



Albany County Redistricting Commission (ACRC)

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(Please see Progress Report #1 for activity before 2/7/2022, and #2 for activity 2/7 to 4/11/2022.)

Created by Local Law 8 of 2019, the purpose of the ACRC is to propose redistricting maps for the Albany County Legislature that will be elected in November 2023. This law also created the separate Majority Minority District Redistricting Subcommittee ("MMD"), which is tasked with proposing revised majority minority legislative districts to the ACRC. Our email address is redistrictingcommission@albanycountyny.gov

ACRC continues to meet every Monday at 4 pm, with livestreaming and then the posting of recordings of each meeting on YouTube immediately following each session. The ACRC official website is albanycounty.com/acrc and meeting minutes (after ACRC approval) are posted on the site.

Local Law 8 requires ACRC and the MMD to work closely together, and to that end all MMD subcommittee members have been encouraged to attend the meetings of the ACRC. Local Law 8's section D.4. assigns very specific tasks to the MMD, which is to report its findings to the ACRC once its work is completed.

The second Joint Public Hearing by ACRC and the MMD was held in person and online on Thursday, April 14, 2022, from 4 pm to 6:30 pm at the Harold L. Joyce Albany County Office Building, 112 State Street in Albany, and included a briefing by Professor Jeffrey Wice on the legal issues governing redistricting, as well as a presentation on mapping by AppGeo.

ACRC's first draft map of revised County Legislature districts was approved for publication on May 9, 2022. A full-page ad containing this map was printed in the Sunday Times Union on May 22, 2022, highlighting the upcoming public hearing. This third ACRC public hearing was held on May 26, 2022, beginning at 5pm at the County Office Building; the hearing was again online and in-person. Four people testified online, and three in person. Written testimony and map submissions from this hearing appear on our website.

Public comments concerning this first draft map were examined and considered at a further ACRC mapping workshop on June 2. On June 3, the MMD Redistricting Subcommittee forwarded to ACRC a revised map that included 6 Majority Minority Districts, and ACRC held a mapping workshop on June 7 to incorporate these revised MMDs into ACRC's Final Draft map. This map was approved for publication by the Commission at the June 13 ACRC meeting and has been posted to the website. What is anticipated to be the final Joint Public Hearing of ACRC and the MMD subcommittee will be online and in-person and is scheduled for June 30 at 5 pm at the Harold L. Joyce County Office Building, 112 State Street, Albany NY 12207. Full page advertisements including the Final Draft map will be run in several newspapers within Albany County, inviting participation in the final Public Hearing on June 30.

Following the joint public hearing, ACRC and the MMD subcommittee will fully consider all testimony and maps received by the end of that hearing in creating a final map to be submitted to the County Legislature for

review and adoption. In preparation for submitting that map, both the Commission and the Subcommittee have begun the process of drafting their final reports. ACRC's current timetable is to complete all work before the end of July 2022.

Local Law 8's section L requires the Commission to submit its final report (including a draft Local Law that details each of the 39 proposed legislative districts) to the Clerk of the County Legislature for consideration by the full County Legislature. This final report and map will also be available to the public on the ACRC website as soon as it is submitted to the County Legislature.