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**DISTRICTING COMMISSION HONORS PUBLIC'S CALL TO HOLD
ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Public Hearings Will Be Held Next Month on Revised Plan

New York, NY -The New York City Districting Commission voted today to withdraw the revised draft [plan](#) for the City Council's 51 districts that was submitted to the Council on November 19th. Today's decision by the Commission will allow the public an additional opportunity to inspect and comment on the plan before its adoption. A third set of citywide public hearings will be held in January. The public can continue to submit testimony and draw alternative maps via the NYC Districting Commission's [website](#).

"The Commission heard the public's call for additional hearings and we are happy to provide that opportunity for such further hearings with our action today," said **Chair Benito Romano**. "It is only through public participation will the Commission be able to create a district plan that accurately reflects the diversity of this city."

In the Commission's transmittal letter that accompanied the revised plan submitted to the City Council on November 19th, Chair Romano noted that the Commission would welcome additional input for the public but felt constrained by the provisions of the City Charter to submit the revised plan to the Council forthwith. Given the possibility that the Council would not return the revised plan to the Commission, and that the Council would allow the plan to lapse into adoption by inaction after the three week period specified in the Charter, the Commission considered alternative mechanisms that would allow for another round of public hearings. The Commission secured an opinion from legal counsel that would allow continuation of the public hearing process by withdrawing the plan from the City Council.

"The Commission's action in providing additional opportunity to comment on the revised plan goes a long way toward fulfilling the Charter's intention to maximize public participation," said **Executive Director Carl Hum**. "It's rewarding to find a creative way to honor the public's call for additional hearings."

For more information about the Commission and its schedule of upcoming hearings, please visit www.nyc.gov/districting or contact 212-442-6940.



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