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STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF NEW 13th COUNCIL DISTRICT

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Commissioners, good evening. My name is Kenneth Kearns and I am the District Manager of Bronx Community Board #10 serving the northeast Bronx. For many years we have enjoyed a successful working relationship with our elected officials at all levels of government, effectively delivering constituent services and advocacy on behalf of the communities we jointly represent.

I would like to speak today in strong support of the new 13th Council District lines this body has proposed. The proposed new district keeps the communities of City Island, Country Club, Pelham Bay, Throggs Neck, and Westchester Square united, which we at the Board feel is vital to ensuring the most effective elected representation possible. These communities share much in common with each other as well as with our sister communities of Morris Park, Allerton, and Pelham Parkway, including housing, demographics, neighborhood institutions, and, perhaps most significantly, a strong sense of shared community. It is our opinion that the relatively minor changes the proposed map makes to the current 13th District does not harm this important sense of community and, if anything, takes steps toward increasing the unity which is so vital to any districting process.

Thank you very much for your attention and consideration.