

August 16, 2022

Districting Commission,
253 Broadway, 3rd Floor,
New York, NY 10007

Re: Proposed Council District 12 Maps (June-July 2022)

To the Members of the Districting Commission,

Greetings, my name is Lethia Williams and I have lived/worked in the District 12 neighborhood of the Northeast Bronx with my family for over 40 years. I am requesting that you reconsider the boundary lines to help keep my community unified. Our community in District 12 has shared values and as such there should be shared access to services. Dividing the district along these new lines will require a further distance to municipal government services – and in most instances, double the travel time (particularly via public transportation) to access such services.

The 12th Council District as it stands is a close-knit community, with shared values. This district also holds a unique population as a majority Black community, with a higher average of homeownership. The Neighborhood Tabulation Area (NTA) for Williamsbridge-Olinville has 60% Black residency and Eastchester- Edenwald-Baychester has 68% Black residency, compared to the Borough which has 28% percent Black residency. In 2019 via the Census' American Community Survey, it is estimated that the region has a homeownership rate of 39.1% with 60.2% of homeowners identifying as Black compared to the Borough which has 18.9% homeownership with 29.0% of homeowners identifying as Black. To divide this community would be to frankly, disenfranchise the community and weaken political power.

As a result, I Lethia Williams am compelled to testify to the Commission and ask that they reconsider these district lines and re-consolidate Gun Hill & The Valley. Generations of families have grown up together in this community and I would like to continue to build with my neighbors as a consolidated entity. We attend the same schools, faith institutions, and senior centers and are now finding ourselves, and subsequently our resources immensely divided. We have spent decades fighting for adequate funding for our community and especially our schools, such as Evander, and alongside our Council representation we were able to finally secure 778K for capital improvements for the Evander High School Campus. This school is an absolute institution, with generations of residents in this community attending this school – and a Beacon program where we can all send our kids. These programs require adequate funding, and the neighboring council districts already have existing commitments and institutions, such as the Columbus Campus in District 13 and the Roosevelt Campus in District 15, and it may take away resources from other districts to ask them to carry this charge.

In conclusion, as a longstanding resident of our active associations and city organizations: The Department of Youth and Community Development District 12 (Term Limited), East of Laconia Community Association High School Scholarship Chairperson representing the businesses and politicians (Northeast Bronx YMCA), PTA Membership in District 11 Schools, Parent Activist Rebuilding Our Schools PS 78/ MS 142, Retired Community School District 11 Educator, Boy Scout and Girl Scouts of America Parent Activist, Herbert H. Lehman College BS and MS Education, Council District 12, I implore the Commission to keep our families together and restore the original district boundary lines. Our generation was able to succeed due to the resources we were able to access and we would greatly appreciate being able to offer the next one the same access and resources. Thank you for your time, and have a great day.

Best,

Mrs. Lethia Williams
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Bronx, NY 10466

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From: MR.AJ . [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 12:17 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Public Testimony - Mosholu Parkway/Norwood
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Hello. I didn't attach a map. My comment about "this new map/cd11" is in regards to the "Preliminary Plan #1: City Council District Map" and has been updated below to reflect such.

Mosholu (Parkway) was once home to a lost river and a vibrant diverse community - that has sadly been chopped up and sliced away over generations with past redistricting and gerrymandering. This new "Preliminary Plan #1: City Council District Map" /CD11 - slowly restores the former glory and beauty of such history - as The Parkway/Mosholu should have NEVER BEEN the literal line in the sand separating us from our neighbors and friends along the former river's path in Bedford Park and below. So please keep us together and not separated in oddly drawn districts - who don't represent and respect our past/history and legacy of Norwood & Mosholu. – Armando "AJ" Ramos - Lifelong Norwood Resident

From: [Public Testimony](#)
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 11:49 AM
To: [MR.AJ.](#)
Subject: RE: Public Testimony - Mosholu Parkway/Norwood

Good morning,

We weren't able to open the attachment with your map. Please send it in a different format such as jpeg so that we may record your testimony.

Thank you,
Michael DeCillis
Assistant Counsel
NYC Districting Commission

From: MR.AJ . [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 9:33 AM
To: Public Testimony <PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Testimony - Mosholu Parkway/Norwood

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Testimony for PUBLIC HEARING prepared by

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Bernadette Ferrara

Van Nest Resident / CB11 Board Member / Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance

Good Afternoon.

My name is Bernadette Ferrara, born, raised, educated and still living in Van Nest, a diverse community in the East Bronx. I've served on Community Board 11 representing Van Nest since 2008 and am a founding member and current President of the Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance (VNNA) a 501c3 formed in 2010. Today I speak again as that lifelong resident.

I want to personally thank the Commission for taking to heart both of my testimonies along with others from Van Nest, now uniting the whole community of Van Nest into one City Council district under the current proposed map for City Council District 13. The proposed lines include ALL of Van Nest aligning us with the fabric of low-density community issues present in Community Board 11 and the 49th Precinct which are both located in City Council District 13.

With the Van Nest neighborhood united as one, we will be better partners with neighboring communities as a stronger united front for common community problems, events and major goals. Uniting Van Nest has also aided in connecting the larger Yemeni population in Van Nest. We are no longer a tale of a split community sitting "on the fringe" of two City Council districts. We hope the current proposed lines for City Council District 13 which keep Van Nest as a whole within its borders, moves forward to be the final lines.

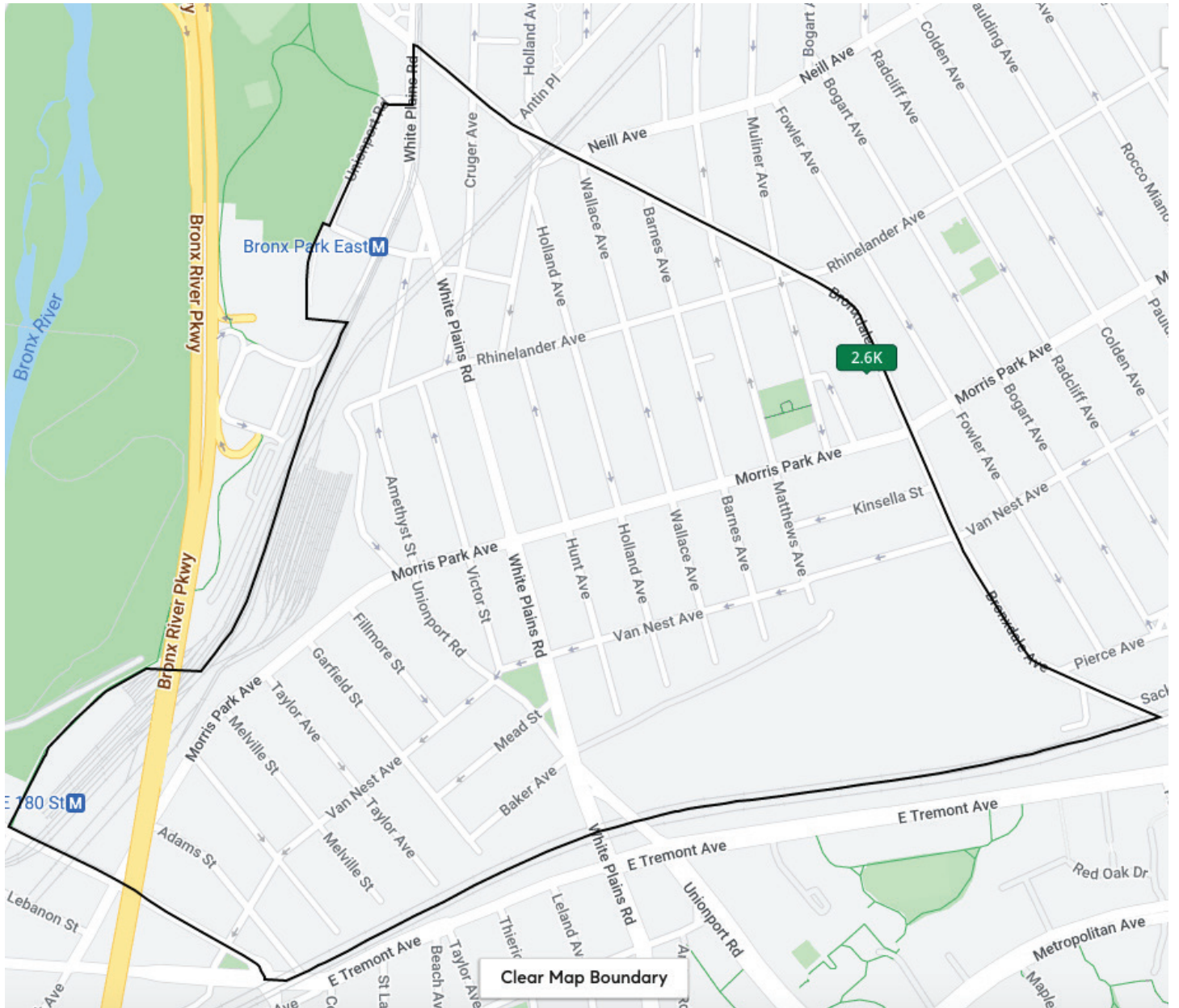
Van Nest looks forward to achieving their major community goals that have been needed for decades. That being a Boys & Girls Club or Community Center, Middle Schools, Youth Programs, Senior Programs, Senior Housing and Veterans Housing.

