

Ralph J. Rangel Tenant Association  
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New York, New York 10039

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October 4, 2012

NYC Districting Commission  
Attn: Jonathan Ettricks  
253 Broadway, 7th Fl.  
New York, NY 10007

**Re: Redistricting of Harlem**

Dear Mr. Ettricks;

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Bernadette McNear, I am the current president of the Ralph J. Rangel Resident Association under the auspice of New York City Housing Authority. The Ralph J. Rangel Houses is a 984 apartment complex located in upper Manhattan in New York City providing a home for 2347 tenants. The goal of the executive board is to strengthen the relationships within our complex and surrounding communities.

This letter is intended to address the notion of the redistricting of Harlem. Many officials are in discussions about moving 155<sup>th</sup> street -159<sup>th</sup> street to the Washington Heights. Our development is in the plan for redistricting. This proposal is preposterous.

Upper Harlem has many places that have Landmarks status or have been registered as Historic Places. I have taken the liberty of attaching a list of these landmarks. How do you move known Harlem landmarks to a different district?

- 155th St Viaduct land bridge leading to Macombs Dam Bridge
- Harlem Hospital Center
- The Harlem School of the Arts
- Rucker Park

I also have attached signatures of individuals from Rangel houses and our surrounding community, to stress the fact that they would prefer to be within the 9<sup>th</sup> district under the support and confines of the honorable Inez Dickens. More importantly being in district 9 will allow the African-Americans of upper Harlem to have representation from an African-American. Yes, we to have a voice and she is the face and voice for the African Americans of Harlem.

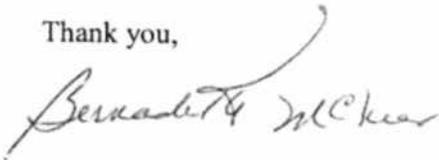
For argument purposes the zip codes that make up Harlem are 10026, 10027, 10029, 10030, 10031, 10035, 10037, and 10039. Rangel Houses is in the 10039 zip code and in the 9<sup>th</sup> district. Upper Harlem is within the 9<sup>th</sup> district and this new redistricting will put certain areas in the Washington Heights 10<sup>th</sup> district.

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Harlem was once the community that no one wanted to be associated with. It was known for high crimes, drug epidemic low income, burned out and abandoned buildings. The majority of the people that lived in Harlem during the times of hardship were African Americans and our local political representatives (Rangel, Farrell, Sutton, Powell, Patterson and Dickens) they stood strong when everyone else had written off Harlem as a lost cause. Harlem was once seen as a breeding ground for judicial dictatorship. The children were seen as un-teachable, adults were unemployable. However, through all the rhetoric and negativity the community flourished. Now due to regentification and the building up of property, Harlem is seen as breath of fresh air to many.

It appears that outside entities are all vying to be the leadership voice for our community. We want politicians that recognize our plight in Harlem as well be the African-American face that symbolize the African-Americans within Harlem. Please do not misinterpret the purpose of this letter, Washington Heights district 10 is overwhelmingly Hispanic and it is represented. We the African American of Harlem want to be afforded the same courtesy, and that is being represented by a face that is African-American.

