

Lyncourt Redistricting

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Mon 11/1/2021 9:14 PM

To: Office of the Onondaga County Legislature <OnondagaCountyLegislature@ongov.net>

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To who it may concern:

Lyncourt should not be divided. I can't believe the democrats on the redistricting committee are saying they don't split communities but want to cut ours in half. They realized they messed up with cutting Mattydale in half, but now they are slicing and dicing up Lyncourt. I am wholeheartedly against that plan and hope it gets rejected very quickly.

Thank you,

Brian J. DeCarlo

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Reapportionment - maps 1.5 and 2

Clifford Tsan <clifford.tsan@gmail.com>

Tue 11/2/2021 2:18 PM

To: Office of the Onondaga County Legislature <OnondagaCountyLegislature@ongov.net>

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am submitting this follow up to my prior written statement with specific regard to map 1.5 and the corrections to map 2. As a resident of the Town of Dewitt, I am opposed to map 2 because it arbitrarily puts my neighborhood into a sprawling district that covers Salina and North Syracuse, rather than Dewitt and East Syracuse, which is where I actually live. There is no credible reason that I shouldn't be represented by the legislator whose district covers Dewitt and East Syracuse, and that instead I should be represented by a legislator who also represents Salina and North Syracuse; the only plausible rationale is gerrymandering. Map 2 effectively disenfranchises my vote through dilution. Please adopt map 1.5 which would keep me in the same legislative district as my neighbors in Dewitt.

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Comment on proposed Reapportionment maps

David Harding <hardindr@icloud.com>

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To the Onondaga County Legislature:

I am writing you this email to express my preference for Proposed County Map 1. I think it is the best out of the proposed maps for Reapportionment. It keeps similar communities together, including villages and school districts, and does not chop the Town of Dewitt into four different legislative districts, as is the case now. Proposed County Map 1.5 should also be considered. It could be used as a bipartisan compromise where each side gets some of what they want in the new map. Proposed County Map 2 makes all of the same mistakes as our current county legislative map; communities broken up and paired with ones that are dissimilar, and the Town of Dewitt still chopped up. Proposed County Map 2 should be rejected.

I hope you will give my comments due weight when deliberating on which map to select.

Sincerely,

David Harding

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Draft County Legislature Maps

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Tue 11/2/2021 9:53 AM

To: Office of the Onondaga County Legislature <OnondagaCountyLegislature@ongov.net>

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I'm writing in support of draft map 1.0. This map keeps most of the towns together as well as the city of Syracuse wards. When not able to have contiguous districts, this map joins like-minded areas that have similar interests without drawing crazy lines that resemble the most bizarre shapes (current Districts 5 and 15). Please adopt this map that will make the county the most fair representation.

Thank you,

Derek Montroy

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Re: Dividing Lyncourt

Donna Klein <thistooshallpass67@gmail.com>

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To: Office of the Onondaga County Legislature <OnondagaCountyLegislature@ongov.net>

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On Mon, Nov 1, 2021, 9:23 PM Donna Klein

<thistooshallpass67@gmail.com> wrote:

Chairman and Members of the Redistricting Commission. My name is Donna Klein and I am a 54 year resident of Lyncourt. Our neighborhood is more than just a handful of streets that can be cut up and divided into sections like Ms. Moran and Mr. Czarny are proposing. We are a vibrant community with history and common interests. We have been well served for years by one single legislator who we can reach out to with our needs and who will advocate for us . I really hope that new district maps are drawn that keep Lyncourt whole rather than dividing our community.

Sincerely, Donna Klein

comment on the proposed county legislative district maps

Douglas Wolf <doug.wolf.1948@gmail.com>

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I think that most residents of Onondaga County would agree that a primary aspect of one's identity is as a "city resident" versus a "suburban resident." Here I am making a simplifying assumption that the county can be divided into just those 2 categories.

If you accept the city-suburb distinction, then it follows that a "fair" legislature is one that represents each of those groups proportionally.

