

NOHO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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To: NYC Districting Commission

Via email: publictestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov

Dear Commissioners,

The NoHo Neighborhood Association is a decades-old volunteer community organization.

Ten years ago the NYC Redistricting Commission wanted to change the main section of NoHo from East 4th St to Houston from CD 1 to CD 2.

The NoHo Neighborhood Association and SoHo Alliance opposed that change separating NoHo from SoHo.

At that time, after presenting opposition and reasoning to the Redistricting Commission, this section of NoHo remained in CD 1 and remained united with SoHo.

Here we are ten years later. Now the proposal is for a change of NoHo from CD 1 to CD 3, when before it was to CD 2.

Again we oppose this change and request to remain in CD 1.

Attached is a letter from the SoHo Alliance sent 10 years ago that reiterates the significant reasons.

Summarizing comments from the SoHo Alliance's 10-yr old letter (which stands as well today in presenting this request), here are reasons to not divide a common, united neighborhood:

1. SoHo & NoHo have the same zoning which is unique within NYC;
2. SoHo & NoHo have unique historic cast-iron Landmarks designations;
3. Comparable demographics;
4. Similar voting blocs;
5. Similar housing stock, distinctive from areas throughout NYC;
6. Shared history in re-adaptive use and the arts.

Moreover SoHo and NoHo have well established and deep ties of common interest and association.

We have shared history and struggles. We have worked hand-in-hand with common goals for many, many decades.

We urge the Commission that NoHo remain in CD 1 and to not separate these united communities of interest: SoHo and NoHo.

Sincerely,

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