

**Ulster County Association of
Town Supervisors & Mayors**

Charter Revision Commission

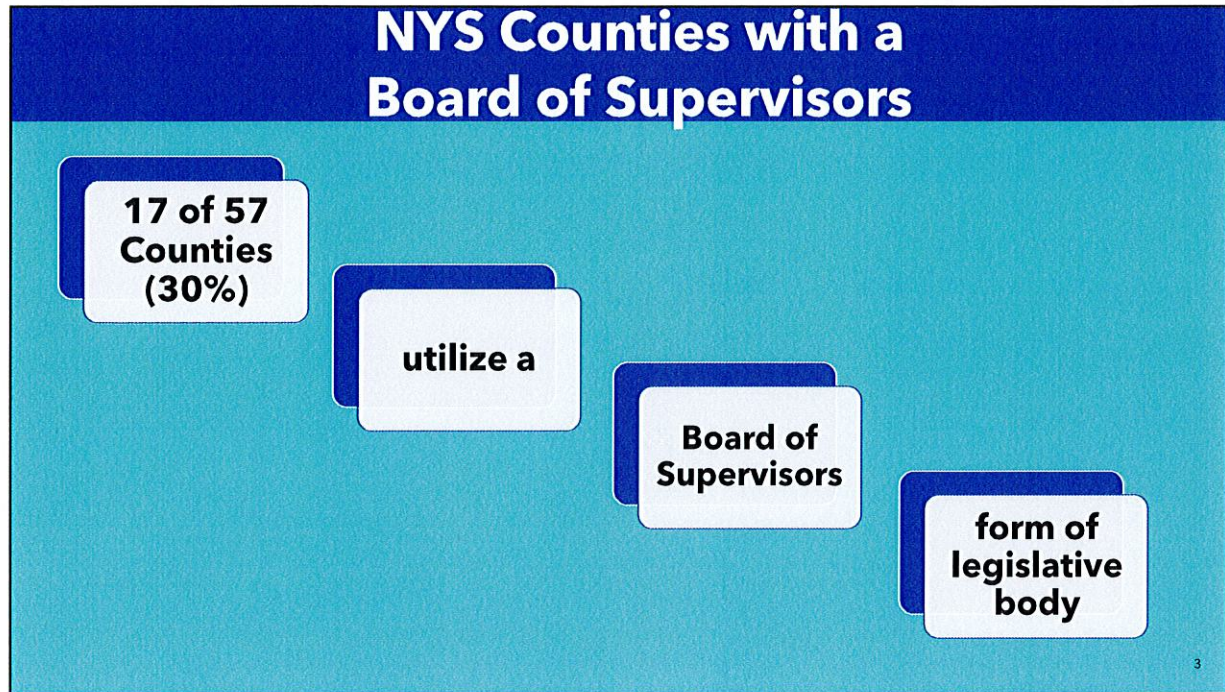
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**This Proposal is Presented and Supported
by the Following Supervisors & Mayors**

- Mayor Steve Noble, City of Kingston
- Supervisor Danielle Freer, Town of Esopus
- Supervisor MaryBeth Majestic, Town of Gardiner
- Supervisor Melinda McKnight, Town of Hurley
- Supervisor Scott Corcoran, Town of Marlborough
- Supervisor Neil Bettez, Town of New Paltz
- Supervisor Jim Sofranko, Town of Olive
- Supervisor Mike Baden, Town of Rochester
- Supervisor Jeanne Walsh, Town of Rosendale
- Supervisor Peter DiSclafani, Town of Shandaken
- Supervisor John Valk, Town of Shawangunk
- Supervisor James Quigley, Town of Ulster
- Supervisor Terry Houck, Town of Wawarsing
- Supervisor Bill McKenna, Town of Woodstock
- Mayor Tim Rogers, Village of New Paltz
- Mayor Bill Murphy, Village of Saugerties


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Proposal for Charter Amendment