According to 2020 Census data, the City of Syracuse, with 148,620 residents, has 31.2 percent of the county's total population (476,516). If members of a 17-member legislature were to be picked purely at random (which is the mathematically precise equivalent of "fair") then you would expect to end up with at least 5 city residents.

Proposed maps 1.0 and 1.5 are both "fair" because both have 5 districts that are entirely within the city, plus one additional district split between the city and the suburbs (which, in theory, could elect either a city resident or a suburban resident as its legislator). Proposed map 2.0 is obviously and egregiously NOT fair -- it has only 3 districts that are contained entirely within the city, and 3 more that are split between city and suburbs. Map 2.0 is obviously drawn so as to give an advantage to -- that is, biased in favor of -- suburban areas.

If you have to choose among 1.0, 1.5, and 2.0, then it is imperative that you REJECT 2.0 in the interests of fairness.

Thank you.

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Public Comment on Redistricting

Elaine Denton <elainementon@gmail.com>

Tue 11/2/2021 9:17 AM

To: Office of the Onondaga County Legislature <OnondagaCountyLegislature@ongov.net>

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With the maps that are in front of us right now, I would like to express my support for Map 1. With the short amount of time looking at the data, taking in public comments and the issues with our current map, Map 1 does the best to create fair districts by keeping 5 districts within city limits, and keeps towns and villages within one district as much as possible. Map 1 keeps communities of interests together by looking at school districts, town and ward lines.

We need more time to look at public comments before rushing ahead. But if it is this committee's intention to rush this process then please choose the map that creates fair districts under this short timeline, Map 1.

Map 2 does not show much changes from where we are now. Dewitt is still broken up when their population is not over the 28,000 range. The Village of Manlius is carved out of district 10 and it doesn't even include the entire village which should not happen. If Elections Districts need to be looked at then let's take that time and look at EDs which really is where this conversation should have started. But we still have time, let's do that now.

In Map 2 the city of Syracuse is still broken up into weird shapes, whereas Map 2 creates more block-like districts.

The population looks more even in Map 1 and Map 1.5 than Map 2.

I again ask you to add more public hearings or even better add meetings where residents can ask questions and hear answers and explanations. But if

this process continues as it has been, then please present Map 1 to the Onondaga County Legislature.

Thank you.

Elaine Denton
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Comment on Redistricting

Elaine Wolf <elainewolf0148@gmail.com>

Mon 11/1/2021 2:15 PM

To: Office of the Onondaga County Legislature <OnondagaCountyLegislature@ongov.net>

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Dear Redistricting Commission members:

(I sent the following message on Thursday, October 28, but neglected to include my home address. I am now sending the same message, including my home address. Thanks.)

I believe that there is an urgent need to extend the Commission's schedule for deliberation beyond next week in order to ensure a fair, non-partisan deliberation period. Such an unrushed period is essential for the production of a Legislative map that will give fair representation to all residents of the County.

Furthermore, there is no inherent need to make this decision by Tuesday, Nov 2; redistricting is meant to be implemented in time for the 2022 election.

An extension of the schedule would enable the Commission to conduct more public hearings on days and times of day that people are likely to be available.

An extension of the schedule would enable the media to share news of the Commission's progress, to inform the public about the Commission's current thinking, and to share information about how important the County Legislature is to the wellbeing of all County residents.

Thank you for your consideration of this concern and for the work you have undertaken for our democracy.

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Redistricting maps under consideration

Elaine Wolf <elainewolf0148@gmail.com>

Tue 11/2/2021 12:10 PM

To: Office of the Onondaga County Legislature <OnondagaCountyLegislature@ongov.net>

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I am a 29-year resident of the City of Syracuse. Below are my comments about redistricting.

A key factor, according to current ideas regarding best practices in redistricting, is to define legislative districts as much as possible so as to contain residents with common policy-related interests. In particular, the interests of city residents typically are quite different from those of suburban residents.