I truly appreciate and commend the Commission for holding this Public Hearing to receive additional community input for the **new** New York City Council district lines.

Thank you.

MAP OF VAN NEST NEIGHBORHOOD:

1. Local boundaries of Van Nest neighborhood in the East Bronx:



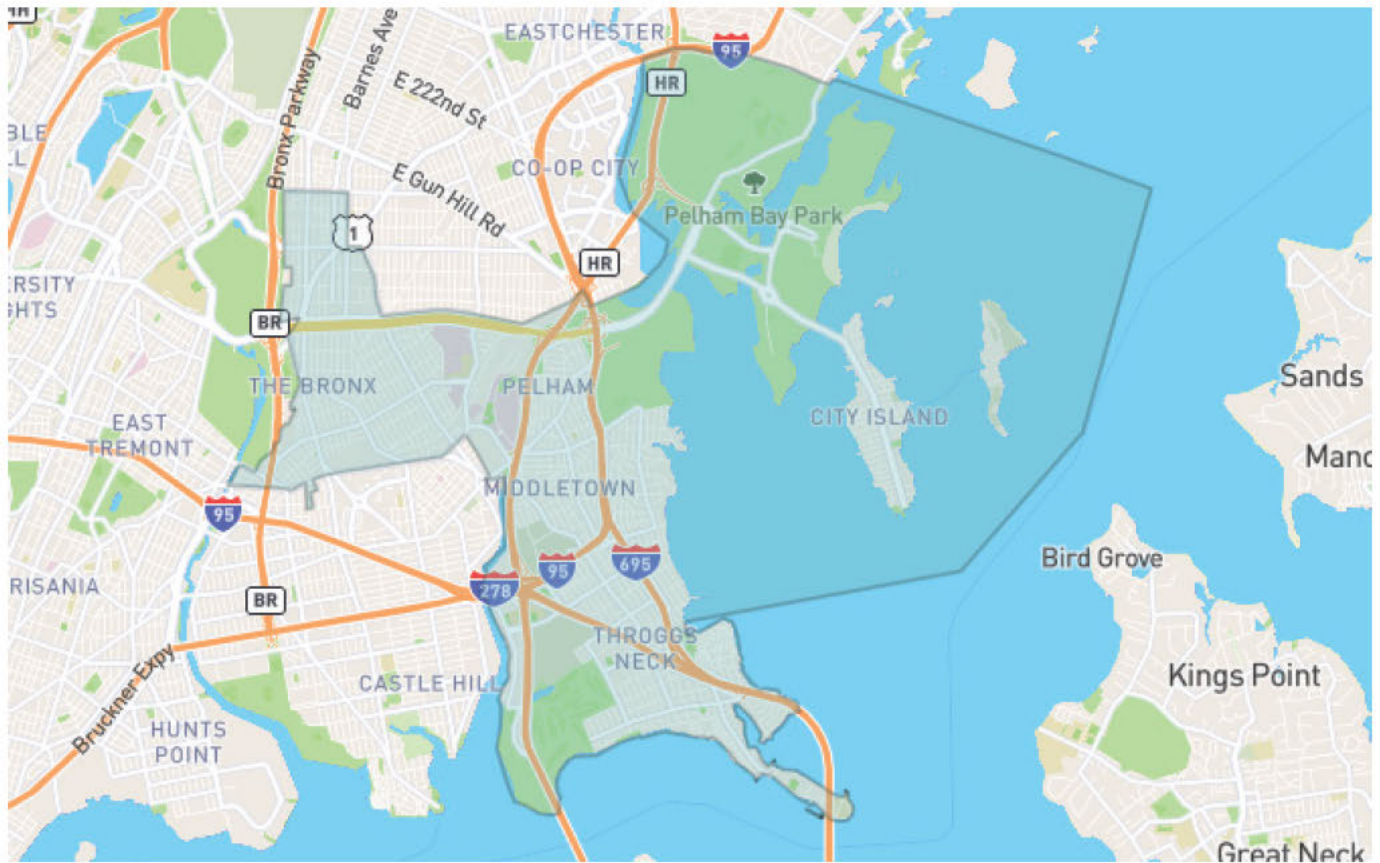
2. Green shaded area shows my NEW MAP of City Council District 13 **unifying the neighborhoods of Van Nest, Morris Park, Pelham Parkway, majority of Bronx Park East and majority of Allerton.**

NEW City Council District 13

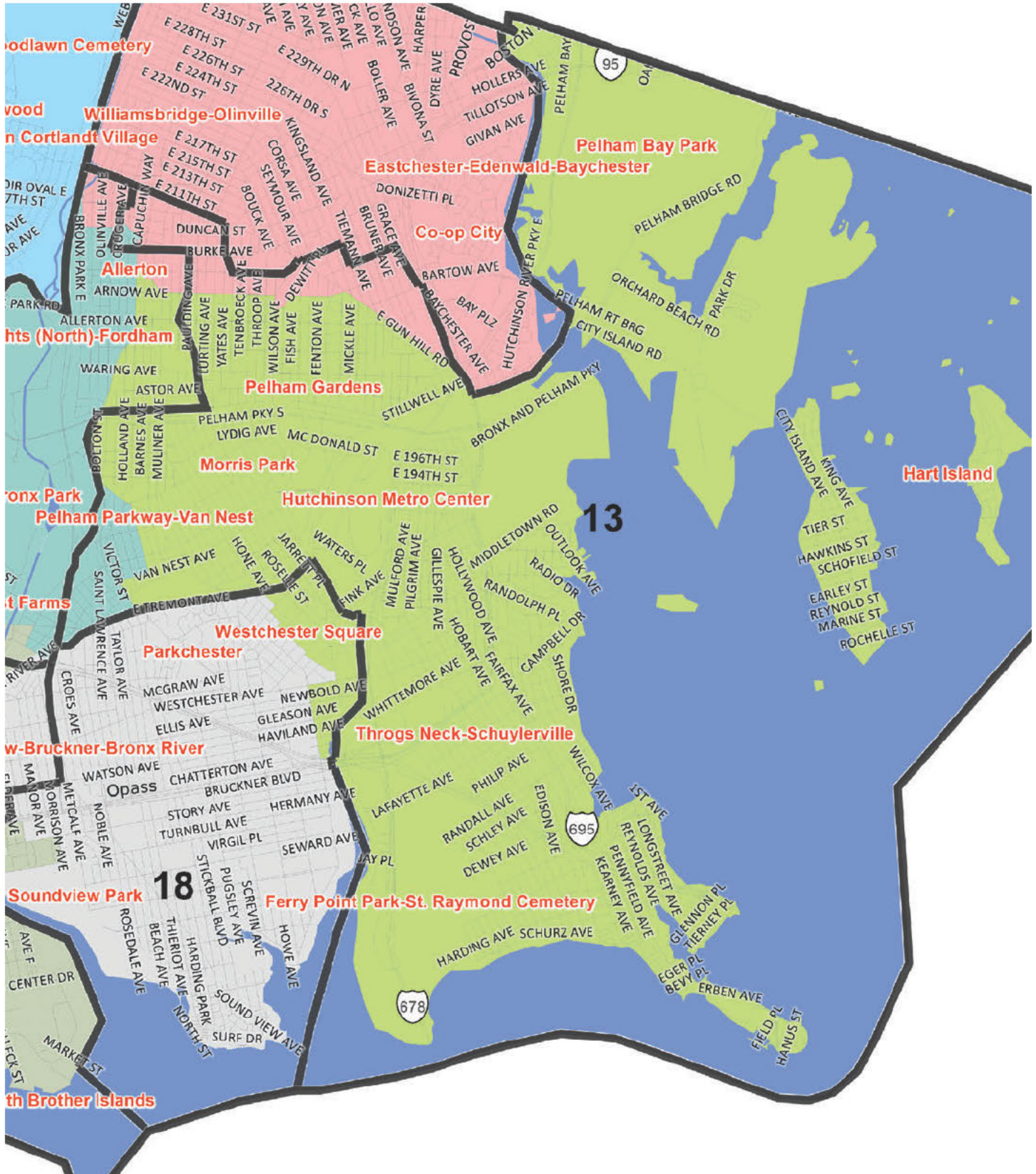
This map was created at [Representable.org](https://representable.org)

