

Summary of Minutes

LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICT REVISION COMMISSION COMMITTEE

October 15, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Chairman Carbone called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Joe Carbone (President of the Legislature) (Chairman), Steve Brew (Majority Leader), Joshua Bauroth (Assistant Minority Leader), Lisa Polito Nicolay (Board of Elections), Jackie Ortiz (Board of Elections)

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Grant (Legislature Clerk), Bridget Harvey (Chief of Staff - Majority Office), Peter Elder (Board of Elections)

Chairman Carbone welcomed all of those in attendance and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. He stated that this was the third public hearing of the Redistricting Commission.

He further stated that the purpose was to receive public input on the process of redistricting. He also stated that the public forum format would be very similar to how the public forum is conducted during Monroe County Legislature meetings. He explained that the Commission is gathering information from data census and public input, and that a determination would then be made once this information is collected in regards to the lines and boundaries for the districts.

He then stated that the redistricting plan would be adopted as a local law, and that public would have the opportunity to comment on the proposed plan as part of the official public hearing before its adoption. Chairman Carbone explained that the Commission's responsibility was to make a recommendation after the three official public hearings were held to the Full Legislature.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Elizabeth Maxwell spoke in regards to the process of the Commission and asked when all the meetings are scheduled or when they will be scheduled. She then asked about when the maps will be available to view. She mentioned democracy and making sure the process includes making fair districts.

Karen LoBracco spoke in regards to the purpose of the Commission and asked that no communities would be divided. She gave some examples where districts divide neighborhoods. She then asked if there were going to be major changes to the 2011 map. She then asked if the Commission will keep communities communities and not split them up. She also mentioned that the Commission should not gerrymander.

Kevin Berry spoke in regards to the purpose of the Commission and mentioned the political Sinicism. He said that there has been no transparency with the process and that that disenfranchises residents. He hopes that Republicans and Democrats will work together to draw the maps. He says neighborhood associations should be involved and that politics should be taken out of the redistricting process.

Charlie Ennis, Greece resident, said that the town of Greece is a maze when it comes to the drawing of the legislative representative maps. He also said Irondequoit's legislative districts are a maze. He asked that the Commission take this process to heart and take it seriously. He said racism and bigotry need to be left out of the Commission. He also asked for transparency.

Barbara Grosh, Penfield resident, mentioned that there are too many towns split when it comes to their legislators. She also mentioned poverty in the Eastern suburbs. She also mentioned keeping low income areas together and high income areas together.

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Elaine Schmidt spoke in regards to the Commission and asked for 2-4 weeks for map viewing once the lines are published to allow for feedback from residents.

Jane Bleeg spoke in regards to the Commission and restoring the democratic process to drawing the lines. She asked for the Commission to end the gerrymandering and the fighting between the parties. She also asked for the districts to be fair.

Mike Bleeg asked the Commission for a fundamental geographic outline and to provide the maps well in advance of a final vote.

Candace Rubin asked the Commission if they had done any surveys. She indicated she had more faith in car salesmen than elected officials these days. She asked for more honesty in the process.

Martha Clasquin asked the Commission to give voices to all and mentioned the gospel of power.

Chairman Carbone referenced the public comment emails received by the Clerk of the Legislature to the redistricting@monroecounty.gov address and asked the Clerk to read each email submission to the Commission members.

A total of 11 speakers address the Commission and the public hearing ended at 7:49 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Carbone thanked the Mendon Fire District and Hamlin Town Hall for their hospitality, the members of the community that gave their comments each evening, and the Commission for their time and adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m. The next Legislative Redistrict Commission Committee meeting will be announced.

Respectfully submitted,
David Grant
Clerk of the Legislature

October 15, 2021

Good evening members of the County Legislature and Election Commissioners. My name is Karen LoBracco and I live at 48 Adams Street in Brockport. I appreciate having the opportunity to give input tonight.

Commissioner Nicolay, a week or two ago I heard you on a TV interview talking about the reapportionment of the county legislature. You made the points that district lines should not divide communities and should be of a logical shape, two points that I heartily agree with. You stated that adjustments might be needed because of population changes reflected in the 2020 census. I have not studied those numbers to know how the population numbers have shifted, but I know that you have that information and trust that you can make good use of it. The fourth point you made was that taking all that into consideration, you did not see any major changes being needed. That final point I find to be seriously flawed.

