



At our recent August 2012 meeting we discussed the issue of the proposed redistricting and are totally opposed to this proposal based on the following reasons:

1. The City Redistricting Committee has released the proposed new districts for the City Council. We have been in the 17th Council District represented by **Ms. Maria Del Carmen Arroyo**. The new proposed lines has cut out our entire neighborhood and much of the South & NE Bronx and placed us in the 8th Council District that has been a Manhattan district and represented by **Ms. Melissa Mark Viverito**. This is not a good thing for our community since it will split our district into two boroughs something that no other NYC district has. Yes there are portions of many districts that do go into other boroughs, but not one has two boroughs with 50% of its District in each one. The SBCA has WORKED SO MUCH IN UPLIFTING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND THIS PROPOSAL WILL ONLY SERVE TO HINDER OUR ORGANIZATIONAL CAPABILITIES.

- A. Our particular section of the community that has borders in Mott Haven and High Bridge & Morris Heights has always been neglected. Those of us who have live here all our lives and for many who have recently moved in know the following. The improvements that have allowed for many of the private home owners and housing stock to attract new co-op owners and tenants has been due to our organizing to provide better services. This improvement has come not because of our elected officials efforts. Much of our positive changes have come from the hard work and tenacity of neighbors that have dedicated much of our time to organize to improve our community. This organization has been accomplished when all of your resources are in one geographical area. Our Planning Boards, our police prescient, fire departments, etc. This is also true of our elected City Council member, which has jurisdiction over all of the city agencies. Our

experience has shown that it has been the pressure that we have placed on our elected officials to support our initiatives. We have proven this on several quality of life issues and is a testament to why we need to have a City council representative that can be held accountable by the very community that the Council representative must pay attention to if they want to get re-elected. IF OUR CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE RELIES ON A BASE OF VOTERS FROM ANOTHER BOROUGH, IN THIS CASE MANHATTAN HE/SHE WILL NOT BE UNDER ANY PRESSURE TO ADDRESS OUR CONCERNS.

- B. This can be a major problem for us as a community that has finally begun to organize and unite to address the issues to improve our quality of life. Our community is still undergoing major changes. New zoning, gentrification, major developments being discussed. If we as residents who have invested in homes, co-ops, and those who have chosen to rent in our neighborhood don't have full access and the ability to put pressure on all our elected officials who for the most part have not been at the forefront of our issues we will be greatly affected.
- C. We also believe that this proposed redistricting of our neighborhood violates certain aspects of the NYC Charter that we will research and present.

The proposed redistricting plan is not in the interest of our community; in fact it is to the detriment of our future. Therefore, the South Bronx Community Association is totally against this proposed plan and urge the redistricting committed to keep our neighborhood intact.

The new lines should be moved from the North where it is proposed at 150th/153rd further South to 143rd St. across East to West. This will allow the institutions of Hostos Community College, Lincoln Hospital, Pregones Theater and our base of homeowners and co-op owners to remain in our present council district

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