View this community at:

<https://www.representable.org/submission/a947fd85-89ca-4fd3-92ef-48a61a51014b?pdf=true>



3. NYC Districting Commissions' Bronx Preliminary-Plan City Council District Map for City Council District 13 including Van Nest as a whole community within its borders.



Cheryl Dewitt
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Bronx, NY 10469

August 17, 2022

Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10007

Re: **Proposed Council District 12 Maps – June July 2022**

To the Members of the Districting Commission,

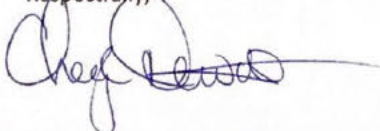
Greetings my name is Cheryl Dewitt and I have lived in the Baychester and worked in the Wakefield neighborhoods of the Bronx for 50plus and 30plus years respectively. I am requesting that you reconsider the boundary lines to help keep my community unified. Our community in Baychester and Wakefield have shared values and as such there should be shared access to services. Dividing the district along the proposed lines will require a further distance to municipal government services and in most instance double the travel time (particularly via public transportation) to access such services.

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As a result, I Cheryl Dewitt am compelled to testify to the Commission and ask that they reconsider the as drawn proposed District 12 lines and change to incorporate the Proposed Lines/alternative boundaries as drawn by our 12th City Council Member Kevin C. Riley. Our Council Member Kevin C. Riley along with his dedicated Team have reached out to and heard the concerns of our community. After listening they have completed a proposed map that meets the "Census Population Numbers" while also "Maintaining the Integrity of our current communities." Generations of families have grown up together in this community and I would like to continue to build with my neighbors as a consolidated entity. We attend the same schools, faith institutions, and senior centers and are now finding ourselves and subsequently our resources immensely divided. We have spent decades fighting for adequate funding for our community and especially our schools, such as Evander and alongside our Council representation we were able to finally secure 778K for capital improvements for the Evander High School Campus, the neighboring council districts already have existing commitments and institutions, such as the Columbus Campus in District 13 and the Roosevelt Campus in District 15, and it may take away resources from other districts to ask them to carry this charge.

In conclusion as a long-standing resident and employee within Council District 12, I implore the Commission to keep our families and resources together. Please accept the changes as submitted by Council Member Riley as he has listened to and heard the community needs. I sincerely **Thank You** for your time and consideration,

Respectfully,



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From: Julie Colon [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 7:48 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bronx Redistricting Hearing Testimony

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Redistricting Testimony

My name is Julie Colon and I am the Lead Housing Organizer of the Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition, a member of the Bronxwide Coalition, and we organize in districts 14 and 15.

I live at 671 Westchester Avenue which is currently in district 17. Tonight I'm speaking to you as a lifelong Bronx resident, community member, & organizer of the Northwest Bronx Community.

I have been a tenant organizer for the NWBCCC for the last 2+ years and I have been in awe of the rich history of this community. My position gives me a special kind of privilege. I get to witness firsthand the resiliency, strength, courage and bravery of community members when faced with issues like eviction, not getting access to good quality repairs, dealing with dilapidated apartments and buildings and facing landlord harassment. I've had the privilege of organizing with these folks and building power to change their material conditions in their buildings and everyday lives.

With that being said I find it a horrible injustice to divide this community and separate the Kingsbridge heights neighborhood by placing it in district 11 when it does not belong there. People living in riverdale do NOT have the same issues as people in Kingsbridge heights. Every district in our borough is already overpopulated and underrepresented and we are the only borough that is like that; that means it's already hard enough to get the voices of the people in the Kingsbridge Heights and Bedford Park Community heard here but we do it because we have always had each other to organize with; because our communities understand each other and have the same needs. If the preliminary map passed the way it is you are intentionally separating these communities and the power that they hold! Not only that but it would also put the Kingsbridge armory in district 11, which would honestly not make sense to me and many other community members. For over 20 years, this community has organized around the armory, it's not news that the armory is important to the people of Kingsbridge Heights, so to move it into district 11 would not make sense and would be a serious slight to so many people who worked hard to get community input for what should be happening with the Kingsbridge Armory.

I strongly urge the commission to redraw the Kingsbridge heights neighborhood into City Council District 14, to keep the Bedford Park neighborhood together in City Council District 11 and to limit the

number of overpopulated City Council Districts in the Bronx and to use the Unity Map as a blueprint for the new district lines. Thank you for your time.

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Julie Colon

Tenant Organizer

Northwest Bronx Community & Clergy Coalition

█ East 196th Street

Bronx, NY 10468

Office: █

Hello, my name is LaVerne Best King, I have lived in the Bronx on E. 221st Street between Paulding and Laconia Avenue since I was 3yrs old. My grandparents, aunt and uncle lived around the corner on E. 222nd Street. I attended elementary and high school in the District at P.S. 78 and Evander Childs High School. I left to attend college at Syracuse University, returned upon graduation and began my career starting as an Assistant teacher at the Williamsbridge NAACP Day Care Center, then a Field Director, with the Girl Scout Council of Greater NY servicing Troops and Volunteers in District 12 and joined the NYPD and became the first Youth Coordinator assigned in Patrol Borough Bronx Community Affairs in part and thanks to the connections and history built in our District.

Our district is special to me personally because it birthed my passion for youth and community. My Aunt LaVerne Turner, who is my namesake was an integral part of this community with E. 219th Street and White plains road bearing her name, working with her on countless community projects including protesting for a traffic light on E. 222nd street and Paulding Avenue. It is these experiences and seeing my community come together that inspired me through my sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Eta Omega Omega Chapter to begin a mentoring program. This program services young women grades 9 - 12, right here in District 12 and has done so for 31 years.

There are narratives about Black communities that are disparaging and disheartening; I have never known that to be true based on my experiences in the district. Our community is strong and familial from Valley Day to Gun Hill Day and all in between. We are one large family spanning generations – many like mine, my children on E. 222nd Street, my siblings in the Valley, nieces, nephews and cousins in Eastchester and Co-op City all living and raising their families in the district.

It is important to maintain, cherish and celebrate our District and leave it as is, TOGETHER!