I live in the Village of Brockport where the portion west of Main Street/Route 19 is in Legislative District 2 and the portion east of Main Street in in Legislative District 20. The Town of Sweden is similarly divided along Route 19, except that the Sweden Village subdivision is partly in LD2 and partly in LD20. No wonder people are confused about who their representative is! So much for the not dividing communities point.

Looking at Legislative District 20 on a map invariably leads to an expression of "What the heck?" and a crick in your neck. It starts in the eastern half of the Town of Sweden, includes most but not all of the town of Ogden and then into the Town of Greece. There is no way this district has any sense that they are a community and there is no other way to describe its shape other than weird, contrived and gerrymandered. Other districts have similar very, very strange shapes and failings. I can not testify to them the way I can to LD2 and LD20, but I hope you will take the comments of those citizens and officials into consideration.

You have before you an opportunity to demonstrate integrity to the citizens of Monroe County. Please do not fail us!

Monroe County Redistricting Commission Testimony

October 15, 2021

Barbara Grosh

53 Peaceful Harbor Lane

Webster, NY 14580

(585)415-8251

My name is Barbara Grosh. I currently live in Penfield, though I haven't yet had the opportunity to vote in a county Leg election there yet. Tonight, I'd like to start by talking about my former legislative district, District 18.

My former legislator from District 18, Tanya Conley, once told me that the 18th district had the widest socio-economic spread of any district in Monroe County. That surprised me because it felt like a wealthy district to me. She said that the neighborhoods she represented in East Rochester had median family incomes that were about equal to the annual property tax bill in the higher income neighborhoods in the district, where she lived.

Since learning that startling fact, I've taken a closer look at the poverty in the eastern suburbs, to see if it's necessary to stick together such an odd district, where needs are very different. It's not necessary at all. First, look at the village of East Rochester and you find that it's split into two. A village which would constitute a natural community of interest is divided, each half stuck on as an afterthought to a wealthy district, the 18th, which is mostly wealthy parts of Perinton and the 10th, which covers some very swanky parts of Pittsford.

But wait, there's more. There are more low-income neighborhoods tucked away nearby. About a mile away as the crow flies is the Pines of Perinton, which is in District 11. Also nearby are a couple of trailer

parks on the north side of Route 441, which are contained within District 15, my current district which runs from the East Rochester-Penfield border right on up to the shores of Lake Ontario in Webster.

So, in case you've lost track, we've got three low-income neighborhoods within a short distance of each other, divided into four electoral districts which are mainly high income.

Those low-income neighborhoods have a lot in common. They need county services to work well, all of them. They need good bus service, because many folks don't have cars. They need childcare subsidies to be fully funded, which they never have been in Monroe County. They need MCC to be affordable and high quality. They need for the public defender's office to be well-funded. All of these services are probably things that their wealthy neighbors probably seldom think about.

This natural community of interest has been cracked, divided up into several districts, some of which have the kind of weird elongated jagged shapes you think of when you hear the word gerrymander. This did not happen naturally by some geographic fluke.

Cracking this community of interest dilutes its voting power and disenfranchises the residents. This is not helping Monroe County residents to thrive. I urge you to take the time to examine Monroe County neighborhood by neighborhood and consult with residents. It will be a bit time-consuming, but we have the time. We don't need to finalize district lines for over a year. There is plenty of time for a thorough audit of underserved communities, which would make democracy so much better.

Comments to MC Redistricting Committee Public Hearing 15 Oct 2021 MClasquin

Welcome to the West Side of Monroe County! Thank you for holding this public hearing for us tonight. My name is Martha Clasquin and I live next door in the Town of Clarkson where we Democrats are constantly striving to give voice to the concerns of all of our residents in our town government.

That is what this redistricting is really all about, isn't it? Giving all citizens a choice in who represents them from the local level of governance on up? We are here at the local level trying to work out a fair deal for our county redistricting.

I believe in the simple gospel of power that says that he who takes the most from others, ends up losing the most when power dynamics change, which you know they will, and that he who gives the most in civil fairness to others, will end up benefiting the most when power dynamics change.

All we Democrats are asking of this redistricting committee is to keep the end goal in mind: fair representation for all of our residents. Mess this up and it's going to come back round to bite you, I promise.

