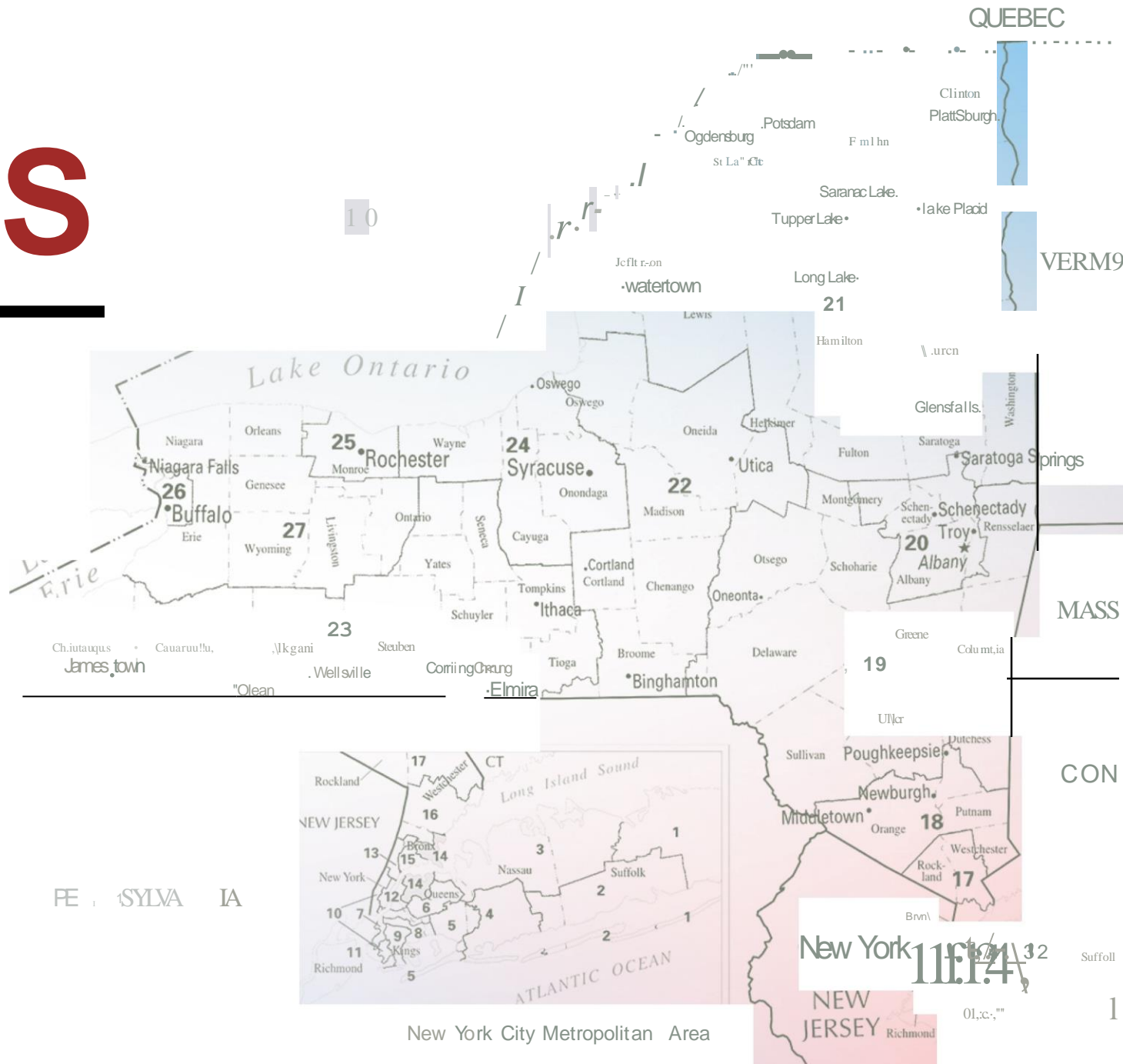


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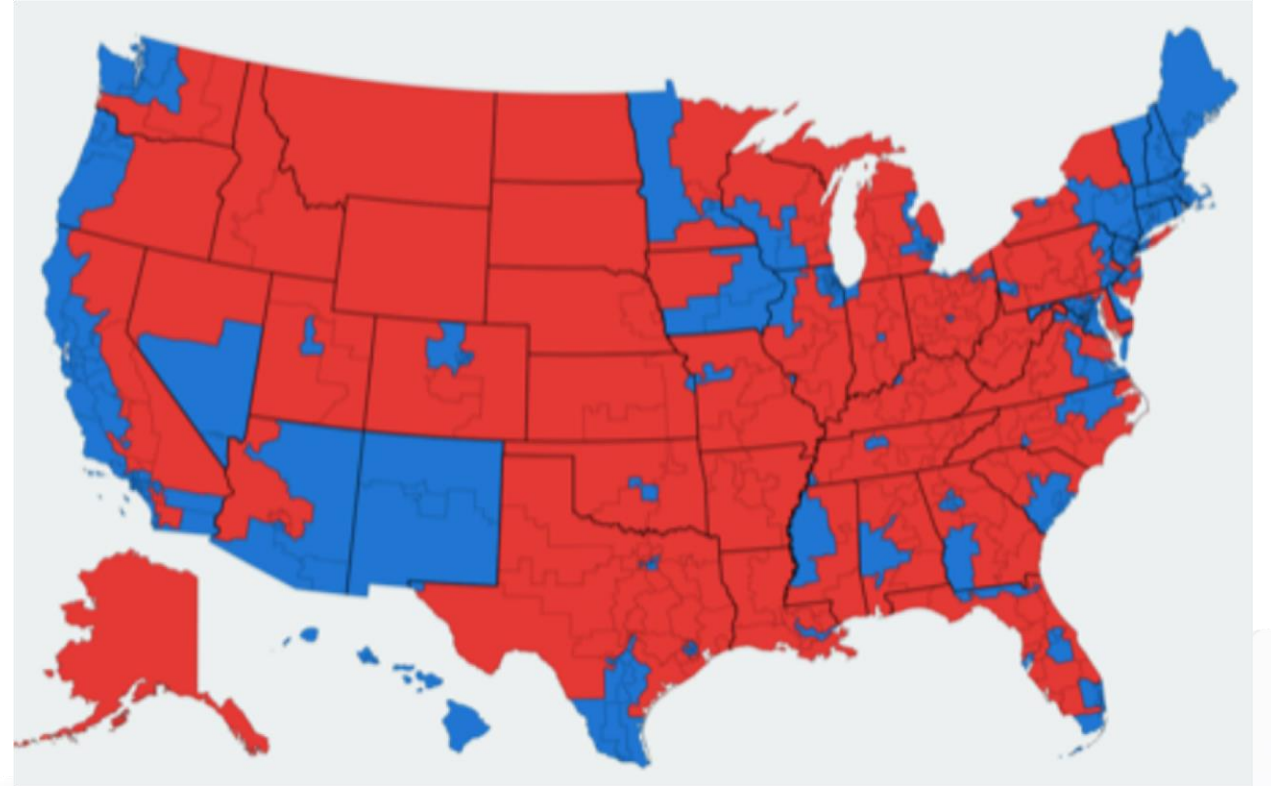
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New York City Metropolitan Area

