



# Onondaga County Legislature

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## REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION MINUTES – OCTOBER 27, 2021

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Hulslander, Chairman Knapp, Ms. Sardo, Mr. Czarny, Mr. Rainone,  
Ms. Moran

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Ms. Kuhn; see also attending

Chairman Hulslander called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.

### 1. Review of Submitted Maps

*Maps attached*

Mr. Hulslander:

- First order of business is to identify the two proposed maps; one to the left of the TV screen will be Draft #1; one to the right of TV screen will be Draft #2
- Rather than describing them as maps from a particular person or side, they will be called 1 and 2
- They both submitted data and maps yesterday; they have studied the maps and data; purpose of the meeting is for each side to present their map and data
- Mr. Czarny will present first; he will not be interrupted as he does the presentation
- Please use a microphone
- They will each do a presentation with no questions during, and then there will be an opportunity for questions
- After Mr. Czarny, Chairman Hulslander will present his map and take any questions
- Please try to keep this orderly; do not talk over each other; if someone asks a question, let them ask, then there will be an opportunity to respond; try to get through in an orderly and reasonable way

Mr. Czarny:

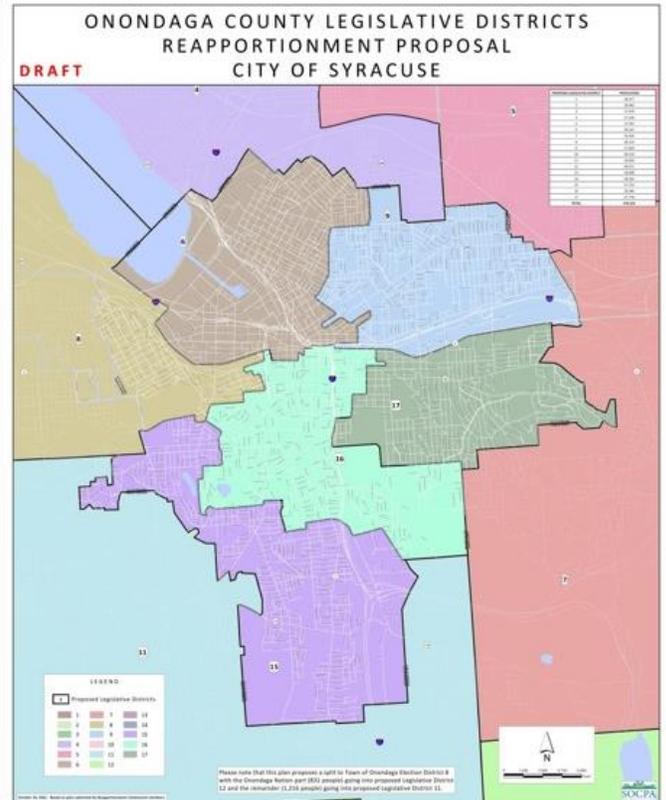
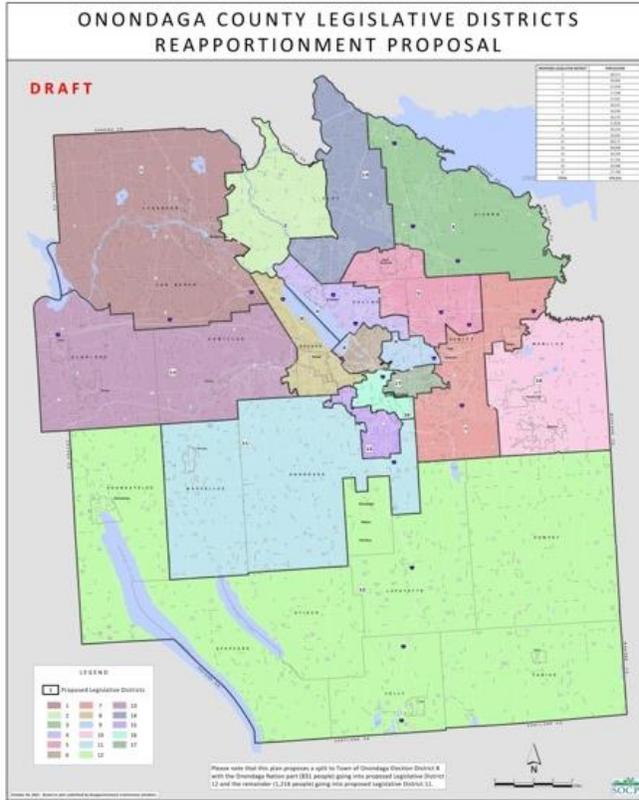
- Ms. Moran and Mr. Czarny are authors of Draft #1 (*map below*)
- Put this presentation together to further explain their process, how they got to where they are, and the benefits of Draft #1
- Did not have the Republican maps until this morning at 8:30 a.m.; not going to compare and contrast to that

Ms. Moran:

- This is what was put together in the last 12 days, nights, and weekends

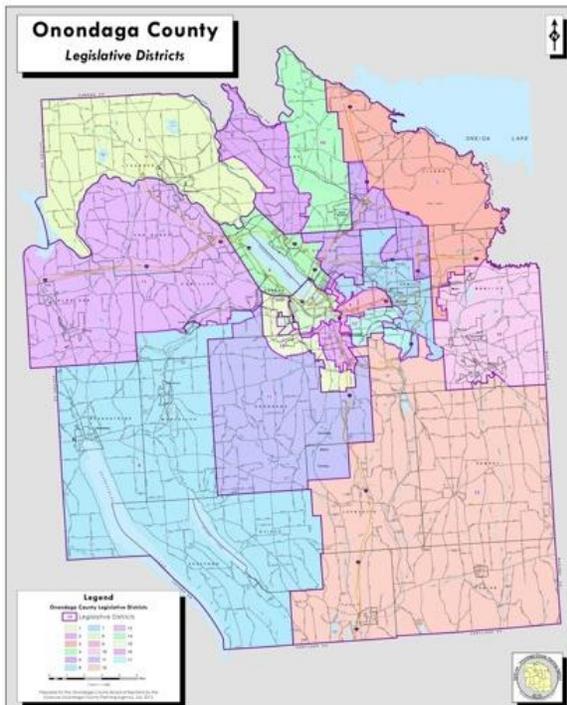
Ms. Moran read the following presentation slides.

