

Brenda A. Wise

From: mlasher001 <mlasher001@nycap.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:24 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Objection

I am voicing my objection to placing my home town of Saratoga Springs into district 21. Plain and simple this location is closer to the Capitol Distict and more in line with its big cities just 20 minutes south.

An upset voter
Maria Lasher

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From: Sharlene Carpenter <sharlenecarpenter@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:25 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY 20

As a resident of the city of Amsterdam, 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.

Amsterdam strongly identifies with the greater Capital Region and has strong economic and transportation ties to communities like Schenectady, Albany, Troy, and Saratoga Springs. Many of our residents, myself included work and have families in these communities, and just this month it was announced that the Capital District Transportation Authority would be expanding its service into Amsterdam.

Placing Amsterdam 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 Amsterdam in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Sharlene Carpenter
11 Milton Avenue
Amsterdam, NY 12010

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From: Clarkie Logan <clarkielogan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:55 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional redistricting

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Thank You , Elizabeth Logan Sent from my iPad

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From: angel dykes <angel77_8@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:57 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: KEEP AMSTERDAM IN NY 20

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From: and all Coca Cola products as well as encouraging others to do so as well.
<bigmoosedeb37@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:03 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NYS 49th Senate District

My name is Deborah Kinderman and I am a resident of New Hartford, NY. I am contacting Judge McAllister to implore him to consider the New Hartford/Utica area in his decision to redistrict the 49th Senate District. I advocate for ALL of Oneida County be included in this district and that St. Lawrence County be omitted. I believe they would be better in the Jefferson County area. The residents of the New Hartford/Utica area have been united for decades and to split the county would be detrimental to its future development.

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From: Brannan, Justin <JBrannan@council.nyc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:04 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Cc: cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: 3 new districts in one neighborhood?

Judge McAllister and Special Master Cervas:

I urge you to reassemble Bay Ridge, Brooklyn in your newly proposed state Senate lines before they are codified as you have taken a clear community of interest and puzzlingly sliced it up into three separate Senate districts: Districts 17, 23 and 26.

I am proud to represent one of the largest and longest-standing Muslim communities in the United States and the biggest in the City of New York right here in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. Willfully ignoring a clear neighborhood boundary will deny my constituents of the fair, effective, and consolidated representation they deserve in the state Senate.

By dividing us into districts anchored by other neighborhoods around us, this map would further dilute the power we have to advocate for our community-specific, shared needs and goals. With all due respect, my neighborhood is not a palette for you to paint from. I don't know of any other neighborhood that was sliced up quite like Bay Ridge in these new maps.

Bay Ridge, Brooklyn is one neighborhood; it should not have three separate state Senators. Please revise your maps to reassemble Bay Ridge.

Thanks,

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From: Andrea Metivier <ametivier23@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:08 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Bay Ridge State Senate Districts Comments

Good morning,

I have been a resident of Bay Ridge Brooklyn for 10 years, and I want to comment on the new proposed state senate districts. Please don't split Bay Ridge into three separate state senate districts. We are one neighborhood and one community. We are already split down the middle for the state assembly, and we deserve a single state senator who represents our neighborhood concerns and can advocate for our community specific needs. Please don't dilute the political representation of Bay Ridge any further.

Thank you,

Andrea Metivier
150 95th Street
Brooklyn, NY, 11209

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May 16, 2022

By E-Filing

Hon. Patrick F. McAllister
Supreme Court, Steuben County
3 East Pulteney Square
Bath, NY 14810

Jonathan Cervas, Ph.D., Special Master
Carnegie Mellon University
5000 Forbes Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Re: Harkenrider, et al. v Hochul, et al., Index No. E2022-0116CV

Dear Justice McAllister and Dr. Cervas:

I write to you today to re-emphasize my previous letter, which I include here below. After examining the proposed Congressional and State Senate maps by Dr. Cervas, I have found that the Congressional map splits Election Districts for the June primary elections in the following counties: Erie, Jefferson, Nassau, Oswego, Saratoga, Suffolk, and four of the five boroughs of New York City (all except for Staten Island, which is contained entirely within the proposed 11th Congressional District). I have also found that the State Senate map proposal splits Election Districts for the June primary elections in the following counties: Erie, Nassau, Suffolk, and all five boroughs of New York City.

