

## Suffolk County General Service Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee (SCRC) Chair Report 2/16/2024

Present: Scott (SCRC Chair).

Jane (A49/P69); Kimberly (seated SCGS DCMC), Michelle (ADCMC SCGS Panel 71),  
Matt K - Area 11/Panel 71 (Guest)

- Up until around 2020 Area 11 had similar structure to SENY
  - 1400 groups vs. 2000 groups
  - A11 District Chairperson (did not have vote at Area) = A49 DCMC
  - A11 Super District = A49 Counties
  - A11 Subdistricts = A49 District
  - The change to the new structure was gradual
- Prior to 2020 A11 had 9 geographical Districts and 1 Linguistic District (120-250 groups/district)
  - Now has 35 or 36 districts (15-40 groups/district)
- Conversation about redistricting Area 11 started in 2007
  - it came up repeatedly in the Area
  - at that time, Area wasn't interested
  - Obstacles: fear, resistance to change
- 2017-18 ad hoc committee was appointed to investigate redistricting
  - Area Did not take it up
  - In 2020, 1 district redistricted. Others followed. Some did not
- Problems with the old structure:
  - GSRs often had double roles (GSR & District Committee Chair)\*
  - Sharing Leadership (District Chair + DCM) muddied the waters
    - No clear leadership roles
    - Too many cooks spoil the broth
    - DCMs had no accountability (they were not directly responsible to the groups they served)
    - DCMs were not able to serve in true leadership capacity
    - Too many meetings in some parts of Area 11
    - Matt warned against top-heavy bureaucracies
- Benefits of the new structure
  - Increased engagement by GSRs and DCMs
  - While it's too soon to measure an increase in numbers, the quality of GSR participation at the Area has increased
  - GSRs show up to assemblies informed and prepared to participate

\*Post-report amendment – this is actually part of the new structure