

STATE OF NEW YORK  
SUPREME COURT : COUNTY OF NEW YORK

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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  
PHILIP A.  
PALMESANO**

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Respondents.

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

PHILIP A. PALMESANO, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am a Republican member of the New York State Assembly,  
representing the 132nd Assembly District. My District includes parts of Steuben, Chemung,  
and Seneca Counties, as well as all of Schuyler and Yates Counties.

2. I was first elected to the Assembly in November 2010 and was re-  
elected to my sixth term in 2020.

3. In 2020, I was appointed Assistant Minority Leader, and I currently  
serve on multiple committees.

4. I am also a member of the New York State Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment ("LATFOR"). LATFOR, which consists of six members, aids the Legislature by providing technical plans for meeting the requirements of legislative timetables for the reapportionment of Senate, Assembly, and congressional districts.

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

**Bipartisan Enactment of the Assembly Map**

6. 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.

7. 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.

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

9. I voted in favor of the Bill, as did 14 of my Republican colleagues: Representatives Angelino, Barclay, Brabenec, Fitzpatrick, Giglio, Goodell, Hawley, Jensen, Lalor, Lemondes, Miller, Morinello, Norris, and Tague. Thus, the Bill was enacted with bipartisan support in the Assembly.

10. I voted in favor of the Bill because I believe the Assembly map is fair. I do not believe it was drawn with the purpose of favoring or disfavoring incumbents or other particular candidates or political parties, or to discourage competition.

11. 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.

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

Dated: Albany, New York  
May 19, 2022



Philip A. Palmesano

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

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Notary Public

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