I urge you once again to examine the Election District shapefile I have submitted, which was collected from each individual county's Board of Elections, Planning Department, and/or Real Property Department, and much more accurately reflects the Election District boundaries currently in use than Dave's Redistricting App, or DRA, does, and to redraw the boundaries of these counties to ensure that none of the Election Districts are split. This should be possible with mostly minor adjustments to the districts drawn in the counties listed above.

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I submit to you a shapefile of all of the Election Districts (commonly referred to in many other states as "precincts") being used by county Boards of Elections in this June's primary elections.

With such little time between the June primary and the August primary, I understand it may be very difficult for the Boards of Elections to redraw their Election District boundaries yet again between the two primaries, reassigning voters to new Election Districts in the process. To help alleviate this concern as much as possible, I encourage you as you draw new Congressional and State Senate maps to keep as many of these Election Districts whole as possible, splitting as few as possible.

The 2022 June primary Election District shapefile I created (which uses the EPSG: 4269 projection) is available as a .zip file for download here:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/2ix4trxdldmh49/NYElectionDistricts_Statewide_051122.zip?dl=0

I will note that there are some minor issues in this shapefile. Specifically, there are some areas with overlapping Election Districts or holes between Election Districts at county borders. This is because each county develops or creates their shapefile on their own, so they may have used different projections or different boundaries in creating their shapefiles. However, I am submitting the shapefile as-is in the interest of providing it to you as soon as possible. In addition, many Election Districts split Census blocks. This was likely necessary because some Census blocks are too highly populated.

All Election Districts in this statewide shapefile were collected directly from county Boards of Elections, Planning Departments, or Real Property Departments. Some counties only provided map pdf or image files, in which case I hand-created shapefiles for their Election Districts and matched them as well as possible.

This is not my first time compiling Election Districts and creating a statewide shapefile. I created the shapefile used by *The New York Times* in their “Extremely Detailed Map of the 2020 Election” for the state of New York, which you can view here:

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/upshot/2020-election-map.html>.

In addition, my 2020 shapefile was used by the Harvard Voting and Election Science Team (VEST) as a baseline in crafting their own shapefile, available here:

<https://dataverse.harvard.edu/file.xhtml?fileId=5259468&version=35.0>.

I can be reached via email at ben@benrosenblatt.com, where I am happy to answer any questions regarding this. I hope this is helpful.

Thank you,
Benjamin Rosenblatt

Brenda A. Wise

From: David Mutton <david_mutton@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:17 AM
To: cervas@cmu.edu; Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Public Comment: NY State Senate Map

Dear Justice McAllister and Special Master Cerves,

I write in regards to the proposed State Senate map, specifically those districts around southern Brooklyn. I urge you to redraw the Districts to create unified representation for Bay Ridge. Although far from an expert in such matters, my understanding is that a core goal of redistricting is to keep communities whole in the process. Instead, Bay Ridge - a dynamic, diverse, flourishing, and compact neighborhood - would be part of three different Senate seats under this new map. Added to this, Bay Ridge's large Arab American population would also be split between these seats. While respecting both this process and the Special Master's expertise, I hope that you will be able to remedy this specific component of the maps before they are finalized.

Sincerely,
David Mutton
Resident of Bay Ridge

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From: Micah Sifry <msifry@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:26 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Don't dilute minority representation (re CD16 proposed map)

Dear Justice McAllister:

I am a longtime resident of Hastings on Hudson, NY, which is currently in the 16th congressional district. I am writing to offer my input about the proposed congressional district lines just released by your court. Since you have placed this process on an intensely fast track, there is little time for you to gather and hear community input but I'm hoping that you will take these concerns seriously.

The revised lines for NY16 do real damage to two important communities of interest. First, by removing the northeast Bronx communities of Co-Op City, Edenwald and Williamsbridge, the special master's proposed map cuts deeply into minority representation, reducing the Black population by about 17%, and needless weakening these long marginalized areas from being able to elect candidates that best represent them. Worse, the proposed maps splinters the northeast Bronx's Black community into three congressional districts, which makes no sense at all if the goal is to retain the capacity of neighboring communities with common interests to gain common representation.

