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Dear Fellow New Yorker,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you about the publication of the Preliminary Draft City Council District Maps. The maps are based upon current City Council lines and take into account the population changes that have occurred in New York City based on U.S. Census data and adjusted for the State prison population. The Preliminary Draft Maps also adhere to the New York City Charter for population deviation among the least and most populous districts.

These maps offer a rational starting point in the widely anticipated discussion about how to analyze and redraw City Council districts. In order to help facilitate this important public dialogue, the Commission will be engaged in the following outreach efforts:

- **The Preliminary Draft Maps are online.** You may access both the citywide and borough based maps by clicking [HERE](#) or visiting our website at <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dc/html/maps/maps.shtml>.
- **Copies of the Preliminary Draft Maps will be on display.** Physical maps will be available for public viewing at the City's main library branches and/or Borough Hall offices throughout the City.
- **Free, Online Mapping Software is available.** A free, online version of Maptitude, a state-of-the-art mapping software, will be publicly available so that anyone with internet access can draw and submit maps to the Commission. Most importantly, Maptitude will contain the same datasets used by the Commission in its work to redraw New York City Council districts. Access Maptitude [HERE](#) or visit our website at <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dc/html/mapping/mapping.shtml>.
- **The Commission's Resource Room is open.** In the event a person wants to draw their own maps but lacks internet access or needs assistance using the software, our Resource Room, located at the Commission offices at 253 Broadway, 7th Floor, contains computers loaded with Maptitude software. It is open from *Noon-7PM on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday* and from *10AM to 3PM on Monday and Friday*. To make an appointment, please contact Justin Bassett at (212) 676-8983 or jbassett@districting.nyc.gov.
- **A Speakers' Bureau is established.** The Speakers' Bureau will dispatch Commission staff to community groups and other organizations to make presentations about the districting process and how the public can have its voice heard. To make an appointment for a speaker, contact Jonathan Ettricks at (212) 676-8981 or jettricks@districting.nyc.gov.

On behalf of the Commission, we hope that you will take advantage of one or all of the many ways you can participate in the districting of New York City Council districts.

Regards,

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