# Proposed Legislative Maps



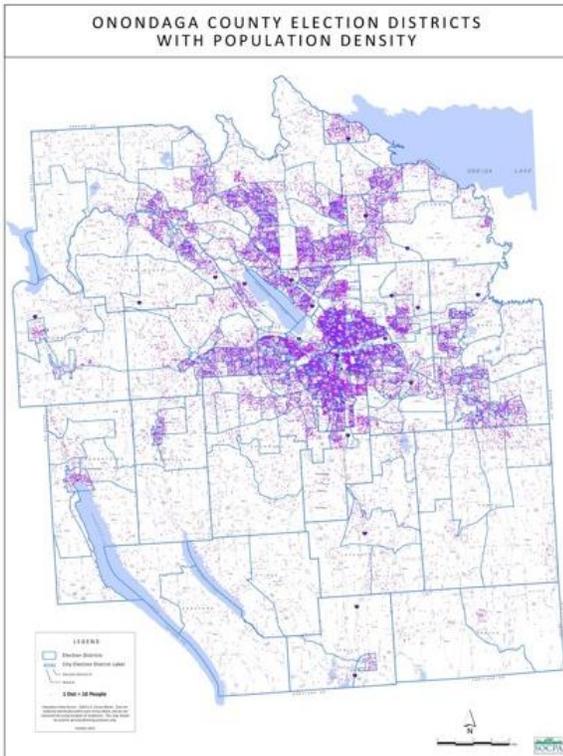
By Dustin M. Czarny & Sharon Moran 10/27/21

## Why we need brand new maps?



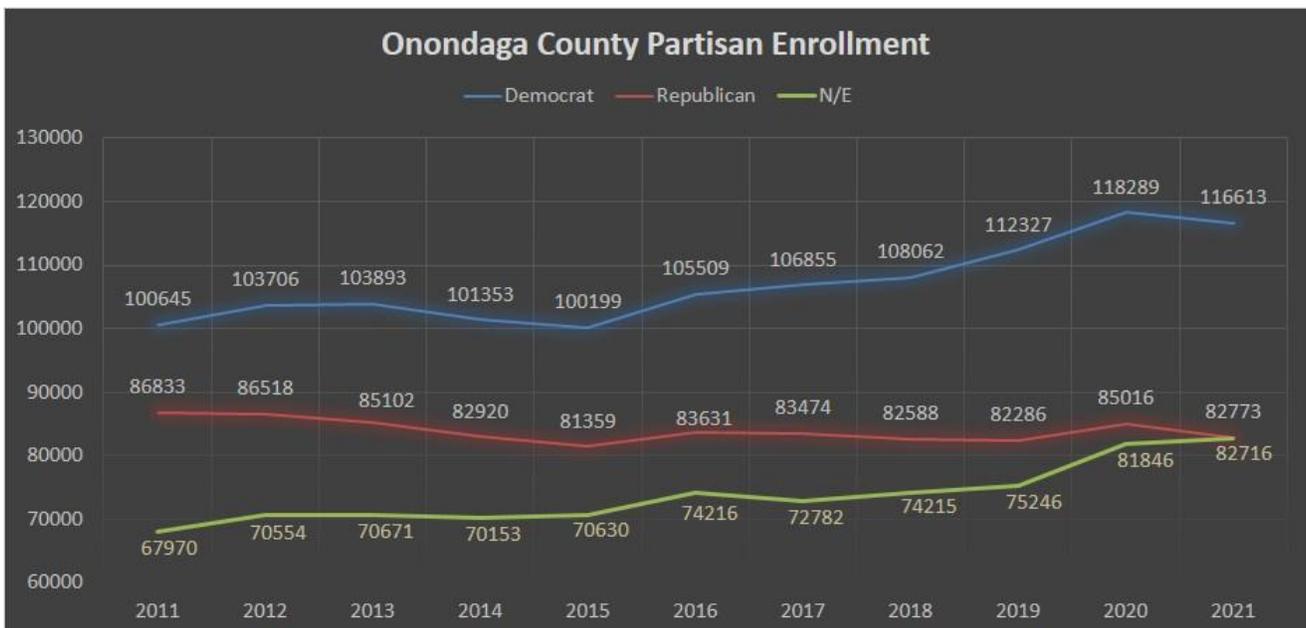
- The 2011 Redistricted maps divided our community.
- The City of Syracuse was carved into 9 districts; the towns of Dewitt, Manlius, Geddes, and Clay had 3 different districts.
- These unrecognizable shapes cut through communities.
- Citizens no longer understood who represented their neighborhood.
- This caused less competition and an outsized power for the political minority.
- Anger and resentment over this division has been percolating for a decade.

# We have challenges in our county



- We have a full range in population density.
- The City of Syracuse has the highest population density.
- Suburbs in the North have grown in population and outpaced the rest of the suburbs.
- There has also been significant concentration of population in the Eastern and Western suburbs.
- Rural areas, though large in geography, have shrunk in population.
- This range of population densities makes it challenging to create districts.

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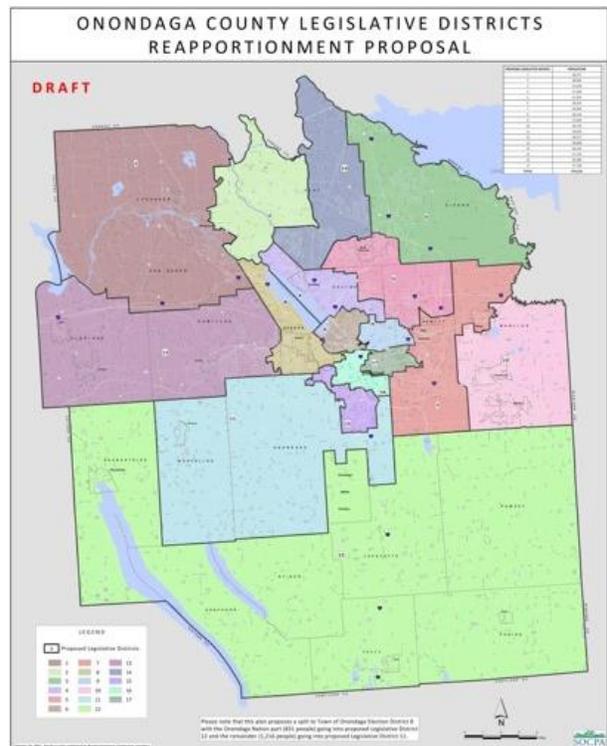
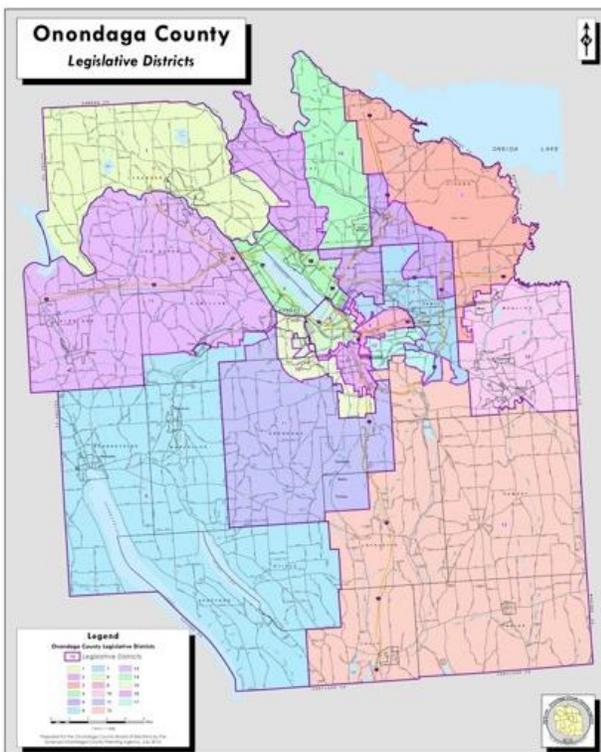
- The Demographics of our county have drastically changed over the last ten years.
- Fair districts will reflect the registration disparity in our county.
- The only way not to reflect the Democratic plurality of our county is through extreme gerrymandering.

