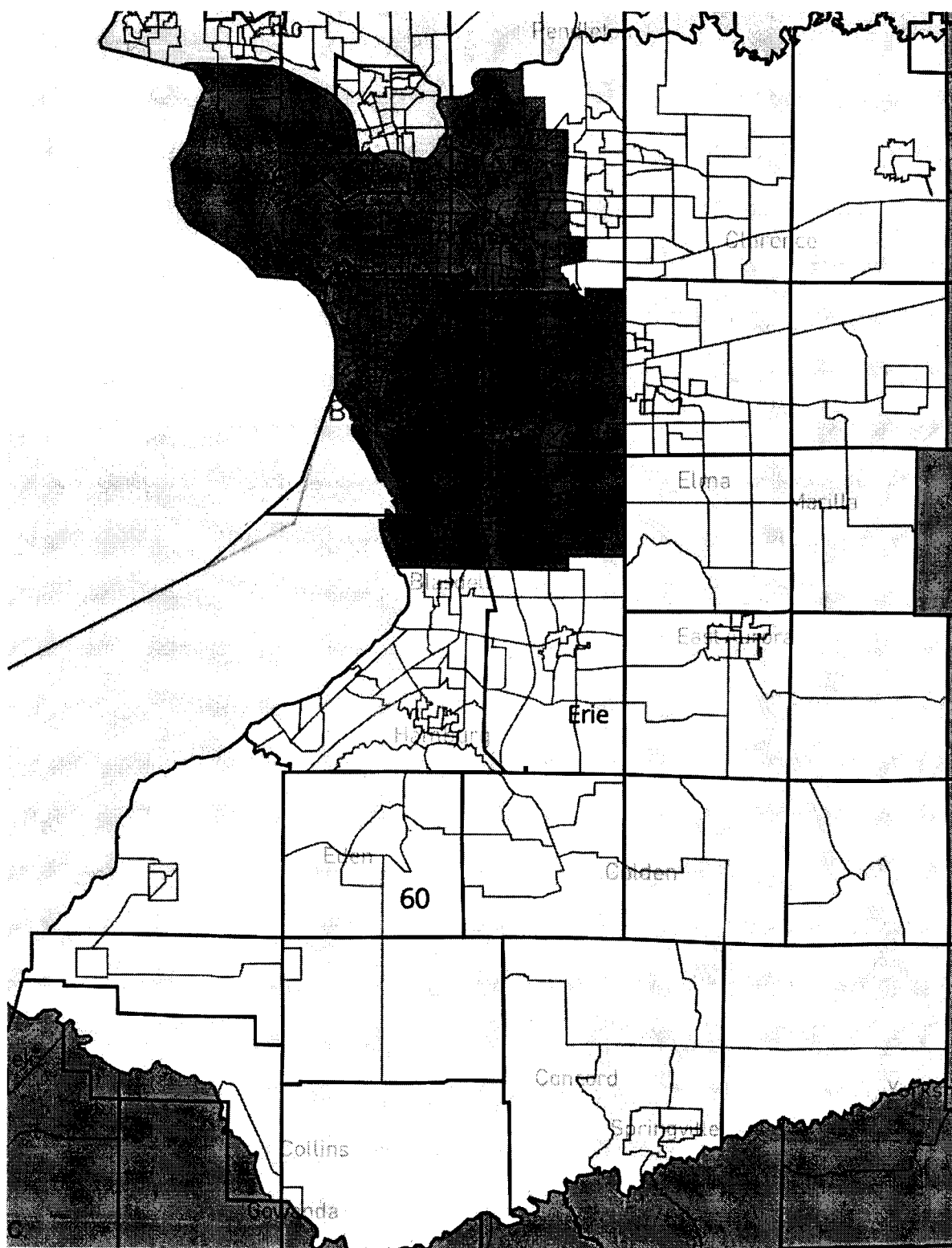


Figure 6. Alternative 3

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Appointments

Union of Concerned Scientists

2019- Senior Fellow

2018-2019 Kendall Science Fellow

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

2019-Professor of Political Science

2014-2018 Associate Professor of Political Science

2008-2014 Assistant Professor of Political Science

2007-2008 Lecturer in Political Science

University of Southern California

2006-2007 Teaching Fellow

University of California, Irvine

2005-2007 Lecturer

Field Research Corporation

1996-2000 Project Manager, Senior Survey Supervisor

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of California at Irvine, 2008

M.A., Political Science, University of California at Irvine, 2004

B.A., Political Science, California State University Chico, 1995

A.A., Butte Community College, Oroville, CA, 1993

Books

Gerrymandering the States: Partisanship, Race, and the Transformation of American Federalism with Anthony J. McGann, Charles Anthony Smith, and Alex Keena., Cambridge University Press, 2021. <https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/gerrymandering-the-states/27FBE0280F339E739758A29DF7CD74A2#fndtn-information>

Gerrymandering in America: The House of Representatives, The Supreme Court, and the Future of Popular Sovereignty with Anthony J. McGann, Charles Anthony Smith, and Alex Keena., Cambridge University Press, 2016.

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/gerrymandering-in-america/C2A9A40879A353AC7484B49834CB54E4>

Peer-Reviewed Publications

"Common Forms of Gerrymandering in the United States" *Decisions*, (32) with Alex Keena, Anthony J. McGann, and Charles Anthony Smith. (2019)
<https://journals.kozminski.edu.pl/pub/5797>

Our Unhealthy Democracy: How Voting Restrictions Harm Public Health—and What We Can Do about It, policy paper published by Union of Concerned Scientists, Center for Science and Democracy, October 2019, <https://www.ucsusa.org/resources/our-unhealthy-democracy>

"Diagnosing Electoral Integrity" chapter in *Electoral Integrity in America: Securing Democracy*, Pippa Norris, Sarah Cameron and Thomas Wynter (eds.), Oxford University Press, 2018.
<https://www.electoralintegrityproject.com/electoral-integrity-in-america/>

Building a Healthier Democracy: The Link Between Voting Rights and Environmental Justice, Union of Concerned Scientists research report, September 2018

<https://www.ucsusa.org/sites/default/files/attach/2018/09/building-a-healthier-democracy-report.pdf>

“Measuring Legislative Behavior: An Exploration of Digitaldemocracy.org” with Alexander M., Dekhtyar, Foaad Khosmood, Nicole Angelini, and Andrew Voorhees, *California Journal of Politics and Policy*, vol 9, issue 3, 2017. <https://doi.org/10.5070/P2cipp9336921>

“Darwinian Democracy? How evolutionary theory informs constitutional design” chapter in *Handbook of Biology and Politics*, Steven Peterson and Albert Somit (eds.), Edward Elgar Publishing, 2017.

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“A Discernable and Manageable Standard for Partisan Gerrymandering” with Anthony J. McGann, Charles Anthony Smith, and Alex Keena. December, 2015., *Election Law Journal: Rules, Politics, and Policy*. 14(4): 295-311.

