



THE CAMPAIGN FOR FAIR & INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING

JOIN ReSHAPENY'S EFFORTS TO REFORM REDISTRICTING

Every ten years following the decennial census, incumbent legislators and the political parties in power- the Democrats in the State Assembly and the Republicans in the State Senate- draw state legislative and congressional district boundaries to reflect changes in the state's population. They draw these lines with one primary concern in mind: winning re-election.

To ensure victory, the incumbent legislators and parties in power engage in all kinds of trickery. They divide communities, carve former competitor's homes out of their district, and make districts vary in population size within a legally permitted range to ensure their political party has the most representatives in the legislature. In short, the incumbents and political parties maintain their firm grip on power by choosing the voters before the voters choose them.

ReShapeNY is a broad-based coalition of over 30 organizations including civic, issue-advocacy, business and labor groups united to change the redistricting process in New York State. We support reforming redistricting that will: 1) create an independent commission without legislators to draw district boundaries; 2) create fair and objective criteria for drawing district lines; and 3) open the process up to the public to provide input.

PARTICIPATE IN SPEAKING TO NEW YORKERS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF REDISTRICTING REFORM

What:

ReShapeNY will call residents in districts of elected officials to talk about redistricting reform, and encourage them to ask their elected officials to support reform.

Where:

Common Cause, 74 Trinity Place, Suite 901, New York, NY 10006

When:

Monday - Thursday evening from 6-8:30pm from May 2nd to June 20th. Brief nightly orientation begins at 5:30pm. Attend on the designated night for your organization or come another night that you're free.

Why:

With redistricting reform, district lines will be drawn to respect the integrity of communities. Legislators will be more accountable and responsive to the public, and work across party lines to solve the state's problems because their re-election will no longer be inevitable.

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