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Greetings Members of the Independent Redistricting Commission:

It is with great disappointment that I, along with a great deal of other Harlem residents, are faced with the task of writing you regarding the redistricting lines being asked for consideration for the 9th NYC Council District. It is also unfortunate that there is not a hearing being held in Harlem with such an impactful matter at stake. We have been made aware that it is a desire to include the NYCHA Polo Grounds residents from our Harlem district to the Washington Heights district. Should this happen, the 9th council district would have to move further south, downtown ensuring that the Harlem council could have representation from someone who is not a resident of Harlem.

Currently, the southern lines of the council district end at approximately 106th Street circa Park Avenue. If the southern lines are redrawn further south perhaps to East 72nd Street, that disproportionate proposal threatens the cultural integrity and will be severely marginalized. This would make the 9th Council District the only district in the entire Manhattan delegation without ethnic representation.

That shared, we are opposed severely to removing the Polo Grounds from the 9 Council District which would deplete the integrity and the historic significance of a Black historic district. If any other Washington Hts council district needs an increased population based on the census, we propose that those numbers come from Council Districts 7 and 10. Thank you, in advance, for your anticipated cooperation in this regard.