Respectfully,

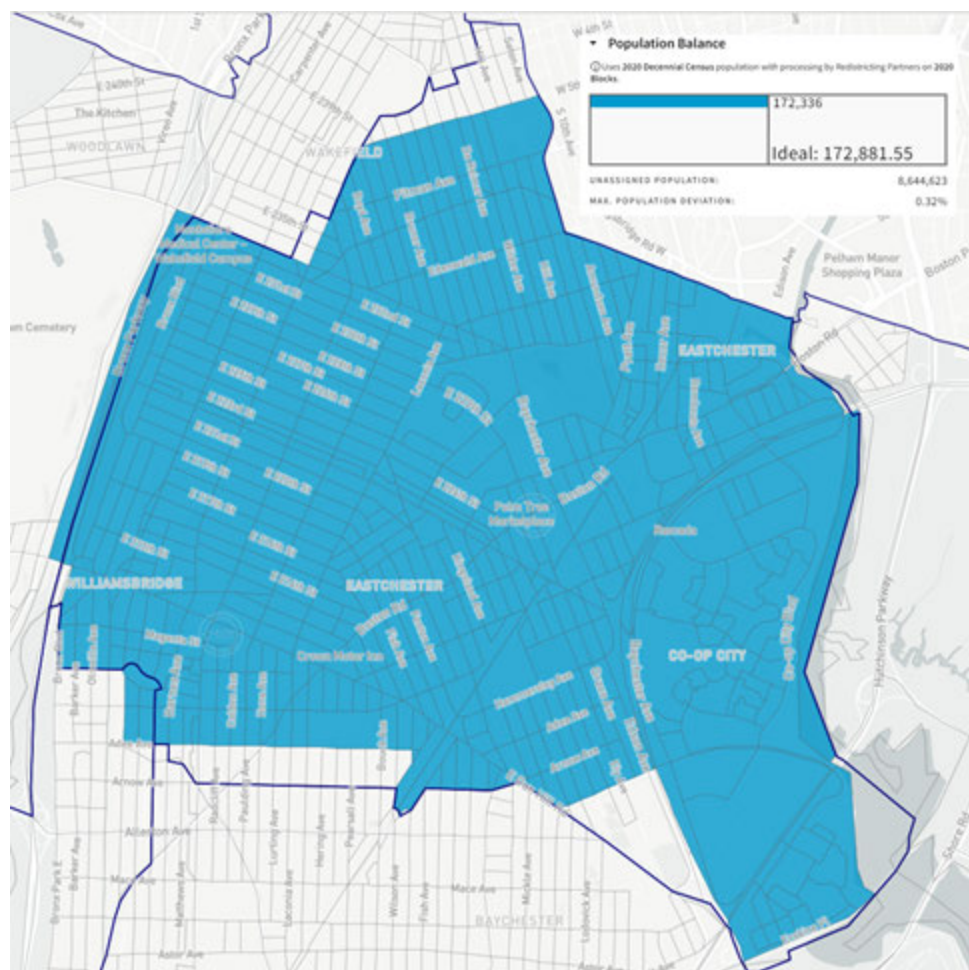
LaVerne King

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From: Lucille White [REDACTED]
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I am brothered that I no longer will be a resident of the 16th district due to the rezoning process.
I elected officials of the 16th district to represent me, and feel it's highly unfair the way it came about without informing the residents of the 16th district, and creating new communities without properly informing us.
We are tired of being left out of the electoral vote.



August 17, 2022

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253 Broadway, 3rd Floor,
New York, NY 10007

Subject: Proposed Council District 12 Maps (June/July 2022)

Dear Members of the Districting Commission

Good day, my name is Sonia Feliciano and I have lived in the community of the Northeast Bronx neighborhood of Co-op City for 22 years. I am requesting that you consider the boundary lines to help keep my community unified. What makes District 12 a great community is the desire and values people bring. It is the foundation of ethics, community, and culture. When those values are met there is a sense of satisfaction.

The 12th Council District is a unique community because we have a council member whose leadership embodies listening to others, understanding community concerns, and is accessible whether it be meetings, events, phone, or email. His commitment is clear and a diverse key component of communication with the community. Our community of District 12 is served by offices in Co-op City and Gun Hill road as a way to help, connect and drive solutions to problems that would otherwise not be addressed in support of its constituents.

In 2008 Evander Childs High School was a school scheduled for closure. Separated into smaller schools as the mayor's initiative of the Melinda and Bill Gates foundation created 6 smaller schools within the complex dedicated to computer and technology, a Bronx lab school, contemporary arts, an academy of health careers, writing, communications, and an aerospace high school. This vision created the learning and value of education through the exchange of ideas that has produced critical thinkers and productive citizens. The City Council was able to provide 778 thousand in funding for much-needed capital improvements along with a beacon program we can send our children to. Evander Childs Educational Complex includes grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, and their children. This is a testament that our council serves the needs of the community as a whole and needs to be kept whole.

Dividing this community not only erodes our political power but puts us in a weakened position. My daughter and her husband live here, my daughter and her children live here and my mother lives here. They can choose to live anywhere else, but they choose to live here because of the connection they have to the community and its services.

We are a community that has a sense of belonging, a major benefit in community building. We work together to bring in new ideas, we build long-lasting relationships with our neighbors, we worship together, our children go to school together and our senior centers are vital to the improvements in the physical, social, spiritual, emotional, mental, and well-being.

The strength of community brings about the strength of the connections that we have with each other. Those relationships give us the power to make a change.

Therefore, I implore you to reconsider keeping the families of Council District 12 together and strengthen the district boundary lines that you have seen fit to separate. The people of District 12 want to continue to succeed in a manner that keeps families, friends, and neighbors together.

Sincerely yours,

Sonia Feliciano

08/17/2022

My name is Arona Testamark, I am currently the President of Woodstock Terrace. I live at [REDACTED] Trinity Ave.

I came here from the US Virgin Island over 30 Years ago. All my life I lived in the south Bronx community. Part of my community is considered Third Ave, Yankee Stadium, leading to 163rd to Prospect, including Boston Road. This community have been a tight knitted community, everyone in the community shares the same interest. From Woodstock Terrace Coop to Yankee Stadium, has been like a landmark for the South Bronx. This community as I know it, is serviced by District 16. a few days ago, I noticed that there's a map that is dividing these areas and splitting them up into different Districts. I am trying to understand the reason and I am not sure why this is necessary.

This community is a very diverse community that is covered by district 16. Everyone comes out to support different events which is supported by District 16. Most of the children who live in this area attends the schools in this area. If someone ask for direction to Mc Kinley Houses, Woodstock Terrace, Prospect, the 42 Precinct, or 163rd they will be directed toward Yankee Stadium or say use 163rd which is our guideline. There are many seniors who live in this community, especially in Woodstock Terrace. If you asked them, what District they are living in, their response would be District 16. This District has aided this community for several years. Woodstock Terrace is the only Coop in this area which is a landmark to most. We have reached out to District 16 for aid, in helping us to upkeep this landmark, and to remove us from this District is like taking candy from a baby. The map for District 16 should be move a little more over to Prosect Ave.

I am not an artist, but I believed that the map should cover more of this community. It should remain as is.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: José Francisco Ávila [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 11:16 AM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written testimony to the Districting Commission

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Greetings Commissioners and thank you for the opportunity to testify. My name is Jose Francisco Avila, I am the Chairman of The Board of Garifuna Coalition USA, Inc. a non-profit community-based organization founded in 1998 and based in the South Bronx. I am one of the founding members having been involved in the organization and its advocacy since its inception

The Garifuna community is an afro-indigenous community that began migrating to New York City in the 1930s. However, the discovery of this rich culture and tradition arose from the tragic fire on March 25th, 1990, fire at the Happy land Social Club, where most of the 87 who perished were Garifuna. It was this tragic event that developed the foundation for the need to raise awareness of the Garifuna culture and heritage. If the Garifuna Diaspora was a country, it would rank third among the Top 10 countries of Birth for Foreign-Born New Yorkers in 2020, with a population of 225,000.

The mission of the Garifuna Coalition USA, Inc. is to advocate for the rights of Garifuna immigrants and strengthen civic participation within the community by nurturing local leadership through educational and cultural programs that bring together community members across racial and ethnic lines. It seeks to improve the social, economic, civic, and cultural conditions of New York's Garifuna Community. As a part of that mission, we embark on our first effort to participate in the redistricting process to ensure that we can define our community, its geographic reach and advocate for our own interests.

Currently, in the preliminary plan the community is divided between 4 districts (8, 15,16 and 17). This division amongst our community creates issues in creating accountability from elected officials and limits our access to critical resources which deepens the socioeconomic inequality that exists in our community. We have a distinct community, the boundary of our community is Fordham Road on the north, 135th street in the south, Webster Avenue in the East and Bruckner Boulevard on the West.

Our community is interested in consolidating into as few districts as possible. Ideally, we would like to be consolidated within districts 8 and 17. This will benefit our community by generating attention and awareness of our communities needs and help build meaningful accountability to our community by empowering our voice through the political process.