<https://doi.org/10.1089/elj.2015.0312>

“The Calculus of Consensus Democracy: Rethinking *Patterns of Democracy* without veto players” with Anthony J. McGann, *Comparative Political Studies*, 2013, Vol 46, pp. 823-850, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1177/0010414012463883>

“Mapping the Consequences of Electoral Reform” with Kyle Roach, in *California Journal of Politics and Policy*, 2011, vol 3, issue 1. <https://escholarship.org/uc/item/9mv9b480>

“Geographical Representation Under Proportional Representation: The Cases of Israel and The Netherlands,” with Anthony McGann, *Electoral Studies*, 2005, vol 24, issue 4.

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0261379405000247>

Expert Witness Reports/Testimony

Gonidakis v. LaRose, No. 2:22-cv-00773, Ohio April 06, 2022

League of Women Voters of Ohio v. Ohio Redistricting Comm., No. 2021-1193 (Ohio Sept. 23, 2021), Slip Opinion No. 2022-Ohio-65, Slip Opinion No. 2022-Ohio-342, and Slip Opinion No. 2022-Ohio-789.

SLO County Citizens for Good Government v. County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors, Case No. 22CVP-0007, California, Feb. 09, 2022

Recent Technical/Research Consultation Papers

The 2020 Randolph W. Thrower Symposium, Emory School of Law, Panel III: Violations and Enforcement: Identifying and Rectifying Campaign and Election Violations:

<https://law.emory.edu/academics/journals/emory-law-journal-symposium.html>

Securing Fair Elections: Challenges to Voting in Georgia and the United States (2019), co-author, Scholars Strategy Network,

https://scholars.org/sites/scholars/files/12.10.19_Securing_Fair_Elections_Report_FINAL.p

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“Possible Results of Proportional-voting Systems for Seattle Port Commission Elections”
with Jack Santucci, June 30th 2018, prepared for More Equitable Democracy

City of Pismo Beach Digital Engagement Strategy, 2015, prepared for the City of Pismo Beach

“Building a Healthier Democracy” presentation at National Advisory Board meeting, Union of Concerned Scientists, New York, New York, September 2018

Guest, Data-Driven Strategies to Promote Youth Turnout, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, August 28-29, 2018

Census Counts 2020 Taskforce <https://censuscounts.org>

Presenter, Redistricting and Election Law Panel, American Political Science Association annual meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, August 2018

“Feminist Messaging in the 2018 Congressional Elections” presented at the Cal Poly Alumni retreat, Lair of the Golden Bear, June 2018

Presenter and Discussant, Voting in 2018 and Beyond: Ensuring Access and Accountability of the Ballot in America, Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly 2018 Symposium

“Diagnosing Electoral Integrity” Electoral Integrity Project pre-APSA workshop, San Francisco, California, August 2017

“Will the Revolution be Digitized?” presented at the Cal Poly Alumni retreat, Lair of the Golden Bear, June 2017

Fellowships, Awards, and Professional Recognition

Senior Fellow (Voting Rights), Center for Science and Democraccy, Union of Concerned Scientists, 2019-

Kendall Science Fellow (Voting Rights), Union of Concerned Scientists, 2018-2019

Faculty Scholar, Institute for Advanced Technology and Public Policy, 2015-present

Research Scholarship and Creative Activity Grant for California Redistricting Project, 2016

Common Cause Redistricting Research Competition, 3rd Place, 2015

Gold Medal, California Mid-State Fair Home Brewing Competition, Milk Stout, 2014

Wilma Rule Award, Californians for Electoral Reform, 2013

CA State Faculty Support Grant, 2009-10 (pre-doctoral)

2003 U.C. Regents Pre-Dissertation Fellowship
 2003 Summer research award, School of Social Sciences
 2001 Summer research fellowship for ICPSR, University of Michigan
 2000-01 William Podlich Fellow, Center for the Study of Democracy, U.C. Irvine
 1995 Charles McCall Award, California State University Social Science Research Council

Election Consulting/Management

Susan Funk for Atascadero City Council 2018
 Jimmy Paulding for SLO County Supervisor 2018
 Aaron Gomez for San Luis Obispo City Council 2016
 Dawn Ortiz-Legg for State Assembly 2016
 Eric Michielssen for SLO County Supervisor 2016
 Len Colamarino for Atascadero City Council 2014
 Jim Patterson for SLO County Supervisor 2012
 Brian Sturtevant for Atascadero City Council 2010
 John Graham for Congress, 2004
 John McCain for President, 2000

Recent Non-peer reviewed professional publications/news articles/blogs

A compilation of my blog publications can be found at mikelatner.com

Current Teaching Rotation

POIS 590 MPP Graduate Writing Seminar (Fall section)
 POLS 568 Democracy, Design and Public Policy
 POLS 560 Quantitative Methods
 POLS 470 Democracy: A Cookbook
 POLS 445 Voting Rights and Representation
 POLS 375 California Politics
 POLS 317 Campaigns and Elections
 POLS 316 Political Participation
 POLS 112 American and California Government

Other Courses Taught

POLS 470 Evolutionary Perspectives in Political Science
 Metropolitan Inequality (USC)
 California Politics (UCI)
 The American Political System (UCI)

University service

Quantitative Reasoning assessment committee, 2016-
 Academic Senate Instruction Committee, 2014-2017
 CLA Assessment Committee 2018
 CLA Commencement, College Marshall, 2013-2016, 2018
 POLS Phi Beta Kappa Supervisor, 2018-
 POLS Curriculum Committee, 2011-2016
 POLS MPP Committee, 2007-
 POLS Assessment Committee, 2008, 2009, 2011-2016, 2018
 POLS Alumni Advisory Board, 2007-

Political Science Club, 2009
POLS Paper Awards Committee, 2009, 2011, 2012
POLS Guest Speaker Committee 2007-2009

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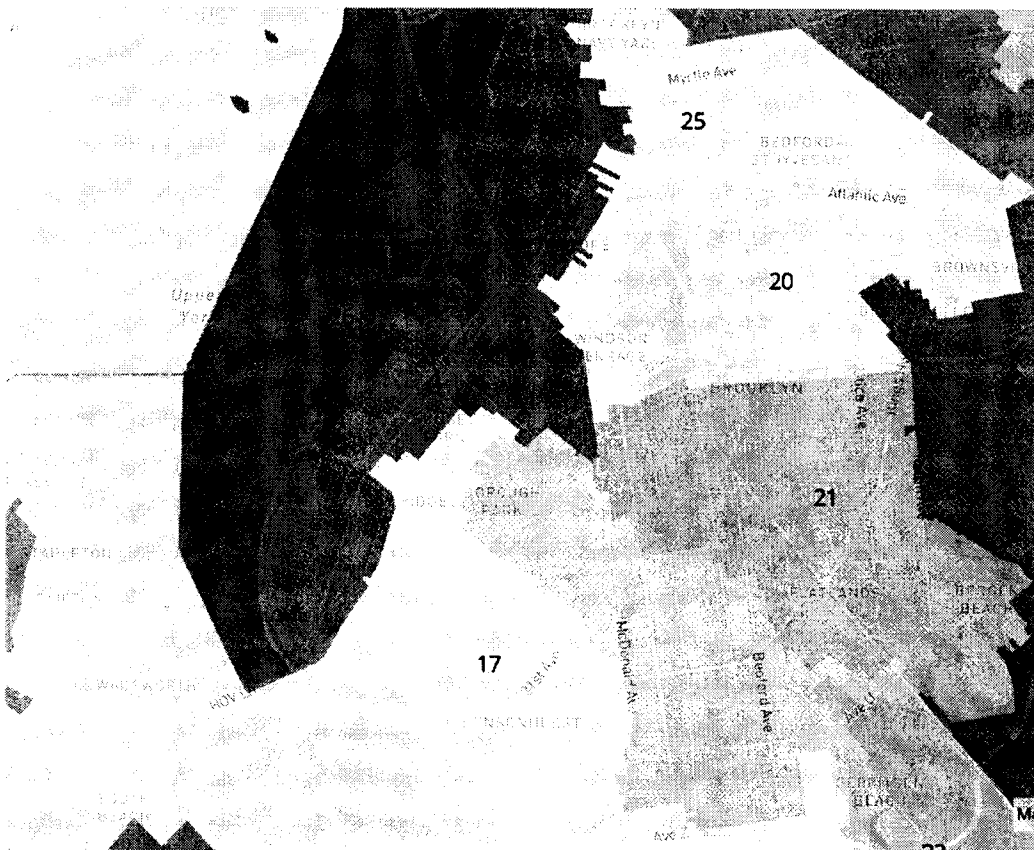
From: Ramond Lin <ramondlin542@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:42 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: State Senate Map Comment -Downstate NY

