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August 21, 2022

Members of the NYC Redistricting Commission,

I am writing to you alongside members of the communities within New York City Council District 37 in support of the current draft map for the district.

We hosted two redistricting workshops with residents from across the district. The first workshop presented the redistricting process and the online remapping tool. We had members from NYCHA Glenmore Houses in Brownsville, NYCHA Hope Gardens tenant leaders in Bushwick, residents from City Line, members of the Coalition for Community Advancement representing Cypress Hills and East New York, leadership from Community Board 4 and 5, and representatives from community based organizations.

At the second meeting specific feedback was that Hope Gardens NYCHA development be fully included in the 37th district. Currently, Palmetto Senior Center, Hope Gardens Community Center, and additional buildings under the NYCHA Hope Gardens campus are in the 34th district. About 90 percent of the development is in the 37th and residents stated the remaining 10 percent should be included. This would streamline resources and services across various government levels and accountability over the private management company.

No additional concerns were expressed for other areas based on the current draft maps. The community was supportive. With their feedback and concerns expressed, I support the draft district and thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,

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New York City Council Member, District 37