Thank you for listening to my testimony. I hope that I have given you a description of my Garifuna community of interest which has been hidden in plain sight for too long. Hopefully this testimony will build on our efforts to increase the visibility of the Garifuna community. Seremein, Gracias, Thank You!

José Francisco Ávila

Chairman of The Board

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Introduction:

Roxanne Delgado, founder of Friends of Pelham Parkway, an environmental and social justice group founded in 2017. This is the only group founded by a woman of color in city council 13 District. For over 5 years, we utilized our community of interest, Pelham Parkway Greenway, for environmental and social justice.

Community of Interest:

Our community of interest is Pelham Parkway Greenway wide green spaces from White Plains Road to Stillwell Ave. Pelham Parkway Greenway is a linear park that links Bronx Park to Pelham Bay Park

Issue:

The proposed City Council District 13 (CD13) divides Pelham Parkway Greenway and the surrounding communities into 2 districts. Pelham Parkway North, west of Williamsbridge Road, was carved out in an oddly shaped manner and moved into City Council District 15 (CD15), Our community of interest was divided into 2 separate city council districts which will eliminate or reduce funding, diminish advocacy, threaten NYCHA, dilute the future Mexican Voting power and protect political

interest over community interest. CD13 looks gerrymandered.

Eliminates or reduces Funding:

Just recently Friends of Pelham Parkway engaged our community participation in CD13's first Participating Budgeting by holding voting sites both on Pelham Parkway North and South and collected almost 400 ballots. As a result, our proposed idea for water fountains in the greenway won \$800,000 in capital funding. This funding would not have been possible under the proposed map.

We are seeking future funding for much needed repairs for the pedestrian pathway in the greenway. The likelihood of such funding is unlikely under the proposed map which divides the parkway voters resulting in less advocacy and less funding.

Diminishes Advocacy:

Just recently, Friends of Pelham Parkway successfully advocated for speed cameras on both the North and South Side of Pelham Parkway to address high incidents of injuries and even deaths on our roads between our greenway linear park. There is more advocacy needed to make our Pelham Parkway, green, cleaner, and safer

which is not possible under the proposed map that divides the parkway into separate districts.

For years, we have not just advocated for more funding for parks agency but also for equity in maintenance. Pelham Parkway Greenway is heavily used and used as a park but does not receive maintenance as a full-scale park does. Also parks maintenance are not equitable across the city nor even across the Bronx. Our cleanup and beautification events and advocacy for our parkway has made Pelham Parkway cleaner and greener. This proposed map will revert our parkway as it was in 2017, neglected and filthy.

Threatens NYCHA:

The proposed map moves over 1, 500 NYCHA Housing units, Pelham Parkway houses (1,266 units) and Boston Road houses (235 units), into city council 15. CD15 is one of 5 city council districts, 8,14,15,16 and 17 that have poverty rate of 35%. Adding more poor people into the CD15 will overburden CD15's constituents services since poor people and NYCHA residents need more assistance. Also, CD15 resources including funding is not sufficient for additional 1,500 NYCHA units. CD15 currently has over 1,550 NYCHA units which includes the Parkside 879 Housing units. This section of Pelham Parkway North with includes NYCHA is a high-density low-income area surrounded by largely low rise and semi suburban area

with higher income. Pelham Parkway Houses benefits more in this thriving district with less needs than it will in a poor district.

Dilutes the future Mexican Voting Power:

Pelham Parkway North and South has a large Mexican population. Many of our Mexican children are approaching eligible voting age. We have many young Mexican American volunteers who will start High School soon or even graduate soon from High School.

Currently we have no Mexican Elected in any city or state offices. This proposed map divides the Mexican future voters bloc into two separate districts and moves part of that bloc into CD15 which is majority Latinos of Dominicans and Puerto Ricans. As a result, it will dilute the future CD13 Mexican Voting Bloc and diminish their ability to elect their preferred candidate or even elect a Mexican American.

Political Gerrymandering?

The oddly carved out section and the additional 2,373 democratic voters in the proposed map changes the election result from the Republican Mayoral candidate as the winner to the Democratic Mayoral Candidate as the winner in CD13 November 2021 General Election.

These new lines seem to protect the democratic incumbency city council District 13. In November 2021, 55% of the voters voted for the current Democratic council member for CD13, and 45% voted for the Republican candidate who loss by less than 1,825 votes.

This map benefits the democratic incumbency for CD13 and divides our Pelham Parkway community and community of interest. We need to stop putting politics over people and break communities to benefit incumbency or party. If candidates/political parties want to win election or reelections, they need to serve the communities. This proposed map not only breaks communities in CD13 and CD12, but it looks gerrymandered to protect party/incumbency in CD13.

Request for changes in Proposed Map:

Keep Pelham Parkway Community Intact. Return moved CD12 to CD13 voters back to CD12.

Three Van Nest members spoke, 2 of them in support of putting Van Nest in 1 city council district, 1 of them in support of keeping Van Nest in 2 city council districts. None of them spoke any preference for a specific district. Since Van Nest is split in the middle, they can be in either district 15 or 13 or reman split. One community should not be destroyed to make another community intact.

Please don't divide Pelham Parkway. Don't destroy what took Friends of Pelham Parkway over 5 years to build community and empowerment for communities of color, immigrants and the working poor.

Thank you kindly

Roxanne Delgado, CD13

Founder, Friends of Pelham Parkway

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From: Lisy V [REDACTED]
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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Do Not Redistrict Pelham Parkway

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Dear Redistricting Commission,

Pelham Parkway has been 1 community in 1 district for decades, please don't divide us which will benefit incumbency and political party over the best interest of our Pelham Parkway community.

Our community is united by our Pelham Parkway Greenway and dividing us into 2 separate districts will result in less voters, less advocacy which will reduce funding, dilute the future Mexican Voting Power, and put NYCHA Pelham Parkway in a poor district. This will result in the neglect and deterioration of our greenway, our community and NYCHA housing.

Please do **NOT** redistrict Pelham Parkway!

Sincerely,
Lisandra Vazquez

[REDACTED]

From: Charlene Slader [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 4:51 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pelham parkway redistributing

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I always wondered how ghettos are made. Now I know. I see right before my eyes how institutional racism works to exclude people of color. Let's call this gerrymandering what it is. How disgraceful for it to be done under this administration.

Redistricting is a way to create ghettos and it shouldn't be allowed. Pelham parkway is ONE community. I can't think that this has everything to do with the failed proposed homeless shelter on the brown side of town. We weren't supposed to see it happen, but we did. No more slight of hand from these politicians. One Pelham Parkway! Now I suppose you will be more successful in creating a ghetto with the gerrymandering.

This is unacceptable!

Charlene Slader

Dear NYC Districting Commission,

Our Pelham Parkway Resident Council (Tenant Association) is actively and consistently involved in seeking necessary improvement, running a weekly food pantry, and advocating for residents, Pelham Parkway Houses has 1, 266 units with over 2,000 residents.

Pushing out Pelham Parkway Houses out of City Council District 13 into District 15 will set us back years if not decades. Our years of advocacy and organizing will have to start over which is not easy for a community with limited time and resources. Not to mention City Council district 15 is a poor district where over 60,000 of its residents live in poverty. In the recent report by Institute for Children, Poverty and Homelessness report (ICPHusa.org), District 15 has a poverty rate of over 35%

Adding more poor people and people with complex needs to a poor District will not only overstretch the district 15 constituents' services but funding will be limited or nonexistence. The city council member for District 15 will have to choose among the huge pool of poor residents to fund and advocate including many of its existing NYCHA residents which includes Parkside Houses (879 units)

Our current city council district dist13 has a poverty rate lower than 25%. Our residents and their children will continue to thrive in district that has less needs as a whole and hence more funding for those in need. Our neighbor, Bronx Green Middle School on Wallace Ave has been redistricted alongside with us. 100% of

Bronx Green Middle School students passed core courses. Now this school will have to complete for funding in a poor district.

What is the most concerning issue is how the map was gerrymandering to protect party and incumbency over the best interest of our NYCHA residents. NYCHA residents not only deserve adequate housing but a voice in the process which will be lost in a new and poor district.

As President of Pelham Parkway Resident Council (Tenant Association), I ask the redistricting commission to leave our Pelham Parkway community intact in district 13 as it is currently.