To whom it may concern,

I am deeply disappointed that the proposed map divided communities of interest and minorities on Long Island. I am dissatisfied that the proposed map does not have a Hispanic Plurality district in Suffolk county centered on the hamlet of Brentwood and Wyandanch. This is a clear example of a racial minority engaging in oppositional voting, with the surrounding hamlets in the town of Islip and Babylon voting for Republicans candidates. What this map does continues the injustice of this community, which VRA was meant to fix, and not doing so can be considered a violation of such rules. I would advise my or Common Cause State Senate proposal for Long Island, which was submitted to the court in the past.

In Brooklyn, I am disappointed in the division of Asian and Arab communities of Bay Ridge, Kensington and Sunset Park's Chinatown. This is easily remedied with the IRC proposal, and minor precinct changes to the 20th, 21st, and 22th district. A picture is attached below.

From,
Ramond Lin



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Brenda A. Wise

From: Jay <jldirects@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:43 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Special Master - Jonathan Cervas

Dear Mr. Cervas,

As a resident and taxpayer of Greene County, NY, I am very surprised and disturbed about the newly defined redistricting map. Separating Columbia and Greene Counties is very inefficient, and neglects the history of our twin counties working together. Currently we share a hospital, community college, mental health resources, addiction recovery resources, and Cornell Cooperative Extension, to name a few. We are already a low income and high addiction county, historically in the low ranking numbers of the state in poverty. Though we are rapidly growing due to the increased influx into the Hudson Valley of Upstate NY, of which Greene County is a vital part. Please reconsider this map.

Greene County is also included in the description of the Capital Region - <https://esd.ny.gov/regionaloverviews/capital/insideregion.html> - which includes Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren, and Washington Counties. Multiple organizations exemplify this connection, including ACE Collective - Alliance for the Creative Economy (ACE), a project of the Center for Economic Growth (CEG). ACE is dedicated to promoting and growing the Creative Industries in the 8-county Capital Region - <https://www.upstatecreative.org>.

Our economic, social and tourist interaction with our longstanding partner, Columbia County, is exemplified by the name of our local Community College, Columbia-Greene Community College. This partnership is further emphasized by how many organizations are shared by the "Twin Counties", Columbia County and Greene County.

While we are divided by the Hudson River, we share the responsibility for the estuaries and other environmental aspects of the shores of the Hudson River, even though we may not be on the same side of the Hudson.

Separating Greene County from Columbia County, the Hudson River, and Capital Region, in any capacity, is unthinkable for Greene County residents. This is a community element, as well as something distinguished in many publications, now and throughout the past. The Hudson Valley is a part of the Catskill Mountains, which is the heart of Greene County.

We understand that this process to redraw maps has had to happen quickly, but please do not discount the vital relationship between Columbia and Greene County, nor our

relationship to the Hudson Valley and the Capital Region. This is our home.

Best Regards,

Jay Lesenger
Catskill, NY

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From: geraldinelevy@rcn.com
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To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: redistricting - NYS senatorial district

Hello,
It makes no sense whatsoever to have our Manhattan district connected to Queens and Brooklyn. Some common sense please!
Geraldine Levy - Stuyvesant Town resident
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From: Libby Bassett <libbyb@rcn.com>
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To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep our district geographically together

Libby Bassett
Stuyvesant Town

Sent from my iPad

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From: Beverly Devine <bosbinn@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:45 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Change of district

Hello,

I am a resident of Peter Cooper Stuyvesant Town. I see no reason to move this area to the 59th district. Do you have a reason, or is the change just politically motivated?

Unless you can openly explain...I vote for keeping us with our neighbors close by.

Beverly Devine

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Vasuki Wilson <vasukiwilson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:44 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting Greene County

Dear Jonathan Cervas,

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We understand that this process to redraw maps has had to happen quickly, please do not discount the vital relationship between Columbia and Greene County, nor our relationship to the Hudson Valley and the Capital Region. This is our home.

**Best Regards,
Vasuki Wilson
202.294.2342**

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Donna Seymour <dseymour66@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:46 PM
To: nyscef; Brenda A. Wise; cervas@emu.edu
Cc: Donna Seymour
Subject: Public Comment Redistricting

According to an article in the May 18, 2022 Kingston Daily Freeman, the comment period on the new congressional district lines ends today (Officials decry Kingston split). I share the concerns expressed by Republican Elections Commissioner John Quigley and Democratic Elections Commissioner Ashley Dittus. The current map divides not just the city's Ward 3 into two congressional districts, but in some cases the boundary line runs through people's houses. When a small city is divided-especially by jagged, irregular lines-it makes government harder to access and it distances people from their government unnecessarily. I agree with the Elections Commissioners and strongly recommend the entire City of Kingston be added to the 18th Congressional District.

Donna Seymour
79 Highland Ave.
Kingston, NY 12401
WARD 7
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 19
STATE SENATORIAL DISTRICT 48
ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 103

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Micki <mickib321@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:46 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Please reconsider the district map

o NY-16 must retain the northeast Bronx communities of Co-Op City, Edenwald and Williamsbridge with lower Westchester

o The special master's proposed map decreases the Black voter population by about 17%, this dilutes the voting power of Black people in NY-16, further marginalizing them and making it difficult for them to elect candidates that best represent their interests.

o The northeast Bronx's predominantly Black community was splintered into three congressional districts: Co-Op City is mapped into NY-14, Williamsbridge and Baychester into NY-15 and Edenwald kept in NY-16. This directly dropped the Black voter population in NY-16 and split these communities of interest.

All the best,
Micki Buchanan

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Hollis Bogdanffy-Kriegh <hollybk@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:46 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Kingston

Dear sir it has come to our attention that the current redistricting maps will split the city of Kingston in half. This will do an incredible disservice to its residents as the area is gentrifying and competing financial investors circle to profit on the community. Please reconsider this redistricting on behalf of residents who are already struggling to maintain homes there.