Grant, David K

From: Nicolay, Lisa P
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 6:41 PM
To: Grant, David K
Subject: Fwd: District 7 and District 26 | Redistricting Commission Members

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From: Jonathan W. Hardin <mrjhardin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 11:20:15 AM
To: legislatorcarbone@gmail.com <legislatorcarbone@gmail.com>; Inicolay@monroecounty.gov <Inicolay@monroecounty.gov>; Jackie Ortiz Ortiz <jackieortiz@monroecounty.gov>; legislatorbrew@gmail.com <legislatorbrew@gmail.com>; Josh Bauroth <jpbauoth@yahoo.com>
Subject: District 7 and District 26 | Redistricting Commission Members

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Redistricting Commission Members,

The Charlotte community demands that District 7 be redrawn to NOT include the neighborhood of Charlotte in the City of Rochester, and District 26 should include that neighborhood. This was discussed at our most recent Charlotte Community Association meeting. Our community deserves one County Legislator, and Mr. Marianetti has failed to represent the northern portion of our neighborhood and hasn't communicated with the non-profit neighborhood groups in the area in years. He refuses to return phone calls and e-mails and seems to not be interested in our community.

The development in Charlotte, the Port and Ontario Beach Park is too important to our region to have a representative that doesn't communicate with the neighborhood leaders. We have been for years trying to work with our local leaders on smart development for our community, and we deserve better. We most urgently deserve upgrades to the Roger Robach Community Center.

Not only that, but we ask that District 26 be extended to Lake Ontario and Beach Avenue to give Charlotte one representative. The current and past Legislator of District 26 has always been in communication with all the residents of Charlotte, and this is what our community deserves. One legislator that represents the entire community and we can confirm that District 26 has our back.

Thank you,

Jonathan W. Hardin he/him/his
55 Hewitt Street
Rochester, New York 14612
(585) 953-6833 cell phone

Grant, David K

From: Pamela Mauro <pfmauro.57@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 8:56 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Concerned Citizens

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Members of the Legislature,

This note is to demand your efforts to ensure accurate representation in our area and no gerrymandering. Communities have been disrupted and there is no valid reason for districts to be so cut up, other than to manipulate vote outcomes. Districts should be drawn evenly and fairly. We are watching your efforts and hold you accountable for all results and we are entitled to have our concerns addressed prior to decisions being made.

Thank you,

Pamela Mauro



**Grant, David K**

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**From:** Candice Harvey <candicemtomic@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 15, 2021 7:37 AM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** Fair, nonpartisan redistricting

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Members of the Legislature,

This note is to demand your efforts to ensure accurate representation in our area and no gerrymandering. Communities have been disrupted and there is no valid reason for districts to be so cut up, other than to manipulate vote outcomes. Districts should be drawn evenly and fairly. We are watching your efforts and hold you accountable for all results

Thank you,

Active voter and campaign donor,

Candice Harvey

Grant, David K

From: Jen Adams <adams.jenl@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 8:10 AM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Request

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Hello,

I am concerned as a voter that we will not be given time to gather information and express opinions in relation to the redistricting proposal. Please allow the voters of Monroe County the information and ability to take part in this proposal. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

**Grant, David K**

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**From:** annpindar@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, October 15, 2021 8:19 AM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** FAIR ELECTIONS

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Monroe County Legislators,

It has come to my attention via the League of Women Voters that there is an attempt at gerrymandering in Monroe County.

We read every day what is happening around the country, but did not expect this from our own county! New York is known for its fair and free elections that respect the right of every person to vote. PLEASE do not adopt some of the voter suppression techniques that are happening around the country.

Districts should be drawn carefully so as to maximize fair representation for its citizens. As the League has stated, there is no rush. It takes time to do this right and to have as much representative participation as it should have.

Monroe County voters like myself are keenly interested in your taking the time you need to fairly and properly conduct this important process.

Thank you for your attention to my concern.

Sincerely,

Ann Pindar

Grant, David K

From: J J Galusha <jjgalusha58@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 9:04 AM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Farce!

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So, the Retrumplicans have no viable platform (capable of working successfully), no meaningful legislative agenda and the only way you can stay in power, which is what this is really all about (if I hear a another politician say "the citizens of want this I will puke), is to rig, by virtue of Gerrymandering (the manipulation of an electoral constituency's boundaries so as to favor one party or class), the elections in your favor.

What a bunch of tools (one who is used or manipulated by another/foolish or unlikable person). I believe you are morally bankrupt, unethical and are basically a bunch of Wankers (idiot/fools) plus an embarrassment to Society (the Citizens of Monroe County) who you allegedly represent.