Mr. Czarny read the following presentation slides.

# Our solutions for our maps

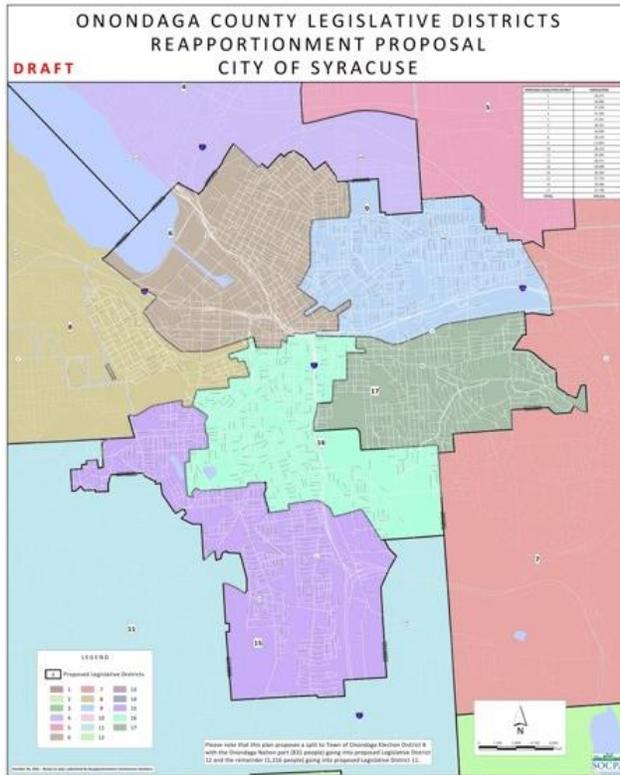
- Draw districts as close to the population average of approximately 28,000 residents to allow for growth over the next ten years.
  - Make new districts that respect natural borders such as Town and Ward lines when possible.
  - Respecting Town and Ward Lines will keep Communities of Interest together.
  - End the unnecessary carving of the City of Syracuse to allow for representation of City Residents on the County Legislature.
  - Keeping Towns as whole as possible will allow for a single representative to voice their concerns.
  - Keep Villages in the same legislative district rather dividing them.
  - Reduce the number of different governments a legislator represents allowing them to focus on the needs of that community and be their advocate.
  - Keep districts compact and contiguous as possible.
  - Draw districts that promote competition.
  - Ignore incumbency as the Elections have not occurred.
- If there was a wide disparity from 26,500 to 29,500, there would be districts growing out of proportion from others over the next 10 years
  - Keep villages in same district – i.e. N. Syracuse and Baldwinsville

# This is what Fair Maps can look like!



- Comparison to old map; new map proposing makes more sense to the average person of what their community is, and who represents their community – vs. jumbled mess in the city in the current districts

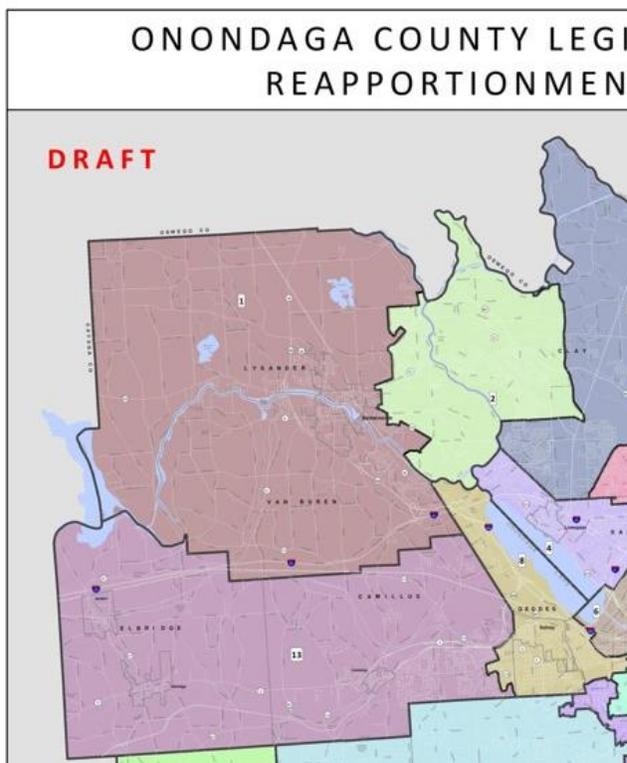
## Fair Maps start with the City of Syracuse.



- The City of Syracuse has 148,000 population.
- They deserve 5 districts wholly inside the City of Syracuse borders with a small 6<sup>th</sup> portion paired with a nearby town.
- Creating a Northside district will allow for representation of Syracuse’s growing New American Community.
- All districts inside the City of Syracuse will have better chance of minority representation on the County Legislature.
- Syracuse residents have only made up 3 of the County Legislature seats since 2011 despite having nearly a third of the County population.
- Centering districts inside the City will ensure proper city representation in the legislature.

