



NEWBURGH 2012 DISTRICTING COMMISSION

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Why are we here?

- Newburgh voters passed the 2011 Charter Amendment which:
 - Created a four ward system
 - Expanded the Newburgh City Council to seven members

What is the Districting Commission's task?

- To determine the boundaries of the four wards while adhering to established principles/laws:
 - “One person One vote” principle
 - Voting Rights Act
 - Contiguity and compactness

Districting Guidelines

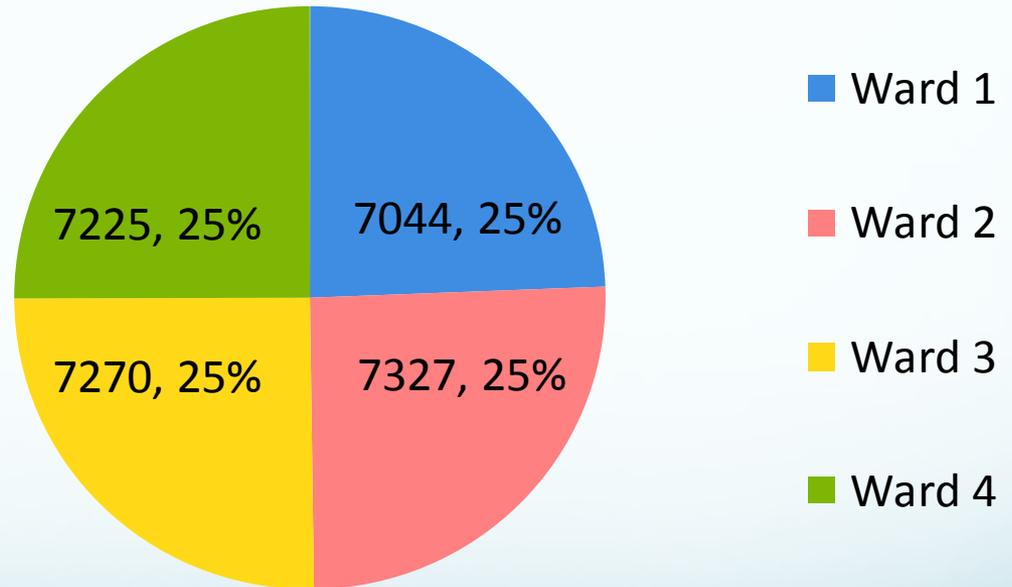
ONE PERSON - ONE VOTE

Total Population = 28,866

$28,866 / 4 = 7217$

Plus 5% = 7578

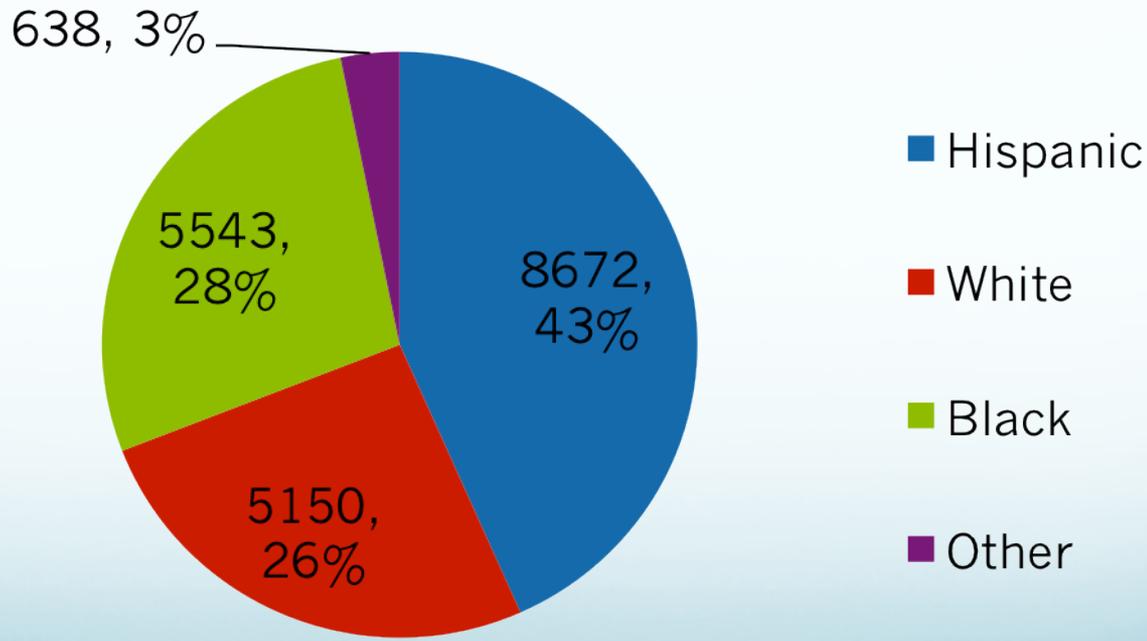
Minus 5% = 6857



Districting Guidelines

Complying with the Voting Rights Act of 1964

% of Total Voting Population



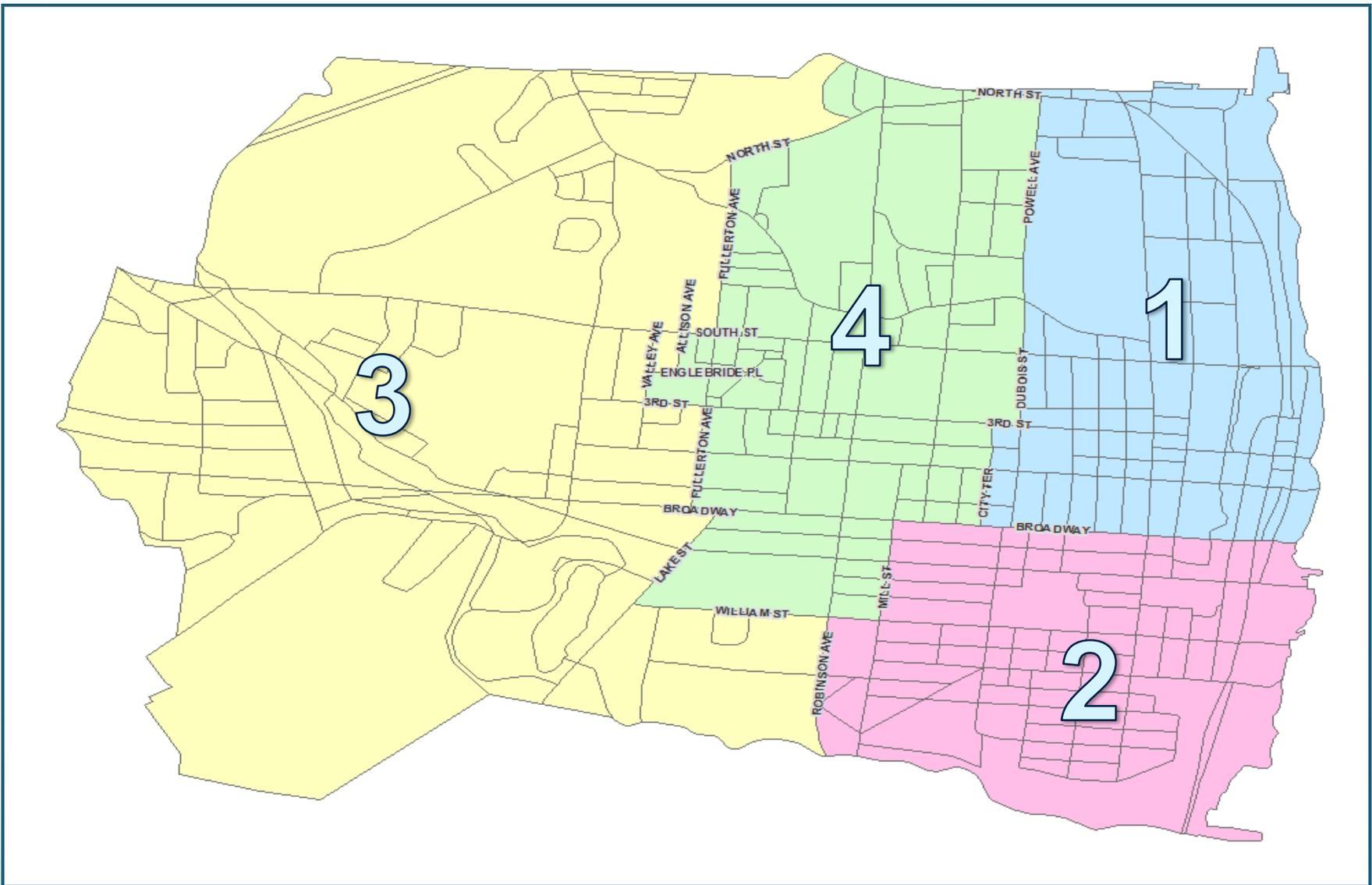
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- **CONTIGUITY**

