

STATE OF NEW YORK  
SUPREME COURT : COUNTY OF NEW YORK

PAUL NICHOLS, GAVIN WAX, AND GARY GREENBERG

Petitioners,

-against-

GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL, SENATE MAJORITY  
LEADER AND PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE  
SENATE ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS, SPEAKER OF  
THE ASSEMBLY CARL HEASTIE, NEW YORK STATE  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS, AND THE NEW YORK STATE  
LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON DEMOGRAPHIC  
RESEARCH AND REAPPORTIONMENT.

AFFIDAVIT OF  
ASSEMBLYMAN  
EDWARD P. RA

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Respondents.

STATE OF NEW YORK     )  
                                  ) ss:  
COUNTY OF ALBANY     )

EDWARD P. RA, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am a Minority member of the New York State Assembly, representing the 19th Assembly District. My District includes parts of Nassau County.

2. I was first elected to the Assembly in November 2010 and have served as a member of the Assembly ever since.

3. I am currently the Ranking Minority Member on the Ways and Means Committee and a member on several other Assembly standing committees.

4. I make this affidavit based on my personal knowledge.

**Bipartisan Enactment of the Assembly Map**

5. On January 24, 2022, the Independent Redistricting Commission announced it would not submit a second set of

proposed legislative-district maps, despite its constitutional obligation to do so.

6. In response, on February 3, 2022, the Assembly passed Bill Number A09040A (the "Bill"), which established the Assembly and State Senate district maps for the 2022 and subsequent elections.

7. The Bill passed in the Assembly by a vote of 118 to 29.

8. I voted against the Bill, as did 28 of my Republican colleagues. While I voted against the bill; I did so due to concerns regarding the redistricting process.

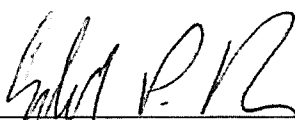
9. Nonetheless, I believe the Assembly district maps contained therein to be fair.

10. When I voted on the Bill, I recognized the possibility that a lawsuit would be filed challenging the Senate and Congressional maps. I was unaware of any intention for a lawsuit to challenge the Assembly map.

11. I make this affidavit in support of the respondents' Motion to Dismiss.

Dated: Albany, New York

May 20, 2022

  
Edward P. Ra

Sworn to before me this  
20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022

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