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JUSTICE DEPARTMENT APPROVES NEW DISTRICT LINES MAKING COUNCIL MEMBER MARK WEPRIN'S DISTRICT THE MOST DIVERSE IN NEW YORK CITY

The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) has approved the New York City Districting Commission's plan to divide the City into 51 Council districts. Council District 23, which Council Member Mark Weprin (D-Oakland Gardens) currently represents, will be the most diverse district in New York City.

District 23 residents are made up of approximately 14% Hispanic, 12% African American, 14% South Asian, 10% Korean, 12% Chinese, 15% Jewish (includes Modern Orthodox, Secular, and Russian Jews) 15% White Ethnic (Italian, Greek, German, Polish, Irish, etc.), and 8% other. Nearly 70% of the population is people of color, many of whom are first and second generation immigrants.

"I have always prided myself on bringing diverse groups of people together for the common good," said Council Member Mark Weprin.

The Department of Justice's determination will allow the new Council district lines to be implemented for the upcoming 2013 citywide elections.