Because, according to the 2020 Census, 31 percent of Onondaga County's residents live in the City, it makes sense that one third of the County's 17 Legislative Districts – five Districts – should be exclusively comprised of City residents so that those residents can be represented fairly and by someone who lives in the City.

Two of the proposed maps, 1.0 and 1.5, are both fair since they both have five districts that lie exclusively in the City. In the interests of fairness, I urge the Legislature to reject Map 2.0.

Thank you.

Elaine M. Wolf

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map proposal

Joyce Placito <joycesplacito@gmail.com>

Mon 11/1/2021 11:36 AM

To: Office of the Onondaga County Legislature <OnondagaCountyLegislature@ongov.net>

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I want to help select the 1st map proposals. all towns and school districts need to stay together, separated only by major roads. Ask the people in each town and you will find out. We can get petitions on votes but everyone needs to be part of the process. They don't need the wool pulled over their eyes when it comes to the right to vote and have it count.

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reapportionment maps

Martha Donovan <mjddon@gmail.com>

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To: Office of the Onondaga County Legislature <OnondagaCountyLegislature@ongov.net>

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I have reviewed the maps and I attended a public hearing. I prefer maps 1 and 2. However, I feel strongly that such maps should be drawn by a commission composed of non-partisan members of the public. I also do not believe that every voter enrolled in a party cannot be fair and non-partisan and do not support that all members should be registered but non enrolled voters.

Districts should be made up of persons with similar areas of concern and living in more or less the same area. When I lived in Geddes our district was the Town of Geddes, I believe, and then was changed to include parts of the city and to exclude large parts of Geddes. That did not make sense to me.

We all know that each party would like districts made up of a majority of their party, but that is NOT FAIR and should not be the guiding principle of the map drawers. We should all want the HIGHEST participation of voters that we can obtain.

It is my understanding that one of the commission members is an expert in this process and has taught classes in non-partisan reapportionment. Let's hear from her. Let's hear from ANYONE, rather than make the hearings just a bunch of people standing up to talk, and with no questions allowed.

This process has been flawed from the beginning and rushed through for solely partisan reasons. It should be halted and begun again in the correct manner.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Martha Donovan

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THERE MUST BE COMPLETE TRANSPARENCY AND A NONPOLITICAL GROUP
SELECTED TO INITIATE A REDISTRICTING PLAN FOR THIS AREA. Maureen
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Comment on proposed Maps.

Maurice R Brown <Maurice.r.brown@gmail.com>

Mon 11/1/2021 1:33 PM

To: Office of the Onondaga County Legislature <OnondagaCountyLegislature@ongov.net>

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Maurice Brown

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I'm very concerned at the breaking up of the Northside. The proposed Maps break up one community into several districts providing yet another barrier to politics for one of our most underserved communities.

On a map where a town like Manlius is able to all point and say "that person is our representative," we need to try our best to afford that same care to citizens all over the county when possible.

Public Comment: Legislative District Maps

Mike De Lucia <mike@delucia.net>

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To: Office of the Onondaga County Legislature <OnondagaCountyLegislature@ongov.net>

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To the Onondaga County Legislature and my fellow Onondaga County residents:

I'm writing to express my opposition to the rushed redistricting process and my support for fair redistricting within Onondaga County. I've lived in this county all my life in Solvay, Camillus, and now Liverpool/Clay. I've been a member of both major political parties (at different times, obviously). I'm appalled and embarrassed to see the fundamental right to fair representation being made a game by the GOP here as in so many other places around the nation. I'd hoped we were better than this in CNY.

I am, however, encouraged to see what I can only characterize as an unprecedented level of public involvement and interest in this process. We see you, members of the redistricting committee. I appreciate Mr. Czarny shining a light on this situation and so adroitly calling attention to it. To quote the tagline of one of our great national newspapers, "Democracy dies in darkness."

