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**DISTRICTING COMMISSION RELEASES PRELIMINARY DRAFT
OF CITYWIDE DISTRICTING MAP**

Map is available online and for public viewing throughout the five boroughs

New York, NY -The New York City Districting Commission today released a preliminary [draft](#) of the City Council district map at the Commission's public meeting held at Council Chambers at City Hall. Today's release follows the Districting Commission's timeline set forth by the City Charter. The map, based on Census data population and adjusted for the prison population, is available online on the Commission's website. The hardcopy version of the preliminary draft map will also be available for public viewing on display at the main library branches and at the Borough Halls throughout the five boroughs in the next couple of days.

At the meeting, Commission members were given a presentation of the preliminary draft maps that included adjustments of the district lines according to population based on the current district lines. The next cycle of public hearings, held in early October, will be based on this preliminary draft. Once the locations are set, the public is invited to pre-register for speaking time or submit testimony via the NYC Commission's [website](#).

"There are many more views that need to be shared with the Commission given the significance of redrawing these lines for the next ten years," **said Chairman Benito Romano**. "We encourage the public to participate and look forward to hearing from more of the public in the second round of hearings."

"We thank the public for attending the first round of hearings," **said Executive Director Carl Hum**. "It is only through the public's participation will the Commission understand how communities are defined and that the next Council lines reflect the needs and diversity of our city."

SECOND ROUND OF HEARINGS

The Commission will hold its second round of public hearings throughout the five boroughs in October. Dates of those hearings are as follows. Information regarding time and location will be updated on the Districting site.

Tuesday, October 2nd
Thursday, October 4th
Tuesday, October 9th
Wednesday, October 10th
Thursday, October 11th

OUTREACH

The Commission wants to ensure that the public is fully involved in the districting process by being able to submit testimony for hearings, having access to watch the hearings online and inviting them to sign up for email updates via the [website](#). Along with keeping the public informed via email and mailings, the Commission has also been reaching out to the public about the latest news via its social media sites on Facebook and on Twitter keeping the public updated on the work that the Commission is doing. The Commission also encourage the public to view the Commission's website and use it as the central source of information to access data and maps, review materials from past hearings, view statistical resources and submit testimony for 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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