

DATE: November 3, 2021

REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

The Reapportionment Commission, appointed and convened by Resolution adopted October 5, 2021, pursuant to the Onondaga County Charter and Code submits the enclosed report in the form of a local law to the Onondaga County Legislature for its consideration. The vote of individual members of the Commission, including any objections and comments, are reflected in the minutes recorded by the Clerk of the Onondaga County Legislature.

Kevin E. Hulslander, Esq.
Commission Chair



Signature

David H. Knapp
County Legislator Chair



Signature

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Minority Leader Appointee



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Dustin M. Czarny
Commissioner, Board of Elections



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Michele L. Sardo
Commissioner, Board of Elections



Signature

The signing of this report does not indicate approval of the report or any part thereof.

Voting Affirmative: 4

Voting Negative: 2

Jamie McNamara
Clerk, Onondaga County Legislature



Signature

**PROPOSED REDISTRICTING MAP “2”
SUMMARY
NOVEMBER 3, 2021**

The proposed Map “2” meets the constitutional one-person/one-vote requirement and current New York State Law. In compliance with New York State Law, Districts are as nearly equal in population as is practicable and the difference in population between the most and least does not exceed five percent. Districts were established with the intent to allow for equal opportunity of racial or language minority groups to participate in the political process. Districts are contiguous, compact as practicable, do not favor or disfavor incumbents, political candidates or parties, and maintain the core of existing districts, preexisting political subdivisions, and provides strong consideration to preserve communities of interest.

1. Average Legislature District Size

According to the 2020 Census, Onondaga County’s population increased by 9,490 to 476,516, reflecting a 2.03% growth from 2010. The average districts will increase in size by approximately 558 persons.

Proposed Map Average District Population

	<u>17 Districts</u>	<u>Average Growth</u>
Average District	28,030	+558

2. Deviation of Proposed Districts from the Average

The proposed Map “2” attempts to bring each district as close as possible to the 28,030 average and does not exceed the five percent mean population of all districts. Using current Election Districts, it is impossible to reach complete equality because the building blocks for Legislative Districts are Election Districts.

Proposed Map 2: Deviations from Average District Population

	<u>Population</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Largest District:	29,137	+1,107	+3.95%
Average District:	28,030		
Smallest District:	26,734	-1,296	-4.62%

3. City-County Balance

The 2020 Census shows a slight increase in population in the City of Syracuse of 3,450 or 2.4%. The Towns, as a whole, gained population, with the largest growth occurring in the Town of Van Buren at an increase of 1,182 (8.96%).

Recognizing the critical importance of the City of Syracuse in Onondaga County, the proposed Map “2” includes the following:

Three (3) Legislative Districts that include territory inside the City of Syracuse and outside the City of Syracuse: District 7, District 8, District 17

Three (3) Legislative Districts that include territory totally inside the City of Syracuse: District 9, District 15, District 16

Eleven (11) Legislative Districts that include territory totally outside the City of Syracuse: District 1, District 2, District 3, District 4, District 5, District 6, District 10, District 11, District 12, District 13, District 14

In an effort to maintain communities of interest, all fifteen villages are kept whole within their respective legislative districts.

4. Communities of Interest and Equal Opportunity

The plan considers all aspects of representation, including equal opportunity to participate in the political process and elect representatives of choice, as well as maintenance of communities of interest.

5. Criteria Requirements

New York State previously allowed Charter Counties the authority to redistrict pursuant to their own charter or to redistrict under Section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law. In 1981 and 1991, the County Legislature chose to redistrict under Section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and in 2001 and 2011 the County Legislature chose to redistrict under the Onondaga County Charter.

Proposed Map “2” redistricts under recently amended New York State Municipal Home Rule Law Section 34(4) and the Onondaga County Charter.