- Second, by cutting the northeast Bronx part of CD16 away, the map breaks a vital community of interest that bridges lines of race and class. As I noted in my testimony before the state's redistricting commission last fall, there are many strong ties between people who live in the northern Bronx and lower Westchester. We have more in common with our neighbors there than we have with people who live in the more rural parts of Westchester north of us. We all brave the traffic on the Cross County Parkway. Unlike the more rural towns to our north, we like density and think it makes our lives better. We have shared interests in things like improved transportation options, more affordable housing, and more spending on climate mitigation.

I am against the idea that a goal of redistricting should be to make districts more homogenous, clumping suburbanites more closely and city-dwellers more closely, and arbitrarily using county lines as de facto borders. Also, given the historic disenfranchisement and disempowerment of communities of color, I don't think we should be indifferent when the votes of communities of color get diluted, as your current proposed map would do.

Please take these concerns into account as you oversee the process of revising the final maps. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Micah Sifry
Hastings on Hudson

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From: Kristen <kristenlgidlund@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:29 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Redistricting Lines

To whom it may concern:

The office of Justice Patrick McAllister and Special Master:

I appreciate the work and commitment your offices have done in redistricting. After my review, as a resident of Bath Beach Brooklyn, I have to strongly disagree with your redistricting, of my neighborhood, at the very least.

I am currently in CD NY-11 and now I am in CD NY-9, which explains Crown Heights, Flatlands and Brownsville. The demographic makeup of Bensonhurst and Bath Beach are dramatically different. These neighborhoods in Central/Eastern Brooklyn are dealing with different issues, like gentrification, for example that we are not. Bath Beach and Dyker Heights are more in line with Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights and Gravesend.

As for my new Senate District NY - 17 Mr. Simcha Felder who has historically represented the Orthodox Jewish community, has his district split. Where as my current State Senator Andrew Gounardes would represent the Orthodox Jewish community. Should these districts be reversed?

Thank you,

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Kristen Gidlund
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From: JOSEPH LOGAN <vze2kxg6@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:33 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional 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.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Regards,

Joseph Logan

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From: Rosemary Cinquanti <rosemary.cinquanti@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:35 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY20

Please consider looking again at this map. Amsterdam has always had close ties with the Capital District region, not the northern state. Our congressman Tonko is a lifelong resident and cares for our city. I doubt E. Stefanik knows or cares anything about Amsterdam and it's needs. This is a thoughtless decision.

Rosemary Cinquanti

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From: Christine McDonald <clkmcDonald@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:36 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Oppose Congressional Map removing Saratoga Spring, NY from 20th District

> Dear Mr. Wise,

> As a resident of the city of Saratoga Springs, NY, I am strongly opposed to the draft Congressional map that would remove Saratoga Springs, NY from our 20th Congressional district which is centered in New York's Capital Region and is closer to the Capital District than the North Country as proposed.. 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 commute to work there 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 where it has been for decades when you finalize the Congressional maps.

> I appreciate your consideration of this request to place a Saratoga Springs, NY in the 20th Congressional District.

Sincerely,

Christine McDonald

144 State Street

Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

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Brenda A. Wise

From: susan bokan <susanbokan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:38 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise

I have always been part of the capital district with little in common with the north. Keep us where we belong.
Susan Bokan
Saratoga Springs

Sent from my iPad

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From: JREID21@nycap.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:45 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY 20

As a resident of the city of Amsterdam, 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.

Amsterdam strongly identifies with the greater Capital Region and has strong economic and transportation ties to communities like Schenectady, Albany, Troy, and Saratoga Springs. Many of our residents work and have families in these communities, and just this month it was announced that the Capital District Transportation Authority would be expanding its service into Amsterdam. Placing Amsterdam in 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 Amsterdam in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

Thank you.

James Reed
5 Regina Lane
Amsterdam, NY 12010

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