Thank you,
Hollis Bogdanffy
Beacon, NY

Living the life in Beacon, NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: ey@therickies.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:46 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Special Master

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Best Regards,
Rickey L. Shaum

Rickey Shaum
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Town of East Fishkill

Dutchess County, New York

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Nicholas D'Alessandro, Supervisor
Town of East Fishkill

May 18, 2022

Honorable Judge Patrick F. McAllister
Supreme Court, 7th Judicial District
3 East Pulteney Square Bath, NY 14810

Dear Judge McAllister,

I write to you today with much trepidation about the newly drawn NYS Senatorial maps. East Fishkill is the largest (geographical) town in Dutchess County and second largest in population. While we reside in southern Dutchess many of our residents' work, shop and play in Poughkeepsie and in many areas in the northern part of the county. Our town government works with northern Dutchess municipalities in collaboration with shared services, economic development and county wide initiatives.

I feel dividing Dutchess County between two State Senate districts goes against the spirit of redistricting which was aimed to unite "communities of interest". These new districts would essentially divide neighbors and split up communities, school districts and other cultural interests.

I rely upon my northern neighbors for assistance as much as they rely on my municipality. Dutchess County is a distinct, tight knit community and should be treated as such which is why it should be united within one State Senate District.

Thank you Judge for your consideration.

Regards,

Nicholas D'Alessandro
East Fishkill Town Supervisor

Brenda A. Wise

From: Sara Wall Bollinger <sara@nysarh.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:46 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Cc: Claire Parde; Helen Evans; Toni Carroll
Subject: Comment for special master NYS Senate map

Thank you for this opportunity. Overall, NYSARH finds that the revised maps reflect communities of interest. We want to draw your attention to Greene County.

Greene County is tightly aligned with Columbia County across the Hudson River and is much less aligned to the west. NYSARH urges the special master to consider extending NYS Senate District 39 (which is a little under population) north toward Millerton to free up space to expand NYS Senate District 41 west to include Greene County. Greene County does not belong in NYS Senate District 51.

Thank you
Sara

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Susan Neuffer <s_neuffer25@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:48 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Objection to new State Senate District

I would like to object to the redistricting proposal which puts Stuyvesant town into the newly created 59th District, which connects our neighborhood with citizens of Brooklyn and Queens. I don't think this makes any sense. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Susan Neuffer
448 E. 20 St. Apt. 9A
New York, NY 10009

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Linda Porto <Importo38@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:47 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: As a longtime Peter Cooper resident, especially active in the Flatiron/Gramercy vicinity, I strongly wish my locale to be aligned with nearby sections in Manhattan. Thank you, Linda Porto with

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Eileen Togashi <eileeninnyc@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:47 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: New congressional lines are crazy

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to let you know that the new congrssional lines make NO sense at all. I have lived in Stuyvesant Town for 41 years and I want Brad Hoylman to continue representing my neighborhood!!!!

Please make note.

Thank you,

Eileen Togashi

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EILEEN TOGASHI | photo rep | 212.420.0206

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Matt Cliszis <mcliszis@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:47 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: District 9

Hello,

I am writing to express my concern with the updated senate redistricting proposal.

It appears that our Rockville Centre community is split in the latest draft and I feel that it is important that we do all we can to keep our community together in its representation.

We need senate representation that stands for our community as a whole as we share in the same issues and concerns together as one RVC.

Please take this into consideration as you finalize any updated district maps that import our town.

Thank you!
Matt Cliszis
45 broadway, RVC 11570

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Susan Jaworski <susanjaworski2270@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:47 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: I ask you to keep the City of Kingston whole

I am not a resident of the City of Kingston, but I live in Ulster County and volunteer to support this community. I understand cutting district lines will not satisfy all voters but dividing this diverse small city, with many minority groups, amongst 2 congressional districts was very surprising. The new districts will certainly create many challenges for the political parties, but cutting this small city apart is harmful to the voting power of this small diverse city, who need their voice heard. And, I believe these voters should be protected by the constitutional amendment in 2014, requiring districts to be mindful of disenfranchising minority populations.

If Ulster County remains in 2 districts after updates, the right correction would be to make the full City of Kingston (aprox 7,000 voters moved) part of District 18. This allows those voters to be part of their small community and also part of the Hudson Valley district. If this could be corrected, it would right a wrong of placing a small piece of this diverse community, including many protected minorities, in a sprawling district from Massachusetts through a rural area to the City of Ithaca.

Thank you for your consideration of these voters.
Susan Jaworski
Shokan NY 12481

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Brenda A. Wise

From: E. Gil <gileliza@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:48 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NEW STATE SENATE DISTRICT

To whom it may concern:

I currently live in the 27th District in the New York State Senate, which covers much of Lower and Midtown Manhattan in New York City. This current districting makes sense and helps us to be served more adequately. If district lines are redrawn for elected representatives, I and my neighbors' proposed district will include Brooklyn and Queens in a new State Senate district. I don't believe that constituents will be able to be represented well under this expanded and broad district which will have different local needs.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Gil

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Pat Crispo <patcrispo@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:49 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise

The redistricting which includes parts of Brooklyn and Queens makes little sense since it is geographically not within any walking distance. I think that Manhattan districts should be separate from other counties.

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Lynda Dal Nodar <ldalnodar13@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:50 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Do not split our community

We are one community and this city should not be divided into two congressional districts.

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Brenda A. Wise

From: ginf725 <ginf725@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:50 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redrawn maps

So, let me get this straight. The original version was unacceptable because it "unfairly" favored the democrats but splitting a city up is fair? C'MON man. You're ok with District 101 snaking it's way from parts of Orange County up to Oneida NY? But splitting up A CITY is ok? C'MON man. NY has many districts drawn purposely to favor the party of, "I don't like the results of the election so let's have an insurrection" but splitting a city up is ok? Once again we see tyranny in action. This is why people hate politicians and the people who are paid (off) to give them what they want. You are all despicable excuses for humans. I'm embarrassed that I need to explain this garbage to my grandchildren. Here's the conversation: "Yes, everyone gets a vote. No, everyone's vote is not equal. Yes there are district lines in each state. No, they are drawn up by people who care more about making money, keeping their jobs, keeping power and trying to keep a majority of people down. I know it's not fair. I know we were once a democracy but that changed when religion became part of government. I know the Constitution is clear on separation of church and state. But when politicians spend their time scaring people and making people feel like they would be better off if we didn't have black or brown people in our country then this is what happens. People choose to be uniformed. People choose to be a victim. People choose to blame everyone else for how poorly their life is. People choose to wake up everyday and turn on the TV to see who they should blame for how their life sucks. People choose to get up everyday and turn on the TV to see who and what they are angry about that day. People choose to elect representatives that care nothing for them except for how much money they can make them donate. People choose. But not all people's choices are equal. I pray that this country turns back to a democracy. I pray that women will be the only one responsible for choices that affect them. I pray that HIPPA is recognized in our country again. Not just for the loser of the last presidential election to lie about his own medical deficiency but for all of us. I pray that after surviving the worst health crisis in 100 years we can find our way back to being a democracy. I wish we had people who cared about people. ALL people. Not just people who vote like they do. If only..

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Alena K. Powell <powellbak@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:51 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Co-op City Prevent Redistricting

Hi,

As you know, there is a law in place to prevent the effect of this redistricting of Co-op City from CD16 to CD14 : Vote Dilution.