- Having districts wholly in the City of Syracuse; kind of done 10 years ago; will allow better representation

## Northwestern Suburbs.

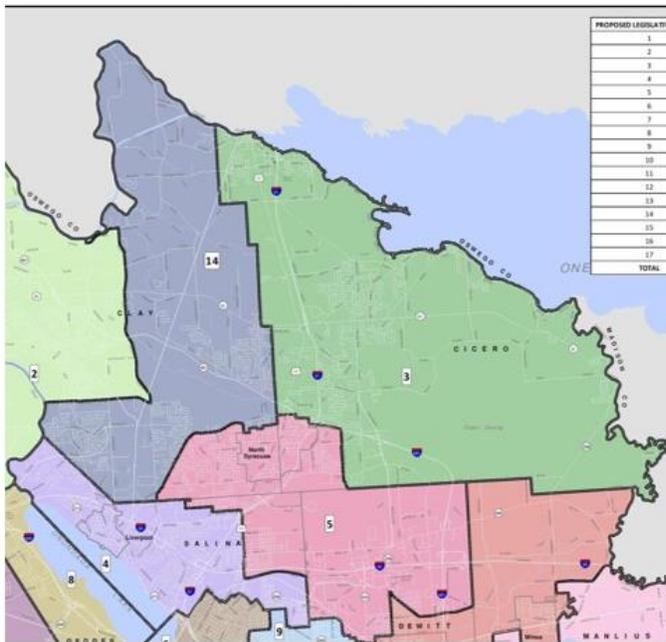


- Districts 1, 2, 8, 13 make up the Northwest portion of our map.
- District 1 includes the Town of Van Buren and a portion of the Town of Lysander keeping the village of Baldwinsville intact.
- District 2 makes up portions of Clay and Lysander bordering on the Seneca River. This accounts for the large population of Clay and growing population of Lysander.
- District 8 makes Geddes whole in one district pairing it with Wards 7 & 8 inside the city and a few election districts of Camillus to give it the proper population.
- District 13 puts Elbridge together with most of Camillus giving the western suburbs a single representative for most of our western neighbors.

- Keeps District 1 in a relatively contiguous shape with likeminded people together (Lysander and Van Buren)
- Lysander is growing at a rate of 6%; this makes sure the town has ability to continue to grow and not be out of whack over the next 10 years; one reason created “Seneca River” District
- Communities of like interests with similar incomes, similar housing, similar needs
- District 8 – one of the worst things in the old map was breaking up town of Geddes into 3 districts; this keeps Geddes whole; goes into Tipp Hill; likeminded communities that have lot of crossing over
- People move from Solvay to Tipp Hill; believe this district better represents Geddes and Tipp Hill
- District 13 – couple of Camillus EDs that go into Geddes; right on border; likeminded to get to 28,000 mark
- Keeping Camillus mostly together in one contiguous district along with Elbridge, likeminded; down Route 5 corridor; neighbors that have common interests

## Northeastern part of Onondaga County.

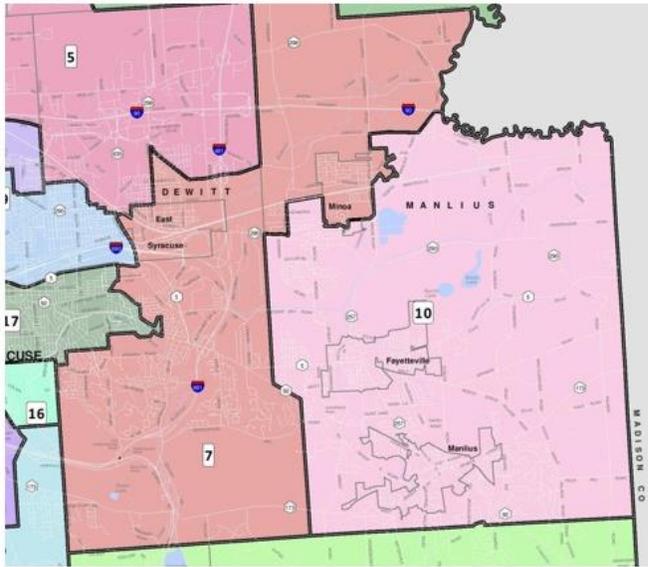
### COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS REAPPORTIONMENT PROPOSAL



- Districts 3, 4, 5 & 14 make up the Northeast portion of our map.
- District 3 focuses on the Town of Cicero. With more than 28k residents Cicero should have one district wholly inside its borders.
- District 4 likewise focuses on Salina. Also with more than 28k people Salina should have a whole legislative district representing Liverpool village and Lyncourt.
- District 14 takes a large swath of the Center of Clay, which has 60k residents and needs 3 districts.
- District 5 takes the overflow from Clay, Salina, and Cicero and combines them together having a district that unites N. Syracuse, Mattydale, and a portion of Northern Dewitt.

- Looking at the maps, they agree with District 3; almost equal; Cicero in one district; Cicero has more than 28,000 people, so they have at least 2; carved out a portion of N. Syracuse
- District 14 almost the same as now, but moves into Liverpool/Clay; keeping away from N. Syracuse to create a N. Syracuse district; again 28,000 in 14 allows for large town growing to continue to grow
- Most proud of “N. Syracuse District” – Mattydale and northern part of Dewitt together, outside of city; changes the grab of the current 5<sup>th</sup> district (3 different towns)
- District 5 is still 3 different towns, but they are all neighbors sharing a similar lifestyle and community; village of N. Syracuse is in a single district

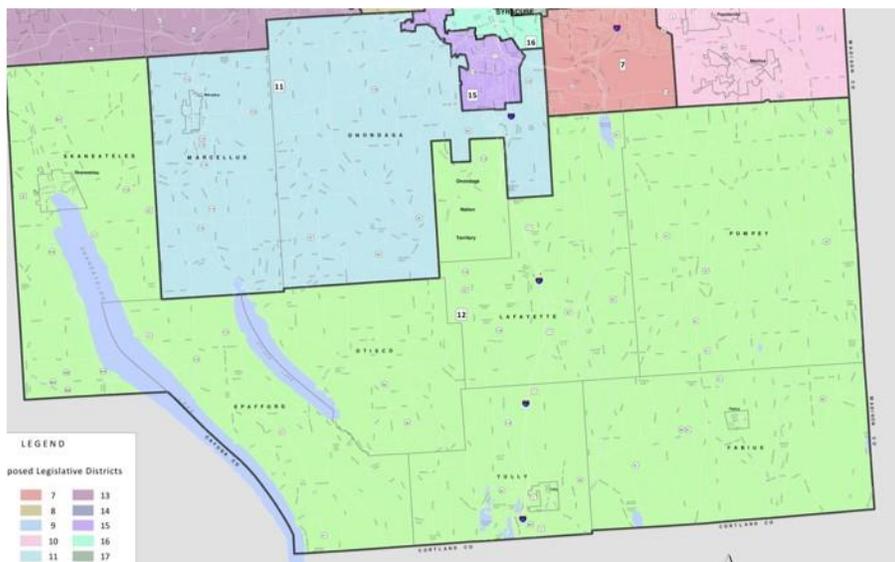
## The Eastern Suburbs.



- Districts 7 and 10 make up the Eastern Suburbs’ portion of our map.
- The Eastern Suburbs were the most mistreated by the 2011 map. Dewitt had 4 different legislators and Manlius 3.
- District 10 in Manlius remains largely unchanged but loses the village of Minoa as it has grown in population.
- District 7 makes up most of Dewitt and the northern Minoa portion of Manlius.
- Manlius has 33k population and needs more than a single legislator, the Dewitt portion combined with Minoa shares the E. Syracuse Minoa school district and has common interests.