Respectfully yours,

Oscar Grant

President

Pelham Parkway Resident Council

From: Patricia A. Charles <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 11:34 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting District 12

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Districting Commission,
253 Broadway, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10007

Re: Proposed Council District 12 Maps (June-July 2022)

To the Members of the Districting Commission,

Greetings, my name is Patricia A Charles and I have lived/worked in the District's of 11 and 12 neighborhood of the Bronx for 52 years.

I'm strongly suggesting that you dismiss your idea of breaking up our boundary lines to keep our community unified. Our District 11 and 12 have shared many different cultural values and as such there should be shared access to services for all! Dividing our community, will cause an even deeper hardship, forced to travel a further distance to municipal government services. This would also require most residents to double the traveling time as well as paying double carfare (particularly via public transportation) to access the same services now out of our reach.

Our District 11 & 12th Council District's stands as a close - knit Family Community with very high family values. My family embarked of our start in the Bronx when my father (WWII Veteran) traveled from Mobile Alabama to Harlem, then received placement for a 3 bedroom apartment in Eastchester Gardens! He was a member of the United House Wreckers Union. Providing for his wife (a very devoted homemaker) and family of seven children! My parents were strong on providing family values! Our neighborhood consisted of nationalities that I can reach out today if I need to! We could spend dinner time with many of our neighbors in any given building, and they could come to ours. I grew up helping our younger generation to learn the values of play and taking turns. I would also sing " reach out and touch some bodies hand" at the opening of our Tenant Association meetings. I can go on and on for days and days to testify why your redistricting idea provides false documentation for why the political system wants to distract and break up our unique population as a majority of Black community, with a high average of homeownership. Documenting that District 12 is over populated because we participated in the 2010 to the 2019 Census isn't a reason to break us up! It's an understatement that other districts are under populated. This is a false statement due to other districts who's area Didn't participate in any Census. Areas under populated are in their communities, yet undetected because they are afraid of being deported. To divide our community would frankly, disenfranchise a thriving community and takeover the outstanding projects that our Councilman has put into our historical pieces of history that needs to remain in our leadership.

As a result, of this indirect way of attempting to weaken our political power will not be acceptable! This is just another attempt to make it seem that your office is allowing our communities to have a say. Our voices will be heard!!! I Patricia A. Charles am compelled to send my testimony, letting the Commission know how important our fight for our District 11 & 12 to remain in the district lines of Gun Hill & The Valley. Generations of families (including my 41 year old daughter and my 36 year old son) who have grown up together, respect the values instilled in them. They've gone to the same traditional schools, such as Evander Childs High School Campus in which graduated from in 1970; where our Councilman finally secured 778K for capital improvements. Our families follow family traditions also attending our neighborhood

faith institutions, and our elders attend and share our various senior centers sharing social time with friends and families from Coop City, White Plains Road, and Eastchester Gardens. Our traditions should not be compromised!

In conclusion, in all due respect; it will be very scary for other representatives from other districts to adhere to the concerns of our family circle/village. As a long standing resident/retiree in Council District 12 servicing our elderly, adults with disabilities with no pay, assisting our neighbors and their child navigate through this unfair system; I implore the Commission to keep our families together. Keep our original district boundary lines as they are. Our generation and the many generations to come will need a fighting chance to succeed due to the resources we are able to provide access to. We would greatly appreciate being able to offer the same resources for many years to come. Thank you for your time, and have a great day.

Good Evening Redistricting Committee

My name is Princella Jamerson, I am constituent of the eighth Council District who reside at Millbrook Houses that's located in the Bronx

I do not support the current drawing on the Council 8 district lines proposed by the Redistricting committee. Instead, I support the draft map submitted on the New York City Council Mapping Page Entitled "District 8 Draft" ID # 138759.

The District 8 Draft submitted takes into account communities that need to be kept together in order to have continuous service to these areas. Specifically in Mott haven, there have been a number of projects, which have been funded that we want to see through to its end. Our hard work, advocacy, and relationships held with the current elected. It is important that we keep these districts together.

I urge you to consider the boundaries reflected in the district 8 draft (ID# 138759) which keeps our community united and contiguous.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

Princella Jamerson

Wakefield Grace United Methodist Church
4750 White Plains Rd, Bronx, NY 10470

August 21, 2022

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Re: Redistricting of District 11

My name is Evamar Haylett, and I am a proud member of Wakefield Grace United Methodist Church. Our church has served the community of Wakefield and District 11 for many decades now. Councilmember Eric Dinowitz has established relationships, shared interest and provided many resources to the community of Wakefield. The proposed preliminary map would not only disregard all his hard work made in the area, but also decrease the voting power and necessary resources for the district. I implore you to please restore the original district boundary lines.

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Floretta Nurse

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Testimony for the NYC Districting Commission

August 22nd, 2022

Thank you to the NYC Districting Commission for organizing this second series of public hearings.

I am Asher Ross, Senior Strategist at [NYIC Action](#).

NYIC Action's sister organization, the [New York Immigration Coalition](#), serves one of the largest and most diverse newcomer populations in the United States. We have over 200 grassroots member organizations across NY state, many of them representing immigrant communities in New York City. We serve as a platform for immigrant groups to take collective action and drive positive social change, including increased participation and representation in our democracy.

The NYIC has been committed to mobilizing the grassroots to get involved in redistricting and advocate for fair maps. Our mission is to elevate the voices of our members in this process, to speak about the impacts that unfair districts and unfair representation have had on their communities and on their everyday lives.

Over the course of this year, our members have engaged in community education and met with numerous elected officials to raise awareness of their concerns about redistricting in our communities and in the media--and many have turned out to testify at these public hearings.

The initial proposed maps contain some significant improvements, and we commend the Commission for proposing a majority Latino district in the

northwest Bronx; as well as for seeking to increase representation for Asian communities in South Brooklyn.

However, the proposed district lines also split communities of color in Woodside, Ridgewood, and Richmond Hill in Queens; and in Brooklyn, they split the South Asian community in Kensington, as well as the historically connected Latino communities of Red Hook and Sunset Park.

In the latter area, council district 38, the proposed lines eliminate a district that currently has a large plurality of people of color, which has benefitted from strong representation by Latino elected officials; and instead make it a strong plurality white district by connecting it to Bay Ridge and removing Red Hook.

The same is true of district 26 in Queens, where a plurality Asian district is changed to having a large white plurality. The splitting of these areas in Brooklyn and Queens, which contain a diverse Asian and Latino immigrant population, is extremely concerning. These lines would make it harder for immigrant New Yorkers and people of color in these areas to elect the leaders that will represent their interests in the City Council.

As we know, fair districts are the foundation for fair representation – and we expect this Commission to create districts that keep our immigrant communities and communities of color whole, and that empower them to elect candidates of their choice and have fair representation.

I want to thank the commission for committing to an open process and for maintaining a website with information on the redistricting process, upcoming meetings, and submissions – as well as for adding this morning's additional hearing.

Thank you again and thanks also to the many partners who are in this fight for fair maps and fair representation.

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From: Tobie Buford <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 9:35 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Amrory

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I would like to testify virtually to keep the Armory in District 14.

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Testimony for the NYC Districting Commission

August 24, 2022

My name is Kim Corona, and I've been a resident of Kingsbridge, in the Bronx, for 12 years.

I work for [New York Immigration Coalition Action](#) as the Organizing and Communications Associate. At NYIC Action, we are a not-for-profit that is structured around building political power among immigrant communities in New York State. We engage in targeted advocacy on specific immigrant-related issues to ensure immigrants have a seat when it comes to decision-making.

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Fair districts are the foundation for fair representation. The opportunity to draw fair districts only comes once every 10 years. If we don't get this right, our communities will have to live with the consequences for the next decade. I am here today to express the need for Latino communities in the northwest Bronx, including Kingsbridge, to be kept together in one City Council district.

District 11 is home to one of the largest Latino populations in the northwest Bronx. With residents from across Latin America, from the

Dominican Republic to South America, it is home to so many of us. Over the past few years, the Latino population has become the majority in the neighborhoods covered by the current District 11, and the proposed city council map would keep together Latinos in these areas, and thereby enhance Latino representation. In neighborhoods like Kingsbridge, Norwood, and Bedford Park, the Latino population has grown to flourish and thrive. Across the district, the population's growth is seen through the diverse small businesses to the different dialects flooding the streets. And it's only growing.

