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Dear members of the NYC Redistricting Commission,

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I write to express concern about the egregious error that the commission committed in dividing the community of Rochdale Village between two council districts, District 28 City which is represented by City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams and District 31. which is represented by Councilmember Sevena Brooks-Powers. Rochdale residents have always been represented by one elected public official at every level of government. As such, Rochdale residents are never confused about which elected official represents them in Congress, the NYS legislature or in the NYC Council. Over the years the residents have usually voted as a "block" and this has given them tremendous voting power. It's taken many years to develop this voting "block" and to separate this community would dilute this power and be an injustice to those that have worked for years to build their voting strength. This can not happen! It must not happen!

Additionally, as a resident of CD #31, I believe Councilmember Brooks-Powers is doing a tremendous job navigating the different interests of the residents throughout her district. However, navigating and representing the varying interests of the residents on the mainland and those on the Rockaway's peninsula is difficult enough, without trying to insert another large community, such as Rochdale Village into the "mix".

In conclusion, City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams can readily assert that Rochdale is not only a separate community, it's almost a separate "city". Over five thousand families reside in Rochdale Village, and as someone that has represented the democratic voters in Rochdale for close to a quarter of a century (twenty four years to be exact) , I know how different the issues are for residents of the cooperative, as opposed to those who live outside of the development. The competing interests of the constituencies make governing challenging, but Speaker Adams has represented this area for many years as the Chairperson of Community Planning Board #12 and as the Councilmember for District 28. She knows the issues and has done an excellent job navigating the inherent politics of the community while serving the needs of all the residents. To disrupt the current governance structure would make an already challenging situation, potentially untenable for either elected official, and I ask that you summarily reconsider, when drafting the next redistricting proposal.

Thanks in advance for your consideration of this matter and I look forward to your next iteration of the NYC Council Districts.

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