- District 10 would now be 1 contiguous district; going to border of Manlius; keeping villages of Manlius and Fayetteville (hearts of town of Manlius) together in “Manlius District”; 80% of Manlius
- “Dewitt District” starts in Jamesville and moves up into Minoa; keeping village of Minoa and E. Syracuse together; this makes sense – E. Syracuse Minoa School District; people that share common interests
- This is why this district moves up; Dewitt has 26,000 residents, but were unable (with population shifts in County) to put them all in a contiguous district, like Lysander
- Felt that was important; one blue town carved into more than one district, and one red town as well

## The Southern portion of Onondaga County



- Districts 11 & 12 make up the Southern portion of Onondaga County
- District 11 is made up of the Town of Onondaga and Town of Marcellus which shares Route 173 and many common interests.
- District 12 unites the rural agrarian towns in the southern portion of our county.
- The Onondaga Nation is removed from 11 and put with 12 as many residents attend Lafayette school system.

- Put Onondaga and Marcellus together; they share the 173 corridor; many people move across the border between Marcellus and Onondaga; Mr. Czarny lived there; they are likeminded communities
- Mr. Czarny lived on Cherry Valley Turnpike – corner of Skaneateles and Marcellus
- Rural districts – 12<sup>th</sup> District would take the Onondaga Nation Territory; only time divided an ED; census track of its own; moved it into 12<sup>th</sup> District; Nedrow in Onondaga Township
- Onondaga Indian Nation Territory a weird territory; both on LaFayette and Onondaga land; residents go to LaFayette High School, so common interest with LaFayette
- Some will say Skaneateles is not the same as the rest; but there is a lot of farmland in lower part; also has a lot of similar concerns as the rest of the towns; village of Skaneateles in there; have to get to 28,000
- Republican map has village of Manlius in there; agree that sometimes have to put a village in another district; disagree on which one
- Uniting the rural agrarian towns will give them a bigger voice; similar communities all together

## This approach creates more competition and is fair for all parties

- In this map only 2 towns (Lysander and Dewitt) under 28k voters are divided amongst different legislatures compared with 6 towns that were carved up in the old map needlessly.
- In this map 9 legislators are wholly included in one Town or City as opposed to 5 in the old maps.
- The City of Syracuse has 5 representatives wholly inside the City as opposed to 9 districts chewing up portions diluting their representation.
- This map creates more tossup districts (districts within a 5% registration margin) from 4 to 6.
- The County has trended toward Democrats but the districts are more competitive and each side will have a chance to win majority.
- Though we did not look at incumbency, the map pairs two Republican legislators (Abbott & Knapp) as well as two Democratic legislators (Kuhn & Ervin).

Chairman Hulslander:

- Not going to talk about old map; had nothing to do with it; differences between 2 proposed maps
- Would Mr. Czarny agree both proposals are essentially the same for Cicero?

Mr. Czarny said yes. Chairman Hulslander asked if he would agree that both proposals have six legislators assigned to the city of Syracuse. Chairman Hulslander asked if that was true. Mr. Czarny responded that this is not a court of law. He said there are six, however the difference is that Chairman Hulslander's six legislators have portions of the city and portions of towns; they are not wholly inside. Mr. Czarny feels that is a problem with the old map and the proposed map. Chairman Hulslander repeated the question asking if Mr. Czarny agrees that they both have six legislators, and Mr. Czarny interrupted saying with the caveat he stated, yes.

Chairman Hulslander asked if Mr. Czarny agrees both proposals keep villages intact, and Mr. Czarny responded yes. Chairman Hulslander asked if he would agree that both proposals have two legislative districts for the town of Manlius, and Mr. Czarny said yes. Mr. Czarny noted that with the town of Manlius, Chairman Hulslander decided to go north taking portions out of existing districts to move south into the 12<sup>th</sup> District. This took the village of Manlius out of the town of Manlius.

Chairman Hulslander stated they are talking about Mr. Czarny's proposed map and asked Mr. Czarny to

bring up the eastern suburbs portion (*on page 7*).

Chairman Hulslander said he thinks Mr. Czarny said Jamesville runs into Minoa, and Mr. Czarny said yes. Chairman Hulslander stated that is not true. Mr. Czarny responded that is not what he said. He said the district goes from Jamesville into Minoa. Chairman Hulslander asked if Mr. Czarny knows what he did to the people in Minoa by drawing the line that way, and Mr. Czarny answered yes. Chairman Hulslander stated that Mr. Czarny disenfranchised the people in Minoa. Mr. Czarny thought they were going to be civil. Mr. Czarny clarified that what he said was the Jamesville district runs into Minoa. He also said the villages of East Syracuse and Minoa share a common school district. Mr. Czarny asked if Chairman Hulslander would agree (East Syracuse Minoa School District). Chairman Hulslander said he lives over there, and he said Jamesville does not run into Minoa. Mr. Czarny explained that the district runs from Jamesville into Minoa to get 28,000 residents. Chairman Hulslander asked why they did not draw a line from Dewitt to Fayetteville. Mr. Czarny responded that Fayetteville and Manlius are together in a district. He made the decision to keep those together. They drew the North Syracuse district, which took a part of the edge of Dewitt, then moved this district. The East Syracuse Minoa School District unites this portion of the district.

Chairman Hulslander asked to bring up the map of the southern area (*on page 7*). Chairman Hulslander asked if Mr. Czarny is trying to tell people that Skaneateles is like LaFayette. Mr. Czarny replied nope and asked Chairman Hulslander to ask in a reasonable manner. Chairman Knapp stated that part of that is his district, and he has lived there for over 20 years. He knows the area well, and the towns of Otisco, Spafford, and Skaneateles have different priorities. Mr. Czarny interrupted saying they share a school district, and Chairman Knapp agreed. Chairman Knapp continued:

- School district lines run interestingly down there to get population needed to make a school district
- Otisco, Spafford, and Skaneateles are very lake focused and have seasonal populations; i.e. summer populations
- Both lakes are the water supply for the county; most of that area is the food supply
- To take 40% of the towns and give them 1 vote in the legislature is disenfranchising the rural voters

Mr. Czarny stated that they keep using the word disenfranchising, and he cannot wait to use that for their map (#2). Mr. Czarny said they had a thought process, which was backed up by reality. The reality is that there is a school district running between Skaneateles, Otisco, and Spafford; Mr. Czarny graduated from there. Chairman Knapp interjected that some of those Otisco people also go to Tully and some to OCS. Mr. Czarny explained that is why they are together in a likeminded community. Chairman Knapp said they are not going to Onondaga. Mr. Czarny said they could not get everyone together in every community. He said Chairman Knapp asked for their reasoning, and he has given the reasoning. Chairman Knapp recommended that Onondaga Nation be in with LaFayette as well, and Mr. Czarny said they have an agreement. Chairman Knapp said it makes total sense, and Mr. Czarny stated it is the same reason: school district. They came up with common logical reasoning.

