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Dear Mr. Hackworth:

This letter acknowledges receipt by the Board of Elections in the City of New York ("Board") on March 4, 2013 of your letter to President Umane dated March 4, 2013 transmitting a copy of the original certification statement signed by 14 members of the City of New York 2012-2013 Districting Commission together with a copy of the final districting plan for the Council of the City of New York.

Please be advised that the Board is mindful of the provisions of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and recognizes that the Board cannot legally implement the above-referenced plan until pre-clearance of that plan is obtaining either from the Attorney General of the United States or the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

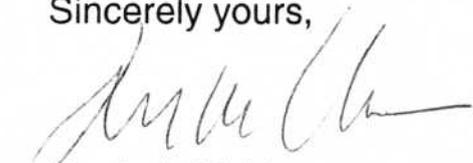
Please further note however, that in order for the Board to meet its responsibilities under the New York State Election Law, specifically Section 4-100 "Election Districts; creation and alterations" and the 2013 Election Calendar, the Board must immediately begin the process of redrawing, where necessary, Election District boundaries. As you know, petitioning for the

September 10, 2013 Primary Election for public office (including Members of the City Council) as well as various party positions (including Member of the County Committee for several parties in several counties which are elected by Election District) is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, June 4, 2013,

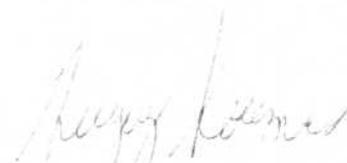
If and when any such changes are made to the Election District boundaries in New York, Bronx and Kings Counties, the Board will submit those redrawn Election District boundaries for expedited consideration and pre-clearance under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. This is the same process the Board utilized last year during the Congressional and State Legislative Redistricting Process.

The Board of Elections also wishes to express its appreciation to you and your colleagues for your continuing cooperation as we all seek to effectively serve the citizens and voters of this City.

Sincerely yours,



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