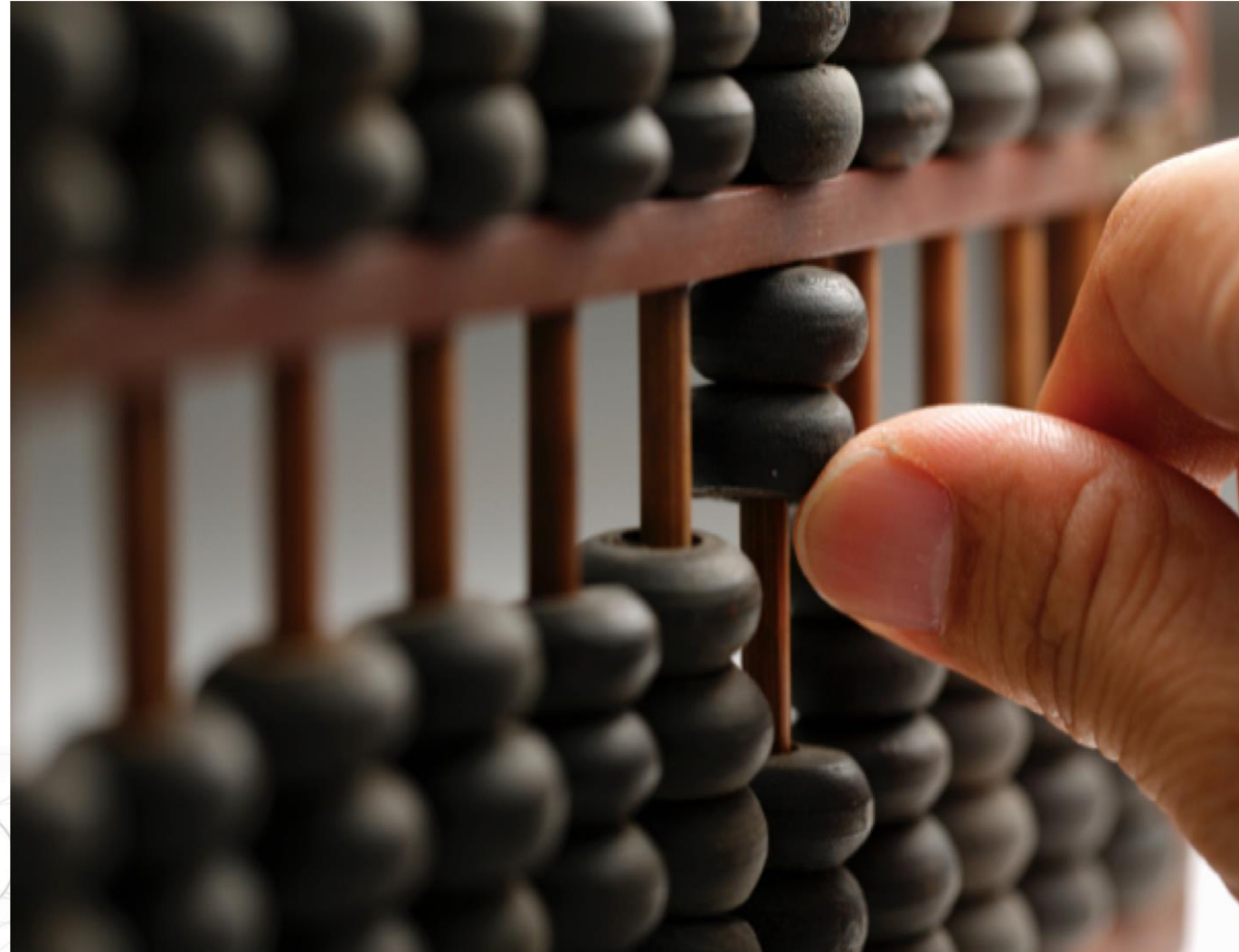
REDISTRICTING AND REAPPORTIONMENT

- ✓ After the decennial U.S. Census, the 435 districts in the House of Representatives are apportioned among the states to adjust for population changes.
- ✓ Each state is responsible for redistricting its state legislative and congressional district boundaries to ensure equal representation.



2020 CENSUS: REAPPORTIONMENT

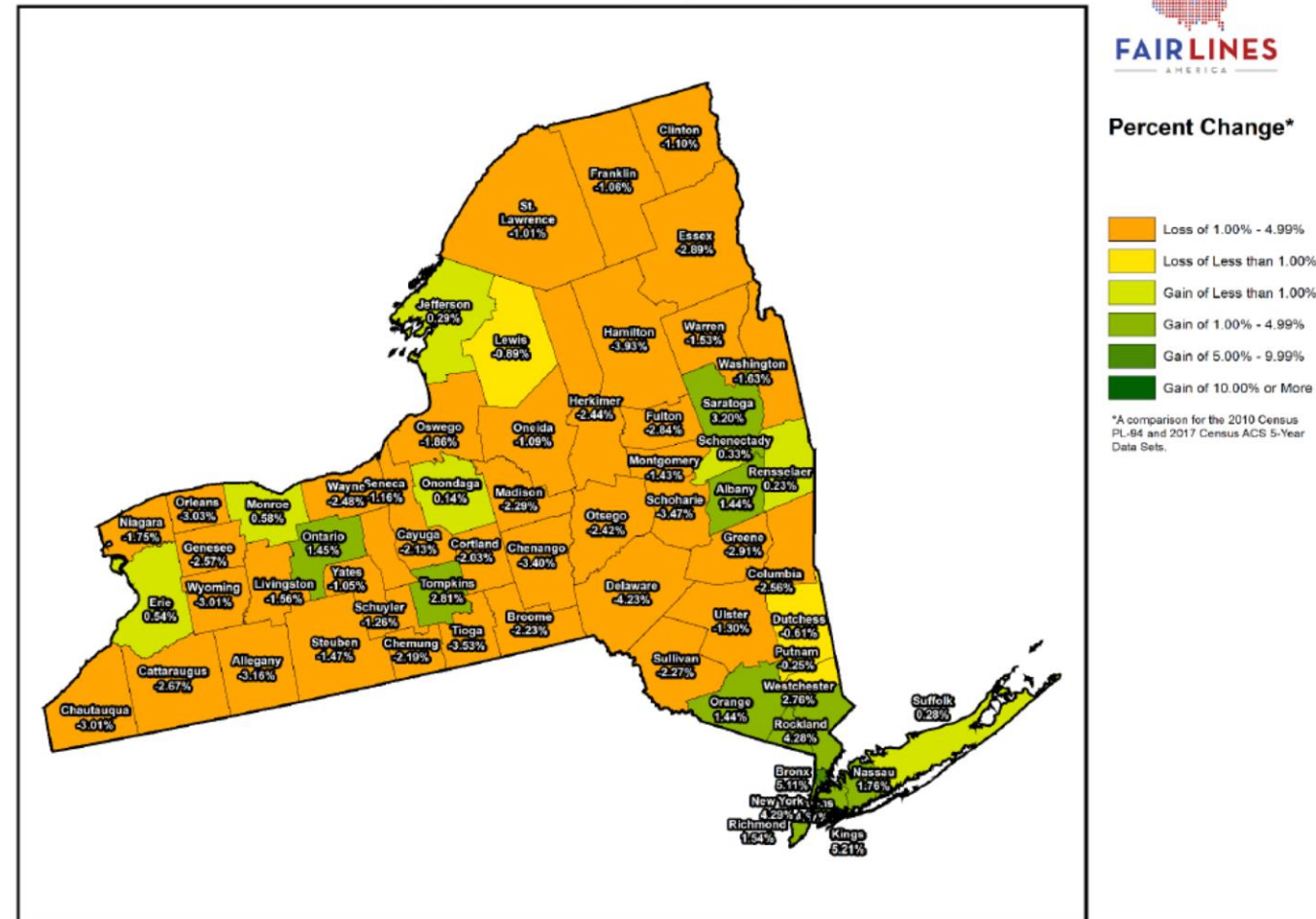
- ✓ Because of population growth, Texas will gain two seats in the House of Representatives and five other states will gain one seat each (Colorado, Florida, Montana, North Carolina and Oregon).
- ✓ New York and six other states will lose one seat each (California, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia).
- ✓ Prior to the Census, New York had been projected to lose to congressional districts.



2020 CENSUS: REDISTRICTING

- ✓ COVID has delayed the redistricting process.
- ✓ The Census Bureau announced the reapportionment in late April and the Census data will be provided to the states in mid-August.
- ✓ Normally, the apportionment is reported in December and the Census data is distributed to the states by April.

Population Change by County - New York



NEW YORK STATE REDISTRICTING

- ✓ In 2014, a state constitutional amendment was adopted by voters to create a bipartisan, independent redistricting commission to draw congressional and state legislative districts.
- ✓ Previously, the state legislature drew the district boundaries through the Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment.
- ✓ After the 2010 Census, a federal court drew New York's congressional districts because the state legislature could not reach agreement.





A TRULY INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

**NYS Independent Redistricting Commission is funded
and its independence preserved.**

The 2021-22 State Budget included \$4 million in funding for the IRC. This was a substantial increase from its original \$1 million proposed appropriation.

IRC will be funded through the State Legislature's budget.

Republicans and Democrats on IRC joined together to reject inadequate funding from Governor and State Legislature and plan to move Commission into SUNY Research Foundation.



2014 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
NEW TIMELINE AND PROCESS
STATE CONSTITUTIONAL STANDARDS

Release maps by September 15

Conduct 12 public hearings

Maps submitted to Legislature by January 1

STATE CONSTITUTIONAL STANDARDS

Protect minority voting rights

Equal population

Compact

Contiguous

Competitive

Respect municipal boundaries

Maintain communities of interest

The “Iowa Rule”

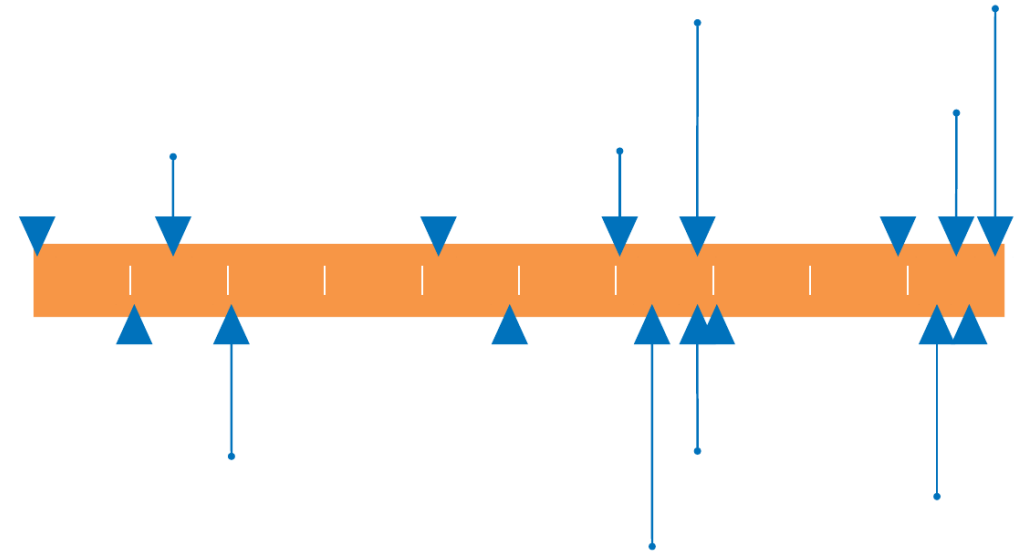
In conjunction with the 2014 state constitutional amendment, a law was enacted restricting the State Legislature’s ability to change the Independent Redistricting Commission’s maps.

If the Commission’s maps are rejected by the Legislature, the Legislature’s changes cannot affect more than 2% of the population of any district contained in the Commission’s plan.

This important reform was enacted to protect the integrity of the Commission’s work and the independence of the process from intervention by the State Legislature.

REDISTRICTING TIMELINE

- ✓ In April 2021, the Census Bureau announced New York would lose one congressional district.
- ✓ In June 2021, the Independent Redistricting Commission will begin its first round of public hearings.
- ✓ In August 2021, the Census Bureau will release redistricting data to the states.
- ✓ By September 15, 2021, the IRC must release its first set of maps for congressional and state legislative districts.
- ✓ Fall 2021, the IRC is required to conduct a series of public hearings on the proposed maps.
- ✓ By January 1, 2022, the IRC must provide maps to the State Legislature for a vote.



NEW STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

In November, a Democrat-backed state constitutional amendment will be on the ballot changing the Independent Redistricting Commission and the redistricting requirements.

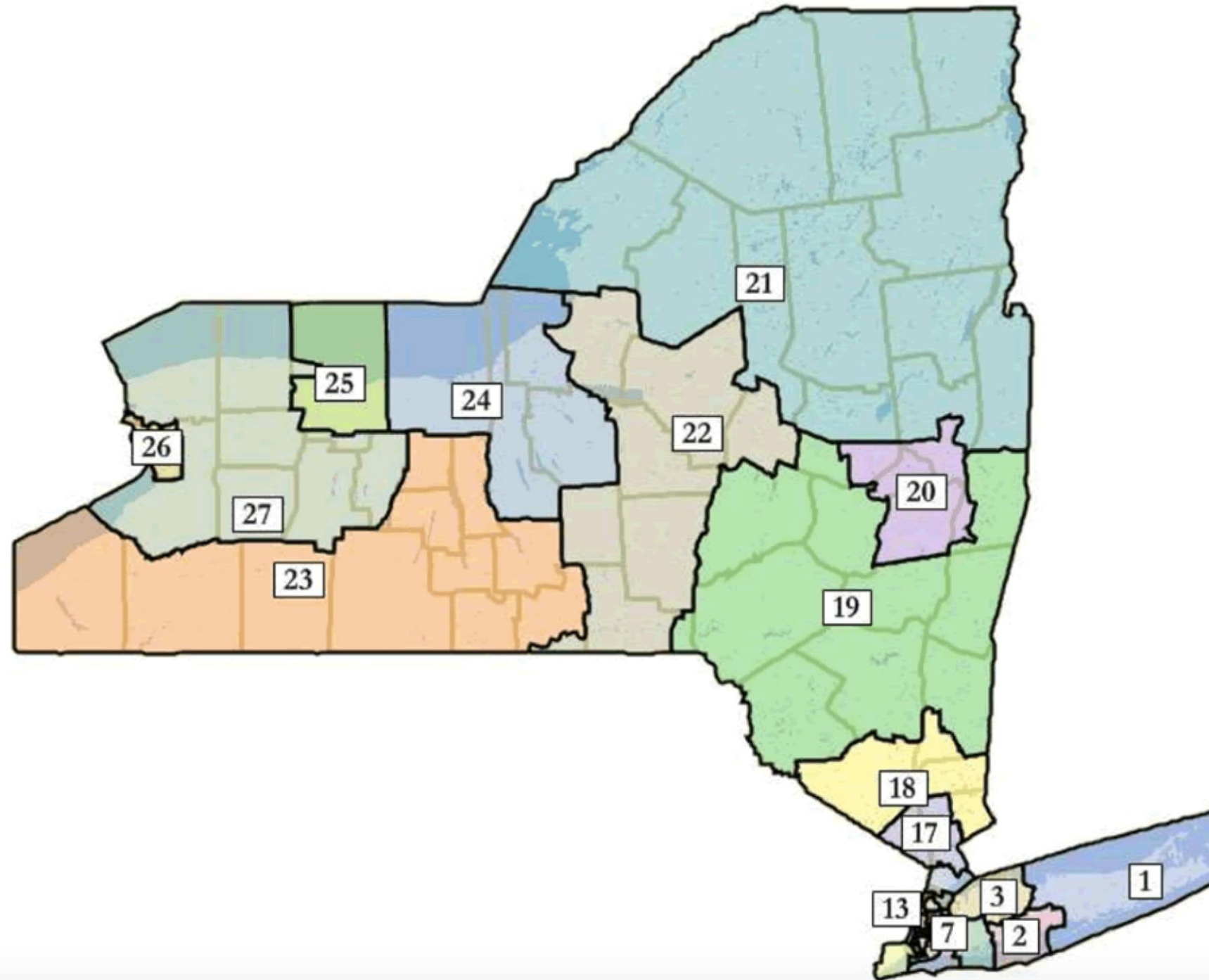
The Democrat-backed amendment supersedes sections of the bipartisan redistricting reform amendment adopted in 2014.

The Democrat-backed amendment limits minority party protections and makes it easier for the State Legislature to overrule the IRC's work.

Fair Lines Action is advocating against passage of the new constitutional amendment.



NEW YORK CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS





*President Barack Obama
and former
AG Eric Holder*

POLITICO

ELECTIONS

Democrats stockpile cash for state-by-state redistricting fight

The ational Democratic Redistricting Committee has raised more than \$50 million to break GOP's choke-hold on the map-making process.



Protesters attend a rally against gerrymandering in March. | Tasos Katopodis/Getty Images

By ALLY MUTNICK

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The Democratic redistricting initiative led by Barack Obama and Eric Holder **has raised a** whopping \$52 million in the three years since its founding and is gearing up for its best chance to sever the GOP's vice-like grip on the congressional lines.

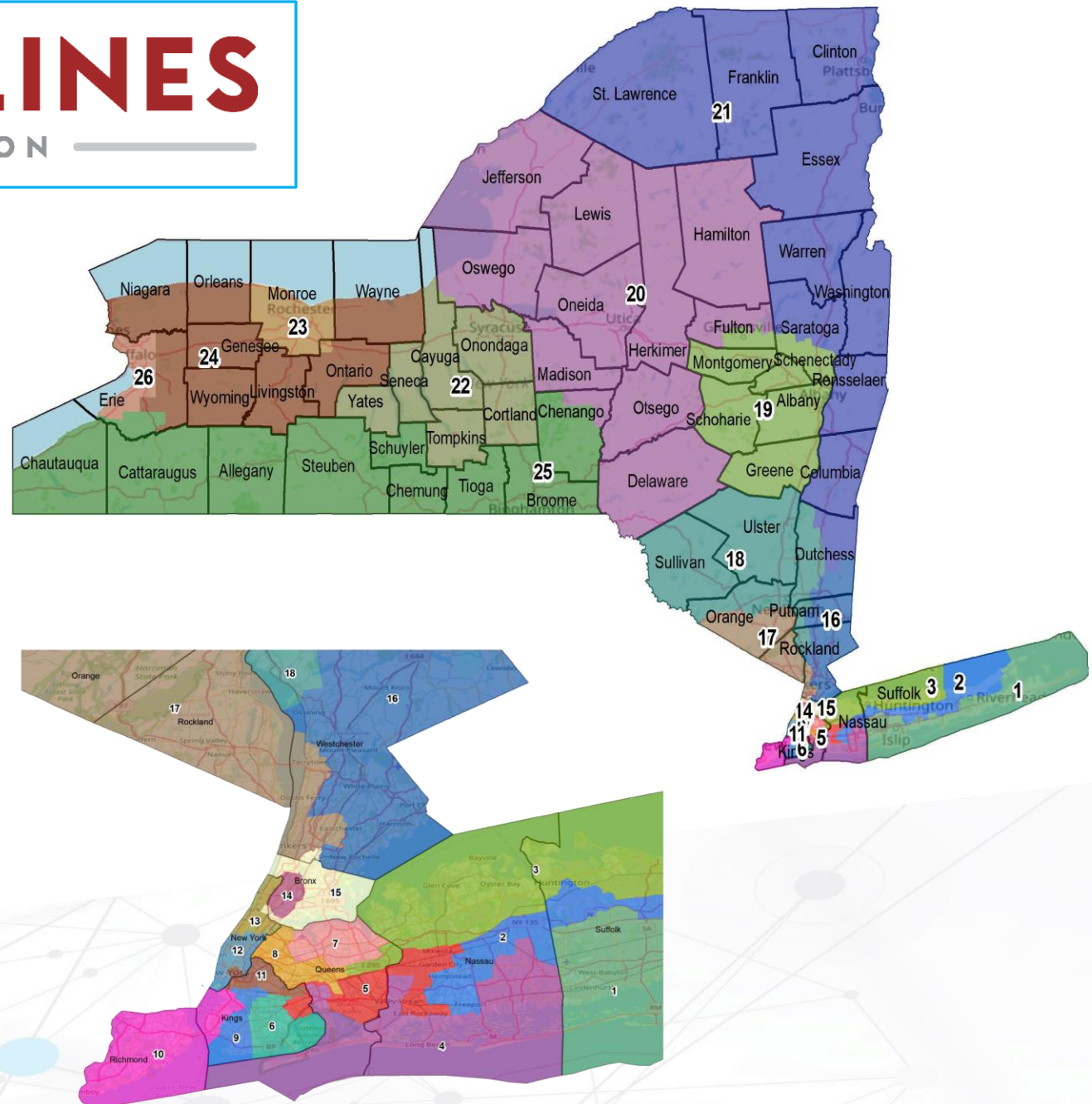
The National Democratic Redistricting Committee and allied groups, which brought in \$17 million in 2019 alone, are waging the party's comeback bid after

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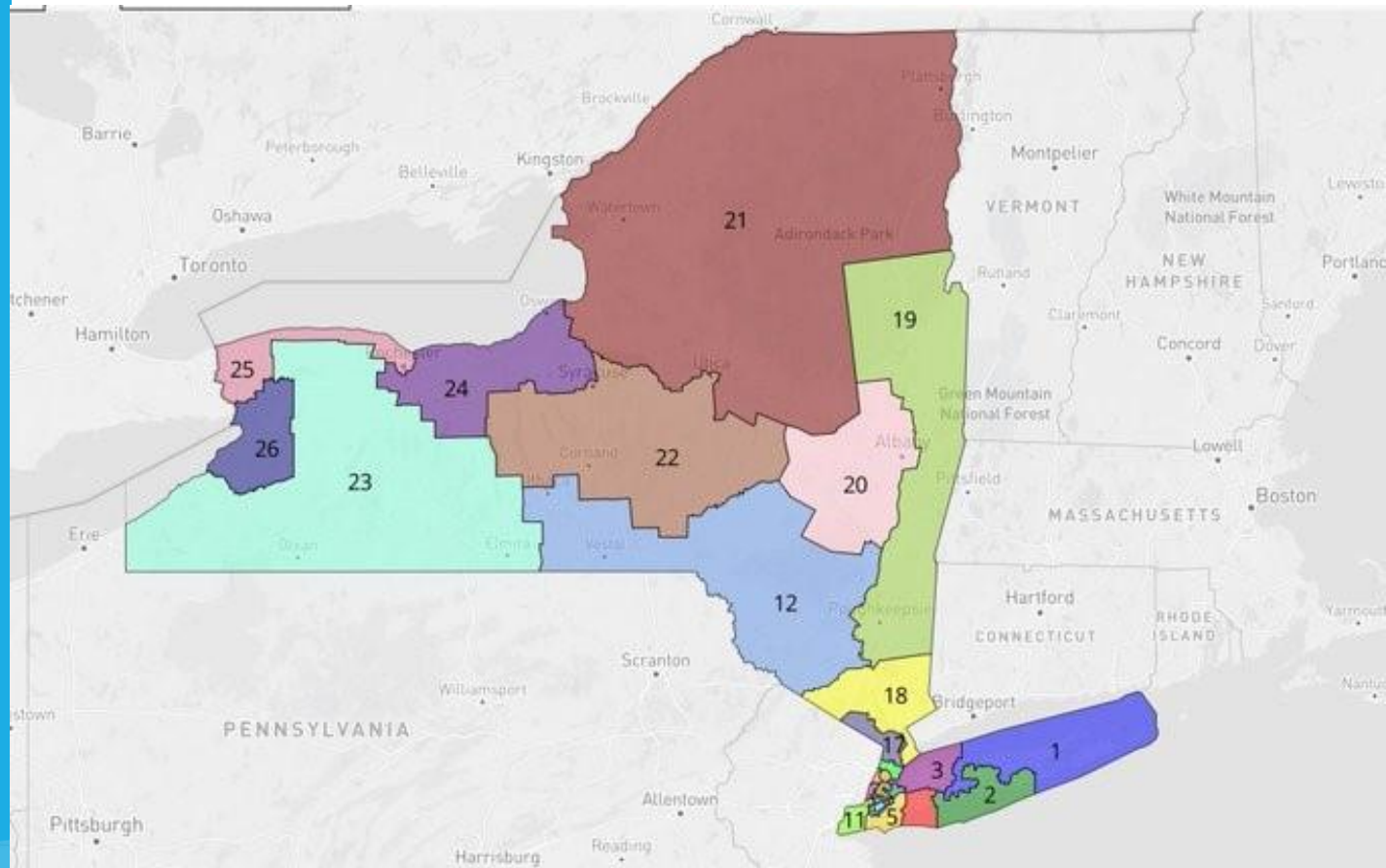
PARTISAN DEMOCRAT REDISTRICTING MAP

Only 3 of New York's 26 projected
Congressional Districts would be
competitive.



POTENTIAL CONGRESSIONAL MAP

Prepared by David Wasserman at
the Cook Political Report.
Reduces New York's 8-member
Republican delegation to 3.



WHAT CAN WE DO?

Participation in the public hearing process is critical to shape the Independent Redistricting Commission's map.

New Yorkers need to testify about communities of interest and other local considerations to ensure they are reflected in the Commission's map.

After the last Census, liberal groups overwhelmed California's redistricting commission while conservative groups didn't participate. The commission had no choice but to draw lines that incorporated the liberal groups' priorities.

In 2010, New York State Senate Majority Leader Malcolm Smith said Democrats "are going to draw the lines so that Republicans will be in oblivion in the State of New York for the next 20 years."

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Fair Lines Action is a 501(c)(4) organization that was created to advocate for a fair redistricting process.

Fair Lines Action successfully advocated for the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission to be fully funded and maintain its independence.

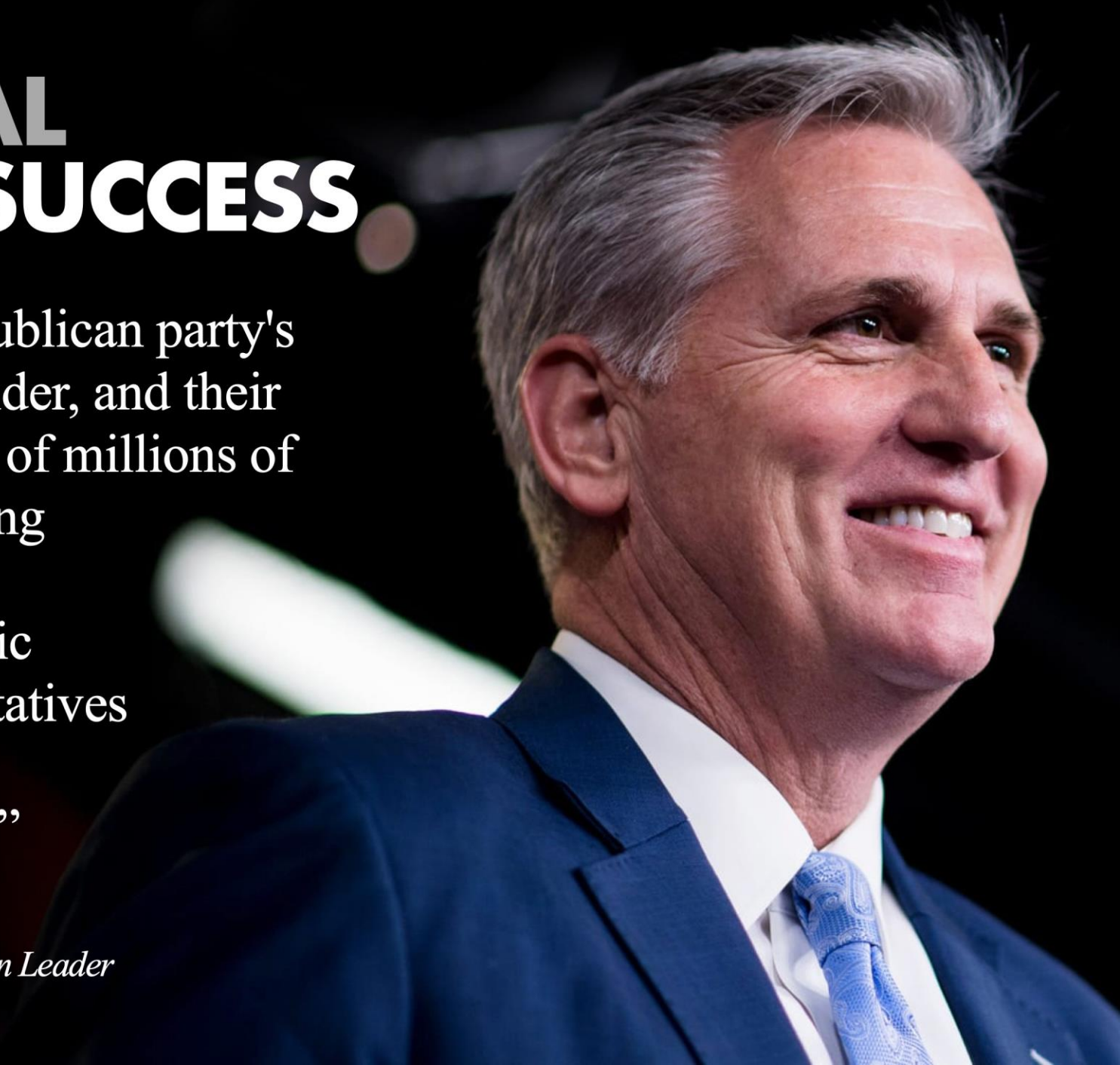
Fair Lines Action will be advocating for the IRC's redistricting maps to respect the state constitution's requirements to have competitive districts based on communities of interest and the protection of minority voting rights.



NRRT IS CRITICAL TO THE GOP'S SUCCESS

“The NRRT is critical to the Republican party's success. Barack Obama, Eric Holder, and their liberal allies are raising hundreds of millions of dollars to rig maps and redistricting processes around the country. Their goal is to lock in Democratic control in the House of Representatives for the next decade. The NRRT needs the resources to fight back.”

- **KEVIN McCARTHY**, *Republican Leader*





Fair Lines America is a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization. It supports fair and legal redistricting by supporting data projects, sharing relevant news and information and investing in litigation.

In New York, the Fair Lines America Foundation will be supporting individual plaintiffs in court to prevent the State Legislature from adopting a gerrymandered redistricting plan that disenfranchises New York voters.



The National Republican Redistricting Trust is the central Republican resource to coordinate and collaborate on a 50-state redistricting effort; focusing on the GOP's redistricting-related legal and data needs.