'Section 2 of the VRA, codified at 42 U.S.C. § 1973 prohibits drawing election districts in ways that improperly dilute minorities' voting power.

As a Co-op City resident, I urge you to rethink and redraw our district.

Thank you,
Alena

Alena Powell
100 Erskine Place #6B
Bronx, NY 10475

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Ann Scully <annannnyc@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:51 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Zip Code 10009

Common sense would keep us in district with our neighbors who share common concerns and interests!! Decision to change our district appears to be made by people who have little knowledge of and care little for the people in our area!!!!

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Dennis M Dvorchak <dmichaeld@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:51 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Columbia County & Redistricting

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a long-term Columbia County resident and voter and the proposed changes would have disastrous consequences for our county. If allowed to stand, Columbia County would be separated from both the Capital District and the Mid-Hudson Valley regions, as well as its county neighbors to the north and south. The proposed map groups our county with Southern Tier and Finger Lakes counties, with which it has no commonality or relationship. This is unprecedented and would result in a poor outcome for our county when it comes to identity, representation, and allocation of resources.

Columbia County is located along the Hudson River in the Mid-Hudson Valley, and the Department of Economic Development has placed Columbia County in the Capital District. Under the proposed map, Columbia County would be isolated from both regions and be the only county in CD19 on the east side of the Hudson River. Columbia County should be part of a contiguous district of adjoining Mid-Hudson Valley counties. Based on current 2020 Census data, the combined populations of Columbia, Dutchess, Rensselaer, Ulster, and Greene Counties would be 748,393 people, which is within the range of +/- 10 percent of the average congressional district.

Columbia County has been excised from its peers and placed in a congressional district that shares little in common administratively. Our judicial, assembly, and senate districts have little, if any, overlap with other counties included in the proposed CD19. Effective government requires coordination and collaboration. The proposed map diminishes Columbia County's political power.

Columbia, Dutchess, Rensselaer, Ulster, and Greene Counties have a common history, developing major agricultural and industrial centers because of their proximity to the Hudson River. There is no such common history with counties located in the middle and western portions of New York State.

The five County Seat Cities of Hudson, Poughkeepsie, Troy, Kingston, and Catskill had a similar rise as major industrial cities that suffered steep economic declines in the first half of the 20th century but are now experiencing a great resurgence. These small to medium sized cities have diverse racial, ethnic, religious, cultural, socio-economic, and gender/sexual orientation populations. These cities have higher poverty levels than the surrounding countryside and have similar challenges to meet the need for infrastructure, broadband, workforce housing, and healthcare throughout the counties. Columbia County should be in a congressional district with its neighbors who face the same challenges and concerns.

Our proximity to New York City has created a rich, year-round arts community, with many artists, painters, dancers, musicians, actors, galleries, and antique stores that all create a destination for tourism. There is a significant and growing population of New York City dual homeowners. Newer residents are starting local small businesses, adding to the economic diversity in our county. Columbia County is also home to many exurban communities of Albany, not Ithaca or Binghamton. Columbia County is tethered economically, culturally and socially to its neighbors to the north and south. The proposed map ignores these connections, and in doing so, denied our county of effective representation.

Please preserve Columbia County as a unified community of interest with our neighboring counties. We share similar agricultural, historic, artistic, and economic challenges and opportunities with Dutchess, Ulster, Rensselaer, and Greene

Counties as part of the Mid-Hudson Valley region. Dividing Columbia County, or separating us from the Mid-Hudson Valley region, would seriously impact the residents who want to build for the future and be fairly represented in Congress. It would be a gross miscarriage of justice that will have long-term adverse consequences for our residents and our region if these district lines are allowed to stand. We urge you to correct this grave mistake.

Very truly yours,

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Brenda A. Wise

From: i ford <iford02@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:52 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting Concerns

As a Member of the historic Lakeview, NY 11570 community I am making a plea that Lakeview be kept in one district. We are a predominantly black community with a rich history that needs to be respected and maintained. I feel the newly drawn lines are intended to divide us and our votes. This will have catastrophic effects on our community during elections. I demand immediate action. Please reconsider the lines immediately!

Irma Ford
437 Lafayette Ave
Rockville Centre NY 11570

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Anahita Fallahi <anahitafallahi@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:52 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NYC districts

As a New Yorker I am very concerned the new congressional maps break up communities of color and place long standing congressmen and women in the same district, especially in the NYC area. This needs a to be revised in the interest of all New Yorkers and fair representation.

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Brenda A. Wise

From: John Bartimole <johnbartimole@bartimole.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:52 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NY 23rd Congressional District

Dear Justice McAllister and Special Master Cervas:

Thank you for reading this. I am urging you to excise Erie County from the proposed 23rd Congressional District and restore the district to its original, rural nature. Bringing that slice of Erie County into this district is not beneficial for those residents or our rural citizens.

Thank you for considering this.

John E. Bartimole
Former CEO
Western New York Healthcare Association and...
A very concerned citizen...

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Phyllis Ross <phyllisgreenfieldross@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:52 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Comment on the redistricting plan re: District 16
Attachments: Redistricting.docx

My name is Phyllis Ross. I am a registered voter residing in Katonah New York. Attached please find a statement of my concern about the redistricting plan.

Thank you.

Phyllis Ross

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I am writing to call your attention to unintended, but seriously detrimental consequences of the new congressional maps released by the Special Master for NY-16. NY-16 has been redistricted in a way that reduces the total Black population of the district by 17 per cent, diminishing the voting power of communities of color, and marginalizing their concerns and their impact. This change turns back the clock on progress towards racial equity. It flies in the face of our stated quest for racial justice and equity in New York. It undermines our community-supported commitment to empowering the formerly silenced voices of Black and brown people.

In order to remedy this situation, Co-Op City, Edenwald and Williamsbridge in the northeast Bronx must be restored to District 16 with lower Westchester. Splitting Co-Op City into NY-14, and Williamsbridge and Baychester into NY-15, while retaining Edenwald in NY-16, splinters these communities of interest, essentially silences their voices, and undermines our progress towards equity in New York.

Phyllis Ross
100 Whitlockville Road
Katonah, New York
(914)539-0955
phyllisgreenfieldross@gmail.com

Brenda A. Wise

From: Carmen Nelson <cadanja@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:52 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; Steubensuperior@nycourts.gov; Cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Prevent the "Vote Dilution"

As you know, there is a law in place to prevent the "Vote Dilution" effect of this planned redistricting of Co-op City from CD16 to CD14: "Section 2 of the VRA, codified at 42 U.S.C. s 1973 prohibits drawing election districts in ways that improperly dilute minorities voting power.

As a Co-op City resident, a concerned voter who is fearful of the damage that would be done by this redistricting, I urge you to rethink and redraw our district.

Thank you

Carmen Nelson

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Jane Sanzen <Jane@juliecorealty.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:51 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

As a resident of the city of Saratoga Springs, NY, I am strongly opposed to the draft Congressional map that would remove my community from a Congressional district centered in New York's Capital Region. Saratoga Springs strongly identifies with the greater Capital Region and has strong economic and transportation ties to communities like Schenectady, Albany, Troy, and Amsterdam. Many of our residents work and have families in these communities. Placing Saratoga Springs into a district that stretches to the Canadian border with communities that have much different needs than our own will ultimately be detrimental to our community. I urge you to include Saratoga Springs in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Jane Sanzen
Licensed Associate Real Estate Broker

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Brenda A. Wise

From: lola franco kevin seaman <kevlola@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:52 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: New zoning

It makes zero sense for StuyTown/Peter COoper to be lumped with people across the river. We should stay in Manhattan, where neighbors have similar concerns.

