

APPENDIX O

- **What is the Majority-Minority District (MMD) Redistricting Subcommittee?**

The MMD Subcommittee was created as a vital component of the Redistricting Commission's work and efforts and shall make recommendations to the Commission regarding the configuration of minority districts, with the goal of protecting voting rights of minority residents and ensuring electoral representation of minority residents residing in MMDs.

The unique focus of the MMD Subcommittee shall be to ensure the representation of Albany County minority communities in all aspects of the redistricting process.

- **What is the MMD Redistricting Subcommittee Intent?**

To work collaboratively and in tandem with the Redistricting Commission to ensure that the voting interests of minority residents and voters are adequately and appropriately incorporated into a redistricting proposal.

The intent of the work of the MMD Subcommittee shall be to fully examine the issues unique to the MMD communities and their residents and shall be presented for inclusion into the final report of the Commission.

- **How is the MMD Redistricting Subcommittee Composed?**

The MMD Subcommittee shall consist of seven (7) members who are representative of the minority communities. MMD Subcommittee Members shall be County residents, registered

voters in New York State, but shall not have been in the last four years preceding the creation of the MMD Subcommittee:

- A publicly elected official, which shall mean any individual elected to local, county, state or federal office, excluding school board members and library trustees, but including those elected as members of political parties;
- A state employee who serves as a political appointee or legislative employee;
- A political party chairperson or officer.

- **How are Appointments made to the MMD Subcommittee?**

Appointments to the MMD Subcommittee may be made in the year of the census, after extensive, repeated solicitation by the Albany County Legislature of potential appointees that are knowledgeable, capable, interested and experienced in the redistricting field.

The Albany County Legislature shall use all communication means necessary to educate the public on the Commission and MMD Subcommittee process and the need for appointees.

- **Who makes the appointments to the MMD Subcommittee?**

1. After a County-wide solicitation of potential appointees, the Chair of the LBC shall make advisory recommendations to the Chair and Members of the Commission regarding qualified candidates to serve on the MMD Subcommittee. The Commission Members, by a majority vote, appoint three (3) representatives who shall serve on the MMD Subcommittee.

2. Subsequently, those Members, after examining the recommendations of the Chair of the LBC, shall select the remaining members of the MMD Subcommittee, by a majority vote.
3. The MMD Subcommittee shall select its own leadership by voting on a Chairperson at its first meeting.

- **How will the work of the MMD Subcommittee be accomplished?**

The MMD Subcommittee will be required to hold its own hearings and public forums to collect and consider the inputs from impacted communities, as well as the county communities at large.

The work of the MMD Subcommittee will be based on public input and supported by legal counsel, mapping expertise and staff and other resources that may be deemed necessary by the MMD Subcommittee to effectively solicit and obtain public input and to advance its redistricting work.

- **How will the MMD Subcommittee obtain public input?**

The MMD Subcommittee will implement a public engagement and outreach plan to ensure community awareness and understanding of redistricting and the work underway. The MMD subcommittee will broadly disseminate informational materials and will hold several public meetings and/or hearings to provide opportunity for public input. The public will also be invited to submit comments and/or other input to the MMD Subcommittee

electronically on the MMD Subcommittee's web site and via email.

- **What criteria will the MMD Subcommittee consider in advancing redistricting work?**

The Commission, the MMD Redistricting Subcommittee, staff and the consultant(s) hired under the RFP shall comply with the requirements of 52 U.S.C. 1001 (Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965) and in all subsequent relevant statutes and case law.

The Commission and the MMD Subcommittee shall be guided by the goal of equal and fair representation of all people in Albany County, consistent with established state and federal law as interpreted by courts of appropriate jurisdiction. Factors to consider include, but shall not be limited to:

- a. whether such lines would result in the denial or abridgement of racial or language minority voting rights, and districts shall not be drawn to have the purpose of, nor shall they result in, the denial or abridgement of such rights. Districts shall be drawn so that, based on the totality of the circumstances, racial or minority language groups do not have less opportunity to participate in the political process than other members of the electorate and to elect representatives of their choice;
- b. shall minimize population variance, to the extent practicable, among districts in accordance with federal law, but in no instance shall a district's population exceed 105% or be less than 95% of the ideal district size;
- c. each district shall consist of contiguous territory;

- d. each district shall be as compact in form as practicable;
- e. districts shall be consistent with existing municipal and rural boundaries, and neighborhoods within Albany County; and balance and reasonableness for the diversity of citizens residing in all parts of the County;
- f. the places of residences of incumbents or candidates shall not be identified or considered;
- g. party registration shall be excluded from all phases of the mapping process but may be used to test maps for compliance with the above goals with party voting history and participation included.

