

NEW YORK CITY DISTRICTING COMMISSION HEARINGS



Register to testify, submit written testimony, or submit your own maps via email to nycredistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov

Queens
Tues., Aug 16th - 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Museum of the Moving Image, Sumner Redstone
Theater, 36-01 35 Ave Astoria, Queens 11106

Staten Island
Thurs., Aug. 18 5:30 pm to 9 pm
Staten Island Borough Hall,
10 Richmond Terrace Rm 125

Manhattan
Mon., Aug. 22 5:30 pm to 9 pm
Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture,
515 Malcolm Blvd., Harlem, Manhattan, 10037

Bronx
Wed., Aug. 17 5:30 pm to 9 pm
Lehman College (CUNY), Gillet Auditorium, 250
Bedford Park Blvd West, The Bronx 10468

Brooklyn
Sun., Aug 21 3:30 pm to 7 pm
Medgar Evers College (CUNY), School of Science
Health & Technology, Dining Hall, 1638 Bedford Ave,
Brooklyn.11225



YOUR TESTIMONY IN 3 MINUTES

1 INTRODUCTION [1 MINUTE]

DESCRIBE WHO YOU ARE, WHAT ORGANIZATION OR COMMUNITY YOU REPRESENT AND WHERE.

"Good afternoon members of the NYC Districting Commission and thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is _____ and I am speaking on behalf of [Insert your organization name]. I am a resident of [Insert your community] which is located in [insert your community name, county and boundaries]"

2 ALL ABOUT THE MAPS [2 MINUTES]

DESCRIBE AND DETAIL 2-3 ARGUMENTS ON HOW THE PROPOSED WILL IMPACT YOUR COMMUNITY.

This is where you want to spend majority of your testimony time. The goal is to explain how any of the proposed maps will impact your community, the work of your organization and the ability of your community to receive the resources and supports it needs. Tell the Commission if you support or oppose existing specific map proposals and/or why you are in support of specific map proposals

- "The current map of my community..."
- "The commission's proposed Preliminary Plan maps will..."
- "The proposed maps drawn by the Unity Map Coalition will..."
- "Finally, I [support/do not support] the Commission's mapping in my community because..."

3 CLOSE [15 SECONDS]

"Commissioners I urge you to [repeat your main argument]. Thank you for your time and the opportunity to testify today."

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THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

TALKING POINTS

- Over the last decade, the total population for people of African descent in NYC has increased from 2,192,344 to 2,195,000.
- The Bronx saw an increase for most communities of interest among people of African descent – Black multiracial, Black alone or African American, and Continental Africans – but saw a significant decrease in its Black West Indian population.
- Continental African populations also experienced a decline, with Brooklyn accounting for approximately 68% of this decline, followed by Queens, Manhattan, and Staten Island.
- The Black West Indian population decreased by 135,749. Brooklyn accounted for 54% of this decline, followed by the Bronx coming in at a distant second with approximately 23% of the fall, and Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island accounting for the remaining 23% of NYC’s Black West-Indian population decline.

BROOKLYN

- Three out of the four categories of the people of African descent discussed in the CLSJ Report on People of African Descent in NYC (Black West Indians, Continental Africans, and multiracial Blacks) plateaued in the middle of the decade, while the African American population continued to increase. Community districts that do not ordinarily have large populations of people of African descent also made noteworthy gains.

MANHATTAN

- Manhattan had a minimal population shift, with Central Harlem retaining its majority for people of African descent. Like Brooklyn, Manhattan saw an increase for people of African descent in community districts that are not “traditionally” considered home for them.

QUEENS

- Queens witnessed slight population shifts for people of African descent in most of its community districts; and like other counties, increases in community districts that have not “traditionally” been home to people of African descent.

STATEN ISLAND

- Staten Island gained a significant headcount for people of African descent throughout the decade in one of its community districts, with the other two districts witnessing a minimal decrease.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[People of African Descent in NYC: Communities of Interest Report
NYC Districting Commission 101](#)