

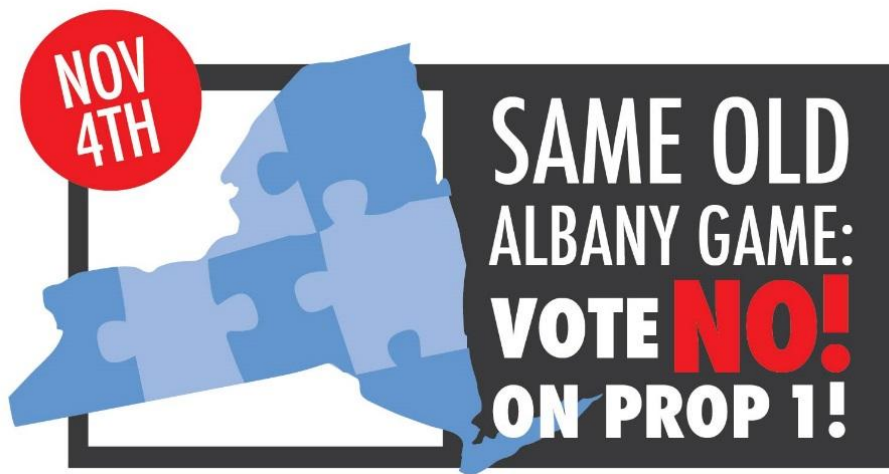


State Senator Velmanette Montgomery

*25th New York Senatorial District*

Ranking Democratic Conference Member, Children & Families

# Vote **NO** on Proposal 1



State Senator Velmanette Montgomery, Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, Congressman Jerrold Nadler, Common Cause, Center for Law and Social Justice, DC 37, SEIU Local 32 BJ, CWA Local 1180 and advocates urge voters to

**REJECT PROPOSAL 1,**

a redistricting amendment to the New York State Constitution before the voters November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Currently all Congressional, State Senate and Assembly districts are not created equal.

Every New Yorker deserves EQUAL representation!!

# Prop 1 is WORSE THAN Doing NOTHING

## A Fatally Flawed Proposal That Locks In Partisan Control Of Redistricting For Decades To Come

- **Prop 1 ALLOWS for the REINSTATEMENT of PRISON-BASED GERRYMANDERING** - The proposed amendment does not ban prison-based gerrymandering, an advance that communities throughout the state fought to achieve. This will allow the Commission and the Legislature to **continue to count incarcerated people as if they actually lived at the location of their prison**, thus **artificially inflating population in that area**.
- **A COMMISSION INDEPENDENT IN NAME ONLY.** State Supreme Court Justice Patrick McGrath ruled that the commission "cannot be described as 'independent'."
- **DELIBERATELY CONFUSING** - It's not an accident that the ballot language is confusing and hard to understand! It's designed to hide the fact that it's a SHAM!
- **MANDATORY POLITICAL CONTROL OF REDISTRICTING.** For the first time, our state constitution would require that redistricting be conducted by a commission chosen on political affiliation with a politicized staff, identical to the current staffing. The current system is partisan, but we can change it by statute. Not so this "reform".
- **ALL DISTRICTS ARE NOT CREATED EQUAL - District Size Can Still Vary As Much As 10%.** My Senate district, 25, has over 325,000 people. Upstate districts have an average of 290,000 or less! This reduces the power of every New York City voter and is fundamentally unjust.

## **THERE'S STILL TIME TO GET IT RIGHT. VOTE NO ON PROP 1**



### ELECTED OFFICIALS

Congresswoman Nita Lowey  
Congressman Hakeem Jeffries  
Congressman Jerrold Nadler  
NYS Senate Velmanette Montgomery  
NYS Senator Liz Krueger  
NYS Senator Cecilia Tkaczyk  
NYS Senator Toby Ann Stavisky  
NYS Senator Martin Malave Dilan  
Council Member Brad Lander  
Council Member Antonio Reynoso  
NYC Council Progressive Caucus

### INDIVIDUALS

Zephyr Teachout  
Tim Wu

### ORGANIZATIONS

NAACP New York State Conference  
Center for Law and Social Justice  
Latino Justice PRLDEF  
Make the Road NY  
Citizen Action New York  
Community Voices Heard Power  
New York Communities for Change  
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VOCAL NY  
Tenants PAC  
Common Cause NY  
Center for Law and Social Justice  
NY Civil Liberties Union  
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### UNIONS

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Public Employees Federation  
SEIU Local 32 BJ  
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