- **How long will the MMD Subcommittee stay in place?**

The MMD Subcommittee shall be discharged upon the successful conclusion of the Albany County redistricting process.

MMD REFERENCE SHEET

- Albany County is engaged in redistricting to redraw the legislative districts across the county.
- This will impact the influence communities have in elections.
- While minorities in Albany County account for approximately 33% of the population, minority representation in the Albany County Legislature is currently less than 18%.
- Legal challenges to Albany County's last three redistricting efforts resulted in an increase in the number of majority minority districts.
- Albany County Local Law 8 for 2019 was established to:
 - take party politics out of the redistricting process;
 - to ensure the input and needs of minority communities are considered in all aspects of the redistricting process;
 - to establish a process where Albany County residents have input
 - to ensure fair representation; and
 - to protect the voting rights and interests of minority residents and communities
- Currently, there are five majority minority districts which we are hoping to maintain. We are also seeking to increase the number of majority minority districts, as feasible.
- Public input is needed to ensure final maps consider your input and to help us better understand your communities.
- Input can be provided via testimony at public hearings; the submission of maps and written comments; via the completion of a community needs survey; and/or via outreach to redistricting commissioners.
- Influence is necessary to impact the outcome of elections. The outcome of elections influences the distribution of resources across communities. Your input can influence this redistricting work.
- Please visit our webpage albanycounty.com/acrc for more information or email us at mmdredistricting@albanycountyny.com

Redistricting Committee Talking Points

- **REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE TALKING POINTS**

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- **What is the Redistricting Committee?**

- Local Law 8 for 2019 established independent redistricting for the County Legislature. It includes an Albany County Commission on Redistricting and a Majority Minority District (MMD) Redistricting Subcommittee.
- **The Commission and the Subcommittee shall make recommendations to the County Legislature on how the districts of the County Legislature should be drawn.** The Commission consists of nine (9) members, and the Subcommittee consists of seven (7) members. Members of both the Commission and MMD Subcommittee are Albany County residents and registered voters in New York State.

- **What is the MMD Subcommittee?**

- The Majority Minority Redistricting Subcommittee (MMD) was created to assist the Commission's redistricting work by providing a laser focus to ensuring fair representation of Albany County minority communities in all aspects of the redistricting process.
- The MMD Subcommittee plays a critical role in the configuration of minority districts, with the goal of protecting the voting rights of minority residents and ensuring electoral representation of minority residents residing in MMD's. The MMD Subcommittee's work will be supported by public input. The intent of the work of the MMD Subcommittee shall be to fully examine the issues unique to the MMD communities and their residents and shall be presented for inclusion into the final report of the Commission.

- **How was the MMD Subcommittee Formed?**

- Appointments to the MMD Subcommittee may be made in the year of the census, after extensive, repeated solicitation by the Albany County Legislature of potential appointees that are knowledgeable, capable, interested and experienced in the redistricting field.
- The Albany County Legislature shall use all communication means necessary to educate the public on the Commission and MMD Subcommittee process and need for appointees.

- **What does the Redistricting Process consist of?**

- Reviewing the 2020 Census data:
 - Recognizing the growth and decline in legislative districts throughout Albany County.
 - Recognizing majority minority districts in Albany County.
 - Developing maps with drawn lines that illustrate recommended districts based on 2020 Census Data.
 - Presenting the maps to the community for feedback and guidance.
 - The MMD with the public's assistance will write a recommendation on how the lines should be drawn for upcoming elections.

