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Dear Fellow New Yorker:

As the second round of public hearings and meetings approaches, the NYC Districting Commission is interested in hearing your comments on the Preliminary Draft Plan for the City Council district lines. The draft plan is based on the current City Council district lines, modified to take into account the demographic changes that have occurred in New York City and to adhere to the New York City Charter requirements. In drafting the plan, the Districting Commission used US Census data, adjusted to add State prisoners who were incarcerated outside of New York City at the time of the Census. The participation of New Yorkers like yourself is critical to the districting process. Listed below you will find ways you can participate in this important process.

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Carl Hum
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Attend an upcoming public hearing:

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212-442-6940
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| Borough, Date and Time | Location |
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| BRONX Tuesday, October 2nd 5:30PM – 9:00PM | Bronx Community College Hall of Fame Playhouse 2155 University Avenue Bronx, NY 10453 |
| MANHATTAN Thursday, October 4th 5:30PM – 9:00PM | Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture 515 Malcolm X Boulevard New York, NY 10037 |
| STATEN ISLAND Tuesday, October 9th 5:30PM – 9:00PM | New Dorp High School 465 New Dorp Lane Staten Island, NY 10306 |
| QUEENS Wednesday, October 10th 5:30PM – 9:00PM | LaGuardia Community College Little Theater 31-10 Thomson Ave. Long Island City, NY 11101 |
| BROOKLYN Thursday, October 11th 5:30PM – 9:00PM | Medgar Evers College Founder's Auditorium 1650 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11225 |

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Prior to the upcoming hearings, you can submit written comments to the NYC Districting Commission by mail:

NYC Districting Commission
Attn: Jonathan Ettricks
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or by email to: hearings@districting.nyc.gov on or before 5:00 P.M. on the date of the hearing. You should indicate in your correspondence the date of the hearing for which you are submitting comments.

The **Preliminary Draft Maps**: Citywide and Borough maps went live after the 1st round of public hearings and meetings; you can access them online by visiting our website at:
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dc/html/maps/maps.shtml>.

Free, Online Mapping Software is available. A free, online version of Maptitude, state-of-the-art mapping software, is publicly available for anyone who has internet access and wants to create and submit maps to the Commission. Most importantly, Maptitude will contain the same datasets used by the Commission in its work to redraw New York City Council districts. You can access Maptitude by visiting our website at <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dc/html/mapping/mapping.shtml>.

The Commission's Resource Room is now open. If you are interested in creating your own map but you do not have access to the internet or need assistance using the software, our Resource Room, located at the Commission offices at 253 Broadway, 7th Floor, contains computers loaded with Maptitude software. It is open by appointment only from *Noon-7PM on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday* and from *10AM to 3PM on Monday and Friday*. If you would like to make an appointment, please contact Justin Bassett at (212) 676-8983 or jbassett@districting.nyc.gov.

Speakers' Bureau is now available. The Speakers' Bureau dispatches Commission staff to make presentations to community groups and other organizations about the districting process and how the public can have its voice heard. To make an appointment for a speaker, contact Jonathan Ettricks at (212) 676-8981 or jettricks@districting.nyc.gov.

On behalf of the Commission, we hope that you are able to participate in the New York City Council districting process by attending a public hearing or a meeting, creating a map, and taking advantage of the Speakers' Bureau.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "CH", written over a horizontal line.

Carl Hum
Executive Director