For too long, much of the political power in our community has been perceived to be dominated by our neighbors in Riverdale. This has led to an ongoing struggle to receive fair representation for our communities of color in District 11.

With all of this being said, I hope the Commission moves forward to keep Latino communities together and create a majority Latino district with its proposed District 11. This will allow these communities to elect candidates of their choice that rightfully reflect their community, which hasn't been possible for residents who live in the current District 11. It is time that leadership came from other parts of this beautifully diverse District.

I thank the commission for committing to an open process and for maintaining a website with information on the redistricting process, upcoming meetings, and submissions. Moving forward, I urge this commission to take a proactive role in engaging with community organizations and ethnic media around the city.

Thank you again and thanks also to the many partners who are in this fight for fair maps and fair representation.

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From: Jen Gomez [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, August 27, 2022 12:52 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pelham Parkway community

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Our Pelham Parkway community thrives united and in one district 13 that has less needs. Please keep us united and protect us from political party and incumbency interests over community interest. NO to gerrymandering.

Thank you kindly,

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[REDACTED] Barnes Avenue
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Thank you.

Name:

Juan Carlos Cornille

Address:

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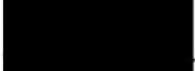
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Name: Hafida El Rami

Address:  Holland AVE 3B

Contact: _____

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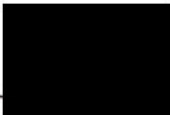
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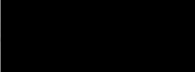
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From: Karen Adams <k[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 5:41 PM
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I was very bothered to find out about the re-zoning of district 16. Why were we not notified about the changes that would affect our neighborhood. Removing our communities from our district without proper representation of the people who reside there is a disservice.

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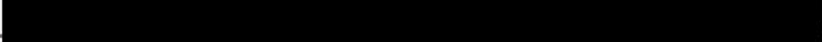
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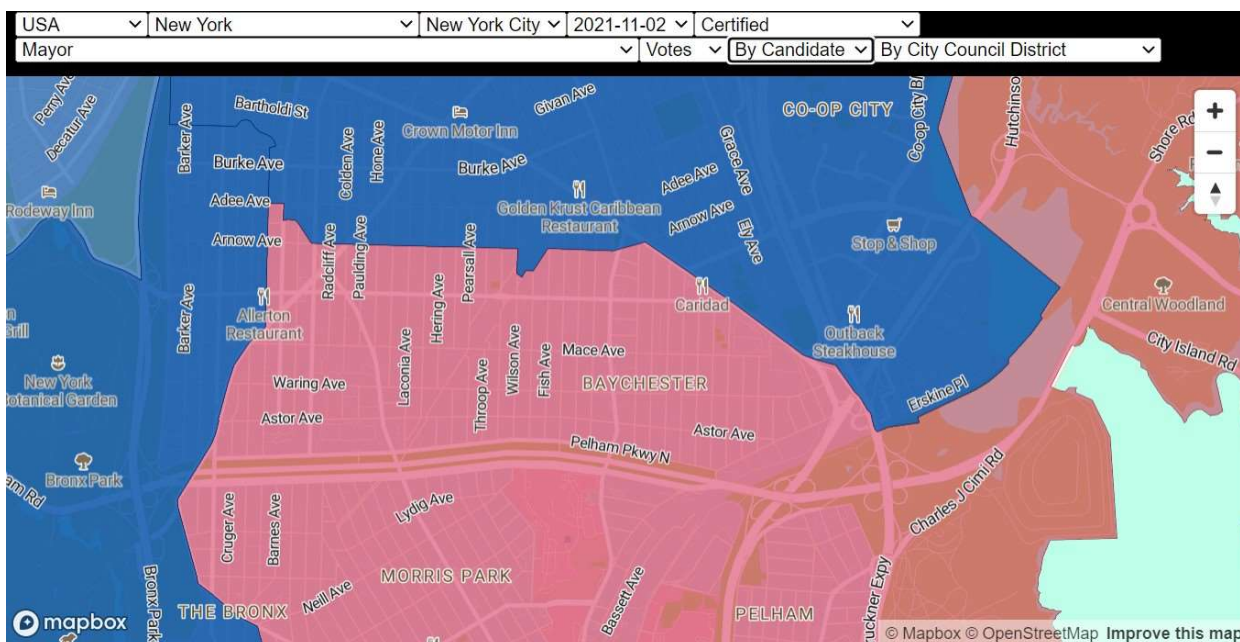
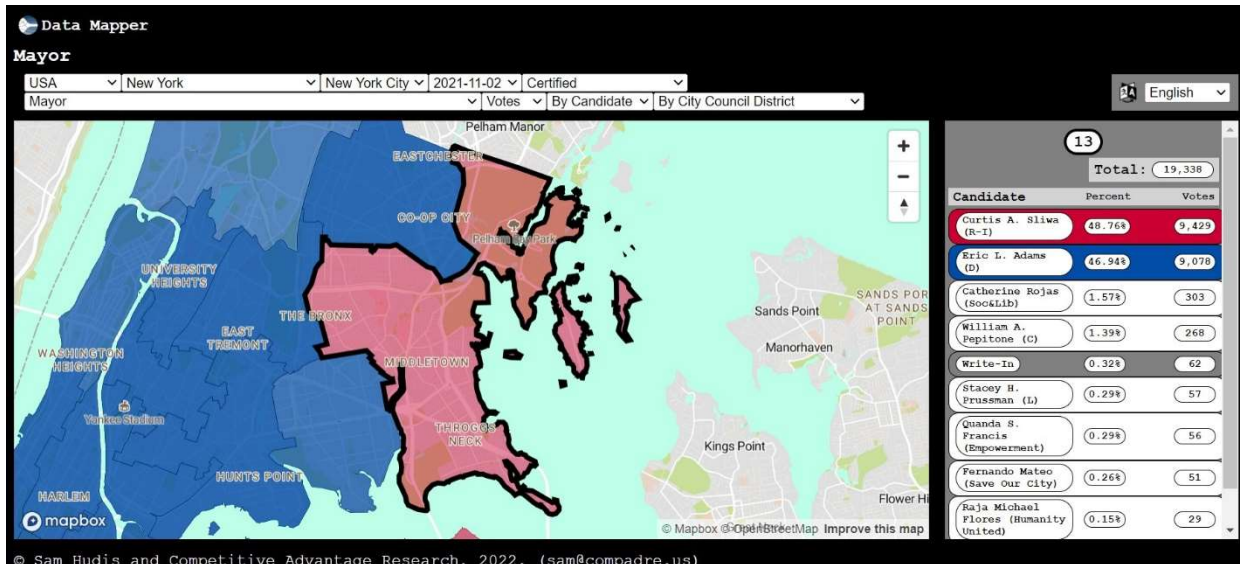
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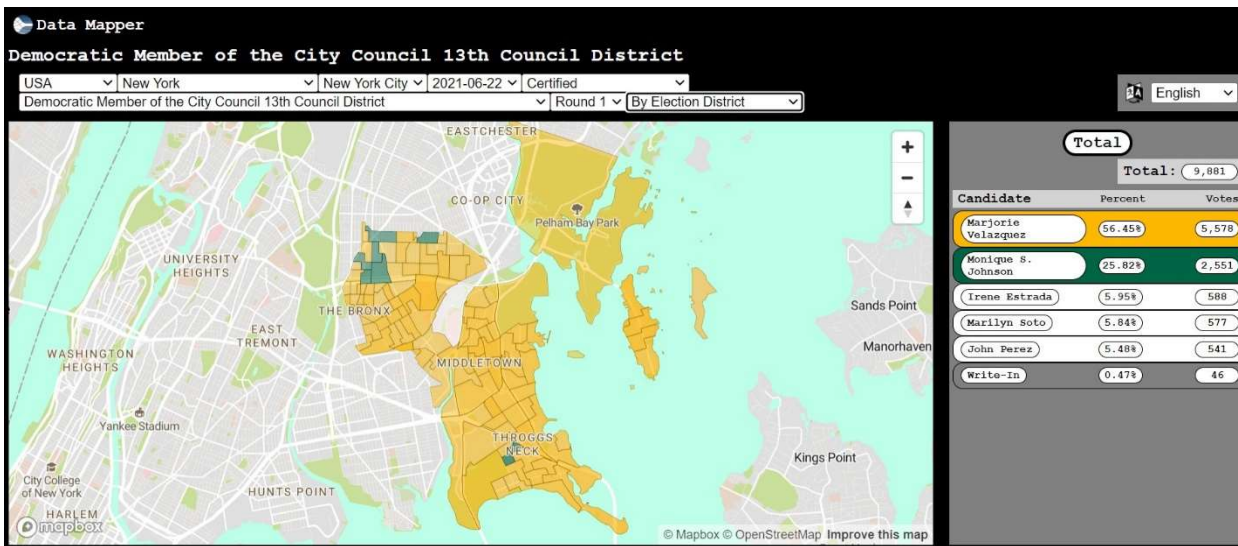
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With all dues respect to the commission, I feel Pelham Parkway community was gerrymandered to protect Party and incumbency over the community of Interest. I am a proud democrat, yet gerrymander should not be allowed by any party. Pelham Parkway has been historically in one district and community should be remain intact and not cut out in oddly manner that benefit political interests.