**Presents for consideration
to the Charter Commission
changes to**

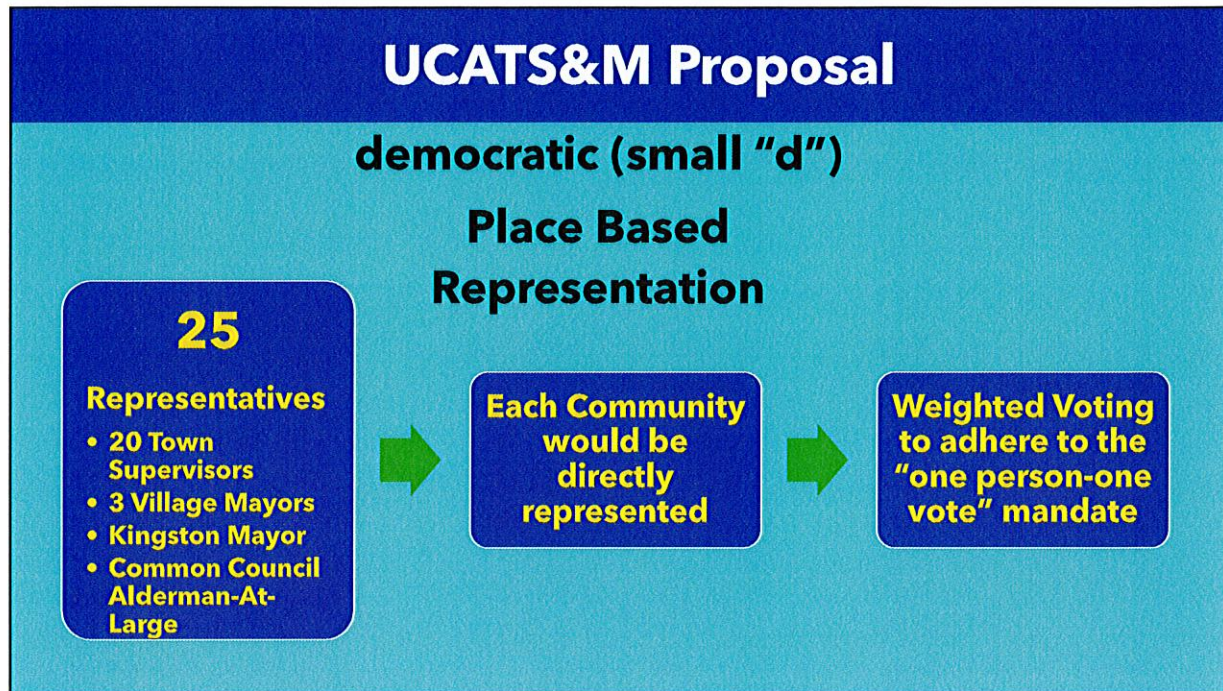
**Ulster County Charter
Article II, Legislative Branch**