Best,
Lola Franco

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194 Central Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14206
May 18, 2022

Honorable Patrick F. McAllister
Steuben County Supreme Court
3 East Pulteney Square
Bath, New York 14810

Dr. Jonathan Cervas, Special Master
Steuben County Supreme Court
3 East Pulteney Square
Bath, New York 14810

**RE: TIM HARKENRIDER et al v. GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL et al
E2022-0116CV - Steuben County Supreme Court**

Dear Justice McAllister and Special Master Cervas,

I am writing in hopes that you would give further thought and consideration to the currently proposed Congressional and State Senate maps. Specifically, the State Senate map as proposed would have an extremely negative effect on the Black community in the Buffalo, New York area.

As you may know, our community was just severely impacted by a heinous hate crime, causing fear, anxiety, and anger to rise. Now is the time for our community to band together, with a united voice, to work for real legislative change to eradicate racism. Not only in our local community and State, but in our country.

Leaving the State Senate map as proposed would only bring a division to the Black voices here in Buffalo, New York at a time when we need to fight to be united. It will not allow our community an opportunity to grieve and heal together but would add essentially add to the social and economic disparity we are fighting so hard to overcome.

I humbly ask that the State Senate map for the Buffalo, New York area be changed back to its existing lines, allowing the unification of the Black voices in this community.

Sincerely,

Leslie D. Bishop
Board President
Citizen Action, WNY

Brenda A. Wise

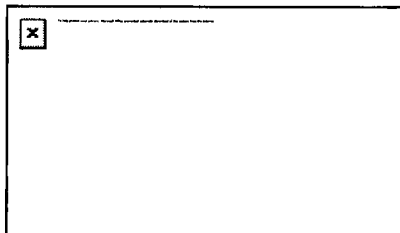
From: asp1@nyu.edu
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:52 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistriction

I am opposed to the proposed redistricting of my neighborhood.

I believe we should be in a district with our geographic neighbors.

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Andrée Pilaro, LCSW
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Brenda A. Wise

From: Ben McCarthy <travelerben@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:53 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Greene County and Columbia County together

Dear Jonathan Cervas,

As a resident and taxpayer in Catskill of Greene County, NY, I am concerned about the newly defined redistricting map. Separating Columbia and Greene Counties is illogical, and neglects the history of our twin counties working together. Currently we share a hospital, community college, mental health resources, addiction recovery resources, and Cornell Cooperative Extension, to name a few. I do a lot of my work as a freelance contractor in Columbia County. I regularly shop, recreate and socializing in Columbia County as well.

Greene County, and Catskill in particular, is a part of the Hudson River Valley. When I think of my community I think of it primarily connected to the Hudson Valley first, Capital Region second, and down the river to Kingston third. Please reconsider this map.

Greene County is also included in the description of the Capital Region - <https://esd.ny.gov/regionaloverviews/capital/insideregion.html> - which includes Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren, and Washington Counties. Multiple organizations exemplify this connection, including ACE Collective - Alliance for the Creative Economy (ACE), a project of the Center for Economic Growth (CEG). ACE is dedicated to promoting and growing the Creative Industries in the 8-county Capital Region - <https://www.upstatecreative.org>.

Our economic, social and tourist interaction with our longstanding partner, Columbia County, is exemplified by the name of our local Community College, Columbia-Greene Community College. This partnership is further emphasized by how many organizations are shared by the "Twin Counties", Columbia County and Greene County.

While we are divided by the Hudson River, we share the responsibility for the estuaries and other environmental aspects of the shores of the Hudson River, even though we may not be on the same side of the Hudson.

Separating Greene County from Columbia County, the Hudson River, and Capital Region, in any capacity, is unthinkable for Greene County residents. This is a community element, as well as something distinguished in many publications, now and throughout the past. The Hudson Valley is a part of the Catskill Mountains, which is the heart of Greene County.

We understand that this process to redraw maps has had to happen quickly, please do not discount the vital relationship between Columbia and Greene County, nor our relationship to the Hudson Valley and the Capital Region. This is my home.

Best Regards,
 Benjamin McCarthy

142 Grandview Ave

Catskill, NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Margaret Tomlinson <margaretdonsbach@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:53 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Special Master: Greene County Redistricting

Dear Mr. Cervas,

Please forgive me if the following message duplicates one I already tried to send--it is not showing up in my "sent" email folder, and since the deadline for comments is today and I feel very strongly about this issue, I did not want to take the risk that you would not see my comment..

As a voter in Catskill and Greene County, NY, I am distressed to discover that Greene and Columbia Counties have been placed in separate voting districts in the new district maps. Greene and Columbia are so deeply connected that we are often called the "twin counties." With a major highway bridge joining Catskill with Columbia County's main population center, the City of Hudson, we are much more joined than divided by the Hudson River, both counties identifying as part of the Hudson River Valley. In contrast, the mountain range of the Catskills serves as a significant barrier dividing Greene in both character and ease of travel from the counties to its west.

Greene and Columbia Counties share numerous crucial local services:

- Greene County has no hospital; the closest hospital for Greene residents is Columbia Memorial, in Hudson.
- Greene and Columbia Counties share a community college, Columbia-Greene Community College, located in Hudson.
- The local branch of the Cornell University Extension program serves both Greene and Columbia Counties.
- The nonprofit organization Mental Health Association of Columbia-Greene Counties, Inc., serves both counties and plays a major role in providing mental health services to residents of both counties.
- The nonprofit organization Twin County Recovery Services serves both counties, providing clinics in both counties for substance abuse recovery and rehabilitation services.
- The closest train station for the line providing passenger rail service to New York City for Greene County residents is located in Hudson, a five-minute drive from Catskill.

Greene and Columbia Counties essentially form a single community, with Greene County residents dependent upon many services located in Columbia County that serve Greene County residents. I urge you to adjust the district maps to keep Greene and Columbia Counties in the same district, as we have been in the past. To separate these twin counties into different districts would violate the principle of keeping communities intact when setting district boundaries.

Thank you.

Margaret Tomlinson
Catskill, Greene County, NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Michael Madonia <michaelm645@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:54 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: New maps

Dear mapmakers Lower Manhattan has no business being grouped with Brooklyn and queens, both boroughs i have lived in. Change the maps Regards Michael Madonia E14 st

Sent from my iPhone

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Linda Vigdor <lindavigdor@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:53 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: New district maps

Hello,

I urge special master Cervas to rethink your proposed map as it defies the State Constitution's requirement that communities of interest and the cores of existing districts be preserved.

Also, it seems to be privileging republicans and most significantly, creating chaos in the voting process and calendar.

Sincerely,
Linda Vigdor
Manhattan

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Jack P Johnson <Jack.P.Johnson@ey.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:54 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Support of the Special Master's maps

Good afternoon,

The special master's notes appear wise. I live on the East side, and I appreciate the thought and non-partisan approach used to build them.

