



Civic Engagement  
Commission

August 24th, 2021

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# Technical Assistance

## **To All Participants:**

- Call participants in the order they have registered for public comment prior to meeting, then during today's meeting. Public comments are limited to 3 minutes.



# Agenda

I. Attendance

II. Approval of Minutes from April June 1st meeting

III. Program updates & discussion

- Poll Site Language Assistance Program
- Community Boards
- Participatory Budgeting and TRIE Coalitions
- People's Festival and Artist in Residency
- CEC Annual Report and Next Steps

IV. Presentation: New York State Redistricting Commission

V. Public Comments



# Civic Engagement Commission

*Program Updates*


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# Poll Site Language Assistance Program

## **June 2021 Primary Services:**

- Two days of Early Voting (last weekend)- 25 sites per day; religious accommodation for Yiddish speaking community, served on Friday, rather than Saturday
  - Election day- 52 sites
  - Also promoted ranked choice voter education through translated ads and Participate platform- ~300 visits/ week before May 24; 2950 visits in last week of May; first week June, ended in ~11,157 visits; Voting Center was main draw, included the Early Voting, Know Your Rights and RCV PSAs.
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- **November 2021 Election**
  - **Additional Staffing Lines**
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# Community Boards

## **Summer Training**


Parliamentary Procedures & Committees

- Brooklyn & Staten Island: 76 participants
- Manhattan, Bronx, Queens: 87 participants

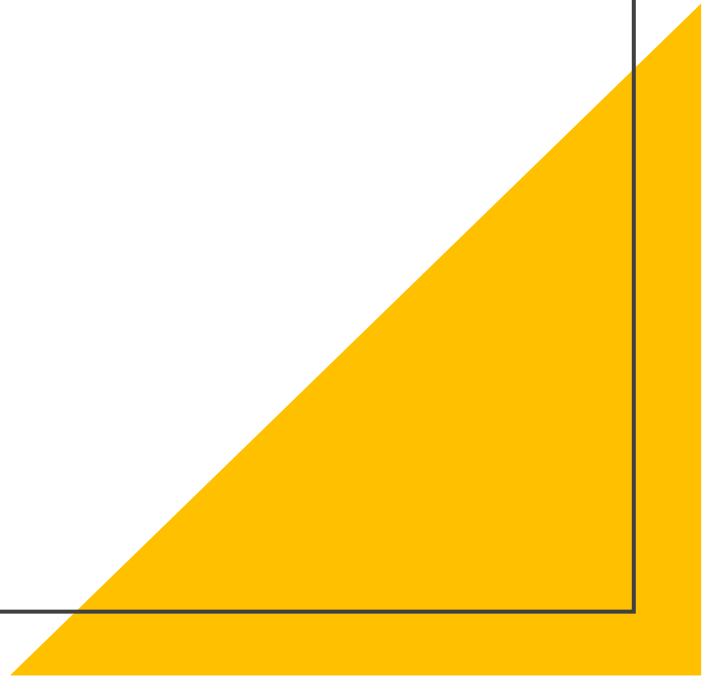
How to Run Efficient Meetings

- Brooklyn & Staten Island: 40 participants
- Manhattan, Bronx, Queens: 55 participants

- **Agency Consultations- early Sept- early Oct**

- Discuss agency priorities & constraints
  - Raise borough-wide and city-wide concerns to agencies
  - Basis for budget requests
  - Boards hold public hearings in October
  - FY23 submissions of Needs and Budget Requests due on via DCP portal Friday, October 29, 2021
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# Participatory Budgeting Projects: *It's Our Money*



# Post-Vote and Project Implementation Activities

- All 5 winning organizations met monthly with the Civic Engagement Commission to discuss progress and to hear feedback from the implementation process
- Organizations carried out their planned activities from March 2021 until August of this year. Some organizations held culmination events and others reported on final projects.
- The NYC CEC held two youth-led focus groups to discuss the process and gather feedback and recommendation for future processes
- The concluding meeting of the initiative was held earlier this month (final report was also due earlier this month)
- **Over 125 youth from across all 5 boroughs participated/benefited from the projects that were funded as a direct result of the initiative**



**First Place: The Green Space Project**  
**Organization: YVote in Brooklyn**

Participating youth from the Nelson Mandela School for Social Justice learned all sorts of skills from brainstorming and analyzing challenges and successes related to Physical Space, School Community, Student Experience, and Resources and Support to developing an action plan.

## Implementation



The Green Space Project aims to implement a roof garden in a high school located within underrepresented communities such as within Brooklyn Community Board 16. The garden will be maintained and cared for by the students primarily, along with teachers who will mentor environmental friendliness and awareness.





"Our youth are our future therefore it's up to us to direct and show them hand in hand that we can help with climate change by doing the simplest of things such as recycling the items we use, not littering and educating them about agriculture and how plants are important to us and our planet."

