

Brenda A. Wise

From: Michael Cinquanti <mcinquanti@amsterdamny.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:00 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY 20

As Mayor of Amsterdam, NY, I want my representatives at all levels of government advocating the issues that have the biggest positive impact on our City's future. I want a representative in Congress who supported ARPA funding to states and municipalities, the Infrastructure funding bill, the transportation investment that helped bring CDTA to Amsterdam, the brownfields redevelopment initiatives we need to clean up and repurpose five corners, the west end and the old abandoned Mohawk Mills carpet factory.

This certainly doesn't mean I am against all things rural communities support. But I want my City's government representatives squarely focused on Amsterdam's biggest challenges and needs and that is most likely to happen if the candidates who run for these offices Irregardless of their positions on wedge issues, must at the very least passionately advocate for and support our Hometown's most pressing needs to win an election,

So I am humbly but also desperately requesting that you reconsider the redistricting of our City into the 21st and look for the population required to complete the new district in some of the rural communities that fall just outside its border. I also understand that you may be trying to include complete counties in the new lines but since our City has vastly different demographics and needs than the rest of Montgomery County this rule-of-thumb also has a negative impact on our municipality's representation in Congress.

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 it's 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.

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Sarah Wenk <smwenk2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:59 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Ulster County Congressional Map

Hello,

I was told I might be able to submit comments to this address via email, and I'm hoping that's true.

I was very dismayed to see the proposed Congressional map for Ulster County yesterday. I live in the City of Kingston, and the division of the city into two districts is simply a terrible idea. The city should be able to function as a whole. We're too small to manage this kind of division.

I know many others are finding the map confusing. To change the map so drastically so close to a primary puts many incumbents and candidates at a terrible disadvantage.

I truly hope a more equitable and reasonable solution can be found.

Thank you for your time,

Sarah Wenk
Kingston, NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: page darrow <pagedar@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:01 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional redistricting

> 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 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.

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> Regards,
Page Darrow

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From: Laura Nordstrom <lauran.conklin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:02 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Cc: Kingston Democratic Committee; executive-committee@ulstercountymocrats.com; Kelleigh McKenzie
Subject: Ulster County District Lines

Good Afternoon,

I am writing regarding the lines for proposed Congressional district 19 & 18. Ulster County is divided in such a way as to disconnect the Catskills from the southern portion of the County, and yet somehow includes it with a greater portion of Southern Dutchess. This is a blatant disregard of the needs of **both** of these Counties.

Further, while the division of our County in this manner is egregious enough, even worse is what this map proposes for the City of Kingston. This map ignores our City's boundaries and divides this population center into separate districts. It is so haphazard that different election districts of our city Wards would not have the same Federal representation, in fact different streets within one election district of the 6th ward are proposed to be different congressional districts. This blatant disregard for the people who live within these lines to be represented appropriately and in a unified manner is disturbing. It denies people a clear understanding of who they are represented by, what district they live in when the small city they are in isn't even one district, and inhibits voters by sowing confusion.

This needs to be addressed and corrected immediately. Thank you for our time.

Best Regards,
Laura Nordstrom
7th Ward Chair
Kingston Democratic Committee

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From: Killieman Edgar <podolec@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:05 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY20

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Judy Fletcher <jfletcher@riverdale.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:06 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Testimony on the Latest Congressional Redistricting Map

Testimony on the Latest Congressional Redistricting Map
To: Justice McAllister

As I look at the new map, I am dismayed that much of the northeast Bronx would be removed from NY-16, significantly decreasing the Black voter population in the district. The effect of this map would be to dilute the voting power of communities of color, further marginalizing them and making it difficult for them to elect candidates who best represent their interests, while strengthening the power of white and wealthy communities in the suburbs.

It would be deeply troubling to see the predominantly Black community of the northeast Bronx being broken up into three congressional districts (Co-Op City in NY-14, Williamsbridge and Baychester in NY-15, and Edenwald kept in NY-16), thus splitting these communities of interest.

At a time of rampant voter suppression of Black and BIPOC communities around the country, it would be deeply tragic to see NY join those ranks.

