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March 22, 2013

Dear fellow New Yorker:

As you know, on February 6, the NYC Districting Commission adopted a revised plan for the boundaries of the fifty-one City Council districts in the City of New York. On February 8, the revised plan was delivered to the City Council for its consideration. Pursuant to New York City Charter Section 51(d), the revised plan was deemed "final" on March 1, 2013. Subsequently, on March 4, the Districting Commission filed the final plan with the City Clerk.

Today, the final districting plan is being forwarded to the United States Department of Justice for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act, which covers the boroughs of Manhattan, Bronx and Brooklyn. As stated in the notice on the reverse side, a complete duplicate copy of the submission is available for public inspection at the office of the Districting Commission, 253 Broadway, 7th Floor, New York, New York. A complete copy of the submission is also available on the Districting Commission's website at http://www.nyc.gov/districting. There, the submission can also be automatically translated into over 50 languages.

The Districting Commission encourages you to review the submission, and invites you to provide comments for the Attorney General's consideration as the Department of Justice considers the Commission's request for preclearance. Comments could be provided online at section5.comments@usdoj.gov or sent in writing to:

Mr. Chris Herren
Chief, Voting Section
Civil Rights Division
Room 7254 - NWB
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950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20530

If the Department of Justice decides to grant preclearance, the final districting plan will go into effect for the upcoming Council elections later this year.

On behalf of the Commission, I thank you once again for your participation in the New York City Council districting process.

Sincerely,

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NOTICE OF PRECLEARANCE SUBMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT on March 22, 2013, in accordance with Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. 1973c, and 28 C.F.R. § 51.10(b), covering the counties of Bronx, Kings and New York, the City of New York 2012-2013 Districting Commission (the "Districting Commission") submitted to the Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, the Districting Commission's final plan for the boundaries of the fifty-one City Council districts in the City of New York (the "submission").

A complete duplicate copy of the submission is available for public inspection at the office of the Districting Commission at 253 Broadway, 7th Floor in the borough of Manhattan. A complete copy of the submission is also available on the Districting Commission's website at http://www.nyc.gov/districting, where it can be automatically translated into over 50 languages.

The Districting Commission invites members of the public to review the submission and to provide comments for the Attorney General's consideration as this request for preclearance is being considered. Any such comments may be forwarded to:

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, in order to permit timely implementation of the final districting plan in advance of the City Council's upcoming primary and general elections, the Districting Commission has requested that a decision on preclearance be issued on an expedited basis pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 51.34.