J Jeffrey Galusha

**Grant, David K**

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**From:** gmel999@bluefrog.com  
**Sent:** Friday, October 15, 2021 10:00 AM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** [BULK] Comment on Redistricting for the Legislative District Revision Commission

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As a very concerned citizen of Monroe County, I strongly insist on your efforts to ensure accurate representation in our area, **without gerrymandering**. Communities have been disrupted with no valid reason. The only goal is to manipulate vote outcomes.

Districts should be drawn evenly and fairly. We are watching your efforts and hold you accountable for all results.

Thank you.

Regards,
Melanie Blank

779 Royal Sunset Dr.
Webster NY 14580
Leg. District 15

Grant, David K

From: C Richards <crichards12345@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 10:37 AM
To: Redistricting
Subject: #FairLineForMonroe

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Republicans:

How can you live with yourselves? Such a lack of integrity in so much that you do.

Drawing district lines should be an open and honest process with input from many in the county -- not just your few Republicans with ulterior motives.

The more sneaky actions you take, the more support you are sending to Democrats.

Get your act together in the name of truth and democracy.

Catherine Richards  
Fairport, NY

**Grant, David K**

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**From:** William Spelman <bill@wspelman.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 15, 2021 11:19 AM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** Redistricting

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To our County Legislature,

As a member of our county, I am demanding your efforts to ensure accurate representation in our area without any gerrymandering. The idea of anything less than these efforts is not what you were elected to do. Communities have been disrupted and there is no valid reason for districts to be so cut up, other than to manipulate vote outcomes. Districts should be drawn evenly and fairly. We are watching your efforts and will hold you accountable for all results.

The idea of anything less than such efforts is a disgrace to our county, people and country.

I also urge you to be far more transparent about your sessions so that our county communities can participate in the democratic process---something I learned in my high school civics class. Among others, I also want to be a fully informed voter and keeping important issues from us is less than any elected official should adhere. Transparency, openness and truth are bedrocks of our country. I urge you to remember that members of the county legislature work for the public.

Thank you,

Bill

William Spelman
667 Midship Circle
Webster, NY 14580
585.727.1965

Grant, David K

From: Chris Stevens <stevens35@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 11:40 AM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Redistricting - NO CLOSED DOORS

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**OPEN THE DOORS!**

I demand open government, especially in redistricting Monroe County. The only reason for closed doors is to HIDE something unfair or illegal. **OPEN THE DOORS**, let the light shine on redistricting. Afterall, your sworn responsibility is to represent ALL of the people, not your self-interest, nor the interest of your party.

Chris Stevens  
Voter  
Rochester, New York



**Grant, David K**

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**From:** John Wiltse <jtwiltse@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 15, 2021 11:54 AM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** Monroe County redistricting

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Greetings,

I am unable to attend the public hearings on the Monroe County Redistricting process but I'm glad to have the opportunity to submit written comments.

I urge the Commission to keep towns/villages and City of Rochester neighborhoods intact on the redistricting map and not create a gerrymandered map which seeks to dilute the voting power of any particular segment of the County population.

In particular, disenfranchising lower income City of Rochester voters and voters in lower income neighborhoods of the inner ring suburbs by combining their neighborhoods with more affluent suburban areas in the redistricting process is an attack on our democratic process and subverts the democratic principles on which our country was founded.

The 20th District is a gross example of gerrymandering which should be corrected through redistricting and several other districts such as the 6th, 7th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 19th and 26th should be reconfigured to allow for fairer representation of our towns and City neighborhoods.

Thank you for leading a fair, transparent process to correct some of the gerrymandering that has occurred in the past and put Monroe County on a positive path toward fairer and fuller participation in our democracy for all residents.

Sincerely,
John Wiltse
80 Newcastle Rd, Rochester, NY 14610

Grant, David K

From: Sharon Orienter <seo2@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 11:54 AM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Fair re-districting

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I know that fair and honest re-districting is a difficult challenge. I hope members, especially elected officials, remember their oath of office that they have an obligation to all citizens of Monroe Country to undertake a transparent and honest drawing of lines that will give any and all candidates running for office in the future an equal chance to represent the totality of their constituents.