Thank you,



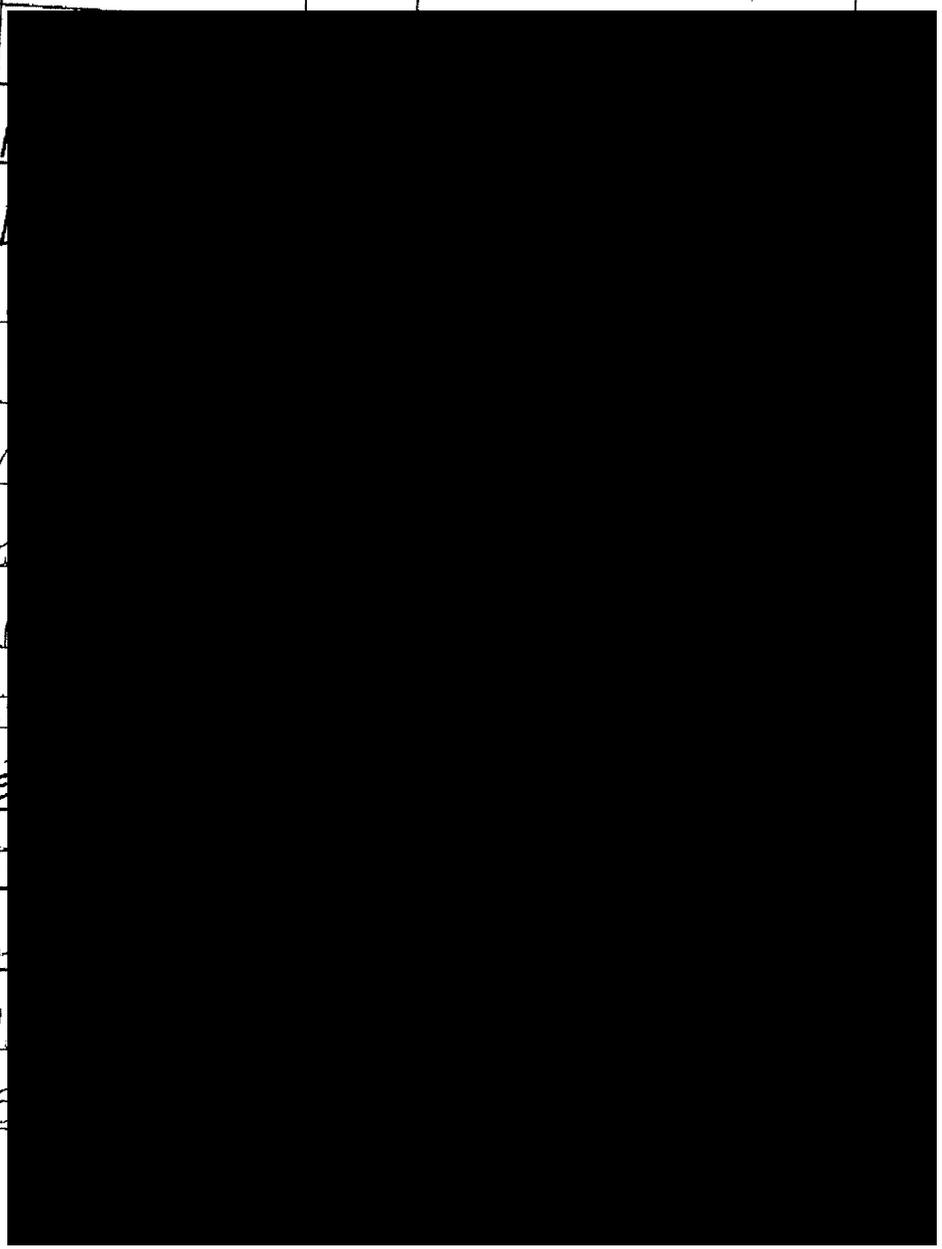
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Diane Staggos			
Diane Sarata			
Cynthia DAVIS			
Luan Morgan			
Lloyd R. R. R.			
Christina Harris			
Frede Kurokawa			
Earl Be...			
Natasha Todman 15			
K. M. Washington 15			
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Reverie Thomas			
Nydia Juliana			
JAMES COOPER			
Jeannette Rodriguez			
Cristina Colson			
CAROL WILLIAMS			
Blanche Glover			
Matejia Guden			
ALWASIA VIZCARRA			
Ronny Salcedo			
Martha Cheatham			

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HOWARD EVANS			
Victor Brutista			
Crystal Alexander			
Sharon Bush			
Ernestine Blair			
Shelley Perkins			
Dorothy ROBERTS			
E. Benjamin			
Pascuals Noman			
Betty Mitchell			
ELIJAH MITCHELL			
Victor Downing			
Ivy Forman			

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Dorothy Harris			
Estella Simmons			
Sack J. Sanchez			
Theodora Loveday			
JUNE SKATES			
Kyle Freeman			
JANET QUERTON			
Carmen Otero			
LORRAINE MCGUIRE			
Marsha Pickett			
Maria Lopez			
Avian Cedeno			
Andrena Brice			