**Second Place: Recycling and Climate Change Project**  
**Organization:** Books Education Organization Learning & Life in the Bronx

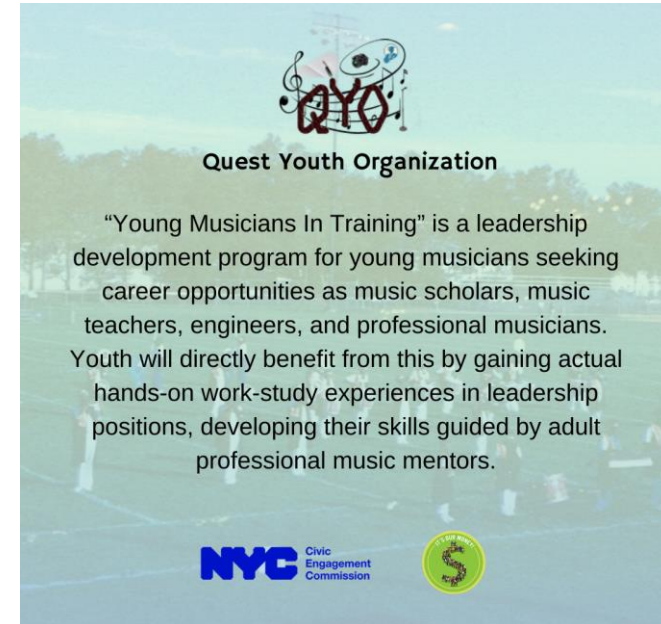
The project created a safe haven for NYC youth to learn about the importance of growing their own vegetation & recycling



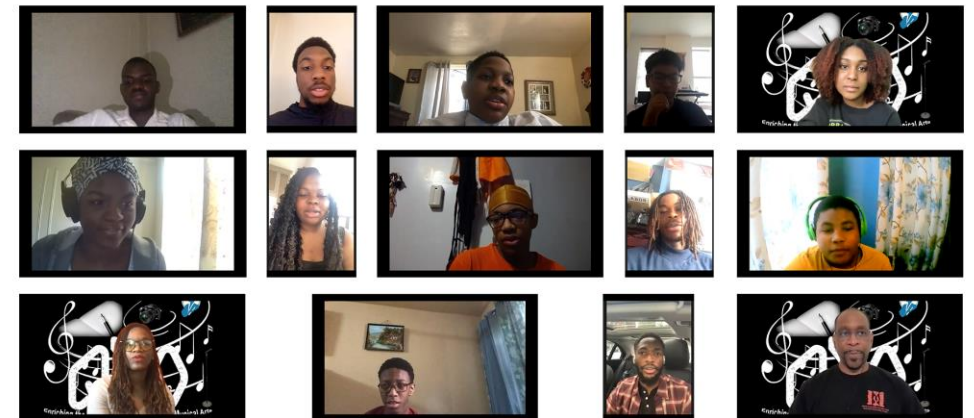
## Third Place: Young Musicians in Training

**Organization: Quest Youth Organization, Inc. in Brooklyn**

Produced a collection of the discussions with music and commentary of the participants including feedback from a listening panel. The total run time is 3 hours but we can provide 45 minutes segments.