It is of course the Judge's call, but thought I'd give my 2 cents.

Best,
Jack Johnson
548 3rd Ave, NYC

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Chris Rahm <rahm.christopher@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:55 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional Map Comment

To Whom it May Concern:

While I appreciate the criticism of the alleged gerrymander proposed in previous congressional maps and the need to redraw them with more balance, this latest proposed map has flaws that may be intangible if only making numerical calculations.

In my district alone (Former NY19, Potentially future NY18), It recklessly divides the Ulster County Seat of Kingston. The city and its neighborhoods are in the midst of a transition, where some areas are seeing economic growth, while others are suffering from displacement and housing issues due to gentrification. The new map divides the city between NY18 and NY19, with a seemingly arbitrary line that cuts through districts, house to house, block to block, that could further amplify any feeling of disunity in the city at a time when its future hinges on creating common interests among those that live here. The city proper - specifically its uptown, midtown and downtown areas - should remain unified inside one district or another.

While the map creates more competitive districts between the Republican and Democratic parties, it unfairly places downstate Democratic incumbents NY16-19 in unenviable positions of having to compete over districts, with short notice, in an election year - it is almost certain that at least one representative (likely elected with overwhelming support) will be forced out of congress as a result. From my cursory research, I cannot find any similar "pain" placed on any upstate Republican representatives. This dynamic seems to imply a disproportionate impact on the Democratic house caucus from New York State.

The consistent East-West stratification of districts in the Hudson Valley from the lower Hudson Valley to the upper Hudson Valley also reinforces problematic stereotypes of our differences in our region. I am concerned that this will create incentive for politicians running in these areas to attack surrounding districts and draw differences and conflicts vs one another - this could result in 10 years of disunity, needless competition and adversarial relationships inside this region during a time we need to be unified in the face of potential economic downturn, energy policy overhaul and climate change resilience.

Though I do not live in NYC, it seems that similar impacts would occur there. Several of the new lines result in a (likely inadvertent) racial 'packing' where an area represented by 4 Black representatives has been merged into one. Despite the numbers adding up, does this decision not impact the diverse representation that these areas deserve in Congress, while Republican incumbents face no similar disadvantage aside from their proportional - but fairly elected - minority status in the state?

Please reject this map and request that the specialist take another pass that looks at more than just numbers with more nuance, a smarter approach to recognizing shared interests in NY's unique regions, to keeping communities from being divided and does its best to reduce, or at least balance, intra-party competition for new districts.

I appreciate your consideration,

Christopher Rahm
Kingston, Ulster County, New York

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Joshua Wakesberg <joshua.wakesberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:55 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Proposed NY State redistricting map

The proposed draft map for NY State's Congressional, State Senate, and Assembly districts are unconstitutionally racially disenfranchising. The newly-created District 9, formerly an African-American-majority district of historically Black Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhoods, has broken the Black majority in the area by combining it with several non-minority districts, diluting their influence in elections large and small.

In addition, the maps that the Democratic legislature created earlier in the year was an attempt to fix decades of historically unfairly gerrymandered districts created by the Republican Party. These early drafts were an honest effort to address the larger systemic issues within state and national politics by engaging with the changing demographics of New York State - something that the Republican Party has fought tooth and nail to hinder.

I urge you to redraw the district lines to reflect these changes, or to revert the district map back to its original form from earlier in the year.

Sincerely,
Josh

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Brenda A. Wise

From: matt kovner <mkovner15@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:55 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: congressional draft map comments

please do not split kingston into two separate districts. it's a small enough city and needs to remain whole in order to make the voices of our constituents heard.

and it's the same with ulster county. our voters need to speak with one voice, and cannot be expected to have the same needs as those in orange or dutchess counties...

please go back to the drawing board and fix these two problems.

thanks
matt kovnerf

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Barbara Bienenfeld <barbb629@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:55 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NEW STATE SENATE DISTRICT

Hello,

I live in Stuyvesant Town in Manhattan, zip code 10009.
Please don't lump up into another district with two other boroughs, with a new representative who is not familiar with our community and we did not have the opportunity to vote for.
Keep our district in Manhattan with our geographic neighbors and let's continue to have Brad Hoylman represent our community.

Thank you,
Barbara Presar Bienenfeld
Stuyvesant Town, NY 10009

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Eleanor Ferraro <elliefer@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:55 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: District map for NY20

Dear Sir:

I would hope that in drawing up boundaries for Congressional district NY20 you will see the need to keep the hubs of Albany, Schenectady, Troy, Saratoga Springs, and Amsterdam together. These communities have shared their cultural roots, educational and transportation systems for decades. If divided, I fear these topics will not be adequately addressed in Congress. Adjacent districts are already stretched a great distance for their representative to cover and the needs and interests of the residents there are quite different from those of Saratoga or Amsterdam.

Thank you for your consideration,
Eleanor M. Ferraro
Resident in12205

Sent from my iPad

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Peter Criswell <Peter.Criswell@co.ulster.ny.us>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:56 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Ulster County whole!

Keep Ulster County whole!

For decades, Ulster County residents have been served by a single representative in Congress. Please don't break us in two. From the Hudson River to the Catskill mountains and fertile valleys in between, our local governments are working together to ensure everyone in Ulster has the opportunity to thrive. We need one voice to speak for us in Congress, who will act on our behalf to meet the needs of our county as a whole.

*Peter Criswell
Ulster County Legislator
District 7, City of Kingston
(845) 481-3264*

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Carol Schrager <carolaschrager@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:55 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Cc: Gitlin, Bruce; Gitlin, Sarah
Subject: Special Master

Dear Special Master Cervas,

As a lifelong resident, voter and taxpayer of Greene County, NY, I write on behalf of myself, my husband, Bruce Gitlin and our daughter, Sarah Gitlin, to ask you to reconsider the new State Senate redistricting map separating **Columbia and Greene Counties**.

Our twin counties have a long history of working together and sharing resources. Currently we share a hospital, community college, mental health resources, addiction recovery resources, and Cornell Cooperative Extension, and many other institutions crucial to our communities' welfare. The scenic and storied Hudson River Valley which the two counties share (and share the responsibility for environmental protection of) is a part of the Catskill Mountains, which is the heart of Greene County and vital to our tourist economy, the only thriving employment base we have in Greene County.

Greene County is also included in the description of the Capital Region - <https://esd.ny.gov/regionaloverviews/capital/insideregion.html> - along with Columbia County. Multiple organizations exemplify this connection, including ACE Collective - Alliance for the Creative Economy (ACE), a project of the Center for Economic Growth (CEG). ACE is dedicated to promoting and growing the Creative Industries in the 8-county Capital Region - <https://www.upstatecreative.org>.

Separating Greene County from Columbia County, the Hudson River Valley, and Capital Region, would be economically and socially

devastating for Greene County residents.

Although we understand that you were charged with the difficult task of redrawing the maps quickly, please do not discount the vital and longstanding bonds between Columbia and Greene County, nor our relationship to the Hudson Valley and the Capital Region.

This is our home. Please do not tear it asunder with State Senate lines.

