



Public Participation Resources

The Commission has a number of resources to allow the public to participate in the New York City Council redistricting process. In addition to submitting testimony at public hearings, testimony can be submitted on our website at

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dc/html/submit/submit.shtml> or by mail to:

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Preliminary draft maps are on display. Physical maps are available for public viewing at the Districting Commission's office in Manhattan, Brooklyn Borough Hall, and the Queens Central Library (Jamaica) and Flushing Branch.

Free, Online Mapping Software is available. A free, online version of Maptitude, a state-of-the-art mapping software, is publicly available so that anyone with internet access can draw and submit maps to the Commission. Individuals or groups without internet access are welcome to create maps at the Commission's Resource Room located in lower Manhattan. Maptitude contains the same datasets used by the Commission in its work to redraw New York City Council districts. The tool can be accessed at <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dc/html/mapping/mapping.shtml>.

The Commission's Resource Room is open. In the event a person wants to draw their own maps but lacks internet access or needs assistance using the software, our Resource Room, located at the Commission offices at 253 Broadway, 7th Floor, contains computers loaded with Maptitude software. It is open from *Noon-7PM on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday* and from *10AM to 3PM on Monday and Friday*. To make an appointment, please contact Justin Bassett at (212) 676-8983 or jbassett@districting.nyc.gov.

A Speakers' Bureau is established. The Speakers' Bureau will dispatch Commission staff to community groups and other organizations to make presentations about the districting process and how the public can have its voice heard. To make an appointment for a speaker, contact Jonathan Etricks at (212) 676-8981 or jetricks@districting.nyc.gov.