to revert to a

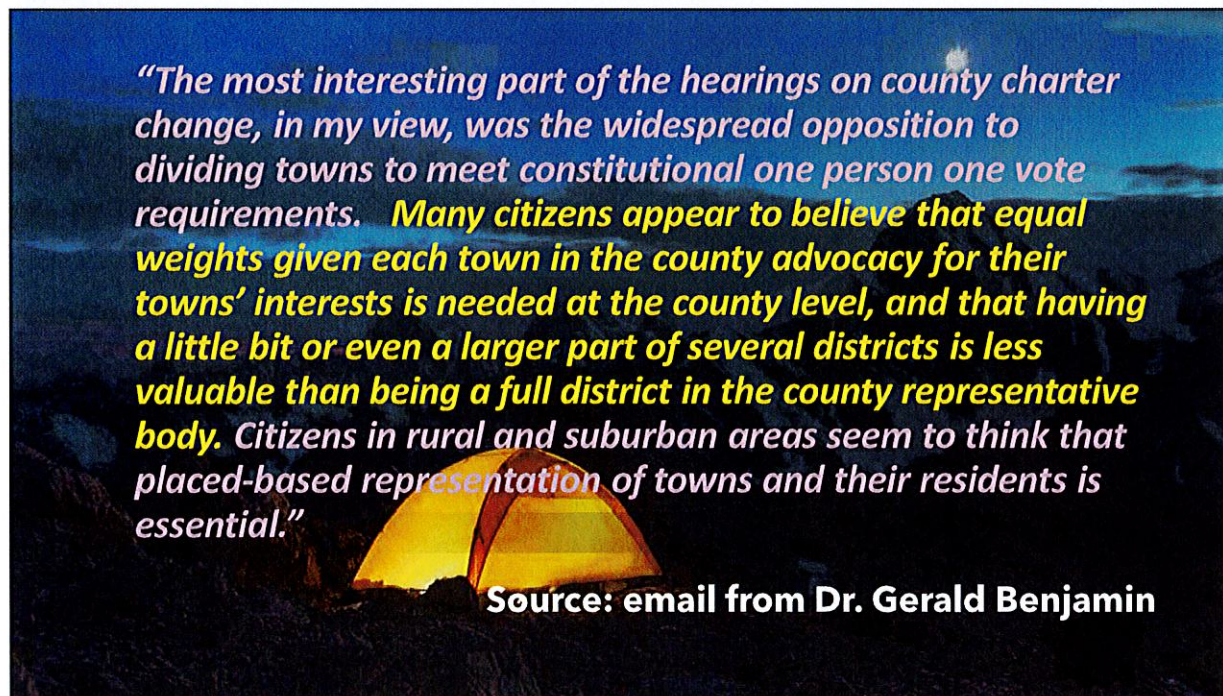
County Board of Supervisors

form of legislative body.

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Weighted Vote Example

Example of Weighted Voting

- Population Percentages
- Range of votes per community based on population percentage of county total
- Establish Quota for Adoption (51%-100%)

Two Methods

- Banzhaf Power Index
 - a power index defined by the probability of changing an outcome of a vote where voting rights are not necessarily equally divided among the voters or shareholders.
- Shapely-Shubik Power Index
 - Measures the powers of players in a voting game. The index often reveals surprising power distribution that is not obvious on the surface.

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UCATS&M Proposal

Efficiency

Closer to the Public

Local elected officials are the first line of communication for constituents.

No need for reapportionment saving cost, time, and confusion among voters

Weighted Voting considerations can be changed by resolution with each census.

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Better Continuity of Representation with UCATS&M Proposal

Diminishing Participation Levels
Increasingly difficult to identify
enough people to serve in government

Existing
8 seated Legislators not seeking reelection

Including: Chairperson Vice-Chairperson
Majority Leader Minority Leader 4 Committee Chairs

Recent political party conventions for 2023 elections
15 of 23 Legislative Districts currently have one candidate running

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Community Boundary Stability

Municipal
Boundaries in
Ulster County

Have Remained
the same since
the late 1870's

versus

Reapportionment
requires
representative
districts

Changing every
10 years

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LIMITED OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSIDERATION

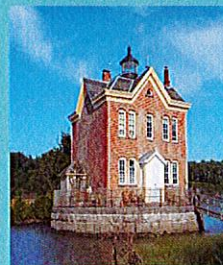
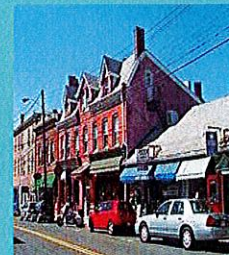
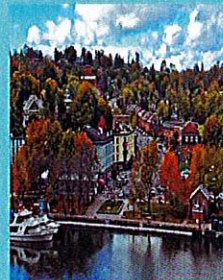
**The Charter Commission
will not be
convened again for 10 years**

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Summary

This charter revision would likely not take effect until 2026 at earliest.

The Supervisors and Mayors believe this method should be considered and investigated by the Charter Commission to determine if it would be a more effective, efficient, and economical method of legislation for Ulster County moving forward.



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