### Quest Youth Civic Engagement Discussion Panel

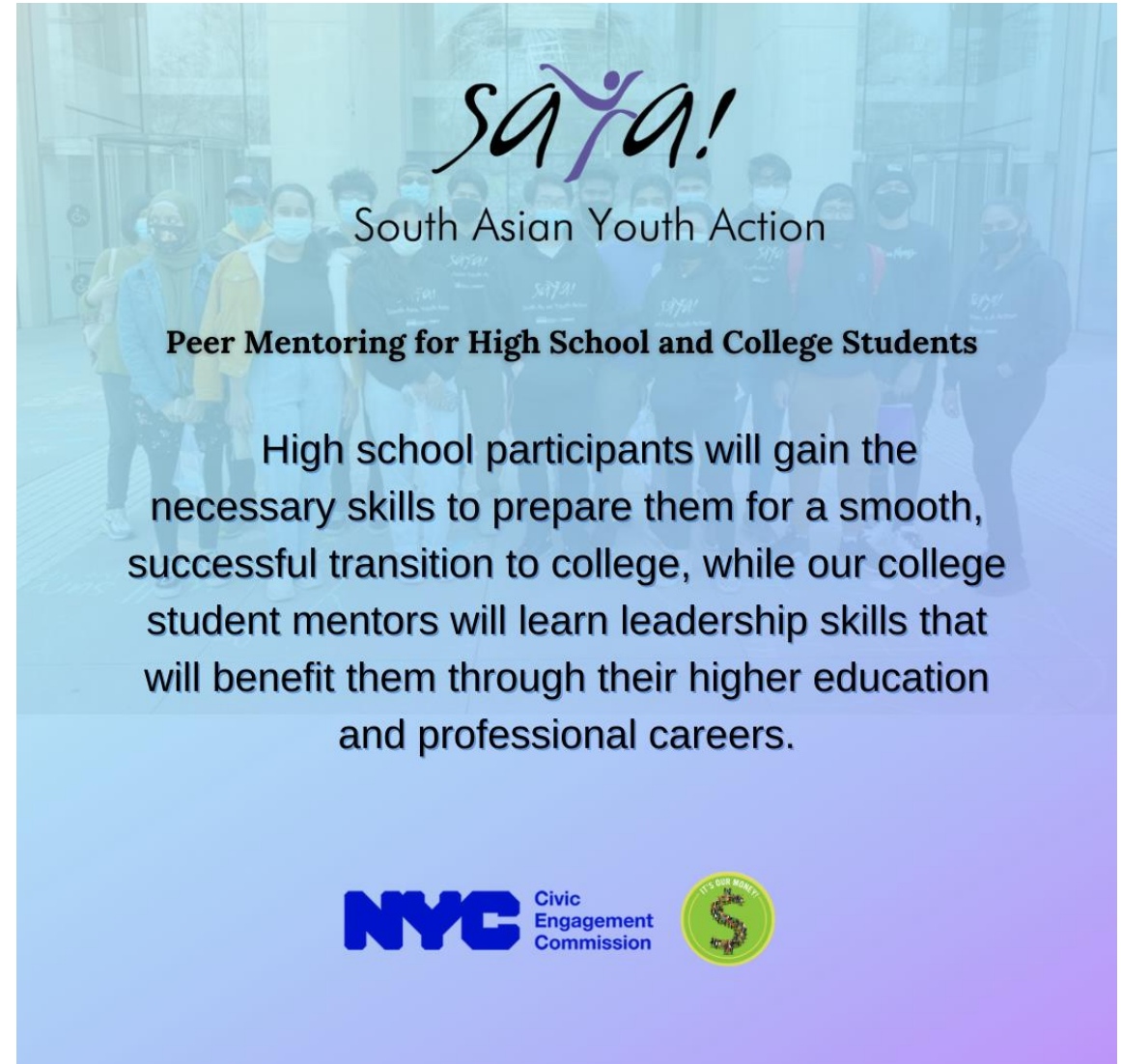


## Fourth Place: Peer Mentoring for High School and College Students

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**Organization:** South Asian Youth Action (SAYA)


“The strongest impact the project had was the building of community and connection between our youth. The overall project reinforced our mission of fostering a strong sense of belonging in youth and providing them with tools to thrive academically, professionally and personally. Over the past month, we have seen our mentors and mentees continue to connect at our center following the completion of this mentoring program.”



**SAYA!**  
South Asian Youth Action

**Peer Mentoring for High School and College Students**

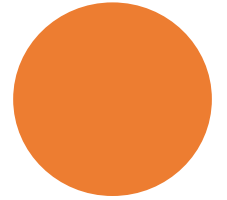
High school participants will gain the necessary skills to prepare them for a smooth, successful transition to college, while our college student mentors will learn leadership skills that will benefit them through their higher education and professional careers.

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## Fifth Place: The Girls' Circle

**Organization:** Girls Mentor Girls Inc. in the Bronx

- Youth participants created a multimedia wellness book that can serve as a toolbox for teens and young adults who may be struggling emotionally and physically.



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Girls Mentor Girls, Inc.



The Girls Circle, an online space for young women of color to gain support with acquiring the mental literacy to understand and manage their emotions and feelings.





# JOIN THE *Peoples* FESTIVAL!

Join us at the **People's Festival** a community led initiative hosted by the New York City Civic Engagement Commission!

The Festival celebrates New Yorkers' resilience with live performances, interactive workshops, and community resources!

**SWIPE FOR FESTIVAL DATES...**



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**FRI 8/20, BROOKLYN**  
ALBEE SQ *\*LAUNCH DATE!\**

**SUN 8/22, BROOKLYN**  
MARCY AVENUE PLAZA

**FRI 8/27, STATEN ISLAND**  
MINTHORNE ST

**SUN 8/29, QUEENS**  
JACKSON HEIGHTS

**FRI 9/3, MANHATTAN**  
WASHINGTON HEIGHTS

**SUN 9/5, BRONX**  
FORDHAM PLAZA

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## JOIN US!

