



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK
2012-2013 DISTRICTING COMMISSION**

**253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10007**

PUBLIC MEETING

**Tuesday, December 4, 2012
9:00 a.m. to 9:22 a.m.**

**Pace University
New York, New York**

Attendees:

Districting Commission Members:

Benito Romano, Chair
Jamila Ponton Bragg
Scott Cerullo
Kamillah M. Hanks
Robert W. Hart

Linda Lin
Thomas Ognibene
Oscar Odom III
Frank Padavan
Roxanne J. Persaud

John Robert
Gloria Carvajal Wolfe
Justin Yu

Staff:

Carl Hum, Executive Director
City of New York 2012-2013 Districting Commission

Minutes by:

Jane Li

Chair Benito Romano began the meeting by stating that the main objective of the meeting was for the Districting Commission to consider the withdrawal of the revised plan that was submitted to the New York City Council on November 19, 2012 following the Commission's vote to adopt the revised plan on November 15, 2012.

The first order of business was to adopt the official minutes of the Public Meeting held on November 15, 2012. A motion was made by Commissioner Roxanne J. Persaud to adopt the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lin. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next order of business was a briefing from the Chair on recent communications with the City Council and the desire to continue the public process prior to the adoption of a final districting plan. He noted that after careful consideration of advice from the New York City Law Department, the Commission has the authority to continue the public hearing process by withdrawing the revised plan from the City Council notwithstanding the November 5, 2012 deadline. Next, the Chair provided an estimated timeline of the Commission's schedule should the Commission withdraw the November 15, 2012 revised plan.

The Chair made a motion to adopt a resolution withdrawing the revised plan that was submitted to the New York City Council and filed with the Clerk of the Council on November 19, 2012 and instructing the Commission staff to take all necessary and/or appropriate actions to effectuate the withdrawal of the plan from the City Council's consideration prior to December 10, 2012. After a brief discussion, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Frank Padavan. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of thirteen in favor and none opposed, with two Commissioners not present.

Next, the Chair asked Executive Director Carl Hum to explain two adjustments that the staff recommended be made to the revised plan in response to public input. Mr. Hum described two adjustments that were made to the plan.

After the Chair left the meeting to attend to another commitment, Commissioner Jamila Ponton Bragg presided over the remainder of the meeting. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Bragg made a motion to publish the revised plan with the proposed revisions described by Executive Director Hum. Commissioner Justin Yu seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of eleven in favor and none opposed, with one abstention.

Commissioner Bragg directed the staff to publish the revised district plan, schedule another round of public hearings, and publicize the hearing schedule.

With all business concluded, Commissioner Bragg made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. Commissioner Frank Padavan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.