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## COMMON CAUSE/NY SENATE MAP DISTRICT BY DISTRICT EXPLANATION

### MAP:

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### Introduction

Common Cause/NY is a nonpartisan statewide grassroots organization dedicated to upholding the core values of American democracy with more than 65,000 members and activists in every county in New York. We work to create open, honest, and accountable government that serves the public interest; promote equal rights, opportunity, and representation for all; and empower all people to make their voices heard in the political process. For the last several decades, we have worked to advance redistricting processes and maps that provide every New Yorker with an equal opportunity to select candidates of their choice, regardless of zip code, race, or partisan affiliation.

In preparing our statewide reform senate map, Common Cause/NY has been guided by the criteria set forth in Article III, sec. 4(c) of the New York State Constitution, as well as general fair redistricting principles. Wherever possible, we have prioritized the voting rights of racial or language minorities to provide them with an equal opportunity to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of their choice pursuant to the command of Article III, sec.4 (c) (1). Our map has used the existing senate districts as its starting point and we have respected the cores of existing districts to the maximum amount possible, given the demographic changes reported by the United States Census data. We have sought, wherever possible, not only to avoid splitting counties and towns, but also to respect communities of interest, pursuant to Article III, sec.4 (c) (5). And, of course, our map is drawn on a non-partisan basis, pursuant not only to the charge in Article III, sec.4 (c) (5), but also our organizational mission. The Common Cause/NY map is drawn to come as close to as close equivalence of population as reasonably possible (+/- 2%).

**Note** -- Districts are numbered in an attempt to best match the core of the corresponding existing 2012 district. For the two districts that move into New York City from Upstate, they take the numbers of the district that best matches the relocated district.



## District by District Explanation

### **LONG ISLAND**

#### **Background on the current (2012) map:**

The shape of the nine 2012 (“current”) State Senate districts in Long Island are the product of a notorious “cracking” gerrymander that for decades has divided Nassau’s Black and Latino communities into four districts (6, 7, 8, 9) and Suffolk’s into three (3,4, and 8). While the partisan results have shifted over the last decade, the current district lines are still an obstacle to Black and Latino communities electing a representative of their choice. None of the current nine Long Island senators are Black or Latino, despite the fact that Long Island’s 2020 VAP is approximately 27% Black or Latino. We seek to repair this historic injustice by drawing districts on Long Island that provide communities of color a fair opportunity to elect representatives of their choosing. Where possible we have tried to respect the general North Shore/South Shore orientation of communities while respecting the need to allow communities of color an equal opportunity to choose their representatives.

#### **DISTRICT 1**

CCNY District 1 covers the East End of Long Island including the Hamptons, the North Fork, Riverhead, and most of southern Brookhaven. The district takes special care to keep communities of color in Gordon Heights and Coram together in the district (Latino VAP is 19.7% and NH Black VAP is 6.6% compared to 16.2% and 4.9% respectively in the current District 1)

#### **DISTRICT 2**

CCNY District 2 is a compact North Shore Long Island district including northern Brookhaven and most of Smithtown.

#### **DISTRICT 3**

CCNY District 3 covers the south shore of Suffolk County from Amityville to Bellport and including the Ronkonkoma area of central Suffolk County.

#### **DISTRICT 4**

CCNY District 4 is a plurality Latino VAP (40.6%) and majority-minority district in southern Suffolk County that brings together North Amityville and Wyandanch together with Brentwood and Central Islip to form the strongest possible opportunity for these growing communities to elect a representative of their choosing. The current (2012) Senate lines notoriously “crack” these communities into three pieces.

#### **DISTRICT 5**

CCNY District 5 is a compact central North Shore Long Island district spanning Nassau and Suffolk counties including a small portion of Smithtown, the entire Town of Huntington, northern Oyster Bay, and Glen Cove.



**DISTRICT 6**

CCNY District 6 is a compact central Nassau district that would for the first time, repair the “cracking” of minority communities in the Hempstead and Freeport area, drawing together Lakeview, Hempstead, Roosevelt, Baldwin, Westbury, and New Cassel to form a majority-minority district that is 31.6% Hispanic/Latino VAP and 27.5% NH Black VAP.

To emphasize again, because of this “cracking” none of the current nine districts on Long Island are greater than 29.3% Hispanic/Latino VAP or 14.8% NH Black VAP

**DISTRICT 7**

CCNY District 7 is a compact Nassau County district centered on the Town of North Hempstead and including Garden City and Floral Park in Hempstead and a small portion of the Town of Oyster Bay. Like the current District 7, Asian population accounts for greater than 20% of the VAP.

**DISTRICT 8**

CCNY District 8 is a compact southeast Nassau County district including the Massapequa area, Wantagh, and Merrick as well as the central Nassau areas of Levittown, Bethpage, and Plainview.

**DISTRICT 9**

CCNY District 9 is a compact southwest Nassau County district including Long Beach, Oceanside, the “Five Towns” area, Lynbrook, and Malverne and the whole of Elmont and Valley Stream -- again repairing a decades-old “crack” that sought to divide this area for political gain.