- **What has the MMD Subcommittee Accomplished so far?**

Redistricting Committee Talking Points

- The MMD has appointed 7 members
- The MMD has acquired legal representation, racial voting analysis and mapping services to provide technical and professional expertise in support of public hearings and the configuration of majority minority districts
- The MMD has begun implementing a community engagement strategy to engage individuals and community-based organizations to participate in upcoming public hearings and engage the community into the redistricting process.
- **What can we expect next from the MMD Subcommittee?**
 - The MMD will host public meetings and hearings to educate the public on the redistricting process and to gather information on the unique needs of communities
 - The MMD will host public hearings to get the communities feedback on maps presented to the public
- **How can I support the MMD Subcommittee's work?**
 - Sharing our events with your community members, neighbors, family, and friends.
 - Sharing our website with community members, neighbors, family, and friends.
 - By visiting our website and staying current on redistricting information
 - By giving public testimony
 - By sharing information with us about your community
 - By drawing and submitting maps
 - By completing informational surveys
- **Where can I go to receive updates on the Redistricting Process?**
 - Visit our website at albanycounty.com/acrc
 - or for email or inquiries email the MMD at mmdredistricting@albanycountyny.life

TALKING POINTS-5/4/22 MMD PUBLIC HEARING

REDISTRICTING NYS

1. U.S. Census
 - a. Every 10 years
2. State Maps- Every state must create new district maps
 - a. Congressional maps-Senate & House of Reps
 - b. New York Legislative Maps-State Senators & Assembly members
3. Local Maps-Counties
 - a. Countywide elections
 - b. County Legislators
 - c. County offices (District Attorney, County Treasurer, County Comptroller)

LOCAL LAW 8 FOR 2019

1. Background
 - a. Minorities make up 33% of Albany County's population, yet, minority representation in the Albany County Legislature is currently less than 18%.
 - b. Albany County residents challenged the last three redistricting efforts in the New York courts and won. This legal victory resulted in an increase in the number of minority districts in Albany County.
2. Why
 - a. The Albany County Legislature passed Local Law 8 to:
 - i. To take party politics out of the redistricting process;
 - ii. To ensure the input and needs of minority communities are considered in **ALL** aspects of the redistricting process;
 - iii. To establish a process where Albany County residents have input;
 - iv. To ensure fair representation; and
 - v. To protect the voting rights and interests of minority residents and communities.
3. How
 - a. Creation of the Albany County Redistricting Commission

- b. Creation of the Minority Majority District Redistricting Subcommittee (MMD)
- c. Purpose-To provide *“a laser focus to ensure the fair representation of Albany County minority communities in all aspects of the redistricting process,”* by:
 - i. Making recommendations to the ACRC regarding the manner in which of the minority districts are drawn;
 - ii. Ensuring that the minority residents residing in MMDs have the opportunity to elect individuals who are representative of that district; and
 - iii. Protecting the voting rights of minority residents.

ALBANY COUNTY MAJORITY MINORITY DISTRICT REDISTRICTING SUBCOMMITTEE (MMD)

ATTENTION

The Majority Minority District Redistricting Subcommittee (MMD) was established under Albany County Local Law 8 for 2019 to ensure fair representation of minority communities in all aspects of Albany County's redistricting process.

The MMD will make recommendations to the Albany County Redistricting Commission (ACRC) on the configuration of minority districts, with the goal of protecting voting rights of minority residents and ensuring electoral representation of minority residents residing in majority minority districts.

What is Redistricting? Redistricting is the process of drawing boundaries for electoral and political districts and is done every ten years after the census to consider changes that have occurred in the population. How district boundaries are drawn determines the degree of influence residents and communities have in selecting representatives of their choosing. Gerrymandering districts, which gives political advantage to one party or one candidate over another and restricts the voting rights of minority populations, continues to be pervasive. The MMD's work will be based on public input and guided by the following:

- Openness & Transparency
- Non-Partisanship
- Protection of minority voters and interest
- The Voting Rights Act and other relevant laws and statutes

Albany County residents are invited to send comments, inquiries and redistricting submissions to the MMD or to request to testify at upcoming hearings of the Albany County Redistricting Commission and MMD. For more information about the MMD please click on the following QR code or link albanycounty.com/acrc



You can also contact the MMD by email at mmdredistricting@albanycountyny.gov

WORKING TO ENSURE FAIR REPRESENTATION

SUBCOMITÉ DE REDISTRIBUCIÓN DE DISTRITOS DEL DISTRITO DE MAYORÍAS Y MINORÍAS (MMD) DEL CONDADO DE ALBANY

ATENCIÓN

El Subcomité de Redistribución de Distritos de Mayorías y Minorías (MMD) se estableció bajo la Ley Local 8 del Condado de Albany en 2019 para garantizar una representación justa de las comunidades minoritarias en todos los aspectos del proceso de redistribución de distritos del Condado de Albany.