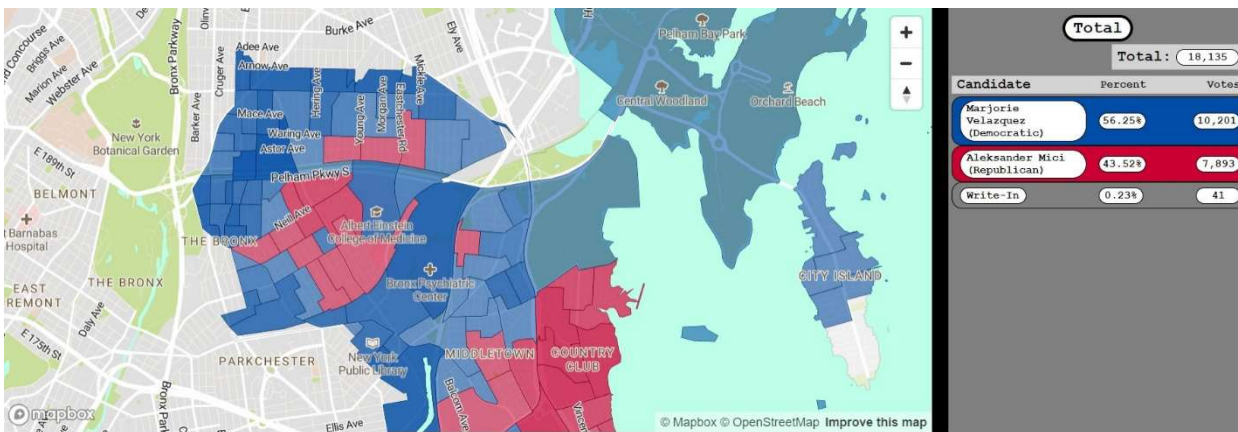
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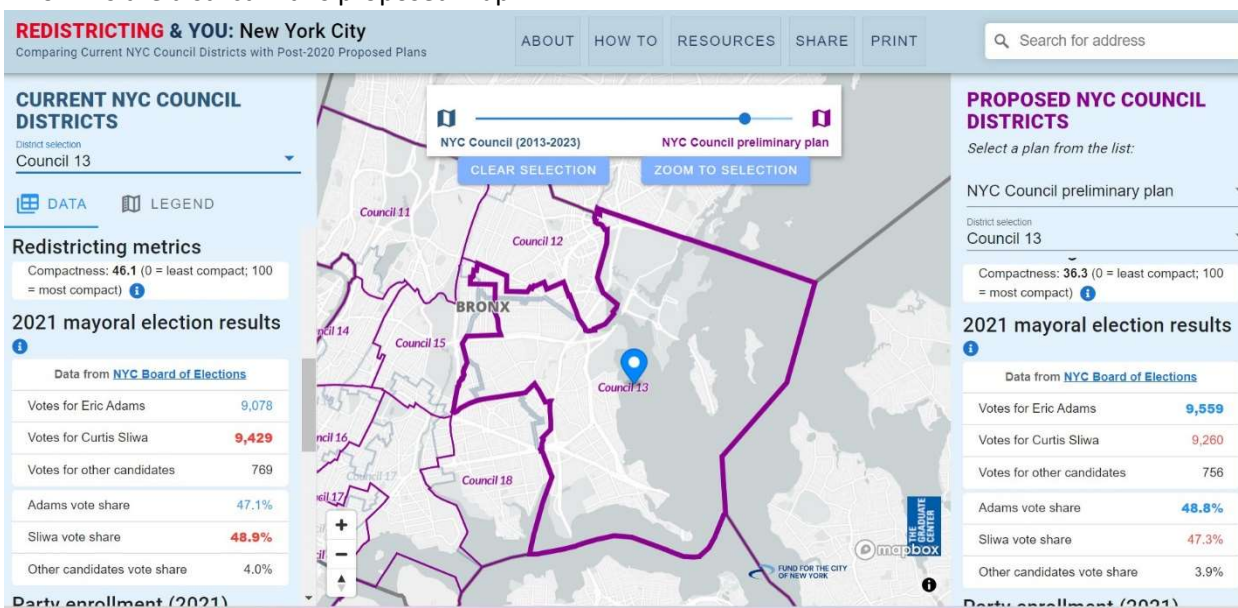
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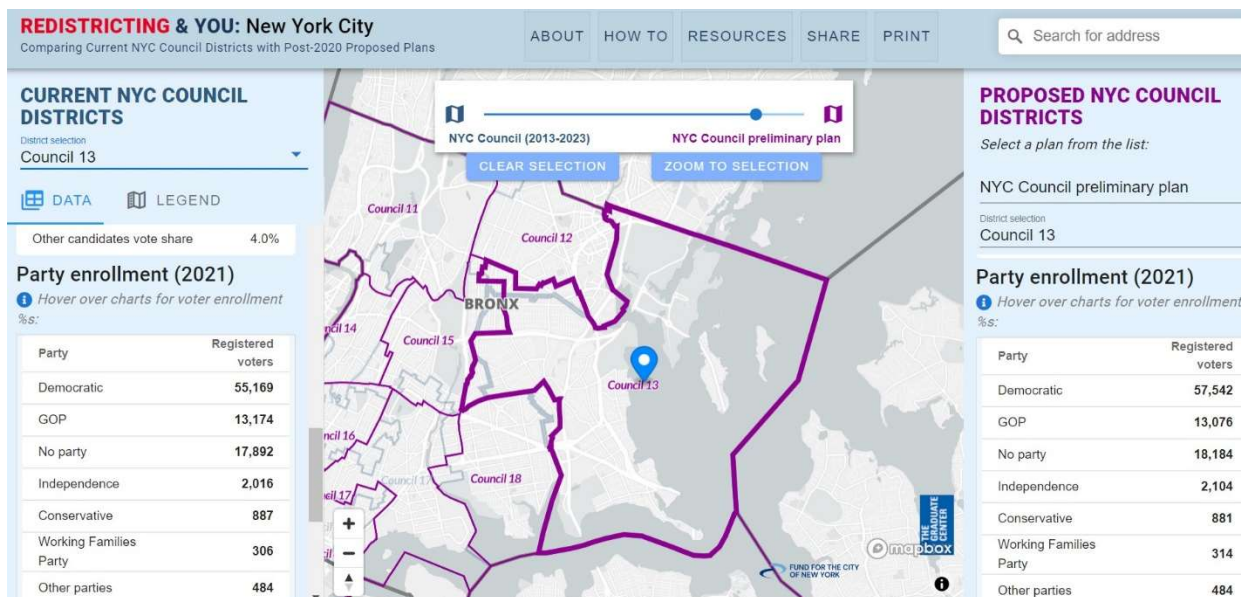


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Commission's Preliminary Map adds 2,373 democrats in the district 13 which favors the democratic mayoral candidate who wins the district in this proposed map.





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With kind regards,

Roxanne Delgado

Founder, Friends of Pelham Parkway