Chairman Hulslander said Mr. Czarny is saying school districts are the basis of where the maps are drawn. Mr. Czarny disagreed and clarified that school districts were one of the factors used to determine the logic of their maps.

Chairman Hulslander asked if Mr. Czarny thinks East Syracuse is similar in quality and characteristic to Minoa. Mr. Czarny replied that they share a school district. Chairman Hulslander agreed they do.

Mr. Czarny would love to have more public hearings and get information from the citizens, and Chairman Hulslander said they are having public hearings. There is one tonight, one tomorrow night, and one on Friday. Mr. Czarny said of the public hearings they have had, Chairman Hulslander has not attended. Chairman Hulslander said he is attending tonight.

Mr. Czarny stated they are pretty unanimous in the opposition to what happened before in these districts

and have argued for similar decisions. Chairman Hulslander said that is fine.

Chairman Hulslander said that map is pure, unadulterated gerrymandering. That is what it is. That is what Mr. Czarny has accused the Republicans of doing.

Ms. Sardo's question was inaudible. Mr. Czarny said they did not break up; they combined them into one area. The village of Solvay is wholly inside the town of Geddes, which is wholly inside the 8<sup>th</sup> district created. It keeps a couple districts down Route 5 to Camillus to get to the 28,000 figure, but they believe the people on both sides of the town line are similar communities and similar makeup.

Ms. Sardo said Camillus should be wholly in Camillus. Mr. Czarny said she did not draw the map that way. Mr. Czarny said her map has three different districts in Camillus, and his map has 90% of the town of Camillus into the town of Camillus. Mr. Hulslander's map divides Camillus more than he did.

Ms. Sardo asked why he did not leave Salina with Geddes. Mr. Czarny replied:

- He did not; kept Salina as its own district, because it is unfair to citizens of Salina and Lakeland to have district wrapping around lake like the old map
- Previous district had all of Salina; this district was a creation of last redistricting; having district around lake
- Map 2 goes into Solvay, pairing Solvay and Liverpool together; likeminded communities

Chairman Hulslander said absolutely. Mr. Czarny asked Chairman Hulslander if he means that Minoa and East Syracuse are not likeminded communities, but Solvay and Liverpool are. Mr. Czarny asked for an explanation. Chairman Hulslander explained that they are likeminded communities. Lakeland, Galeville, Liverpool, and Solvay are likeminded communities. They are old-time lake communities that have been around forever. Mr. Czarny stated that they were not in the same district 10 years ago, and they do not share a school district or town. Chairman Hulslander said he is not worried about school districts like Mr. Czarny is. Mr. Czarny said he knows what Chairman Hulslander is worried about. Mr. Czarny is worried about keeping towns together. Chairman Hulslander said he knows what Mr. Czarny is worried about, and he showed on the map talking about Democrats and Republicans. It has nothing to do with Democrats and Republicans. Mr. Czarny said Chairman Hulslander started this and asked that they keep some decorum. Mr. Czarny said Chairman Hulslander has yelled, waved his finger, and he has interrupted him. Chairman Hulslander stated that he has not interrupted Mr. Czarny, and he wants Mr. Czarny to answer his question. Mr. Czarny said he believes the video will show that. He has answered the question.

Chairman Hulslander asked if anyone else has questions for Mr. Czarny. Mr. Czarny said, "or Sharon". She is just as integral in the map drawing process. Mr. Czarny asked if she has any questions. Chairman Hulslander said the presentation was a nice presentation. Mr. Czarny took the compliment.

Chairman Hulslander:

- Do not have a fancy presentation; think the map they proposed speaks for itself
- Looking to balance the community to make sure everyone has a voice, has one vote, and one person
- Need to look at numbers at last meeting; census shows 2% population growth; more in city
- Looking at new proposed map; account for where population growth was; what changed over last 10 years
- Analyze where growth was to determine where legislative districts should be
- 63% growth in Camillus - increased 4.88%; Clay, Lysander at 6%, Van Buren at 9%
- Think about where population centers have grown in comparison to 10 years ago; how to accommodate for growth in drawing lines with respect to legislative districts
- Do not want to disenfranchise voters; do not want to draw a line specifically that will not accommodate for specific areas of growth
- Map 2 allows for 7 districts within those 4 towns; looking at where the growth is and establishing 7 districts to accommodate for growth; Map 1 only has 5 districts
- At very core of job here, Map 1 fails; in first instance, must look specifically where growth is; cannot ignore data; not Democrats or Republicans; it is specific to growth

- Job is considering data in census and accommodate for growth; done that by establishing 7 districts where the growth was; rather than 5 that Map 1 specifies
- Second point – everyone who lives in county knows Clay, Van Buren, and Lysander are growing
- Clay itself could be a city based on population; with respect to growth in Clay - assigned 4 districts with 4 representatives, because of growth; Map 1 only gives 3 representatives; does not accommodate for true growth
- Job is to effectuate fair lines and fair districts based on growth
- Common ground – 2 proposals essentially same for Cicero (another growing community)
- Both maps have 6 legislative districts to city; 6 legislators representing city; important and common ground
- Know both maps keep villages in tact; important point with respect to communities and keeping them together
- Both maps have 2 legislative districts for town of Manlius
- Differences in maps – splitting Manlius; keeping with communities like Pompey and Jamesville
- Mr. Czarny proposed Minoa in with Dewitt, running it all the way to East Colvin Street
- Look at the map, and see what did with respect to connecting

Mr. Czarny said he and Ms. Moran had equal parts in the map drawing.

Mr. Hulslander:

- Will say Map 1; look at Map 1 and it does not pass the eye test; know that Jamesville does not run into Minoa
- Know school districts do not necessarily connect communities; Mr. Czarny continues to talk school districts
- East Syracuse is not like Minoa - some other reason for Map 1 to jut off into Minoa and connect to Jamesville; Jamesville has no connection
- Believe Map 2 fairly represents community in that regard; does not draw the line for political purposes
- Proposed Map 2 keeps 6<sup>th</sup> district intact with Skaneateles, Otisco, Marcellus, and points in Camillus
- Map 1 drew a district that expands entire width of Onondaga County; covers over 1/3 of the geographic area into one single legislative district
- No one is going to say that Skaneateles is like Lafayette; know it does not pass eye test; know that Mr. Czarny wants to disenfranchise rural voters; exactly opposite of what Map 2 does
- No reason to connect Skaneateles to LaFayette; look at Map 2, it is a fair map with respect to southern district; Mr. Czarny's map cries out bias and gerrymandering
- With respect to city districts, northern districts, and northeastern districts - maps are not that different
- Lot of commonality; obviously big difference in proposed Map 2 in comparison to map existed 10 years ago
- Believe it is a fair map that brings communities together; it is certainly the best representation of fair, one person, one vote
- It takes into account minorities, the city, communities, and common thread between communities; believe it is fair, reasonable, and should be adopted

Ms. Moran asked if there is a printed copy of the map to share, and Chairman Hulslander gave her his.

