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President and
Chief Executive Officer

August 12, 2022

Dennis M. Walcott
Chair, NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway- 4th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear Commissioner Walcott,

I am writing on behalf of Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS) to express our opposition to the proposed redistricting of a portion of Manhattan Council District 5 to Queens District 26.

HSS is proud to be the world's leading academic medical center focused on musculoskeletal health. While we serve patients across New York City and the tri-state region, our main campus is located on the Upper East Side in Manhattan Council District 5. Under the proposed redistricting plan, the HSS main campus would be absorbed into Queens District 26. This would result in the severing of our representation by current CD5 Council Member Julie Menin, with whom we have established a strong relationship and are working together on several important issues to benefit the Upper East Side community. In particular, the work with CM Menin's office has resulted in benefits to the beautification project that HSS will be executing and financially supporting, spanning eight blocks of the East River Esplanade with improved access and resources for the neighborhood.

In addition, while the HSS Main Hospital building and the East River Esplanade project would become part of Queen District 26 under the proposed redistricting, our 75th Street Campus, as well as our planned new location at 80th Street and 1st Avenue, would remain located in CD5. Activity across these locations is often related, and the separation of Council Districts would make coordination more challenging.

Taking into account these factors, HSS urges the NYC Districting Commission to keep the entirety of our main campus represented by a Manhattan elected official with the commitment and experience to address the unique needs of our community.

Thank you very much for your leadership and consideration. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louis A. Shapiro".

Louis A. Shapiro

cc: Council Member Julie Menin