

LWVPWM Redistricting Committee

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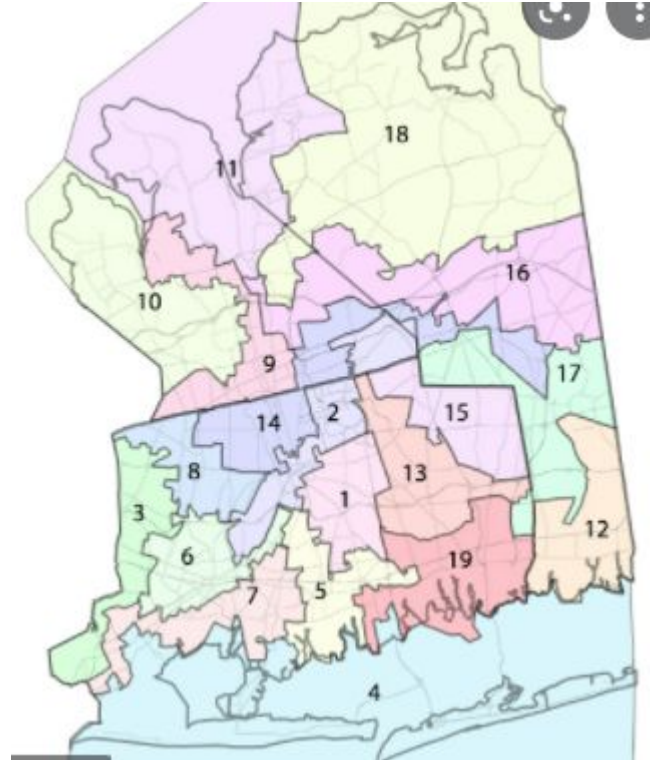
To advance fair, nonpartisan redistricting at all levels of government.

The LWVUS position “Support[s] redistricting processes and enforceable standards that promote fair and effective representation at all levels of government with maximum opportunity for public participation.”

Redistricting

Redistricting is the redrawing of electoral district lines to reflect changes in population as measured by the U.S. Census.

- Redistricting happens at the congressional, state and local levels.
- This process is used to ensure that everyone's vote counts equally - one person, one vote.



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Redistricting Committee Approach - Outreach, Education and Advocacy

Focus on outreach, education and advocacy.

Partnered with Leagues and League entities

- LWVPWM members were integral part of the LWV Nassau County Redistricting Committee.
- Participated in county and state LWV redistricting committees.

Created redistricting outreach and educational materials.

Promoted active citizen engagement.



Outreach

Provided critical outreach to community organizations. Introduction to LWV and redistricting.

Created comprehensive list of possible partner organizations in our community.

Contacted local community organizations to engage them in the process of redistricting

Focus on communities of color and historically disenfranchised communities.

Created educational materials for local organizations.



Public Education

“Redistricting 101” Education Presentation hosted by the Glen Cove Library -
September 22, 2021

“The Redistricting of Nassau County” - September 23, 2021 Blank Slate Media
Town Hall

Redistricting Presentation - Locustwood Gotham Civic Association - November 9,
2021

Redistricting Presentation - Long Island Hispanic and Black Bar Associations -
November 16, 2021



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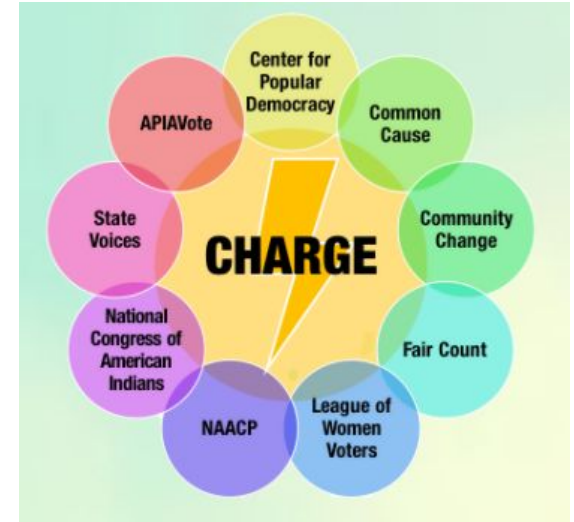
Trained communities on redistricting criteria and communities of interest.

Shared redistricting tools and analysis.

<https://newyork.redistrictingandyou.org/>

<https://lwwny.org/redistricting-2021-people-powered-fair-maps-nys/>

<https://www.redistrictinghub.com/resources/>



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LWVPWM Advocacy

Drafted and submitted testimony on behalf of LWV Nassau County to the Independent Redistricting Commission on November 21, 2022.

Drafted testimony submitted on behalf of LWV Nassau County at the Nassau County Independent Redistricting Commission Hearing on July 21, 2021.

LWV Nassau County Submitted testimony as part of the LWVNY's People Hearing on April 29, 2021.



Community Advocacy

Shared advocacy tools with community organizations and members.

Shared information about testifying before the IRC about proposed maps.

- Testimony templates and tips.
- Analysis of proposed maps.

Research

Redistricting process under the IRC for NY Congressional, State Senate and Assembly.

Nassau County Redistricting process and timeline under Nassau County Charter, NYS Constitution and newly enacted statutes.

Municipal redistricting - Town and City redistricting timelines and governing charters/statutes



Impact

Commitment to ensuring fair, nonpartisan electoral districts and engaging community in the redistricting process.

Focus on communities of color and historically disenfranchised communities in line with the League's DEI policy and focus.

Providing information to allow for informed public engagement in the redistricting process.

Increased LWVPWM public visibility and LWVPWM member seen as experts on the topic.



Redistricting in 2022

Pivot to focus on local municipal redistricting:

- Nassau County
- Town of North Hempstead
- City of Glen Cove - at large council members

LWV Nassau County Redistricting Committee meeting on January 26, 2022



Nassau County Redistricting Timeline

March 2022 - May 2022

Appointment of members of the Nassau County temporary districting advisory commission.

January 7, 2023

Nassau County temporary districting advisory commission must submit redistricting recommendations and any and all plans for dividing the county into districts to the County Legislature.

March 7, 2023

The County Legislature must prepare and adopt a redistricting plan no later than 8 months before the general election.