Respectfully,
Carol A. Schrager,
Hunter, NY

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Carol A. Schrager
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Email: CarolASchrager@gmail.com

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Megan Ratner <megan.ratner@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:56 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: New Congressional District Assignment Makes No Sense

Dear Brenda Wise,

Please add my voice to those objecting to the redistricting that puts my address in the 59th state congressional district.

It does not make sense to lump parts of Queens, Brooklyn and lower Manhattan together when the day-to-day realities of life in each borough are markedly different.

Please reconsider this unwelcome decision.

Sincerely,
Catherine Ratner
12 Stuyvesant Oval
7D
New York, NY 10009

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Brenda A. Wise

From: asp1@nyu.edu
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:57 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting of neighborhood

I am opposed to the proposed redistricting of my neighborhood.
I believe we should be in a district with our geographic neighbors.

Leonard Pilaro, PH.D.
350 First Avenue--Apt. 1G
New York, NY 10010

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Reynolds, Lucian (CB) <LReynolds@cb.nyc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:58 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Manhattan Community Board 1 Comment on Inclusion of Manhattan Islands in a Manhattan District
Attachments: 5.18.2022_Governors Island Redistricting Issue.pdf

Greetings,

Please find attached a letter requestion the inclusion of Governors Island, Ellis Island, and Liberty Island within the 27th New York State Senate District. I will paste the text of the letter below.

Kind regards,

Lucian Reynolds (He/Him)
District Manager
Manhattan Community Board 1
212/602-6300

May 18, 2022

Hon. Patrick F. McCallister

RE: The New 27th District of the New York State Senate and the Inclusion of Governors Island, Ellis Island, and Liberty Island

Justice McCallister:

The jurisdiction of Governors Island, Ellis Island and Liberty Island are unambiguously within the purview of Manhattan Community Board 1 (CB 1), the 1st City Council District, and New York County District of the Manhattan Borough President. These three islands have long relied on Manhattan Community District 1 for land use and review. Community Board 1 also serves as the official planning board for matters pertaining to the alcoholic beverage control laws in the eyes of the State Liquor Authority. CB 1 relies on our relationships with our New York State delegation of elected officials to make this process fair, efficient, and duly protective of those constituents who are represented in our district. Issues surrounding the security of New Yorkers and visitors when visiting the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island are also statutorily put before Manhattan Community Board 1.

The Governors Island Trust Board of Directors has a seat set aside for a member of Manhattan Community Board 1. With the imminent redevelopment of Governors Island, the introduction of millions of square feet of new space, the transition to make the Island open to the public all year and the zoning change to allow commercial and mixed-uses, it is more important than ever to keep jurisdictional boundaries consistent. Community Boards provide the most local level of engagement with constituents, and this proposed revision to redistrict the three islands into the 26th Senate District sets the stage for catastrophic civic failure.

To not include the islands in the new 27th District of the New York State Senate would disenfranchise the residents who are charged with managing these processes by not having the state senator who represents the islands be accountable to those same voters who are tasked with oversight. The 27th District also largely aligns with the new 10th Congressional District, which does include the islands and thus keeps the community whole. Keeping the islands in the new 26th Senate District would cause harm to the administrative checks and balances to ensure that these islands are serving the public

interests above all else. I implore you to restore these islands to the new 27th district that coincides with the municipal administrative areas that are responsible for these public places in the name of good governance and community cohesion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tammy Meltzer", followed by a vertical line.

Tammy Meltzer, Chairperson

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**The City of New York****Manhattan Community Board 1****Tammy Meltzer** CHAIRPERSON | **Lucian Reynolds** DISTRICT MANAGER

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Sincerely,

Tammy Meltzer, Chairperson

Brenda A. Wise

From: sydney frymire <sydneyfrymire@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:59 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the City of Kingston Whole!

Dear Mr. Wise,

The City of Kingston, Ulster County's only city and the seat of our county government, should not be divided between two Congressional districts. Kingston is one community, a small and diverse city that has been wholly represented in Congress for its entire 250 year history. Dividing our representation into two will diminish our ability to impact national policies that concern our community, confuse our voters, and make it harder for residents to get the federal resources and services we need.

Splitting the northwest section of Kingston off into the proposed District 19 will also have the effect of diluting Ulster County's minority voices, which appears to be a clear violation of voter rights and constitutional protections. Our communities of color in the City of Kingston and the southern part of the county in the proposed District 18 must not be separated.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sydney Frymire
166 W.Chestnut St.
apt. 4
Kingston, NY 12401

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Brenda A. Wise

From: asp1@nyu.edu
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:59 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
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Andrée Pilaro, LCSW
350 First Avenue--Apt. 1G
New York, NY 10010

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Esther Normann-Rios <pike@hvc.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:00 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Voting/redistricting lines!

For decades, Ulster County residents have been served by a single representative in Congress. Please don't break us in two.

From the Hudson River to the Catskill mountains and fertile valleys in between, our local governments are working together to ensure everyone in Ulster has the opportunity to thrive.

We need one voice to speak for us in Congress, who will act on our behalf to meet the needs of our county as a whole.

Don't make this break...it makes no sense!

Sincerely,
Esther Normann-Rios

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Janice Cantor <janlyncan@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:00 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: redistricting new york city

I don't live in Brooklyn nor Queens, I live in Manhattan and should be represented by a Manhattanite, as Brooklyn should be Brooklynite and so forth. A rep from Brooklyn is not going to know the problems in Manhattan as a rep from Manhattan is not going to know the problems in Queens. This is a fight between Dems and Reps for power as it appears neither give a crap about the people that actually live in the areas they are playing with. The existing map has worked for years.

HANDS OFF MY DISTRICT!!!

Janice Cantor
Manhattan

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Brenda A. Wise

From: janis brahms <janisbrahms@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:01 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Stuy town resident of 14 years

It makes no sense to lump us in with areas of Brooklyn or Queens in my opinion We do not have the same needs and concerns and elected officials have just so much time to focus on the needs of 110 buildings and over 10000 tenants Respectfully request that you keep us with officials who know and understand our needs Thank you The Brahms
430 E 20 th Street
Apt MD
NY NY 10009

Sent from my iPhone

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Ava Lehrer <avalehrer@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:01 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NY Redistricting Plan

The redistricting plan as submitted reads like a concerted attack on the Democratic Party. It is an outrage and in need of immediate sane modification.

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Pulver, Gregg <gpulver@dutchessny.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:01 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting Comments- State Senate

May 18, 2022

Dear Honorable Patrick McAllister:

I am writing today on the proposed State Senate districts as they relate to the County of Dutchess.

Dutchess has 290,583 residents (adjusted by incarcerated persons) and the average Senate District is roughly 317,000 persons. Despite having enough population for 91% of a Senate District, Dutchess is sliced into two separate districts. This waters down our community of Dutchess County into two separate voting blocs and combines us with other areas with which we have little in common. Historically, Dutchess' Senate districts have not crossed the Hudson River however now both districts cross the river.

This new map deprives a County which is only several thousand people away from being its own district from having a representative whose predominate constituency is Dutchess.

The County of Dutchess must remain in a single State Senate district or split as minimally as possible. We look forward to seeing these issues corrected. Thank you for your time and understanding.

Sincerely,

A. Gregg Pulver, Chairman
Dutchess County Legislature
District 19- Pine Plains, North East, Stanford, Milan

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