El MMD hará recomendaciones a la Comisión de Redistribución de Distritos del Condado de Albany (ACRC) sobre la configuración de distritos minoritarios, con el objetivo de proteger los derechos de voto de los residentes minoritarios y garantizar la representación electoral de los residentes minoritarios que residen en distritos minoritarios y mayoritarios.

¿Qué es la redistribución de distritos? La redistribución de distritos es el proceso de trazar los límites de los distritos electorales y políticos y se hace cada diez años después del censo para considerar los cambios que se han producido en la población. La forma en que se trazan los límites del distrito determina el grado de influencia que tienen los residentes y las comunidades en la selección de los representantes de su elección. Los distritos electorales, que dan una ventaja política a un partido o a un candidato sobre otro y restringen los derechos de voto de las poblaciones minoritarias, siguen siendo generalizados.

El trabajo del MMD se basará en las opiniones del público y se guiará por lo siguiente:

- Apertura y transparencia
- No partidismo
- Protección de votantes e intereses minoritarios
- La Ley de Derechos Electorales y otras leyes y estatutos pertinentes

Se invita a los residentes del condado de Albany a enviar comentarios, consultas y presentaciones de redistribución de distritos al MMD o pedir testificar en las próximas audiencias de la Comisión de Redistribución de Distritos del Condado de Albany y MMD.

Para obtener más información sobre el MMD, haga clic en el siguiente enlace albanycounty.com/acrc

También puede comunicarse con el MMD por correo electrónico a mmdredistricting@albanycountyny.gov

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REDISTRICTING **THE** **ALBANY COUNTY** **LEGISLATURE**

The 2020 Census Requires Changes to
Every County Legislative District!

*The Albany County Redistricting Commission, together with
The Majority Minority District Subcommittee, is holding its first*

PUBLIC HEARING

TUESDAY MARCH 8th
4 pm to 7 pm, online via Zoom
Register to speak at albanycounty.com/acrc

*We want to hear your views on redistricting **BEFORE** we begin
the drafting of new maps for all Albany County Legislature districts.*

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PUBLIC HEARING

THURSDAY APRIL 14th

4 pm to 7 pm, In-Person and via Zoom

Cahill Room at the

Harold L. Joyce Albany County Office Building

112 State Street, Albany, NY 12207

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PUBLIC HEARING

WEDNESDAY MAY 4th, 2022

WEDNESDAY MAY 18th, 2022

5 pm, In-Person and via Zoom

Cahill Room at the

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***YOUR VOICE IS CRITICAL TO THE DRAFTING OF A NEW MAP
FOR ALBANY COUNTY LEGISLATURE DISTRICTS***

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*As the Majority Minority Redistricting Subcommittee and the Albany
County Redistricting Commission move towards issuing final maps we
are holding our third and possibly final joint hearing*

PUBLIC HEARING

THURSDAY JUNE 30th

5 pm, In-Person and via Zoom

Cahill Room at the

Harold L. Joyce Albany County Office Building

112 State Street, Albany, NY 12207

Register to speak at albanycounty.com/acrc

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PUBLIC HEARING

THURSDAY AUGUST 4th

5:30 pm, In-Person and via Zoom

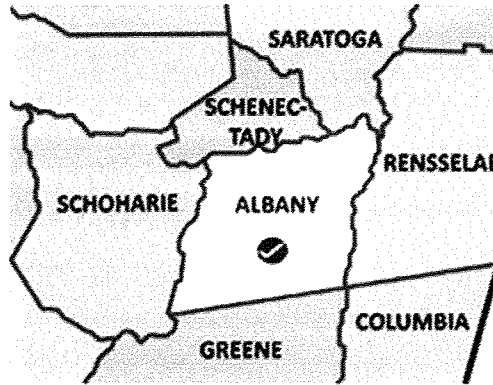
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Albany County Redistricting Commission

**MAJORITY MINORITY SUBCOMMITTEE
(MMD)**

Ven a escuchar y aprende sobre la importancia de la redistribución de distritos y como te afecta a ti y tu comunidad. Te pedimos que participes en la creación de nuevas líneas legislativas de los distritos en el Condado de Albany.

