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It has come to our attention that the NYC Districting Commission is considering moving Roosevelt Island from Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26.

Our family has resided on Roosevelt Island for more than 12 years and we emphatically wish to remain part of Manhattan District 5. We can't express this strongly enough.

Our young daughter attend school in Manhattan and to abruptly remove her from DoE's District 2 would be severely detrimental for her educational path. Likewise, we own our condominium on the island and feel strongly that a re-orientation away from Manhattan's governance oversight and school district eligibility would very negatively affect our property values and the growth potential for this island.

We have had excellent representation by our elected District 5 leaders. For 50+ years, Roosevelt Island has been part of Manhattan -- that was the intent of the founders of this special neighborhood and it is core to our identity and our community relations.

Please protect and retain Roosevelt Island's connection to Manhattan District 5!

Sincerely,  
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