For the purpose of racial justice, as well as the value of having a district with both racial and class diversity, I strongly urge you to redraw the map to keep the northeast Bronx (Co-Op City, Edenwald, and Williamsbridge) together with lower Westchester.

Judith E. Fletcher
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From: Diana Bennett <dianaobennett@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:13 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY20

To: bwise@nycourts.gov
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY 20

As a resident of the Capital Region of NY, I am strongly opposed to the draft Congressional map that would remove Amsterdam 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 it's service into Amsterdam. Placing Amsterdam into a district that stretches to the Canadian border with communities that have much different needs will ultimately be detrimental to the community. I urge you to include Amsterdam in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

Diana Bennett

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Lezlie Dana <lezziedana@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:13 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Saratoga Springs + 20th Congressional District

Dear Special Master

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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.

Lezlie Dana (Torkelson)
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Brenda A. Wise

From: Tod Wohlfarth <tod@rockpaperpixel.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:14 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Columbia County & Redistricting

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 a Mid-Hudson Valley Region. Dividing Columbia County or separating us from this region would impact the residents who want to share our rich heritage and build for the future.

Cheers,
Tod

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From: Meghan Altieri <megrichie2001@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:15 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
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Brenda A. Wise

From: Robert H Coughlin Jr. <roboughlinlaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:17 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: New York State Congressional Districts

Your Honor:

I do not envy you in these circumstances. So many factors, so much at stake. Thank you for your efforts.

I do not wish to micromanage your efforts, but I do have concerns I would like to express.

I am a resident of the City of Saratoga Springs, New York, and I must say that I am strongly opposed to being moved from the 20th to the 21st Congressional District.

This move would result in a failure to maintain existing districts, pre-existing political subdivisions and would be a gross deviation from our current relationship with other communities of interest. Saratoga is an integral part of the Capital District with Albany, Schenectady, Troy, and Amsterdam and other population centers. The commonality of these centers is strong with extensive economic and transportation ties. I recognize that the 20th Congressional District is sparsely populated, but its needs from the federal government differ vastly from the needs of Saratoga Springs. Our community will not be well-served by being moved to a new district with needs so vastly different: infrastructure, gun control, and the environment are just a few examples of the different needs within each district.

Retaining Saratoga Springs in the 20th Congressional District will have no negative impact on racial or language minority voting rights and will not have a negative impact on competition or favoring or disfavoring incumbents.

I respectfully request that the City of Saratoga Springs be included in the 20th Congressional District.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: suzanne hackert <samlivvie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:17 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise

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>> Sincerely, Suzanne Hackert
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From: ellen cuminale <ercuminale@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:29 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional Redistricting

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I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
Ellen Cuminale
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Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
518-879-8279

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From: Lori Cudmore <cudmorelori@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:30 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY20

As residents of Amsterdam NY we are strongly opposed to the draft congressional map that would remove our community from a Congressional district centered in New York's capital region. Amsterdam strongly identifies with the 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 it's service into Amsterdam. Placing Amsterdam into a district that stretches to the Canadian border with communities that have much different needs than our own is not at all in the interests of our community. We urge you to include Amsterdam in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

Thank you

Lori Cudmore

Gary Cudmore

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From: Theresa Arthurs <tarthurs@nycap.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:35 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
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Thank you
Theresa Arthurs

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Maria Cinquanti <mariacinquanti@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:37 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY20

To who it may concern,

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 it's 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.

Sincerely,

Maria Cinquanti

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From: Kathleen Burrell <kmburrell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:37 PM
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From: Jenna DelCostello <jennadel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:38 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in the 20 !

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Jenna Dodd
Amsterdam, NY

Sent from my iPhone

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Brenda A. Wise

From: mendysvia <mendysvia@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:47 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

My name is Mark Englard, I am submitting this testimony in protest of the new maps that were released for the New York Senate. The Jewish communities of Kew Gardens Hills and Hillcrest were heavily involved in asking the Independent Redistricting Commission to keep these neighborhoods together. Furthermore, Pomonok Houses, and Electchester cooperative have always been part of our district, they are our neighbors, and many of our families originate from these public housing entities.