**FRI + SUN**  
**12PM — 7PM**

*\*UPDATED TIME!\**





**We're the children of the  
people that we represent**















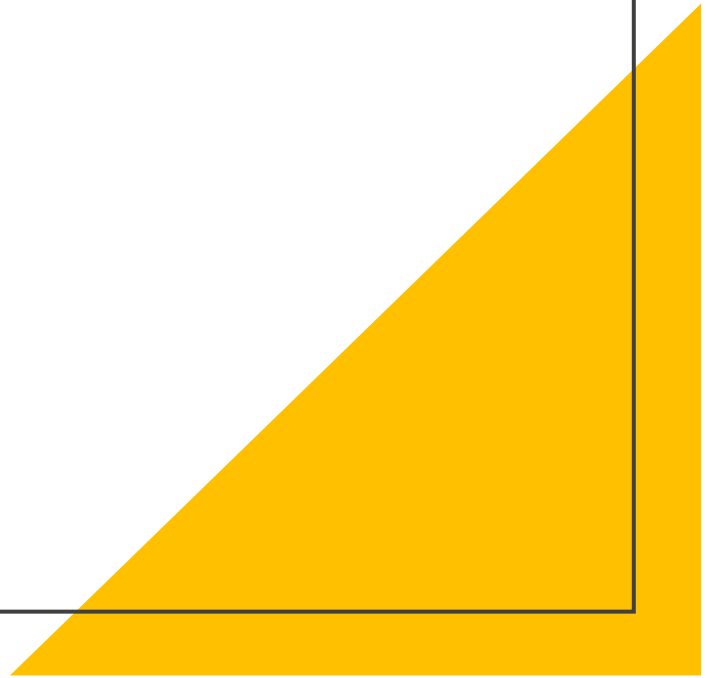
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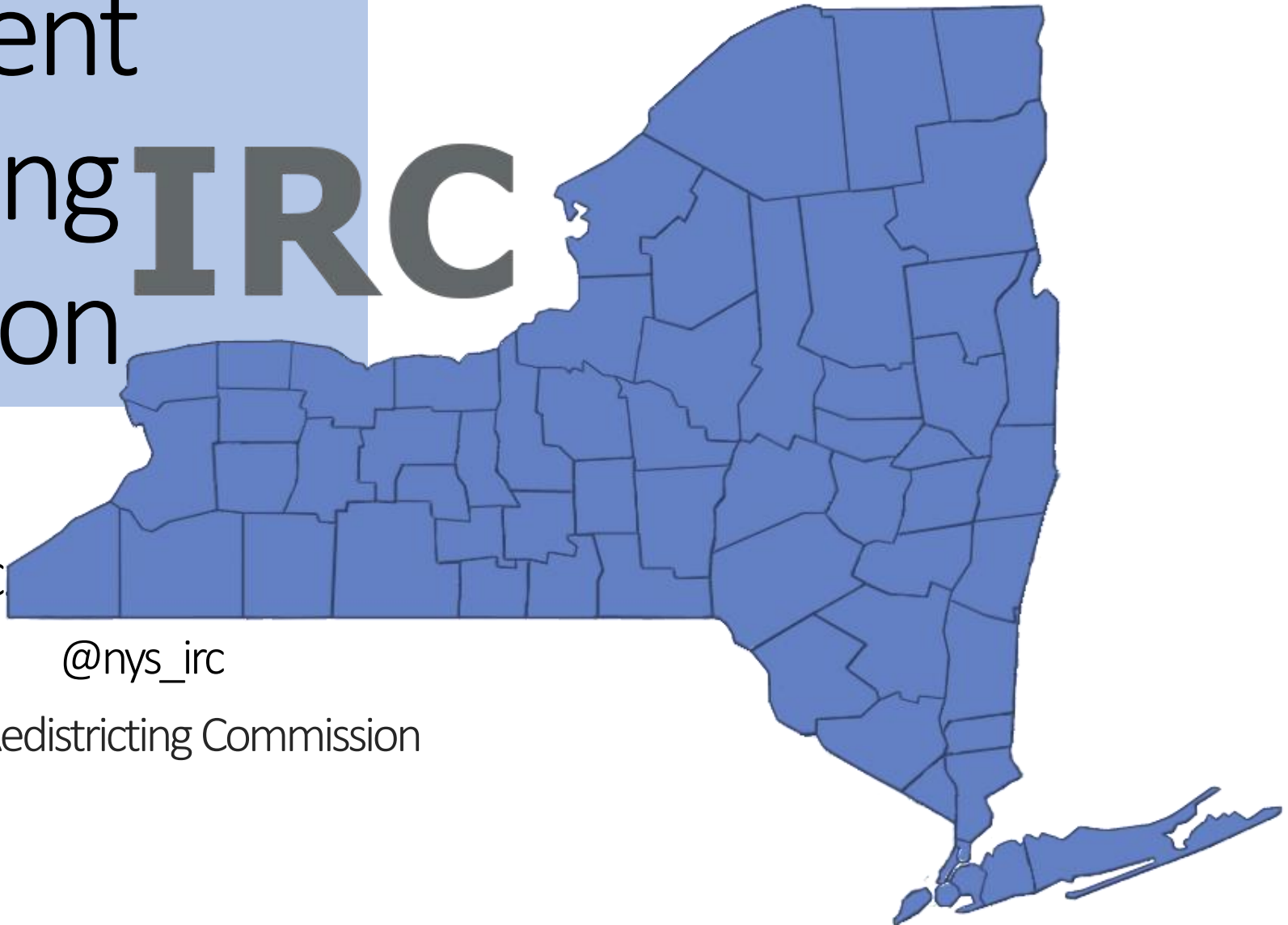
# New York State Redistricting Commission



