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Dear Committee Members,

We, the residents and businesses of the Kips Bay Neighborhood, in Manhattans East Side, respectfully request the Committee considers moving all of Kips Bay into District 4 as an urgent matter of fair representation. (See below for relative community input and attached for our map.)

1. Kips Bay neighborhood MUST be in the same council district as the institutions that affect its quality of life. Those institutions are NYU hospital complex, Bellevue Men's Shelter, Bellevue Hospital and all other institutions on the West side of 1st Avenue. The latter fall within City Council District 4.
2. Kips Bay should be removed from District 2 as a matter of fair representation for the residents and business owners within Kips Bay.
3. For more than 20 years, Kips Bay has been unrepresented by District 2 council members. (See more below on this)

Reasoning:

A. Hospital Row is in District 4.

- A2. E. 34th to E. 23rd residential streets between 1st and 3rd Avenues areas MUST be in the same district as "hospital row" (between E. 34th and E. 23rd Street) on the west side of 1st Avenue if the people living in the district and the store owners are to have any representation against the powerful interests of NYU and the CB6 community board.
- A3. NYU is a forceful entity. The institution also provides free meeting space to CB6 Manhattan. Consistently, CB6 and NYU have subjugated the needs of Kips Bay residents for their own purposes. Kips Bay residents and business owners need a seat at the table and, have not had one for decades.
- A4. For more than 20 years, NYU hospital has increasingly "quashed" the voice of the community in which the institution is located, for the benefit of NYU.

NYU has changed the actual traffic flow of some of our residential streets for access to their facilities; NYU staff double parking everywhere on our residential streets without regard for driveways and local community disruption, NYU staff throwing their breakfast and other garbage on the Kips Bay Plaza median and other sidewalks on a daily basis. NYU is dirtying our residential streets and negatively affecting the quality of life for people who live here.

B. The current District 2 encompasses the Lower East Side and has been called a "Latina" district by Progressive electeds. (I refer especially Brad Lander and his support of Carlina River for City Council). On a number of occasions, when one calls the office the staff has responded by stating this area is not in their district. Sadly, that same response was common when Rosie Mendez was the Councilwomen.

- Kips Bay residents and Murray Hill residents have more in common than Kips Bay and Lower East Side residents. Our issues here do not equate to those of the LES, but rather relate mainly to the problems created by adjacency to hospital row.

We, the Kips Bay Neighborhood Association, respectfully request the Committee considers redistricting all of Kips Bay into District 4.

Thank you for your consideration.

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