Mr. Czarny said Chairman Hulslander has put them in a competitive disadvantage today. Chairman Hulslander asked if there is a question. Mr. Czarny said there will be and said Chairman Hulslander said he would not interrupt him. Mr. Czarny said the data submitted last night at 8:30 p.m. in PDF form is not the same as the map that is here today. In the data submitted last night, against the gentlemen's agreement they had to share the maps the day before to have an equal opportunity to look at it, Chairman Hulslander had Dewitt 17 in District 12. Mr. Czarny asked if that was changed overnight, and Chairman Hulslander said he does not believe so. Mr. Czarny said it is in the spreadsheet and asked if the spreadsheet was wrong. Chairman Hulslander said they will update the spreadsheet. Mr. Czarny said they also have 6-4 listed twice. Since ED 6-4 can only exist in one reality, it is either in District 8 or District 9, so which would it be? Chairman Hulslander asked Mr. Jordan, and Mr. Czarny asked who drew the map. Chairman Hulslander said he assisted. Ms. Lesniak said there were tweaks made to the map after the spreadsheet was sent. Mr. Czarny said after tweaks were made to their map, they provided the data to the entire committee. Mr. Czarny asked why that data was not sent to the committee. Ms. Lesniak said it will be.

Mr. Czarny wants to talk about Chairman Hulslander's map, which Chairman Hulslander did not talk

much about; he talked about Mr. Czarny's map. Mr. Czarny asked for the reason why they split the town of Dewitt into four districts when they have 26,000 people. Chairman Hulslander responded that it was absolutely reasonable. Mr. Czarny asked what the reason is if it is absolutely reasonable, and he is willing to hear the reasons for it. Chairman Hulslander responded that the town of Dewitt as proposed with all the common communities. Mr. Czarny interrupted asking for one good reason to split the town of Dewitt into four districts. Mr. Czarny said Chairman Hulslander does not have one.

Mr. Czarny said they talked about wrapping around the lake, which he disagrees with. Why take one ED from Salina and put it in a Clay district, when Chairman Hulslander said the town of Clay is growing so much? Chairman Hulslander responded it was reasonable under the circumstances. Mr. Czarny said saying it is reasonable without giving a reason is not reasonable. Chairman Hulslander said if they look at the population, Map 2 is consistent with population growth, and Mr. Czarny's is not. Mr. Czarny said they showed a density chart in their presentation.

Mr. Czarny asked why Chairman Hulslander split up the town of Camillus into three districts, when it only has 26,000 people. Chairman Hulslander responded that it was reasonable based on the evaluation of the population. Mr. Czarny asked what his evaluation was of the population. Chairman Hulslander replied that the town of Camillus is growing, and Mr. Czarny interrupted that all the towns are growing. Chairman Hulslander rebutted that not all are growing, and Mr. Czarny said the exception is the rural towns. Chairman Hulslander said they drew the lines consistent with the population growth. Mr. Czarny does not think that is where they drew the lines. He thinks what they did was create a Republican gerrymander. Mr. Czarny only has the data, which is incomplete, inconsistent, and has errors. Ten of the seventeen districts are more Republican than the districts that came before it. Mr. Czarny asked if Chairman Hulslander knew this. Chairman Hulslander responded that he did not consider it. He does not think it is true, but he did not think about it. Mr. Czarny said it is true. Chairman Hulslander said Mr. Czarny did, and that Mr. Czarny looked at what was Democratic. Mr. Czarny said he looked at geographic lines, and he looked at the maps because he could not make sense of the maps. He does not think the public can either.

Chairman Hulslander asked if Mr. Jordan has a comment and said Mr. Czarny is not asking a question. Mr. Czarny said he has asked questions, and his question was asking how they got to ten districts more Republican than the previous maps, when the Democratic population has gone up by 10% over the last ten years. Chairman Hulslander stated that is not true, and he said the growth is in four towns (63% of the growth), which were accommodated for. Chairman Hulslander said that it is not about school districts, it is about population growth. Mr. Czarny believes the people in those school districts would differ.

Mr. Czarny said they gave four districts to the town of Clay, but one is a single ED, which does not allow for population growth. The ED was moved to the 4<sup>th</sup> District, because it was a Republican leaning district. Chairman Hulslander said that is not true. He said they have four, and Mr. Czarny has three. Chairman Hulslander said he knows why; it is all about politics for Mr. Czarny, which is why he is standing up. Mr. Czarny exclaimed that Chairman Hulslander is the campaign attorney for the County Executive, handpicked to be on this committee. Mr. Czarny stated the County Executive drew the last maps and told Chairman Hulslander not to talk to him about politics. Mr. Czarny said Chairman Hulslander is a practitioner. Chairman Hulslander asked if there was anything more.

Ms. Moran said when she was appointed to the commission, she was excited for the first meeting. She looked forward to understanding the mandate, and what they had to do here. The first meeting was scheduled during her surgical appointment, and she arrived as soon as she could, but it had finished. Ms. Moran asked if the mandate is to draw lines exclusively on population change. Chairman Hulslander said no, but it starts with that. The census is what prompts it, and then they evaluate the population growth and adjust lines accordingly. Ms. Moran read from the charter, "The County Legislature shall appoint a commission to evaluate the existing County Legislative districts for equity and representation in relation

to population within 6 months after the publication of the results of the regulated Federal Census taken in Onondaga County”. Chairman Hulslander stated that is exactly what he has told everyone here. He knows what the charter says in relation to population. Ms. Moran said he answered her question. Chairman Hulslander said he keeps focusing on population because that is why they are here.

Mr. Czarny:

- Reject notion that their map does not focus on population; they asked the mapping authority for population density on the map; wanted to draw the maps, and asked for that
- Ms. Moran and Mr. Czarny believe the districts they drew take into account the population growth
- They bring all the districts into a very tight window of the 28,000; Chairman Hulslander’s map goes from 29,600 to ~26,000; not sure that is right, because of tweaks to the data not shared yet

Chairman Hulslander said they will have plenty of time to share it, and it will continue to change. There is plenty of time to change, Mr. Czarny can change his, and they can do what they want. Mr. Czarny said these are draft maps. Chairman Hulslander said at the end of the day, they have a fundamental disagreement about the reason for where lines should be drawn. As stated previously, they have to account for population growth. Chairman Hulslander said Mr. Czarny does not want to, and he knows why. The population is growing in areas that Mr. Czarny does not like it to grow. Mr. Czarny said that is not true.

