

Hearings

From: Akilah Scharff [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 5:06 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: Re: Drawing Stuyvesant East into the 36th District

Additionally, this comment is for today's hearing.

On Thu, Oct 11, 2012 at 5:04 PM, Akilah Scharff <[REDACTED]> wrote:
Hello,

It is of great importance that Stuyvesant East is drawn into the 36 district in order to allow the area counted as a part of Bedford Stuyvesant proper, and to be able to serve the needs of the community that is growing and changing daily. The opportunity for diversity, culture, education, and the growth of businesses in this neighborhood are counting on it.

Sincerely,

Akilah Scharff

Hearings

From: Brian Hartig [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 1:41 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: NYC Districting Commission Mtg. - 11 Oct. 2012 - King's County

Thurs., 11 Oct. 2012

Re: Thursday, October 11th Hearing

To Whom it May Concern,

I learned this morning that the NYC Districting Commission would be meeting tonight to begin considering moving the political boundary that currently separates the 36th and the 41st City Council Districts. I was told that the move being considered would only be one block in distance – from Malcolm X Blvd. to Patchen Ave.

I understand that this process occurs every ten years to address changes in population figures, so I realize that these lines are not redrawn by impulse. As a resident, though, of the eastern part of Bedford-Stuyvesant, I strongly feel that the Commission should consider moving this line a further three blocks to Saratoga Ave.

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.

To limit any large movement in population numbers, as a result of this further adjustment, the southernmost boundary of this extension might be drawn at Fulton St. (or slightly north of there). Also, moving the boundary at Patchen that is south of Fulton back to Malcolm X, would make up for some of the difference.

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

Respectfully,
Brian Hartig

Hearings

From: henry butler [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 10:49 AM
To: Hearings
Subject: Redistricting Hearing for October 11, 2012

As the Chairman of community board 3, I must lend my voice to this conversation. The village of Bedford Stuyvesant encompasses 4 city council districts. The residents who live on the eastern end of the district are in the 41st council district. I am strongly recommending that the eastern end of bedstuy be included in the 36 council district. Malcolm X blvd is the current eastern border of the 36 council district. I am recommending Saratoga ave. to be the new eastern border for the 36 council district. This should cover the blocks Greene to Bainbridge. Saratoga ave. is currently the south east border for community board 3. The eastern end of bedstuy is made up of many brownstone blocks that fit the contextual image of the 36 council district. The eastern end of bedstuy is a small portion of the 41st council district. The 41st council district covers Ocean Hill, Brownsville, and parts of East NY, Crown Heights, and East Flatbush. Not only are we contextually different from these communities, I also believe this district is currently too big for one council-member to serve. I believe the 41st is the largest council district in the city. I thank the commission for holding these hearings and taking the time to read my testimony into the record. When making your decision I hope you take into account that I am someone who has lived in bedstuy for over 35 years, and I live in the eastern end of the district. [REDACTED]

Thank You
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Hearings

From: Howard Rigberg [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 3:02 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: Regarding Redistricting of Bed-Stuy

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Howard Rigberg and I currently live at [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I am writing regarding the redistricting NYC Districting Commission redistricting hearing on October 11th 2012. I will be unable to attend but would like to make a suggestion.

I believe that it would be sensible to have the boundary line between the 36th and the 41st drawn at Saratoga Avenue, instead of at Malcolm X. This would place all of what is currently considered Stuyvesant East into the 36th District. Saratoga Avenue is also where Ocean Hill begins, not only topographically, but in terms of building style and neighborhood character. And it's the eastern boundary of CB3.

This redistricting is a logical shift that would help logistically with many local community groups and agencies that are working together to improve the community and protect its historic character.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Howard Rigberg

Hearings

From: ian granick <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 4:17 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: Redistricting the 36th & 41st Districts
Attachments: Redistricting letter.pdf

October 11, 2012

TO: Jonathan Etricks & the Honorable Members of the NYC Districting Commission

Thursday, October 11, 2012 Commission Meeting

RE: Redistricting the 36th & 41st District

Dear Commission Members,

Please accept this expression of my support to have the boundary line between the 36th and 41st districts relocated FROM Malcolm X BLVD (Reid Ave) TO Saratoga Avenue.

This adjustment would place my home at [REDACTED] in the 36th District.

As we know, District boundaries can have a significant impact on the individuals located within those boundaries, and I do not make this request lightly.

Our goal should be to create functional neighborhoods of individuals who share common values and interests. My household, and the households of the vast majority of my neighbors in the surrounding blocks between Malcolm X Blvd and Saratoga Ave, is much more akin, in terms of cultural, socio-economic, and political persuasion, with our friends and families in Bedford Stuyvesant, than we are with the residents of Ocean Hill. As such, our interests and needs would be more clearly articulated, understood and ultimately met by our inclusion in BedStuy (District 36.)

This change would also serve the remaining residents of Ocean Hill (District 41), who would be able to prioritize their own needs free from our distracting and noisy clamor.

I also suggest that the casual observer can see that Saratoga is a more intuitive dividing line both topographically (where Ocean Hill actually begins) and in terms of historic building style.

Thank you for your attention.

Ian Granick



Brooklyn NY 11233

Hearings

From: Reno Dakota [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 11:35 AM
To: Hearings
Subject: Regarding the 41st / 36th boundary

To whom it may concern,

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, 4 blocks to the west.

As the facilitator for historic districting efforts in the area and as an historic preservationist, I find that the natural, tangible transition to from Bed-Stuy into Ocean Hill happens not only topographically at Saratoga, but that the eastward sweep of late 19th century building development also made a stylistic and functional pivot at about that point. West of there (in Bed-Stuy), the housing stock is predominantly masonry rowhouses. Eastward, from the foot of Ocean Hill (Saratoga Ave), a new century dawned, multiple-family buildings came into demand for the area, as well as frame-construction housing. It is clear to anyone wandering in the area that things change here.

Furthermore, Saratoga Avenue is the boundary of CB3. In terms of getting things done, making things happen for this community, it would be very beneficial to bring the 36th east to this point as well, thus removing the some of the hindrances of political tug-of-war which tend, often needlessly, to happen in the area.

Our local efforts at obtaining historic district designation have only just begun, and we would like to receive the same government support as has benefitted the proposed districts in Bed-Stuy that lie across the current district border (in the 36th). Looking into the future, with a vision of all of the Bed-Stuy historic districts eventually melded into one, I feel that having singular representation would solidify this effort and make the case for a unified Bedford-Stuyvesant in New York City Council.

Sincerely yours,
Reno Dakota

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Hearings

From: Scott Mancha [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 4:38 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: Brooklyn ReDistricting

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 archetectorally. 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
[REDACTED]