In the state legislature's plan, they took into account our testimony and made a district that combined most of the Jewish community in Central Queens. Kew Gardens Hills has been gerrymandered into a South East Queens State Senate District. Pomonok, Electchester and Hillcrest have been split off into a Flushing centered district. This is splitting our communities up. Communities of interest must be together in one district.

We ask that in your final draft you put the neighborhoods of Kew Gardens Hills, Pomonok, Electchester, and Hillcrest into the district you drew of Cental Queens with Forest Hills, Rego Park, Middle Village, and Glendale. Please remove Ozone Park and Richmond Hill as they are not the same communities of interest as we are to the neighborhoods mentioned above.

Sincerely,

Mark Englard

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Maeve Dargush <mdargush@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:25 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY20

As a former 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 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.
Maeve Dargush

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From: Mason, Chuck <cmason@auburnny.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:54 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: letter to Judge McCallister re: redistricting 2022
Attachments: City Clerk's Letter to Judge McCallister re 2022 redistricting.pdf

Importance: High

To:
The Honorable Patrick McCallister
Acting State Supreme Court Justice
3 East Pulteney Square
Bath, NY 13810

Please see the attached letter regarding the 2022 redistricting on congressional and state senate maps. Your immediate attention is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Chuck

Chuck Mason
City Clerk
City of Auburn, New York
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Office of the City Clerk
Chuck Mason, City Clerk

May 17, 2022

The Honorable Patrick McCallister
Acting State Supreme Court Justice
3 East Pulteney Square
Bath, NY 13810

RE: Redistricting of the City of Auburn

Dear Judge McCallister,

I am writing to urgently request that you rule special master Dr. Jonathan Cervas' proposed congressional and state senate maps, released publicly on May 16, 2022, unconstitutional. I believe your best decision would be to reinstate the state legislature's maps for one election cycle to allow appropriate time and process for a new set of independently drawn maps to be drawn and commence in the 2024 election.

The special master's proposed maps are different than the state legislature's maps, however, they are barely an improvement. For the city of Auburn they are devastating. In a letter to you on May 5, 2022 our Mayor, Michael D. Quill respectfully requested that the City of Auburn be included in central New York oriented districts, as that best represents our government and cultural interests. The special master's map proposals for both the congressional districts and the state senate district draw the city of Auburn into districts that have minimal to do with our central New York interests and frankly will curtail many issues as we will likely find ourselves represented by individuals that have no interests in central New York. Furthermore, after analyzing the complete set of maps myself, I can only conclude that the special master's proposals are just as bad as the state legislature's.

To conclude, if everything you determined about the state legislature's maps holds constant you must remain consistent and rule the special master's proposed maps unconstitutional, reset the process and hold the state legislature accountable to upholding an independent redistricting process.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chuck Mason".

Chuck Mason

City Clerk

Brenda A. Wise

From: Alan Gelb <alan@conquerthecollegeessay.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:56 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Columbia County & Redistricting

To the Special Master,

As a resident of Columbia County and CD-19, I am deeply troubled by the redistricting maps that have been proposed for our area. I believe it is incumbent to 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 a Mid-Hudson Valley Region. Dividing Columbia County or separating us from this region would impact the residents who want to share our rich heritage and build for the future.

Sincerely,
Alan Gelb
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Brenda A. Wise

From: Rachel Weisman <rachelannweisman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:57 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Columbia County & Redistricting

Dear Special Master:

Please keep Columbia County where it is!

Columbia County should be part of a contiguous Congressional district of adjoining Mid-Hudson Valley counties when redistricted. We are neither urban nor suburban--we belong as a unified Columbia County community with neighboring counties--Dutchess, Rensselaer, Ulster and Greene.

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 a Mid-Hudson Valley Region. Dividing Columbia County or separating us from this region would impact the residents who want to share our rich heritage and build for the future.

Thank you.

Rachel Weisman
East Chatham, NY

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