

Comments on final draft plan

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- Redistricting Commission <RedistrictingCommission@albanycountyny.gov>

I'm disappointed the commission didn't consider my previous comments on the major problem with the Guilderland/Colonie district. I didn't expect to submit any feedback, let alone submit feedback twice. I have great respect for the volunteer work of any redistricting commission, it's an important role in democracy that is far too rare these days, but the proposed district 28 lines are shockingly bad. One half of district 28 seems to live in the Town of Guilderland and one half in the Town of Colonie, but the two sides might as well be miles apart as they are separated by an impassable thruway. If districts in Colonie must change, the only common sense approach would be to go into the City of Albany streets neighboring Colonie. However, if the commission is unwilling to do that, the Pine Bush neighborhood of Fort Hunter could be a last resort. That community is connected to Colonie at East Old State Road and Kings Road as well as New Karner Road. My other objections are small parts of Guilderland needlessly being thrown into a district with the City of Albany and a large portion of the town going into a Voorheesville district. However, these problems are less unfair to voters than an unworkable and potentially illegal district separated by a thruway.

Thank you,

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