We see you. We see what you're trying to do. And we won't stand for it. I won't, certainly. So instead I stand with my fellow Onondaga County residents in calling for a fair and equitable redistricting that ensures representation for all citizens of this county, rather than a gerrymandered abomination that ensures the minority speaks with a volume far beyond their actual numbers.

While no map is perfect, I believe proposed redistricting map 1.5 is the best, fairest, and most appropriate map for our county, and I urge that it be adopted. I also request in the strongest manner that the redistricting meetings be held at times that working citizens would be able to attend and that the overall timetable for redistricting be extended well into 2022 to allow for a suitable review, comment, and if necessary protest by the people of Onondaga County. We are the voters. This is our process. And its purpose is to ensure our fair representation. Let me remind you, if I may, that "Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." Plotting to undermine one of our most sacred rights, the right to vote, will not be tolerated.

I am,

Most cordially and sincerely yours,

Mike De Lucia
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Please Extend the Redistricting Deadline

Rebecca Greenblatt <rjgreenblatt@yahoo.com>

Mon 11/1/2021 2:54 PM

To: Office of the Onondaga County Legislature <OnondagaCountyLegislature@ongov.net>

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Dear Onondaga County Legislature,

Please request an extension of the deadline for producing maps for the 2023 elections to allow time for more public comment on the process. There is considerable public mistrust of the current redistricting process that needs to be addressed.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Greenblatt

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Redistricting

roberta ripberger <rripberger2@gmail.com>

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To: Office of the Onondaga County Legislature <OnondagaCountyLegislature@ongov.net>

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I would like a fair distracting map in Onondaga County. The Republicans have not kept their word to move this agenda forward. Everyone has a right to vote and have it count, shame on those who are blocking this. Roberta Ripberger, 3435B East Lake Rd . Skaneateles, NY 13152...and 109 Snowberry Lane, Camillus N.Y...

Onondaga County Reapportionment

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Tue 11/2/2021 7:07 AM

To: Office of the Onondaga County Legislature <OnondagaCountyLegislature@ongov.net>

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I object to the Onondaga County Legislature adopting at this time revised boundaries to its Legislative Boundaries under the guise of Reapportionment for the following reasons :

1. The Reapportionment Commision should be independent and free from partisan politics. The Chair of the current Commision has publicly called a Republican proposed Reapportionment plan/map " our " map. Any Reapportionment plan should be the result of non partisan planning and research for the benefit of the entire Community.
2. The census changes in Onodaga County between 2010 and 2020 have been modest. Any changes based on population changes should be similarly modest. Wholesale redrawing of legislative maps is unnecessary and likely outside the Legislature's authority . This process is not appropriate to correct so called " mistakes" in Legislative boundaries.
3. The modest changes in population are evident in the 15th Legislative District. The total population change between 2010 and 2020 was a net gain of 118 residents (28727-2010 vs 28845- 2020). This is a .004 change - miniscule.
4. Nevertheless the 15 th District boundaries are dramatically redrawn under the Republican redraw. Neighborhoods are split and are no longer contiguous- most dramatically the Strathmore neighborhood. Many Residents with a common interest are now separated into legislative districts that in fact have nothing in common. This redrafting of legislative

boundaries for a change of 128 residents is outside the power of the Legislature .

5. The dramatic redrafting of Legislature boundaries - carving up contiguous neighborhoods -is furthermore , in my estimation, contrary to the spirit and intent of Section 34 of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law- subdivision 4, as recently amended that is designed to prevent gerrymandering and the division of contiguous territory, which , I believe would include distinct City neighborhoods , such as Strathmore , now proposed to be cast asunder.

6. I urge the Onondaga County Legislature to.:

- a. Reject the redrawing of Legislature boundaries at this time
- b. Appoint an independent/non-partisan Commision to make the modest changes in Legislative boundaries resulting from modest population changes in Onodaga County's 2020 census
- c. In the alternative if the redrawing of Legilstive boundaries is approved , submit the plan to a County wide referendum and let the people truly have a say in this entire process.

Thank you

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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone