



Town of New Paltz, New York

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Commission on Reapportionment
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To the Reapportionment Committee:

After consideration of four proposed reapportionment plans made available to us, we (the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz) agree that plan # 3 is the best of the options. This plan leaves our township whole, provides for representation of the Village of New Paltz, and recognizes that we are a natural compact and contiguous district. We urge you **not to divide the third largest town in Ulster County** into slivers, denying New Paltz appropriate representation in the legislature.

The other plans presented do not, in our opinion, give "equal and fair representation" of nearly half of the residents of New Paltz, and the majority of its homeowners. By failing to do so, these plans also flout the requirement of "giving no consideration to providing advantage to one or another political party." These quotations are taken directly from the Ulster County Administrative Code as quoted in the Commissions' brochure.

We ask that you provide us with the number of residents in proposed districts 15 and 16 of plan # 3, together with the number of persons, separately stated, included from each township: i.e., New Paltz, Lloyd, and Esopus.

We thank you for volunteering your time to Ulster County for this very important task. We look forward to your decision on a final plan to be presented to the County legislature.

Sincerely,

Toni Hokanson,
Town Supervisor