- All parts of the district are connected to each other

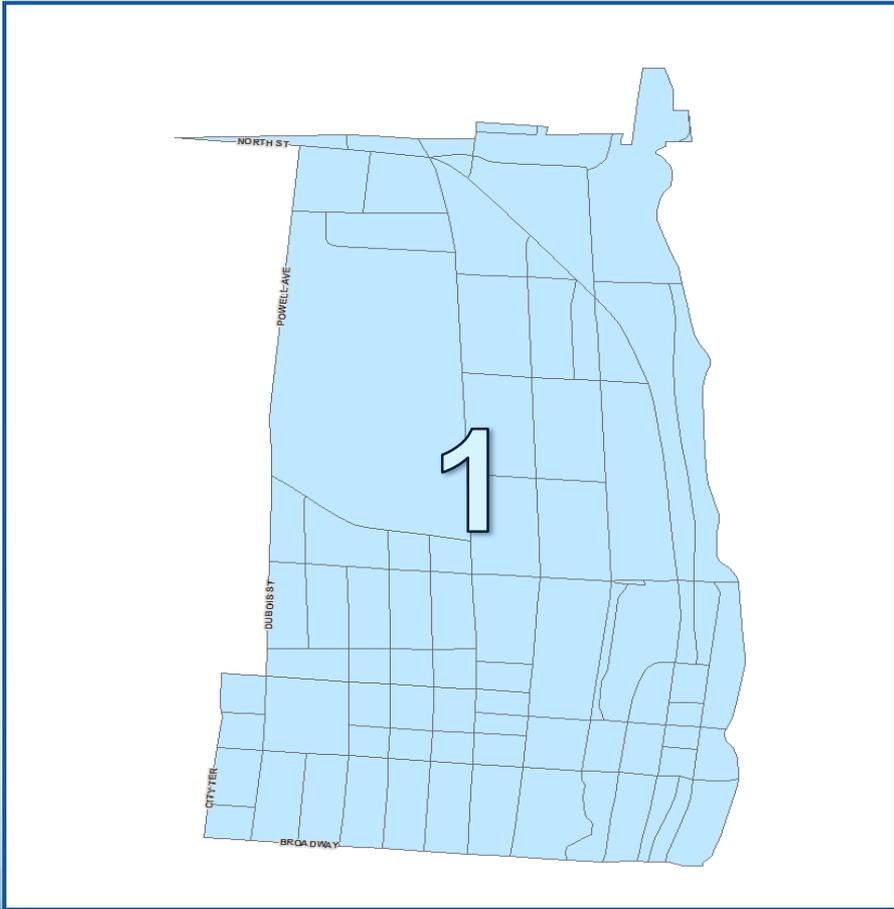
- **COMPACTNESS**

- Fairly regular shape, with constituents all living relatively near to each other



