

March 6, 2012

Magistrate Judge Roann Mann
U.S. District Court
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Dear Magistrate Mann:

On behalf of the Center for Urban Research at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY), I write to inform you about a freely available online interactive mapping application we have developed that may be of use to you and your staff as you review the various Congressional district proposals that have been submitted. Our online maps may also be helpful for the parties submitting the district proposals themselves.

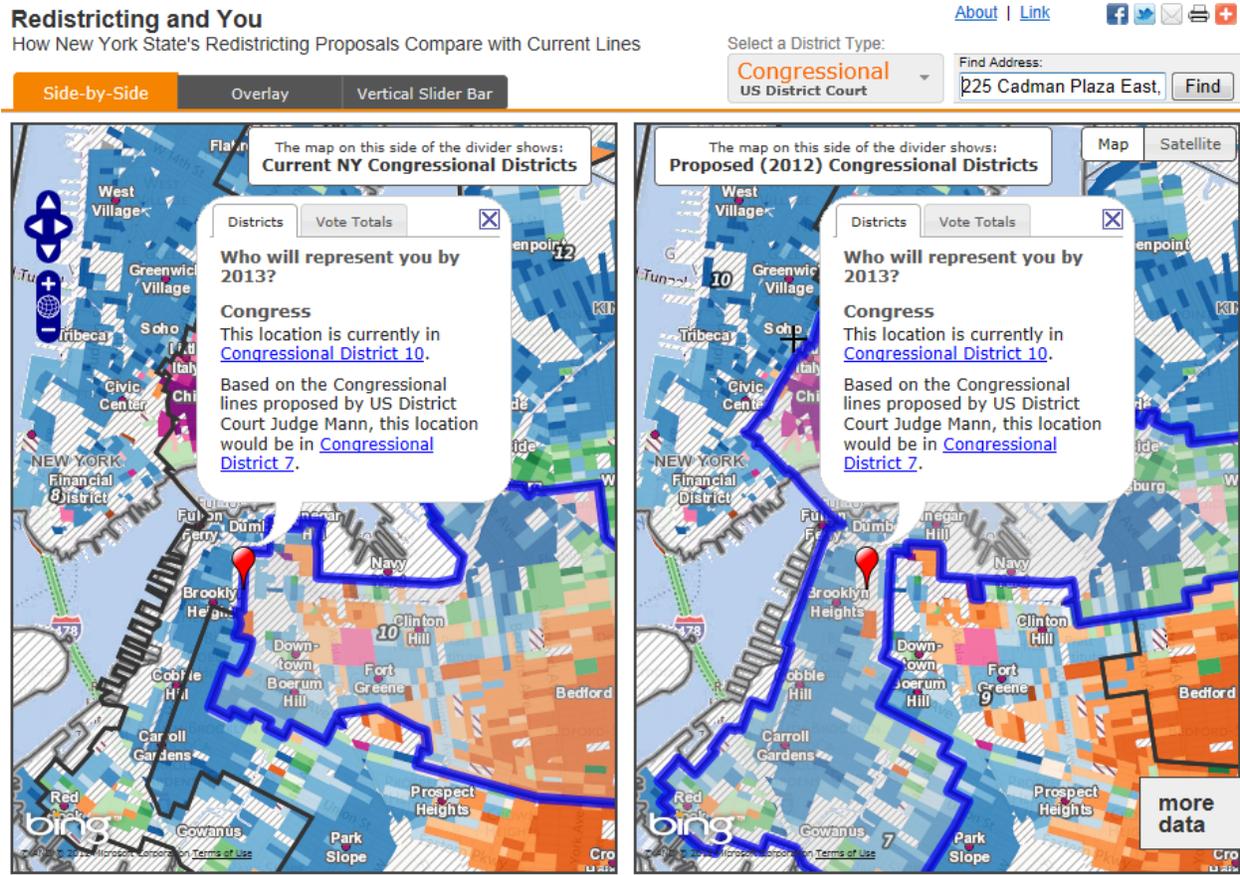
The maps are available at <http://www.urbanresearchmaps.org/nyredistricting/map.html> .

Once you select one of the Congressional district options from the pull-down menu at the top of the page, you will be able to:

- Compare proposed districts with existing Congressional districts throughout the state;
- Zoom in to see in detail how the existing and proposed lines are drawn (you can also change the basemap to display aerial imagery so you can see how the lines are drawn in relation to individual buildings);
- Enter a street address anywhere in the state to zoom to that location;
- Once you type a street address or click on the map, a popup window is displayed that identifies that location's existing district as well as the proposed district that would encompass it;
- When you click the "More Data" tab at the lower right, you can display a block-by-block map of predominant race/ethnicity patterns for a visual indication of how the proposed lines might impact voting power of minority populations; and
- The "More Data" tab also provides access to a map of local voting patterns (based on the 2010 State Senate elections) for an indication of recent voting tendencies within the districts.

For example, this link <http://bit.ly/zZOLqx> (see screenshot on the following page of this letter) takes you directly to the location on the map of the courthouse at 225 Cadman Plaza East, currently in Congressional District 10 (shown on the left). On the right it shows the boundaries

for Congressional District 7 as proposed by the District Court, and on both maps it includes the block-level demographic characteristics within the districts and the surrounding area.



Center for Urban Research, CUNY Graduate Center. In collaboration with The New York World. Map layers hosted by CartoDB

Currently our maps display the proposed districts from your office, Common Cause, and the Senate and Assembly majorities. The maps also display the proposed State Senate and Assembly lines from LATFOR in relation to the existing legislative district boundaries.

I hope you find our mapping application helpful. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about it, or if you have suggestions on how we might enhance its usefulness for this process.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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