



Jonathan Etricks
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NYC Redistricting Commission
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Dear Mr. Jonathan Etricks:

I would first like to commend your commission's hard work and outreach throughout the city regarding City Council redistricting. However, I am writing to express my concerns and suggestions regarding the 15th City Council, which overlaps into the West Farms and Van Nest communities of the 87th Assembly District.

In the current proposed lines for the 15th City Council District, the southern portion of the West Farms community is being separated resulting in the loss of some vital and historical parts:

St. Thomas Aquinas Church & Elementary School, Elementary School #6, Intermediate School 318, Public School 211, Fairmount Playground, Miracle Garden Park, West Farms Square Train Station, West Farms Center and other community establishments.

To separate such important parts of a neighborhood is disadvantageous to my West Farm constituents. I respectfully suggest that the south district line of the 15th City Council District be redrawn from East Tremont Avenue to the Cross Bronx Expressway, as is the southern district line of Community Board #6.

I am happy to see that the Commission recently redrew the 15th City Council district lines to include the entire Van Nest neighborhood. I hope the commission can do the same for the West Farms community.

Thank You,
Luis R. Sepulveda
NYS Assemblymember
87th Assembly District

