

Citizens Union



The Disparity between the Asian-American
Population and their Representation
in the State Legislature

Asian-American Population and Representation in the State Legislature

- Less than one half of 1 percent of state legislators are Asian American. Grace Meng (Assembly district 22 in Flushing, Queens) is the only Asian-American representative of 212 state legislators.
- Asian Americans represent 7.33 percent of the population according to the 2010 census.
- The current redistricting boundaries were drawn after the 2000 census when Asian Americans were 5.5 percent of the state's population.
- Using census data from either 2000 or 2010, the proportion of Asian-American population exceeds by at least eleven times the proportion of their representation in the state legislature.

State Legislative Districts with Significant Asian-American Populations

- As indicated on the following slides, 15 Assembly districts have a population of Asian Americans of at least 20 percent according to 2010 census data. Six State Senate districts have a population of at least 20 percent.
- Citizens Union believes that a fairer and more independent redistricting process would better take into account the rapid growth of the Asian-American population in NY and the need to draw districts that allow for opportunities to elect possibly more Asian Americans to political office instead of simply protecting current incumbents.

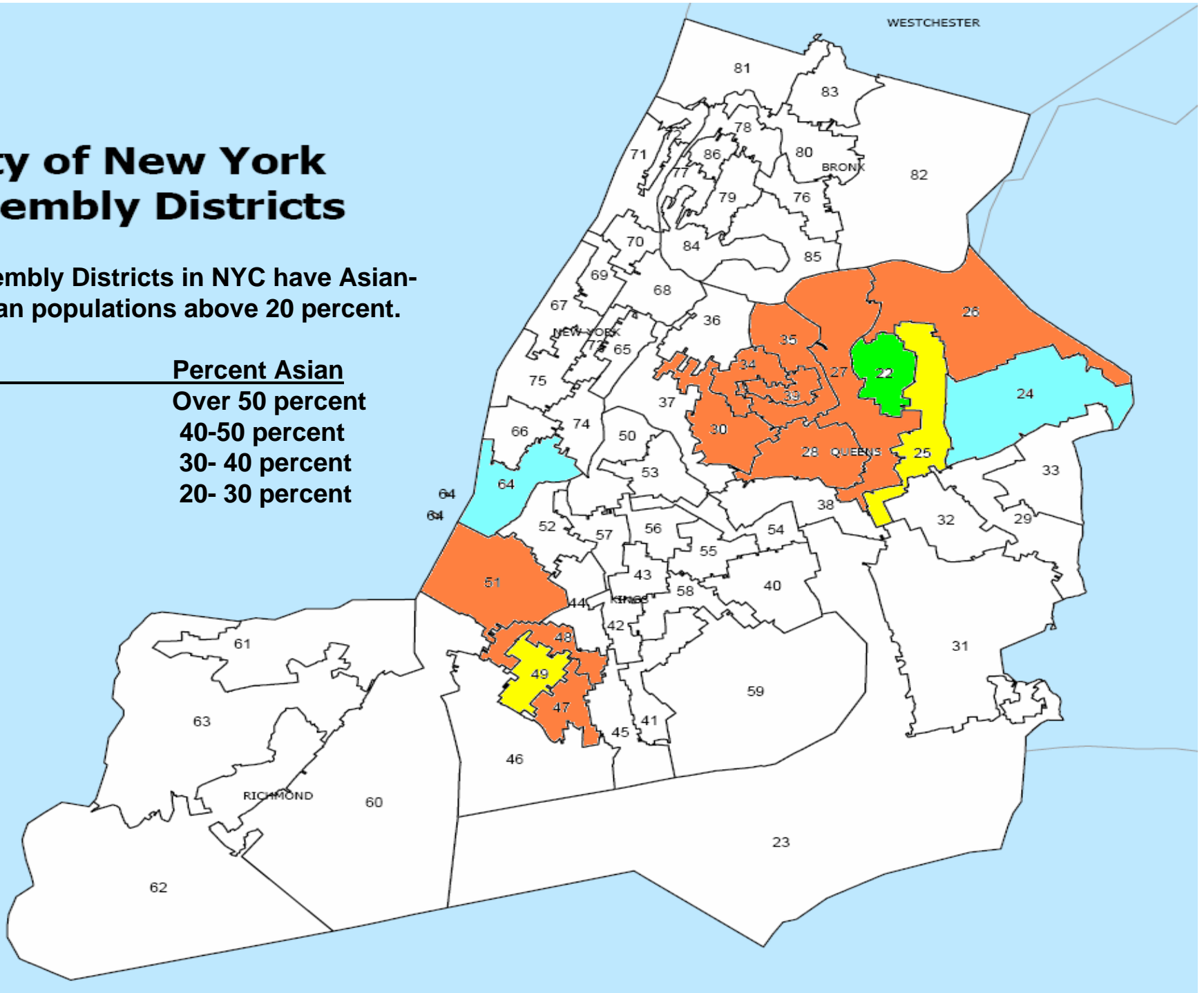
15 Assembly Districts Have Asian-American Populations Above 20 Percent

