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NYC Redistricting Talking Points

What is redistricting?

- Redistricting is the redrawing of electoral district boundaries which accounts for the shifts and changes in populations over a 10-year period.
- Redistricting is based on the population count provided by the census for each state.
- Redistricting occurs at every level of government including federal, state and local legislative bodies including city council.

How often does redistricting occur?

- Redistricting occurs once every ten years following the census.

Why does redistricting occur?

- Redistricting occurs as a part of our governmental structure. In the legislative body we have two houses the Senate which is made up of 100 senators (2 senators to each state which is fixed) and the House of Representatives which is made up of 435 representatives, representation which shifts among the states.
- Unlike the Senate which has a fixed number of Senators for each state, the number of representatives a state gets in the House of Representatives is based on its population.
- Because the number of representatives a state gets in the House of Representatives is based on its population each state must perform redistricting to account for changes in its population to determine how many representatives it gets on the federal level.
- The redistricting process occurs for state and local levels to ensure that all communities get equal opportunities to be represented.
- In terms of the city-wide process New York City's 51 Council districts are redrawn every decade to ensure equitable representation of its residents.

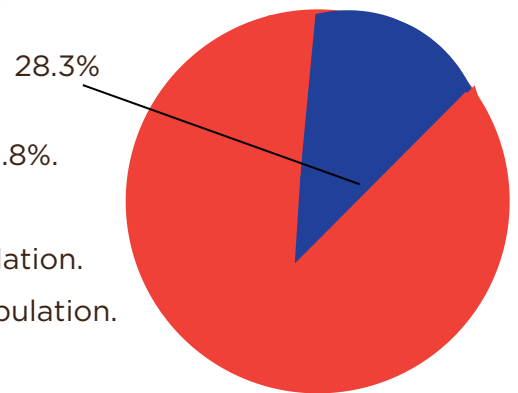
Why is redistricting important?

- Redistricting is important because it shapes your ability to elect your representatives and who will represent the interests of you & your community.
- Redistricting is important because it impacts the elected officials who represent you and the governmental representation that will impact what resources your community gets, and how much funding for your community gets for things like transportation, roads, schools, hospitals, libraries and community organizations.
- Redistricting can impact the quality of your air and water, your schools, access to housing stock and transportation, business and residential development in your community as well as your taxes.
- Importantly these boundaries are set for 10 years! The districts drawn now will govern your community until 2032 and determine what representatives will be accountable to you and your community.
- Lastly redistricting can determine/effect:
 - If your community is represented by the same person(s).
 - Whether a representative feels responsible for your concerns.
 - Who wins an election, controls the legislature and even what laws are enacted.



Demographics

- Latinos represent 28.3% of the city's total population; By county Latinos represent:
 - A majority of the total population of the Bronx at 54.8%.
 - 27.8% of Queens county's total population.
 - 23.8% of New York (Manhattan) county's total population.
 - 19.6% of Richmond (Staten Island) county's total population.
 - 18.9% of Kings (Brooklyn) county's total population.



Latino Demographic Shifts from 2010-2020¹

County	Growth Rate	Population Added/ Removed	Total Population
Bronx	8.8%	65,050	1,472,654
Manhattan	-0.2%	-937	1,694,251
Queens	8.8%	54,111	2,405,464
Brooklyn	4.1%	20,141	2,736,074
Richmond	19.6%	15,909	495,747

[1]Source: <https://www.census.gov/library/stories/state-by-state/new-york-population-change-between-census-decade.html>

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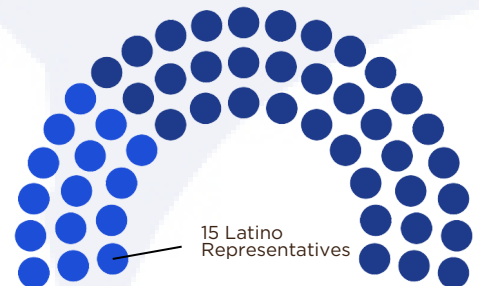
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- Overall, there has been an increase in population except for Manhattan where there was a shift in population southward and a very small decrease.
- Data and maps show no real decrease rather a shift of population bolstering existing Latino populations in different parts of the city.



> Latino Representation in City Council

- There are currently 15 city council representatives that identify as Latino or are of Latino heritage which is close to our share of the city's total population;
- Latinos represent the majority (more than 50%) in 9 city council districts and 5 strong pluralities in additional districts. These should be maintained given the consistent growth of the Latino community over the past 10 years



> General Points of Advocacy

- Given that Latinos have shown consistent growth throughout the past 10 years their opportunity to elect candidates of their choice should be maintained in areas where there are distinct and longstanding communities of interest.
- Representation at the city level should be reflective and representative of the demographic growth and shifts of the Latino community.
- Redistricting should remain a process that is open to the public and transparent in detailing how districts are drawn.



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