

**Tinti, Elisa**

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**From:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2023 8:32 AM  
**To:** Shaut, Andrea; Alderman  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] comment on redistricting

*Elisa Tinti*

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**From:** Jonathan Bix <jonathanmbix@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2023 6:58 AM  
**To:** Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>  
**Cc:** Kirstie Kimball <kirstie.kimball@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] comment on redistricting

Dear City of Kingston Common Council,

Our names are Kirstie Kimball and Jonathan Bix, and we are homeowners in the City of Kingston who live at 16 Josephine Ave. **We strongly believe that the Common Council should adopt redistricting Plan A.**

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Kingston residents such as myself want to continue to engage with local government, and preserve the integrity of the communities we have known for years - which is why the Common Council should vote to adopt map A.

Thank you for your work for our city!

Best,

Dear City of Kingston Common Council,

My name is Diana Lopez I live at 38 Stephan St and I am a resident of the City of Kingston for over 20 years. I strongly believe that the Common Council should adopt redistricting Plan A. Plan A keeps together historically connected communities, such as the hamlet of Wilbur, and would create the least disruption to Kingston residents.

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As community organizer, we need to make sure folks are represented and keep them together to preserve our beautiful city. Thank you for your work.

Best,

Diana Lopez

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Jonathan and Kirstie

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**From:** Paul Mersfelder <paul@forthemany.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2023 3:18 PM  
**To:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Public comment on redistricting proposal

Dear City of Kingston Common Council,

My name's Paul Mersfelder. I live at 168 Washington ave. in Kingston and have been a Kingston resident for over 5 years. I'm reaching out to strongly encourage the Common Council to adopt redistricting Plan A. Plan A would keep historically connected communities together, like the hamlet of Wilbur, and would create the least amount of disruption to Kingston residents.

Plan C, meanwhile, would both separate historic communities and split ethnic minorities into multiple different wards, thus diluting the vote share of people of color. While I understand the good intentions behind creating multiple majority-minority wards as stated by the Mayor in his last weekly email, Plan C will have the opposite effect of reducing the political power of these communities. "Cracking" communities of color into multiple districts is a historically well documented tactic to give marginalized constituents less say in politics.

Kingston residents like me want to participate in local government, and preserve the integrity of the communities we have known for years - which is why the Common Council should vote to adopt map A.

Best,  
Paul

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*Donor Organizer*

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**From:** KAREN MILLER <kamiller49@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023 9:45 AM  
**To:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Public Comment on Ward Maps

After looking at Maps A and C, I agree with Mayor Noble that redistricting changes in Map C best reflects the population changes and gives more representation to our growing, diverse population.

Karen Miller  
53 Crown Street  
Kingston, NY 12401

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Hill, Barbara  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023 11:31 PM  
**To:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] email to steve schabot

Here's a comment that came to me from a Ward 8 resident.

Thanks,

Barbara

**Barbara Hill**  
Alderman, Ward 1  
City of Kingston  
(845) 392-2519

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**From:** mary ranges <rangesmary@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023 10:26 PM  
**To:** Hill, Barbara <ward1@kingston-ny.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] email to steve schabot

After reading the mayors recent weekly newsletter I wanted to let you know

As a citizen of Kingston

I fully support Map C giving mid town residents their best shot at full representation, the best of democracy.

Mary Ranges  
67 German St

also fyi  
your email voicemail is full

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**From:** Ash Holder <ashleyholder@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023 3:45 PM  
**To:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Kingston Redistricting public comment

Dear City of Kingston Common Council,

My name is Ashley Holder, I live at 297 Hasbrouck Ave in Kingston. I am writing to express my support for Redistricting Plan A because it will create the least amount of disruption to Kingston residents and help ethnic minority communities retain their voting power.

Plan C would split ethnic minorities into multiple different wards, which would dilute the vote share of people of color. While this may have been a well intentioned effort to create multiple majority-minority wards, this will instead have the opposite effect of reducing the political power of these communities.

Best,  
Ashley Holder

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**From:** Hill, Barbara  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023 4:23 PM  
**To:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] email to steve schabot

Hi Elisa,

Should I distribute this comment to the other aldermen like the others that come to you?

Thanks,

Barbara

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Alderman, Ward 1  
City of Kingston  
(845) 392-2519

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**From:** Hill, Barbara <ward1@kingston-ny.gov>  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023 7:09 PM  
**To:** Tinti, Elisa; Alderman; Shaut, Andrea  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] redistricting public comments

Another Comment

**Barbara Hill**  
Alderman, Ward 1  
City of Kingston  
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**From:** JA Myers <JA.Myers@marist.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023 5:16 PM  
**To:** Hill, Barbara <ward1@kingston-ny.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] redistricting public comments

I am writing in support of Plan C. Plan C is the re-districting plan that gives voice to the diverse citizens by creating another minority majority ward.

Plan A basically maintains the status quo. Plan A is the one that aldermembers might choose because of their comfort level, but that is a mistake; good leaders make the hard decisions in what is best for the entire city, not just what maintains their power.

I live in ward 8 ( 56 Abeel St), which is basically unchanged by either plan. I want what is best for the city and its residents.

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Commissioner, Ulster County Human Rights Commission  
Board Member Emeritus, Eleanor Roosevelt Center at ValKill

Spring Office Hours:  
Tuesdays 11-12, Wednesdays 4-6, Thursdays 2-3 and Fridays 11-12  
Or by chance or confirmed appointment  
*Weekends, evenings, holidays please e-mail me.*

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**To:** Tinti, Elisa; Shaut, Andrea; Alderman  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] email to steve s

Another comment from Ward 8 constituent. It was sent to Steve and to me separately.

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**From:** Amee Peterson <ameepeterson0201@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023 1:38 PM  
**To:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fwd: Plan A

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [Amee Peterson](#)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 11:57 AM  
**To:** [redistricting@kingston-ny.gov](mailto:redistricting@kingston-ny.gov)  
**Subject:** Plan A

Good morning, Madam Chair,

After considerable and careful review of the two (2) proposals for redistricting the City of Kingston's nine (9) wards following the 2020 census to make the wards more equitable, I have decided that I prefer Plan A.

Though both plans have positive points, Plan C has some wards that sprawl to such an extent that representation would be difficult. Homogeneity provides the representative the ability to truly understand and address the issues of the ward.

Plan A closely mirrors the current Ward boundaries with minor changes and, while not dismissing diversity, ensures better representation and is less confusing for the City's citizens.

Some have posited that Plan C encourages diversity. We need to be mindful that the demographics are a snapshot of 2020 and a lot can change by 2030. District lines should never be "gerrymandered" to accommodate or exclude current or potential representatives or any segment of the population.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**From:** Heidi Kirschner <hkirschner@ymcaulster.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 11:11 AM  
**To:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Comments on City of Kingston Redistricting

Good-morning,

The YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County is committed to fostering diversity, inclusion and equity. We believe that inclusion and equity is a continual process of ensuring that everyone has access, opportunities, and resources to feel valued and respected.

City of Kingston Redistricting: Plan C bests supports the commitment of diversity, inclusion and equity. The data provided by the Benjamin Center at SUNY New Paltz identifies that all populations in the City of Kingston have an equitable opportunity of being represented.

It is very gratifying to know that our community is diverse and welcoming. It reflects well on our leaders that there is compassion and an understanding that the process of redistricting is necessary for the sustainability and prosperity of our community.

The YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County is a 501c3 Charitable Organization. We are a nonpartisan, politically neutral organization. We do not participate in any lobbying efforts.

Sincerely,

**Heidi Kirschner**

CEO/President YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County

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