Assembly District	Total District Population	Asian	% Asian
Assembly District 22	127,045	87,519	69%
Assembly District 64	136,671	57,937	42%
Assembly District 24	124,351	49,932	40%
Assembly District 25	125,471	49,071	39%
Assembly District 49	129,871	43,760	34%
Assembly District 26	123,681	35,684	29%
Assembly District 35	130,758	37,232	28%
Assembly District 34	121,976	34,383	28%
Assembly District 47	127,412	35,909	28%
Assembly District 51	127,463	32,713	26%
Assembly District 48	124,776	27,592	22%
Assembly District 39	127,257	27,906	22%
Assembly District 30	122,060	25,454	21%
Assembly District 27	124,451	25,932	21%
Assembly District 28	123,186	25,415	21%

City of New York Assembly Districts

15 Assembly Districts in NYC have Asian-American populations above 20 percent.

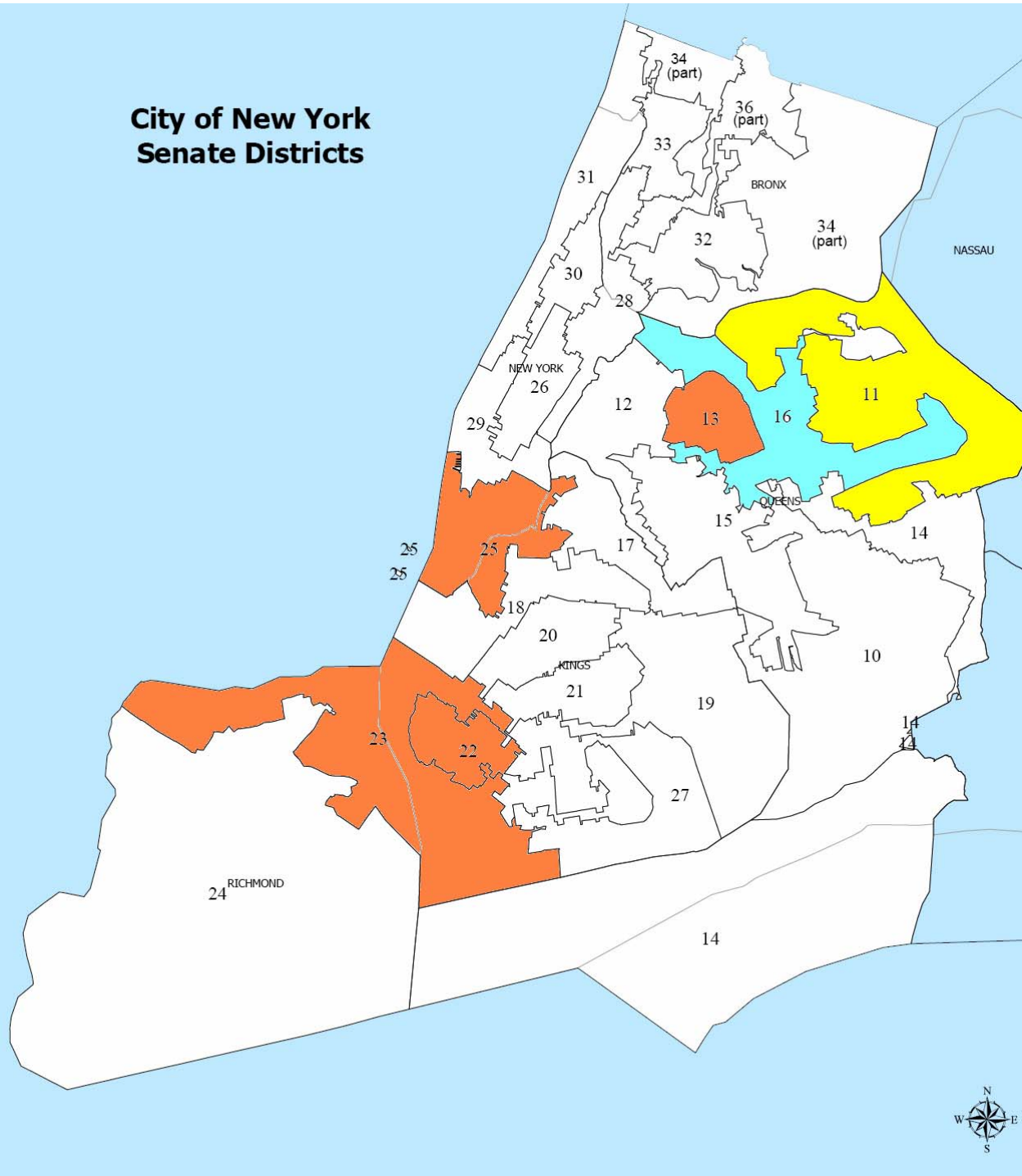
Color	Percent Asian
Green	Over 50 percent
Blue	40-50 percent
Yellow	30- 40 percent
Orange	20- 30 percent



6 Senate Districts Have Asian-American Populations of 20 Percent or Higher

Assembly District	Total District Population	Asian	% Asian
State Senate District 16	322,463	143,333	44%
State Senate District 11	320,102	117,799	37%
State Senate District 22	321,754	78,387	24%
State Senate District 25	335,683	75,374	22%
State Senate District 13	324,533	71,582	22%
State Senate District 23	332,657	68,050	20%

City of New York Senate Districts



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