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**DISTRICTING COMMISSION FILES FINAL DISTRICTING PLAN TO  
THE CITY CLERK**

*Revised Plan Adopted*

The New York City Districting Commission today submitted the final district [plan](#) to the City Clerk for the 51 council districts of the New York City. This comes after the Commission submitted the revised plan to the City Council for its review on February 8. After the three weeks, pursuant to the City Charter, the plan was deemed adopted and is final. The Commission will prepare to submit the final plan to the United States Department of Justice in Washington D.C.

The Department of Justice will have 60 days from the date of submission to confirm that the plan adheres to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act for the three protected counties under this Federal law-Manhattan, Bronx and Brooklyn. A copy of the Department of Justice submission will also be available for public inspection on the Commission's website in the next few weeks.

In the covered counties, the revised plan creates 19 districts in which federally protected minority groups will have the ability to elect candidates of their choice. The revised plan also added an "opportunity district" in Brooklyn, where a minority group will have the opportunity to elect candidates of its choice for the first time.

Overall, the final plan creates 35 minority districts in which protected racial and language minority groups represent an overall majority of the total population in the district. By comparison, the 2003 districting plan had a total of 30 such districts.

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