# New York State Independent Redistricting Commission

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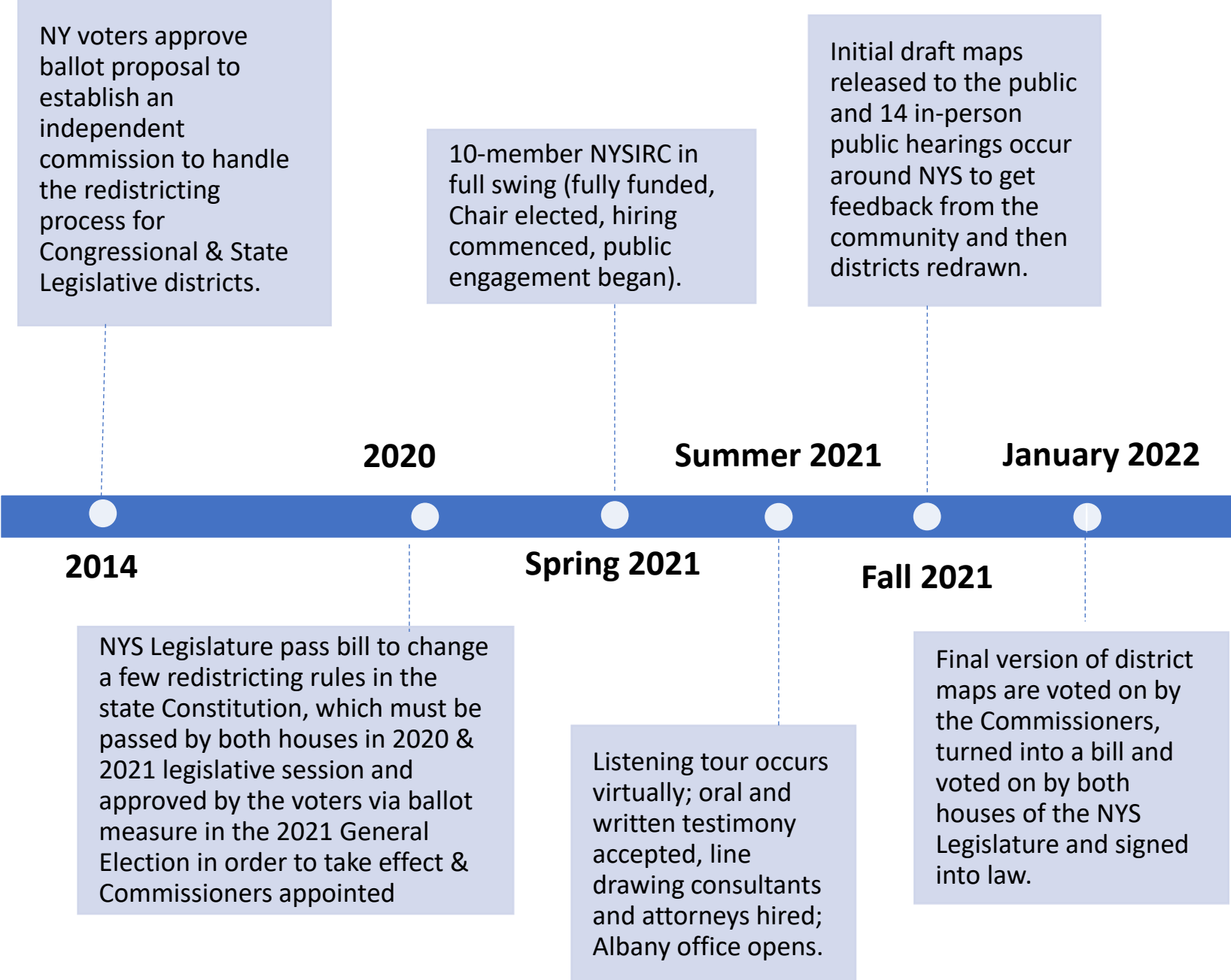


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- NYS Independent Redistricting Commission