Foro de Participación de la Comunidad

5 de mayo 2022, 5:00pm-7:00pm

Arbor Hill Community Center

50 Lark Street, Albany, NY 12210

May 9, 2022, 5:00pm-7:00pm-Howe Public Library

105 Schuyler Street, Albany, NY 12210

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WE NEED TO HEAR YOUR VOICE!



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Albany County Redistricting Commission

MAJORITY MINORITY SUBCOMMITTEE (MMD)

Come listen and learn about the importance of redistricting and how it impacts YOU and YOUR community. Your participation is requested in redrawing the legislative district lines in Albany County.

Community Engagement Forum

May 5, 2022, 5:00pm-7:00pm

Arbor Hill Community Center

50 Lark Street, Albany, NY 12210

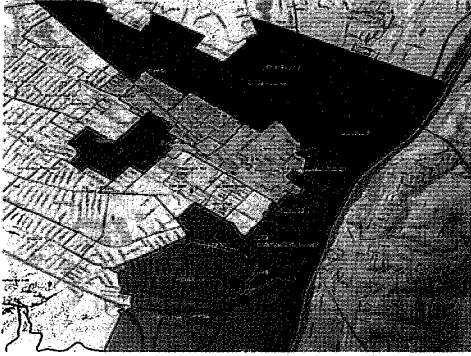
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Albany County MAJORITY MINORITY REDISTRICTING SUBCOMMITTEE (MMD)

Your voice is needed in
redrawing the legislative
district lines in Albany County.
Come listen and learn about
redistricting and how it
impacts YOU and YOUR
community.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORUMS

ACAP Annual Block Party, May 18, 2022, 1:30pm-4:30pm,
333 Sheridan Ave, Albany, NY 12206

Arbor Hill Community Center, May 19, 2022, 5:00pm-7:00pm,
50 Lark Street, Albany, NY 12210

Arbor Hill/West Hill Library, May 19, 2022, 5:00pm-7:00pm,
148 Henry Johnson Blvd, Albany, NY 12210

NAACP Health Expo, Empire Plaza, May 21, 2022,
10:00am-3:00pm, 279 Madison Ave, Albany, NY 12242

NAACP Virtual Meeting, May 26, 2022, 6:00pm

South End Night Market, May 26, 2022, 5:00pm-7:00pm, 153
Grand Street, Albany, NY 12202



Albany County Redistricting Commission
and the
Majority Minority District Redistricting Subcommittee

PRESS RELEASE

May 2, 2022

The Albany County Redistricting Commission (ACRC) and the Majority Minority District Redistricting Subcommittee (MMD) announced today that they have approved a Milestone Schedule for the completion of their work. In addition, both the ACRC and the MMD have begun to receive feedback and maps generated by members of the public. The feedback and maps received are being considered in deliberations and the drafting of maps.

The ACRC and the MMD were created by Albany County Local Law 8 of 2019. The purpose of the ACRC is to propose new Albany County Legislature district maps that will support elections of the Albany County Legislature for the next ten years. The separate MMD is tasked with configuring the majority minority legislative districts and recommending such to the ACRC. The nine-member ACRC and the seven-member MMD have held two public hearings and are engaged, with the assistance of legal counsel and consultants, in redrawing the district lines of all 39 districts of the Albany County Legislature.

The attached Milestone Schedule reflects the commitment of the ACRC and the MMD to complete their work by the end of June 2022. To achieve their legislative mandate to submit a report and a draft local law to the Albany County Legislature by the end of June, the ACRC and the MMD will be holding further public hearings seeking public comments on draft district maps when they are released. The MMD will also be holding a series of Community Engagement Forums in minority communities.

The MMD has already released an initial draft of proposed majority minority districts and with this press release is releasing a revision of that map that considers public feedback received. These maps and the map of the current 39 legislative districts, together with maps which have been proposed and submitted by members of the public, and other relevant information on the ACRC and the MMD and their work are all available on the Commission website at albanycounty.com/acrc. Members of the public are encouraged to review the maps posted on the Commission website and to craft their own versions of a specific district or all 39 districts. Comments may also be submitted by email to mmdredistricting@albanycountyny.gov and redistricting@albanycountyny.gov.

