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I am writing about City Council redistricting. I did not know about the hearings and just heard about them and possibility of public input.

I live at [REDACTED] E 129th St, New York, NY 10035, we are in the 9th CD, which encompasses Central Harlem. Our district goes in the east in some sections as far as 3rd avenue. This is a problem, since Central Harlem politicians do not think that East Harlem is part of their district. Much of our neighborhood belongs culturally and historically to Central Harlem--for example Langston Hughes lived on East 127th street, James Baldwin went to school on East 128th Street, and Ann Petry wrote her novel "The Street" on East 129th Street.

Our section, which is plagued with oversaturation and homelessness, is split in weird ways between CD 8 and 9.

I would like to suggest that the new council district has a border line on Park Avenue. It's a cleaner boundary than the current one and it makes geographic and cultural sense. Perhaps then our electeds will pay attention to us.

Thank you,

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