# New York Redistricting Timeline & Highlights

# What is the Independent Redistricting Commission?

- ❑ In 2014, voters in New York State voted yes on Proposition 1, a constitutional amendment to implement historic changes with the intent to achieve a fair and readily transparent process by which to redraw the lines of state legislative and congressional districts.
- ❑ The goals of this proposal were to reform the redistricting process to introduce greater independence and guarantee the application of substantive criteria that protect minority voting rights, communities of interest, and rational line-drawing.
- ❑ The Independent Redistricting Commission is composed of 10 members. Two are appointed by the New York State Senate Majority Leader and Temporary President, two are appointed by the New York State Senate Minority Leader, two are appointed by the Speaker of the New York State Assembly, and two are appointed by the New York State Assembly Minority Leader. The final two members are then selected by these eight appointees. Neither can be enrolled as a Democrat or Republican in the past five years.



# Who Are The Commissioners?

- David Imamura, Esq. | **Chair**
- Jack Martins, Esq. | **Vice Chair**
- Eugene Bengner, Esq.
- Ross Brady, Esq.
- John Conway III, Esq.
- Dr. Ivelisse Cuevas-Molina
- Dr. John Flateau
- Elaine Frazier
- Charles Nesbitt
- Willis H. Stephens, Jr., Esq.





# What Is Redistricting?

- Every 10 years after the US Census, states are responsible for reallocating legislative power. Redistricting means to divide or organize an area into new political districts. The state focuses on Congressional, State Senate and State Assembly levels. All city, town and village council redistricting is handled at the local levels.
- As population increases and moves around the state of New York we must make sure district populations remain equivalent to ensure people get an opportunity to elect people who represent their interests. The number of Congressional seats per state fluctuate based on national reapportionment, but State Assembly seats are locked at 150. State Senate seats used to fluctuate but it will be included as a ballot measure in the 2021 General Election for voters to decide to lock the number of Senate Seats at 63.

# Congressional Apportionment

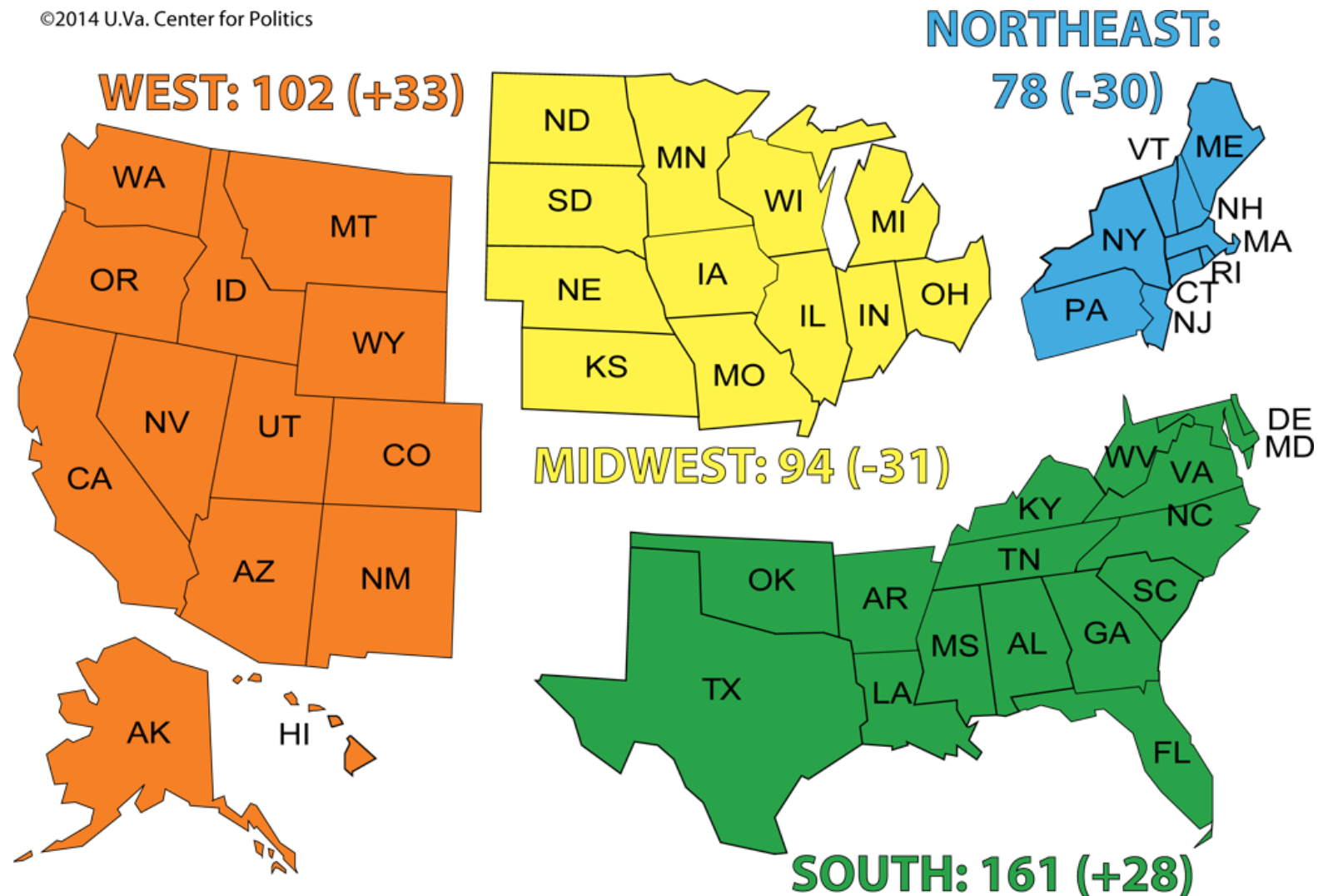
As our national population increases each state is apportioned a number of U.S. Congressional seats which approximately corresponds with its share of the aggregate population.