As shown on the Milestone Schedule, the first draft map of all 39 districts is expected to be released the week of May 16, 2022 with a public hearing for comments on that map to take place on May 26. The MMD also has its own public hearings scheduled for May 4th and May 18th. Maps released will be posted on the Commission website, together with information on how to register to comment on the districts shown on that map. The hearing format will be a hybrid with persons wishing to comment in person being able to do so in downtown Albany, while those wishing to comment on Zoom will also be able to do so.



**Albany County Redistricting Commission
and the
Majority Minority District Redistricting Subcommittee**

MEDIA ALERT

July 27, 2022

FINAL JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

The Albany County Redistricting Commission and the Majority Minority District Redistricting subcommittee will hold their final joint Public Hearing on the redistricting map adopted by the Commission on July 21, 2022, and which is now available online at www.albanycounty.com/acrc for public review.

This hearing will be held in the Cahill Room on the first floor of the Harold L. Joyce County Office Building, 112 State St, Albany NY 12207, at 5:30 pm on August 4, 2022.

The purpose of this hearing will be to allow public comment on the proposed district map before its final submission to the Albany County Legislature for approval. This map was significantly changed subsequent to the last Public Hearing, primarily by the increase from 6 to 7 in the number of recommended Majority Minority County Legislature districts.

Maps of all the proposed Legislative Districts are available now at albanycounty.com/acrc under the mapping section. A useful interactive map is also available at <https://arcg.is/1r50vq>

This hearing will be held both in-person and virtually. Persons wishing to speak or submit testimony should email the Commission at redistrictingcommission@albanycountyny.gov or MMDredistricting@albanycountyny.gov and indicate whether they will testify in person or via Zoom, and do so no later than noon on August 4.

Press and public are invited to observe the hearing, which will be livestreamed and recorded on YouTube for viewing. For additional information, please go to albanycounty.com/acrc and click on the "Meetings and Hearings" tab on the left.

For further information contact Larry Volk, ACRC Chair, at Larry.Volk@albanycountyny.gov or 516-286-9930.

Albany County Redistricting Commission & Majority Minority District Redistricting Subcommittee Announce their first joint virtual Public Hearing

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 4:00 - 7:00 pm	**Online Only Due to Covid-19**
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LOCAL LAW 8 FOR 2019 of Albany County established the Albany County Redistricting Commission (the “ACRC”) and the Majority Minority District Redistricting Subcommittee (MMD) to facilitate a non-partisan, independent, inclusive and participatory redistricting process for the County’s legislative redistricting.

The first joint Public Hearing of the ACRC and the MMD will be virtual and will take place on March 8, 2022 from 4-7 PM on Zoom.

The ACRC and the MMD, consistent with the language of the law, work collaboratively, in tandem, and with a high level of communication and interaction in advancing Albany County’s redistricting work. The primary focus of the MMD,

however, is on minority communities. The work of the ACRC and the MMD will be driven and shaped by input from you, the public. The success of our redistricting work hinges on public participation and engagement.

Local Law 8 clearly articulates the purpose of our public hearings as follows:

The purpose of the public hearing process is “...to promote a high level of understanding of the process and its implications to the public, to provide expert presentations and access to Commission and MMD leaders, staff and consultants, allow for ample public comment, and to communicate the process of the redistricting process to the public.”

The first public hearing will meet the objectives defined in the law as referenced above. At this hearing commissioners, legal counsel and mapping consultants will be available to the public. Albany County residents and other interested stakeholders will also have an opportunity to have a voice at the start of the process before any draft redistricting maps are prepared.

Public feedback on the expectations, concerns, and communities of interest of county residents and communities is very important to this redistricting work and will inform the mapping process that will take place over the next few months.

The ACRC and the MMD will schedule other public meetings and/or hearings to obtain community input and feedback on draft /or maps, and will publish a calendar of public meetings and hearings once it is finalized. The calendar and other supporting documents regarding the Albany County redistricting process will be published on the Albany County Redistricting Commission and MMD websites as they become available.

Those seeking to participate in the public hearings are encouraged to visit the website to access additional information prior to the event. Information regarding subsequent hearings will be available on the Commission's website in the coming weeks. Transcripts of hearings will also be available following the completion of each hearing.

To learn more about redistricting or to sign up to speak at the March 8th Public Hearing go to:
albanycounty.com/acrc

For any questions, inquiries or additional information, please contact ACRC or MMD at the following:

RedistrictingCommission@albanycountyny.gov
MMDRedistricting@albanycountyny.gov