

## County redistricting

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To: Redistricting Commission <RedistrictingCommission@albanycountyny.gov>

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Dear Redistricting Commission:

Thank you kindly to the Commission for your efforts in this process. Its a difficult task and you are commended for your diligence in striving to get it right.

I'm writing to you as a concerned citizen and member of the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland. I noticed New Scotland is split into five legislative districts on the proposed map (four if there is a mapping error), whereas we currently have two. Splitting our small town into multiple districts is not efficient at all for working relationships, proper notifications and interactions on issues, as well as general governance of the County and Town.

- A section in the northern portion of the town is slated to go to district 31. I suggest the commission consider moving district 33 boundary back to the town boundary where it currently is since 33 has +0.4% to make up the difference. The adjoining district 29, which has +1.9%, can be adjusted to give 33 whatever change is needed.
- the southwest corner of New Scotland is to become a portion of the 39th district. I suggest the commission consider moving district 38 boundary back to the town boundary where it currently is, again since 33 has +0.4% to make up the difference.
- a small portion of the southeast corner of Town will be moved to District 37, unless this is a mapping error. I suggest the commission consider moving district 38 boundary back to the town boundary where it currently is since adjoining district 36 has +0.2% to make up the difference.

I believe the right thing to do is to keep our small town divided into only two legislative districts and should be contiguous with the town boundaries as much as possible. New Scotland is marvelous community of interest, as evidenced by our 4% population increase. Please keep New Scotland with only two legislative districts. Thank you,

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