

Testimony submitted by:

Henrietta Lyle, Chair of CB10, Manhattan

I am speaking for many of the residents in the Central Harlem Community.

The Central Harlem community has fought for many years to get appropriate representation in our Council district, and, with all due respect, now is not the time to change the Council district lines.

The NYC Council controls some of the most important aspects of our lives, and redistricting may keep a community together or split it apart. As it relates to Central Harlem, new lines may split our community, and may leave us without a representative that feels or understands Central Harlem concerns. If redistricting occurs, Central Harlem may lose essential funding for services that are so important to the community, among other things.

We need to protect the voting council district, and ensure that the current lines are maintained.

Redistricting should not harm our community. We are a community of interest, a community of interest should be kept together within the same district to the extent possible.

Thank you.