By federal law, we are capped at 435 seats so after each decennial Census New York receives its apportionment. This cycle we were apportioned **26 Congressional seats**, which means one Congressional seat will be lost.

In the last 100 years the most seats New York had in Congress was between 1944 – 1951, we had 45 Congressional seats. However, since 1952 our rate of population growth has not kept pace with other regions although our population has steadily increased.

## Congressional reapportionment changes by Census Bureau region, 1960-2010

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**Source:** Vital Statistics on American Politics

- **Locking the number of NYS Senators at 63 members.**
- The proposed amendment would freeze the number of state senate districts at the current total of 63 to prevent future legislatures from increasing or decreasing the size of the chamber. Under current law, the state senate must have at least fifty members.
- **Affirming that total population will be the basis for districts.**
- The proposal would remove dormant language from the state constitution that technically called for excluding non-citizens and Native Americans from the population counts used when districts are drawn. Deletion of this no longer used language will bring the New York constitution in line with the actual practices long followed by the state.
- **Reassignment of prison population.**
- The proposal would constitutionalize an existing statute that requires incarcerated people to be counted in their districts of last residence if possible.
- **Redistricting timeline.**
- The proposed amendment would require the commission to submit maps to the legislature earlier than required under current law. This change is made to account for the fact that legislative primaries in New York now occur in June rather than August, meaning that maps must be in place earlier for the candidate filing and qualification process. For the year 2022, the Commission shall submit its redistricting plan to the Legislature no later than January 1, 2022. Should the plan fail to pass, or a veto fail to be overridden, the second redistricting plan shall be submitted no later than January 15, 2022.
- Beginning in 2031 (and decennially thereafter), the Commission shall submit its redistricting plan to the Legislature on November 1 of that year, and no later than November 15 of that year. Should the plan fail to pass, or a veto fail to be overridden, the second redistricting plan shall be submitted no later than January 1 of the following year.
- **Eliminate “block on border” rule.**
- Remove certain restrictions on how Senate district lines are drawn, including the “block on border” rule that requires mapmakers to draw certain blocks into adjacent districts.

# New York State Population Data

- **Total Population**
- **2020:** 20,201,249
- **2010:** 19,378,102
- ↑ Up 823,147 people since 2010 or 4.25%
- **39 of 62 counties lost population**
  - Schoharie County had the largest population loss by percent (-9.3%)
- **23 of 62 counties saw growth**
  - Kings County (Brooklyn) had the largest growth by percent (9.2%)
- **NY's population continues to shift to downstate counties and urban centers**

# Population Loss/Gain by County

County	Population 2010	Population 2020	Population Change	% Change
Albany	304,204	314,848	10,644	3.50
Allegany	48,946	46,456	-2,490	-5.09
Bronx	1,385,108	1,472,654	87,546	6.32
Broome	200,600	198,683	-1,917	-0.96
Cattaraugus	80,317	77,042	-3,275	-4.08
Cayuga	80,026	76,248	-3,778	-4.72
Chautauqua	134,905	127,657	-7,248	-5.37
Chemung	88,830	84,148	-4,682	-5.27
Chenango	50,477	47,220	-3,257	-6.45
Clinton	82,128	79,843	-2,285	-2.78
Columbia	63,096	61,570	-1,526	-2.42
Cortland	49,336	46,809	-2,527	-5.12
Delaware	47,980	44,308	-3,672	-7.65
Dutchess	297,488	295,911	-1,577	-0.53
Erie	919,040	954,236	35,196	3.83
Essex	39,370	37,381	-1,989	-5.05
Franklin	51,599	47,555	-4,044	-7.84
Fulton	55,531	53,324	-2,207	-3.97
Genesee	60,079	58,388	-1,691	-2.81
Greene	49,221	47,931	-1,290	-2.62
Hamilton	4,836	5,107	271	5.60
Herkimer	64,519	60,139	-4,380	-6.79
Jefferson	116,229	116,721	492	0.42
Kings	2,504,700	2,736,074	231,374	9.24
Lewis	27,087	26,582	-505	-1.86
Livingston	65,393	61,834	-3,559	-5.44
Madison	73,442	68,016	-5,426	-7.39
Monroe	744,344	759,443	15,099	2.03
Montgomery	50,219	49,532	-687	-1.37
Nassau	1,339,532	1,395,774	56,242	4.20
New York	1,585,873	1,694,251	108,378	6.83