Democracy requires participation. It is the sacred trust that voters of all parties place in the hands of elected officials to encourage full participation of citizens throughout the country. Democracy is not a game where partisan political one-upmanship was what our founders envisioned. Please do your duty to all Monroe County citizens and draw fair lines in an open manner.

Thank You

Frank Orienter  
116 Browncroft Boulevard  
Rochester, NY 14609

**Grant, David K**

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**From:** Tom Gillett <tdgillett3118@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 15, 2021 12:08 PM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** Monroe County Voting Districts?

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I'm not able to attend the public hearings, but I strongly urge the County Legislature to accomplish this task of redrawing county legislative districts in a fair, honest, BIPARTISAN manner. To do otherwise, as you apparently intend, is an outrage.

Why would the majority attempt to move forward without involving others? In a time when Republicans in particular are undermining confidence in our democratic process, acting in this manner only further erodes public faith in a fair, unbiased election configuration.

Thomas Gillett
105 Pickwick Dr,
Rochester, NY 14618

Grant, David K

From: MaryLee Miller <quanyin61@rochester.rr.com>
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 12:31 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Gerrymandered districts

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To whom it concerns,

As a voting citizen of Monroe County I am appalled that Republicans in the legislature intend to unilaterally draw district lines the way they see fit rather than by census numbers as they are supposed to do. It is so clear that the current Republican agenda is to keep, regain or grab control in any way possible through any means.

Gerrymandering is a pitiful tactic that is deeply rooted in racism and classism and serves no good purpose. It serves only to disenfranchise voters and keep greedy politicians in positions of power and further bloat the coffers of corporations at the expense of the public good.

I demand a fair redistricting process in Monroe County that is done across party lines in a manner that centers the public good and not big money and politicians' political gain.

Thank you for your time.

MaryLee Miller  
Rochester 14610

Art washes from the soul the dust of everyday life. - Picasso

**Grant, David K**

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**From:** djm987@icloud.com  
**Sent:** Friday, October 15, 2021 12:37 PM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** Impartial and Fair Redistricting

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Ladies and Gentlemen: I have lived in Monroe County for over 40 years and have often felt that my vote has been neutralized by partisan line-drawing. In this time of heightened concern about the stability of our democracy, it is time for an impartial commission to draw district lines.

Deborah J. McLean
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Grant, David K

From: Jared Mooberry <jmoober1@rochester.rr.com>
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 12:47 PM
To: Redistricting

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Your plans for redrawing election districts by republicans alone stinks. You've lost my vote as a republican.  
Jared Mooberry

**Grant, David K**

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**From:** jhcummings@frontiernet.net  
**Sent:** Friday, October 15, 2021 1:23 PM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** Questions about redistricting

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To The Legislative District Revision Committee:

1. Who, specifically, is drawing each district map that the Commission is considering?
2. What methodologies and practices are the map drawers using?
3. How many maps is the Commission considering?
4. When will the public see proposed maps?
5. What is the Commission doing to ensure bipartisanship in the drawing of maps?
6. What is the Commission doing to ensure that the maps incorporate meaningful public comment?
7. What is the Commission doing to ensure that the maps do not privilege some voters at the expense of others based on political affiliation or race?
8. What is the Commission doing to ensure that the maps accurately reflect Monroe County's voter registration demographics?
9. What records will the Commission keep of its votes and deliberations, and how will it make those records available to the public?

Thank you in advance for the answers,

Johanna Cummings
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Rochester, NY 1420
jhcummings@frontiernet.net

Grant, David K

From: Carole Hoffman <choffman962@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 1:27 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Redistricting

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Re the redistricting in Monroe County, it has become apparent that the Republican controlled Legislature has deemed it unnecessary to extend the period of time, whereby citizens of Monroe County have little or no say in this issue. As I had a commitment on Thursday, Oct 14 @ 7 PM., and Hamlin being on the other side of the County for me, I find this narrow time frame to thwart my ability to express my displeasure with the Republican's limitations to appear at the meetings, so to hear from all of us. I can only conclude that they are only interested in keeping the status quo versus creating an opportunity for representative government. Sad!

Carole Hoffman  
200 New Wickham Dr.  
Penfield, NY 14526  
[choffman962@gmail.com](mailto:choffman962@gmail.com)



**Grant, David K**

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**From:** Sue Hughes-Smith <suehughessmith@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 15, 2021 1:57 PM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** Redistricting

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Dear President Carbone and County Legislators,

I am reaching out to you as a concerned resident in Monroe County. And, I hope many others will contact you as well.

