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The Independent Redistricting Commission of New York State is holding a series of virtual public meetings to solicit input from community members as we embark on this historic process. The community-specific dates for public meetings are as follows:

- **Tuesday July 20th, 2pm: Nassau/Suffolk Counties**
- **Thursday July 22nd, 2pm: Queens County**
- **Monday July 26th, 2pm: Bronx/New York Counties**
- **Thursday July 29th, 2pm: Kings and Richmond Counties**
- **Monday August 2nd, 2pm: Mid-Hudson Valley/Capital Region**
- **Thursday August 5th, 2pm: North Country/Mohawk Valley Regions**
- **Monday August 9th, 2pm: Southern Tier/Central NY Regions**
- **Thursday August 12th, 2pm: Finger Lakes/Western NY Regions**

The Commission is seeking public comment and participation from New York residents. Visit www.nyirc.gov to sign up for updates and register to give public comments, suggested maps, and written comment.

Public participation and community feedback is imperative to the success of the Commission. This includes, but is not limited to information such as:

- How do residents feel about the current lines outlining their district?
- What would residents like the IRC to know about their community of interest?

Participants will have up to three (3) minutes of speaking time, with no questions or answer period. Residents are also invited to create their own maps using resources available on our website. The Commission invites residents to submit written comment as well through our website. All meetings will be recorded for future public record and will be livestreamed as they occur.



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These public meetings are the first and best opportunity for New Yorkers to give public comment before the Commission begins drawing the first round of district maps after the Census Bureau releases its data on August 16, 2021. Then initial district maps will be released to the public for review by September 15, 2021. After which, the Commission will hold a series of hearings where residents may testify. Then, final district maps will be voted on and certified by the Commission and presented to the New York State Legislature. Any person who wishes to request auxiliary aids or services, including translation, to participate in a public meeting of the Commission, in accordance with State or Federal law, should indicate this when they sign up no less than 24 hours prior to the meeting.

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The IRC is a ten-member body created by the voters of New York State to redraw Congressional and State Legislature lines fairly and equitably. Public participation in drawing these districts is critical to ensuring that communities throughout New York continue to have the strongest voice possible to express their preferences. When voters with similar interests are drawn into a district together, their voices multiply giving them a greater opportunity to express their views, elect candidates of their choice and hold their leaders accountable. We urge your constituents and all interested parties to stay updated on this process by signing up at www.nyirc.gov and connecting with us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Youtube](#).