County	Population 2010	Population 2020	Population Change	% Change
Niagara	216,469	212,666	-3,803	-1.76
Oneida	234,878	232,125	-2,753	-1.17
Onondaga	467,026	476,516	9,490	2.03
Ontario	107,931	112,458	4,527	4.19
Orange	372,813	401,310	28,497	7.64
Orleans	42,883	40,343	-2,540	-5.92
Oswego	122,109	117,525	-4,584	-3.75
Otsego	62,259	58,524	-3,735	-6.00
Putnam	99,710	97,668	-2,042	-2.05
Queens	2,230,722	2,405,464	174,742	7.83
Rensselaer	159,429	161,130	1,701	1.07
Richmond	468,730	495,747	27,017	5.76
Rockland	311,687	338,329	26,642	8.55
Saratoga	219,607	235,509	15,902	7.24
Schenectady	154,727	158,061	3,334	2.15
Schoharie	32,749	29,714	-3,035	-9.27
Schuyler	18,343	17,898	-445	-2.43
Seneca	35,251	33,814	-1,437	-4.08
St. Lawrence	111,944	108,505	-3,439	-3.07
Steuben	98,990	93,584	-5,406	-5.46
Suffolk	1,493,350	1,525,920	32,570	2.18
Sullivan	77,547	78,624	1,077	1.39
Tioga	51,125	48,455	-2,670	-5.22
Tompkins	101,564	105,740	4,176	4.11
Ulster	182,493	181,851	-642	-0.35
Warren	65,707	65,737	30	0.05
Washington	63,216	61,302	-1,914	-3.03
Wayne	93,772	91,283	-2,489	-2.65
Westchester	949,113	1,004,457	55,344	5.83
Wyoming	42,155	40,531	-1,624	-3.85
Yates	25,348	24,774	-574	-2.26

## Most % Growth:

(+7% )

Kings  
Rockland  
Queens  
Orange  
Saratoga

## Most % Loss:

(- 6%)

Herkimer  
Madison  
Delaware  
Franklin  
Schoharie

# Cities



Largest Cities in NY State

City	Population 2020	Population 2010	Population Change	% Change
New York	8,804,190	8,175,133	629,057	7.69
Buffalo	278,349	261,310	17,039	6.52
Yonkers	211,569	195,976	15,593	7.96
Rochester	211,328	210,565	763	0.36
Syracuse	148,620	145,170	3,450	2.38
Albany	99,224	97,856	1,368	1.40
New Rochelle	79,726	77,062	2,664	3.46
Mount Vernon	73,893	67,292	6,601	9.81
Schenectady	67,047	66,135	912	1.38
Utica	65,283	62,235	3,048	4.90

- Largest % increase**
- Cohoes city 12.2%
  - Lackawanna city 10.0%
  - Mount Vernon city 9.8%
  - Middletown city 8.0%
  - Yonkers city 8.0%

- New York City grew by more than 600,000 people, remaining the largest U.S. city
- Yonkers overtook Rochester as New York's third largest city

REGISTRATION TOTALS:	SIGN-UPS	SPEAKERS	PERCENT ATTENDANCE
Nassau/Suffolk	35	21	60%
Queens	107	51	48%
Bronx/New York	39	32	82%
Kings/Richmond	69	56	81%
Mid-Hudson/Capital	74	42	43%
North Country/Mohawk	15	3	20%
Southern Tier/Central	27	13	52%
Western NY/Finger Lakes	48	27	56%
Statewide	92	43	48%
	506	288	

# Public Listening Tour Speakers (July- August 2021)

# Public Hearing Locations (Cities)

- ☐ Buffalo
- ☐ Rochester
- ☐ Syracuse
- ☐ Albany
- ☐ White Plains
- ☐ Bronx
- ☐ New York

- ☐ Staten Island
- ☐ Brooklyn
- ☐ Queens
- ☐ Nassau
- ☐ Suffolk

- ☐ Binghamton (Southern Tier)
- ☐ Lake Placid (North Country)





# Public Comments

# Commission Meeting Calendar

Commission meetings will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month (except for May and June). The start time will be alternated monthly between 11 AM and 2 PM.

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