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**DISTRICTING COMMISSION ANNOUNCES THE RELEASE OF AN  
ONLINE MAPPING TOOL**

*Public Will Be Able to Create and Draw District Maps Which Will Be  
Considered by the Commission*

**City Hall, NY** -The New York City Districting Commission today announced a mapping tool that will be available to the public. The mapping software will allow the public to create a map, draw council district lines and submit them to the Commission for its consideration as it redraws the current City Council district lines as a result of the decennial census. The software, Maptitude, is a redirecting tool that has been used in other states across the country for their own redistricting. This mapping tool is based on the same software that the Commission uses for its work. The public access the software through the Commission's [website](http://www.nyc.gov/districting) and draw their maps from the comfort of their own home.

"By offering this online tool, the Commission can learn more about what the public wants to see how their current districts should be redrawn," **said Benito Romano, Chair of the Districting Commission.** "I encourage everyone to use this mapping tool and make their voices heard."

"This is great way for everyone to get involved in redrawing Council districts," **said Carl Hum, Executive Director of the Districting Commission.** "Having this mapping software available increases the ability for the public to become engaged and promote transparency in this process."

In their continued commitment to making the process accessible to the public, the Commission also announced that their mapping resource room is available to the public and ready for use. There, the public can set up an appointment to come to the offices and use to draw maps to be submitted to the Commission. The room will be staffed with personnel from the technical services division from the Commission to help assist anyone seeking help in the redrawing mapping process. Appointments to use the Commission's resource room can be made via phone or online at [www.nyc.gov/districting](http://www.nyc.gov/districting).

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