**NEW YORK CITY**

Follows the UNITY Plan

**UPSTATE**

Districts seek to minimize county, town, and city splits and generally follow regional communities of interest, while maintaining deviation of less than +/-2%

**DISTRICT 35**

CCNY District 35 is a compact, majority-minority southern Westchester Hudson River district that maintains the core of the current district but includes all of Yonkers, the Town of Greenburgh, and a small portion of White Plains.

**DISTRICT 37**

CCNY District 37 is a southern Westchester Long Island Sound district that includes the eastern half of the county including the whole Long Island Sound shore and wrapping north along the Connecticut border to balance population while following town lines.



**DISTRICT 38**

CCNY District 38 is a compact Rockland County district including the Towns of Ramapo, Clarkstown, and Orangetown and most of Haverstraw,

**DISTRICT 39**

CCNY District 39 contains northernmost Rockland County and most of Orange County.

**DISTRICT 40**

CCNY District 40 includes most of northern Westchester and the Carmel area of Putnam County

**DISTRICT 41**

CCNY District 41 includes most of Putnam and Dutchess Counties in a compact eastern Hudson Valley district

**DISTRICT 42**

CCNY District 42 includes northernmost Orange County, Sullivan, Delaware, Otsego and eastern Broome to form a western Catskills district.

**DISTRICT 43**

CCNY District 43 includes northernmost Dutchess County, Columbia County, most of Rensselaer, and southern Saratoga County to form a district covering the eastern half of the upper Hudson Valley and Capitol District suburbs in a very similar shape to the current NY 43.

**DISTRICT 44**

CCNY District 44 is a compact district centered on Albany and Troy, including all of Albany, Bethlehem, Rensselaer, North Greenbush, Troy, Colonie, Watervliet, Green Island, and Cohoes.

**DISTRICT 45**

CCNY District 45 covers the eastern half of the North Country including all of Washington, Warren, Essex, Hamilton, and Clinton counties and northern Saratoga.

**DISTRICT 46**

CCNY District 46 covers the eastern Catskills and western half of the mid and Upper Hudson Valley including the entire counties of Ulster, Greene, and Schoharie and the western portion of Albany County.

**DISTRICT 47**

CCNY District 47 consists of the whole of Oneida, Madison, and Lewis Counties.

**DISTRICT 48**

CCNY District 48 covers the western portions of the North Country including Franklin, St. Lawrence, Jefferson, and most of Oswego Counties. This district represents a particular improvement for St. Lawrence County which is currently sliced between three different Senate districts (45, 47, and 48)

**DISTRICT 49**

CCNY District 49 consists of four whole counties in the Mohawk Valley: Schenectady, Fulton, Montgomery, and Herkimer.

**DISTRICT 50**

CCNY District 50 includes the entire City of Syracuse within a single district alongside the surrounding suburbs. Syracuse is currently and has historically been divided between two districts that include outlying rural areas.

**DISTRICT 51 (RELOCATED TO NYC)****DISTRICT 52**

CCNY District 52 is a compact district including Tompkins, Tioga, and western Broome County. Tompkins County is currently pinwheeled between three far flung districts, a longstanding situation this district would finally correct.

**DISTRICT 53**

CCNY District 53 includes the outer suburbs of Syracuse in Onondaga County alongside most of Cayuga County, Cortland, and Chenango counties.

**DISTRICT 54**

CCNY District 54 includes the eastern Lake Ontario shore and the central Finger Lakes.

**DISTRICT 55**

CCNY District 55 includes the suburbs of Rochester entirely within Monroe County, wrapping around the city on three sides.

**DISTRICT 56**

CCNY District 56 is a highly compact district consisting of the entire City of Rochester and its surrounding inner suburbs. Rochester is currently cracked between three districts, two of which stretch far into outlying areas with one stretching all the way to the Buffalo suburbs. None of these current districts is greater than 17.3% NH Black VAP or 10.4% Hispanic/Latino VAP. Drawing the City together allows for a district that is 26.2% NH Black VAP and 13.4% Hispanic/Latino VAP, providing a greater opportunity for representation.

**DISTRICT 57**

CCNY District 57 covers the Southern Tier and includes five whole undivided counties: Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, Allegany, and Cattaraugus.

**DISTRICT 58 (RELOCATED TO NYC)**

**DISTRICT 59**

CCNY District 59 covers the western portion of the Finger Lakes and rural Western New York.

**DISTRICT 60**

CCNY District 60 includes Chautauqua County alongside southern Erie County

**DISTRICT 61**

CCNY District 61 includes the inner suburbs of Buffalo within Erie County, wrapping around the city to the north and east.

**DISTRICT 62**

CCNY District 60 includes Niagara County alongside northeastern Erie County

**DISTRICT 63**

CCNY District 63 is a highly compact district consisting of the entire City of Buffalo, Lackawanna, and a small portion of Cheektowaga, allowing for a majority-minority district at 31.8% NH Black VAP and 10.4% Latino VAP.

