

To the Redistricting Commission,

Good afternoon and thank you for allowing me this time to present before you.

My name is Gwen Pope. I am a property owner in the Town of Guilderland, and a lifelong resident of Albany County.

This afternoon, for your consideration, I am submitting a map to the commission which consists of 39 districts, and of that number I believe there are 7 Majority Minority districts or MMD's.

Some of the advantages of the MMD's are:

- Increased minority or equal representation to minorities in the way they deserve to be represented,
- It brings together communities of interest and
- It reflects the growing population of minorities in additional areas of the county

Lars Dahl provided his assistance in the creation of the map which is available in MORE. Mr. Dahl provided his technical expertise on how to draw a map but was not involved in any substantive decisions.

This map was drawn to encourage and to assist the commission in drawing 7 MMDs. The map is shared with all users in MORE under the account Lars_Dahl with the map title being "7 MMD Map".

Again, I thank you for this opportunity and have a great remainder of your day.