It is disheartening to see how the redistricting process is proceeding. Fair districts that give voice and influence to the voter should be more important than protecting partisan power. I was disappointed in the legislature for rejecting County Executive Bello's suggestion for an independent commission. And, further disappointed to learn that the committee is only holding 3 public information sessions prior to releasing the draft and intends to only hold one session afterwards.

The remarks from Majority Leader Steve Brew at the hearing in Mendon, that the lines will be drawn by "Republican operatives" only serves to confirm that the current process is tainted and does not put the community first.

I would like to see more public hearings after the draft is released, a public comment period and a responsive governmental body that consults with non-partisan experts.

Thanks, Sue Hughes-Smith

Grant, David K

From: Bill Sauers <bill_1061@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 3:28 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: re-districting map ?

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Very disappointed in the remote locations of your public meetings  
How about holding a meeting in populated areas like a City neighborhood,  
or Greece or Henrietta or areas where there may be a lots of community input.

**AND**  
How can I get a copy of the proposed redistricting maps?

**Grant, David K**

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**From:** Cathy Kane <cpmkane@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 15, 2021 3:56 PM  
**To:** Redistricting  
**Subject:** Comments for Friday, Oct 15, 2021, Redistricting Commission Hearing.

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Cathleen Kane and I am a resident of legislative district 16. My family and I have lived in Irondequoit since 1989. I have two points for your consideration.

The school districts of Irondequoit are currently divided between two county legislative districts, namely LD16 and LD17. Legislative districts should follow the boundaries of government entities. The current boundary between our LDs runs east to west so 16 is in the northern two thirds of the town and 17 is in the south. As you well know, the town has one school district on the west side and one on the east. I respectfully ask the commission to consider aligning the LDs of Irondequoit more closely with the boundaries of West Irondequoit CSD and East Irondequoit CSD. Although I am a resident of West Irondequoit, I am speaking out of concern for both communities. I don't intend to stoke any conflict between the two school districts, but the reality is that they've existed for decades and developed into somewhat different communities of interest. Of course, legislative districts must have an equal number of people, and must also be compact, contiguous, and not favor either party. Exact concurrence with other civic boundaries is not always possible because of these other LD requirements. However, I believe you can do better than the current configuration.

My second request is a very simple one. When you release your district plan, please post your proposal not only in portable document format but also in a searchable format such as a Google map, and a format that is readable by mapping software. These formats would empower the voters of Monroe County to examine the plan in detail and offer specific, constructive feedback.

Thank you for your time and taking on the challenging task of redistricting.

Cathleen Kane
11 Tyringham Road
Rochester, NY 14617

Grant, David K

From: Joan Roby-Davison <jrobydavison@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 4:44 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Redistricting comments

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Good evening:

While I spoke at the hearing last night held at the Monroe County Legislature Chambers, I had additional thoughts that I would like to share:

As I stated, I live in the City of Rochester and have worked in city neighborhoods since 1992. The current plans bear little resemblance to established neighborhoods and indeed cut through them with little regard for the residents who live in these neighborhoods. In my Legislative District (29), it begins on the west side of the Genesee River, taking in part of the Maplewood Neighborhood, cuts through most of the 14621 neighborhood, and continues on to the city line on the east after going through the Northland-Lyceum Neighborhood.

Neglected in this, in addition to the disregard for neighborhood boundaries, is the growing presence of the Latino community primarily in the North East quadrant of the city. With more than 70,000 residents who are identified as Latino (Hispanic), their voice is dispersed through several legislative districts.

I would ask, in addition to aligning with established neighborhood boundaries, that you find a way to carve a district that gives the Latino community a unified voice in the legislative process.

Thank you for your consideration - I look forward to seeing draft maps for specific comments and concerns.

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Members of the Legislature,

This note is to demand your efforts to ensure accurate representation in our area and no gerrymandering. Communities have been disrupted, and there is no valid reason for districts to be so cut up other than to manipulate vote outcomes. Districts should be drawn evenly and fairly. We are watching your efforts and hold you accountable for all results

Thank you,

Rebecca Collins

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I insist that the upcoming redistricting process in Monroe County be done in a fair and equitable manner. Do not just force through a partisan map that gerrymanders districts and splits up neighborhoods, towns, and cities, in ways that disenfranchise voters.

Voters from all Parties should have a voice in the redistricting process.

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