Chairman Hulslander said they will continue to talk about this, it has been very useful, and Mr. Czarny and Ms. Moran’s presentation was excellent. There was a lot of time put into it, they both have their own opinions, and the commission will continue to discuss it.

Mr. Czarny said he has an agenda item to discuss, and he is not sure if it should be directed to Chairman Hulslander or Chairman Knapp. Mr. Czarny said there was a news report he read saying there will be another public hearing on November 10<sup>th</sup>, and Channel 9 (WSRY) said Chairman Knapp indicated that. Mr. Czarny asked if that is a public hearing for the commission. Chairman Knapp replied that it would be a public hearing of the legislature. Mr. Czarny asked Chairman Knapp if there would be a special session on November 12<sup>th</sup> to hold that. Mr. Czarny interrupted Chairman Knapp saying it is a yes or no answer. Mr. Czarny repeated his question and said the information was relayed by the Syracuse.com editorial board (from the County Executive). Chairman Knapp replied potentially. Mr. Czarny said Chairman Knapp told the news media that there will be a public hearing, and Chairman Knapp interjected saying on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Czarny said it seems like the County Executive said Chairman Hulslander has informed him that there will be one, which is in the Syracuse.com editorial. Mr. Czarny said it is a simple question and asked if Chairman Knapp is going to do it. Chairman Knapp said in all likelihood, but they have not made that decision yet. It will be advertised, and they will definitely have a public hearing on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Czarny said this unrushed process that Chairman Hulslander continues to defend, is now going to add on a specially called special session of the Onondaga County Legislature. Mr. Czarny said Chairman Hulslander says the commission has plenty of time, and Chairman Hulslander responded they do. Mr. Czarny said he does not see that here, and it seems that they are trying to truncate the timeline to push this through. Chairman Hulslander asked Mr. Czarny to tell him when he is done, and Mr. Czarny said he is done.

Chairman Hulslander:

- The legislative public hearing has nothing to do with commission
- Both sides have done excellent jobs describing what they each believe to be fair proposals with respect to redistricting
- There will be a public hearing tonight, tomorrow, and Friday; another meeting on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> of the commission; at that time they will vote on the maps; there may be additional maps submitted
- They will vote on what maps will be the proposal of this committee to the legislature; establish a local law incorporating the map that has been voted on
- Will consider what has transpired at the public hearings; read transcripts, know who has talked at the hearings,

- know the identity of the people; will be here tonight and will read the transcripts of tomorrow's and Fridays
- All will be taken into account; everyone has a say; will take into account what public says; make changes and tweaks to maps; Mr. Czarny will have same opportunity; or will accept new maps
- Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> when have scheduled meeting, will vote on the proposal to the legislature
- Know Mr. Czarny believes this is a rushed process; totally disagree; he has his opinion and everyone has a different opinion; Mr. Czarny is talking to the media; Chairman Hulslander is responding
- At the end of day, this has been an orderly process; lot of opportunity for people to talk; Mr. Czarny has talked, Chairman Hulslander has talked, other people have talked, the community has talked
- Will continue to consider what has been said; understand Mr. Czarny's opinion, sure he understands Chairman Hulslander's opinion; will continue dialogue

Mr. Czarny:

- Find it odd that Chairman Hulslander is not attending public hearings, except for one
- He is very busy with an election and early voting; quoting Chairman Hulslander, "we're all taking time out of our schedule to do this"; not all are; Chairman Hulslander is not coming to the hearings
- Chairman Hulslander set the schedule; ask that Chairman Hulslander moves his important stuff and come to the next three hearings; only fair to the public

Chairman Hulslander said no, because they do not have to go to the hearings. The commission is not supposed to participate in the hearings. Mr. Czarny said he did not participate. Chairman Hulslander said he knows what Mr. Czarny has talked to the newspaper about, and that Mr. Czarny told newspaper reporters that he should participate. Chairman Hulslander stated Mr. Czarny should not participate, and he should not be talking to people. Mr. Czarny said Chairman Knapp was at both hearings and asked if he participated. Chairman Knapp replied not much. Chairman Hulslander said that is good. Mr. Czarny excused himself for coming in late one time. Chairman Knapp stated that Mr. Czarny answered questions that were appropriate to be answered. Mr. Czarny said he does the things he says he will do. Chairman Hulslander said Chairman Knapp has been at all the hearings, Mr. Czarny has been at the hearings, Chairman Hulslander is reading the transcripts, and he cannot participate. Chairman Hulslander said he cannot say a thing, and he does not need to be there to listen. He can read what was said, and he can talk to Chairman Knapp. If Mr. Czarny wants to talk to him about what happened, then he will be happy to hear from Mr. Czarny. Mr. Czarny said when Chairman Hulslander said he knows the identity of the people and who they represent, it is indicative of how Chairman Hulslander is bringing this process together. Mr. Czarny said Chairman Hulslander is aloof to the fact that this community is angered, and he is discounting anyone that he does not agree with. Mr. Czarny said being at the public hearings is different, and he changed some of the map stuff. There were things given to Mr. Czarny and Ms. Moran, and they made some tweaks to change things around, because they value the input. He believes that since Chairman Hulslander called the hearings and decided by himself, he could have looked at his calendar and made time to come. Chairman Hulslander said he does not have to be at the hearings, Mr. Czarny does not have to be at the hearings, and neither does Chairman Knapp. They have Chairman Knapp at the hearings, as well as Mr. Czarny, so Chairman Hulslander does not need to be there. Chairman Hulslander said he is reading the transcripts, and he asked Mr. Czarny if he is reading the transcripts. Mr. Czarny said he was at the hearings, so he does not need to read them. Chairman Hulslander stated that he is reading exactly what was said and considering what was said. At the end of the day, he cannot participate and will not participate. Chairman Hulslander will be there tonight, and he will listen, not participate. He will also read the transcripts that Mr. Czarny has not read. Mr. Czarny said he will read them, and he did say he was busy running an election. Chairman Hulslander said Mr. Czarny has a big staff to handle things, and no one would know based on the amount of time Mr. Czarny has talked to the media, sent emails, and spouted off about things, that he has an election and is doing his job as Election Commissioner. Mr. Czarny said his integrity as Election Commissioner is not in question.

Chairman Hulslander asked if anyone else has anything to add.

Ms. Sardo stated that everything is running smoothly at the Election Board, so being here where they have

to be to discuss these maps is perfectly fine. They have a great staff as said before, and they are handling everything. Mr. Czarny said he has never said anything otherwise.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



JAMIE McNAMARA, Clerk  
Onondaga County Legislature

### ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE: **REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE**  
DATE: **OCTOBER 27, 2021**

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