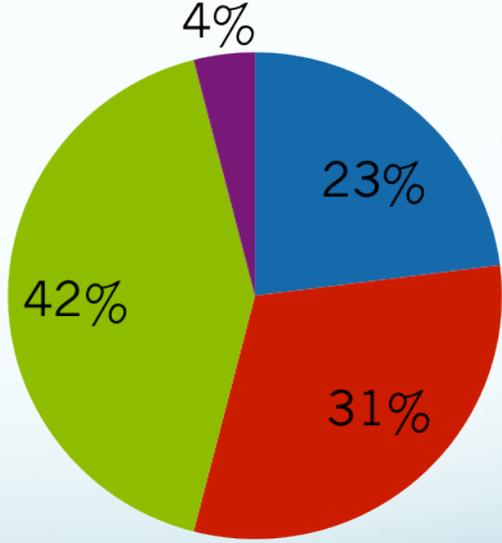
Commission's Proposal

WARD 1

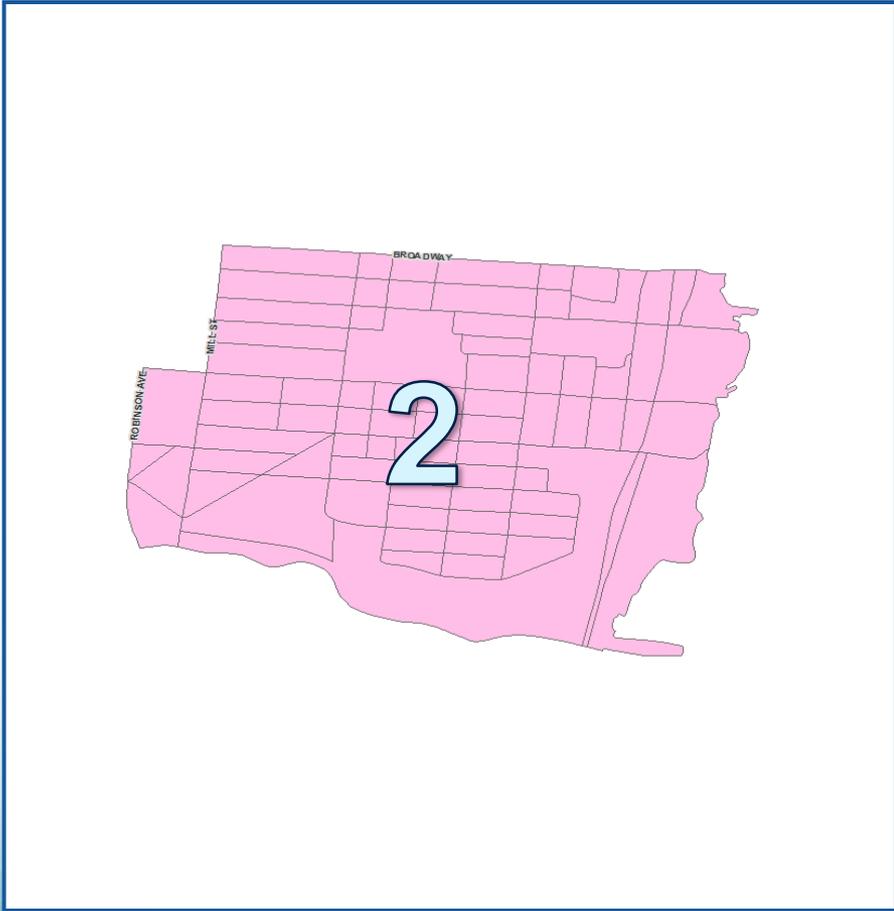


ETHNICITY

- HISPANIC
- WHITE
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- OTHER

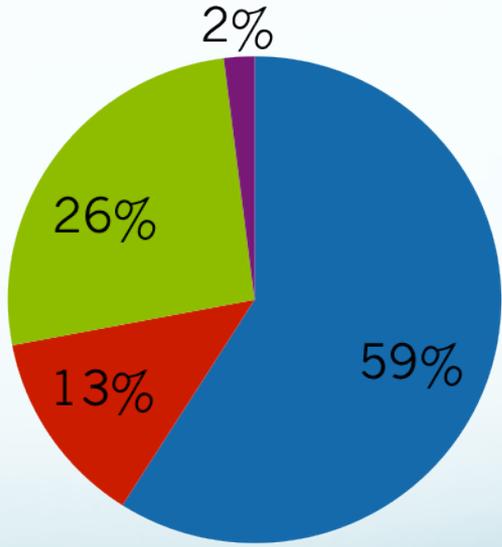


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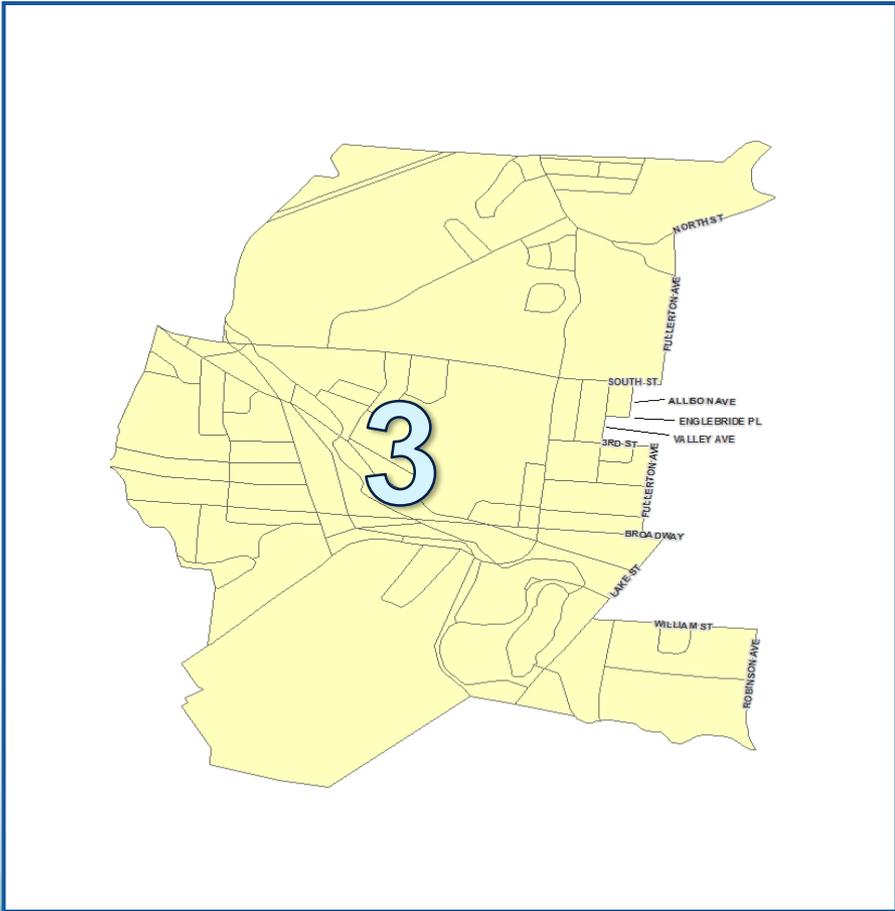


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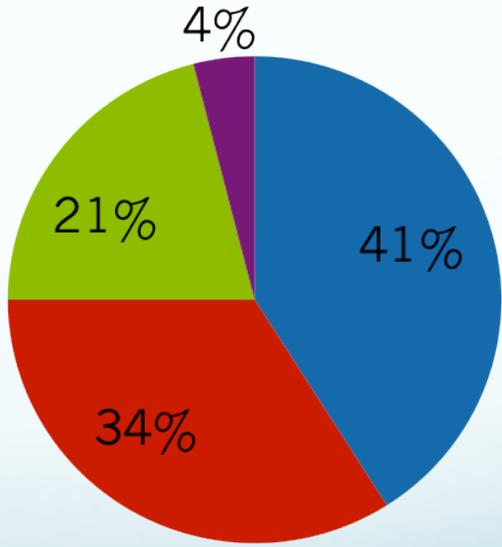


WARD 3



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What's next?

- Community Forum at Newburgh Library on Nov. 10th 2012 at 10:00am
- Public Hearing at Activity Center on Nov. 14th 2012 at 7pm
- Commission finalizes maps
- Submit final wards map to City Clerk
- November 2013 – new elections of four ward Council Members
- November 2015 – elections of Mayor and two at large Council Members

Contact the Commission

- Attend districting community forum and public hearing
- City of Newburgh Website government pull down menu
 - <http://www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov>
- Districting Commission direct email address
 - ndc@cityofnewburgh-ny.gov
- Written comments can be submitted to executive office or corporation council in City Hall

THANK YOU