

Hearings

From: Squire782@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2013 7:59 PM
To: [REDACTED] Hearings
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Regarding the New York City Counsel Hearing re Redistricting

Please consider the position of the **368a-429 Decatur Block Association**, that the 36th council district be extended to Saratoga Avenue, which is one block east of Howard Avenue because, the blocks between Saratoga Avenue and Howard Avenue are the eastern most blocks of contextual "brownstone Bed-Stuy" wherein most of the row houses therein had been constructed between in or about 1880 and 1900 which as such should be included in the 36th council district.

In addition see below the relevant portion of Wikipedia, the encyclopedia, created by the "people" and for the "people".

Finally, the 41st council district is mostly Ocean Hill and Brownsville. Elected officials of Ocean Hill and Brownsville do not pay much attention to eastern Bed-Stuy because we, and our concerns, e.g. "landmarking for the prosperity and longevity of our community", are substantially different from the concerns of Ocean Hill and Brownsville and, the environs near Saratoga Avenue, the natural eastern boundary of Bedford Stuyvesant are on the outskirts of there 41st district.

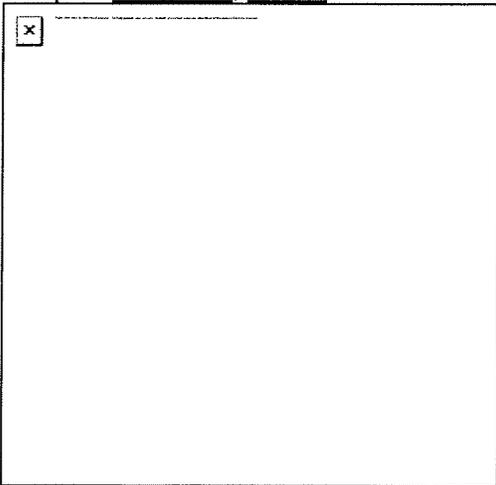
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Resident of the neighborhood
Treasurer of 368a-429 Decatur Block Association
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"Bedford–Stuyvesant, Brooklyn

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 Bedford-Stuyvesant in [Brooklyn](#) and New York City

Bedford-Stuyvesant (pron.: /ˈstɑɪvəsənt/; also shortened as **Bed-Stuy**) is a neighborhood in the central portion of the New York City borough of Brooklyn. Formed in 1930, the neighborhood is part of Brooklyn Community Board 3, Brooklyn Community Board 8, and Brooklyn Community Board 16.^[1] The neighborhood is patrolled by the NYPD's 79th^[2] and 81st^[3] precincts. In the City Council, the district is represented by Albert Vann of the 36th Council District.

Bedford-Stuyvesant is bordered by Flushing Avenue to the north (bordering Williamsburg); Classon Avenue to the west (bordering Clinton Hill); Broadway and Saratoga to the east (bordering Bushwick and East New York); and Atlantic Avenue to the south (bordering Crown Heights).^[4] {4} 1960s and 1970s) It is served by Postal Service zip codes 11205, 11206, 11216, 11221, 11233 and 11238."

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From: Brian Hartig [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2013 6:20 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: Re: Thursday, January 10th Hearing

Wed., 9 Jan. 2013

Re: Thursday, January 10th Hearing

To Whom it May Concern,

I learned today that the NYC Districting Commission would be meeting tomorrow night on final consideration of moving the political boundary that currently separates the 36th and the 41st City Council Districts.

As a resident of the eastern part of Bedford-Stuyvesant I agree with our Community Board 3 President Henry Butler that the Commission should consider making Saratoga Ave. this boundary.

My main reason for requesting this is that Saratoga Ave. is also the easternmost boundary of our Community Board 3. This seems a more natural boundary for the district, as it would more suitably align our Community Board representation with that of our City Council.

Also, because of architectural parities, our part of Bed-Stuy also fits in much more closely with the housing stock of the 36th Distr., and the desire of these home-owners to be afforded historical districting.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I do look forward to hearing your decision.

Respectfully,
Brian Hartig
[REDACTED]

Hearings

From: Pamela Judkins [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2013 8:05 AM
To: Hearings

I am writing this to let you know than Bedford Stuyvesant ends at Saratoga Avenue.

Pamela Judkins

An argument for moving the 36th district boundary to Saratoga Avenue.

As a resident of eastern Bedford-Stuyvesant, I would like to support a move that would place the City Council district boundary between the 36th and the 41st at Saratoga Avenue. It is currently at Malcolm X, a parallel avenue four blocks to the west.

I am the facilitator for the historic districting efforts in the eastern end and as a historic preservationist, I am accustomed to reading neighborhoods for clues to their past evolution. The housing development once known as Stuyvesant Heights makes a visible, tangible transition into Ocean Hill at Saratoga Avenue not only topographically there where the hill actually begins, but it's very evident that the eastward sweep of late 19th century development also made a stylistic and functional pivot at about that point. In Bed-Stuy, which lies to the west of Saratoga, the housing stock is predominantly masonry rowhouses, originally built as single family homes. Eastward from Saratoga, the foot of Ocean Hill, a new century dawned in 1900 and multiple-family buildings came into demand, often in the form of wood frame-construction housing. It is clear to anyone wandering in the area that things change here.

Furthermore, Saratoga Avenue is the official eastern boundary of CB3. In terms of getting things done in the great bureaucracy and making things happen for the Bed-Stuy community, it would be very beneficial to bring the boundary of the 36th over to this avenue as well. This would help eliminate many of the occasional political tug-of-wars which tend, often needlessly, to happen in the area's governmental representation.

Our local efforts at obtaining historic district designation in the east end have only just begun, and we would like to receive the same government support as has benefitted the other proposed districts in Bed-Stuy all of which currently lie across a seemingly arbitrary district border. Looking into the future, I have a vision of all of the Bed-Stuy historic districts eventually melded into one. I feel certain that this effort would benefit from being part of a single, united district. Common sense makes the case for unified representation for all Bedford-Stuyvesant in New York's City Council.

Hearings

From: Scott Mancha [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2013 10:08 AM
To: Hearings
Subject: Redistricting Bed-Stuy

To Whom it may concern,

As a Home Owner in Brooklyn I feel that the Boundry Line of the 36th district should be moved to Saratoga Ave. I feel that the homes that lie between Malcom X and Saratoga fit with the style of homes from the 36th district archetecturally. I also feel that Saratoga being the boarder of Ocena Hill and Bed-Stuy that it would be better for the home owners and our property value to be unified with the rest of Bed Stuy and not lumped in with Ocean Hill.

Thank you For you Time
Scott Mancha
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