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Thaddeus Hackworth, Esq.  
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The New York City Districting Commission  
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Dear Mr. Hackworth:

This refers to the 2013 redistricting plan for the New York City Council in Bronx, Kings and New York Counties, New York, submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. 1973c. We received your submission on March 22, 2013; additional information was received on May 9, 2013.

The Attorney General does not interpose any objection to the specified change. However, we note that Section 5 expressly provides that the failure of the Attorney General to object does not bar subsequent litigation to enjoin the enforcement of the change. Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 28 C.F.R. 51.41.

Sincerely,

*for T. Christian Herren, Jr.*

T. Christian Herren, Jr.  
Chief, Voting Section