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Christopher Jones			
Dorothy Carlisle			
<del>Robert Harrison</del>			
Hazel Yiggs			
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Queenie Miller			
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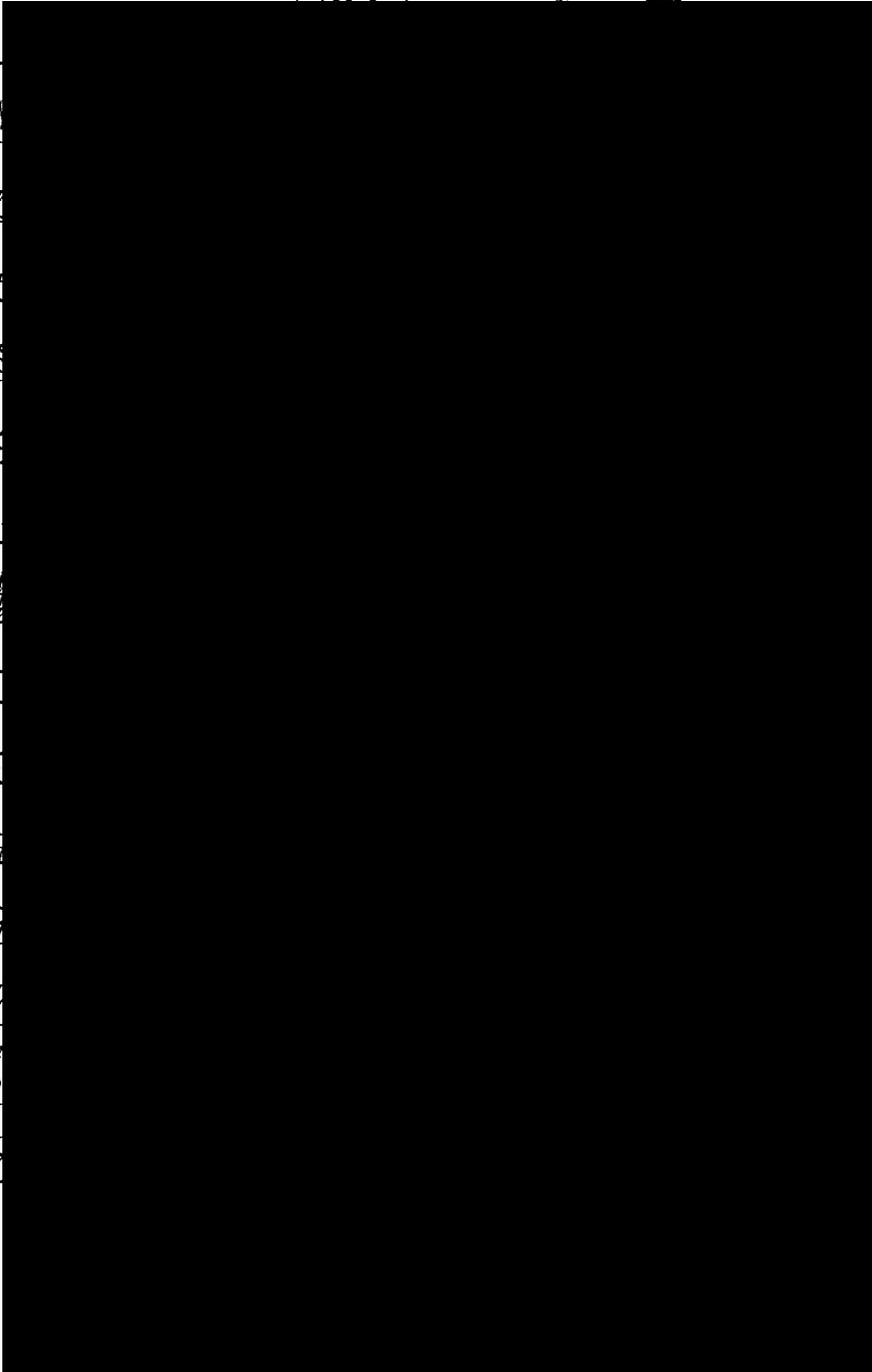
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John Johnson		
Kelle Kilby		
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Rodney Mackey		
Fennette Cordera		
Mrs. Pequero		
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Sharon P.		
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Jeannie Perez			
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Wanda Fields			
VERNA ARMSTRONG			
DAVID WOMBLE			
Jose Rodriguez		15	
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Ethel Anderson		15	
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George Brown		
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Renee David		
Patricia Jones		
Meris Alvarez		
Susan Muse		
Lynn Bowers		
Zette (Doris)		
JOHN MARSH		
Verna Davis		

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MARCIA G...			
Carolyn Rouse			
Cassandra N. Armstrong			
Douglas Walker			
Jose...			
Milton Bradley			
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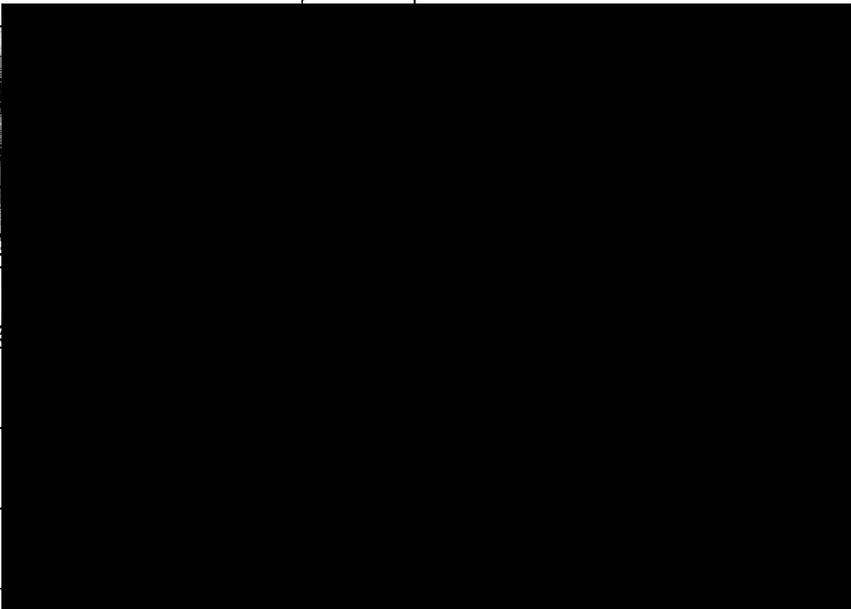
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