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**DISTRICTING COMMISSION ANNOUNCES SECOND ROUND OF
CITYWIDE PUBLIC HEARINGS**

*New Yorkers are encouraged to attend and provide input on how the
Commission should redraw the city's district lines.*

The New York City Districting Commission Chairman Benito Romano and Executive Director Carl Hum today announced the second round of public hearings to solicit testimony related to the preliminary draft of the Council district map which was released at the public hearing on September 4th. The current district lines for the preliminary draft map were adjusted for population utilizing the most recent census data. The Commission also released an online [mapping](http://www.nyc.gov/districting) tool for the public's use to draw district maps that could be submitted to the Commission for its consideration. The citywide hearings will begin next month and the public is encouraged to pre-register for speaking time or submit testimony via the NYC Districting Commission's website at www.nyc.gov/districting.

"The Commission is excited to receive feedback from the public on the preliminary draft map published in early September," **said Benito Romano, Chairman of the NYC Districting Commission**. "As the districting process unfolds, the Commission is hopeful that the final district map will accurately reflect our City's population and more importantly, our communities."

"The second round of hearings furthers the opportunity for New Yorkers to be heard during this important districting process," **said Carl Hum, Executive Director**. "With our interactive website and the hearings in varied locations throughout the five boroughs, there are so many opportunities for the public to be heard."

BRONX Tuesday, October 2nd 5:30PM	Bronx Community College (CUNY) 2155 University Ave Bronx, NY 10453
MANHATTAN Thursday, October 4th 5:30PM	Schomburg Center in Research for Black Culture 515 Malcolm X Boulevard New York, NY 10037

STATEN ISLAND Tuesday, October 9th 5:30PM	New Dorp High School 465 New Dorp Lane Staten Island, NY 10306
QUEENS Wednesday, October 10th 5:30PM	LaGuardia Community College (CUNY) 31-10 Thompson Ave Long Island City, NY 11101
BROOKLYN Thursday, October 11th 5:30PM	Medgar Evers College (CUNY) 1650 Bedford Ave Brooklyn, NY 11225

SPEAKERS BUREAU

The Commission, in their continued commitment to ensure that the districting process is transparent and inclusive, announces that they have staff members with multi-lingual capabilities on hand to speak to local community boards, non-profit organizations and churches for anyone who wants to learn more about the Commission and how they can get involved in the decennial districting process.

RESOURCE ROOM

The Commission invites anyone from the public to use their mapping resource room for those who need assistance with the online mapping software. Terminals are available by appointment only and can be booked by calling the Commission's office at 212-442-6940 or emailing Justin Bassett at jbassett@districting.nyc.gov

For more information about the Commission, schedule an appointment to use the online mapping tool or book a Commission staffer to speak at local organizations, please call 212-442-6940 or visit www.nyc.gov/districting

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