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FROM: Name AJIT SINGH Address: [redacted] E. 60th ST. #26A, NYC 10022
DATE: July 27, 2022
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From: Alexandra Gellman <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, August 1, 2022 10:43 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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Sent: Monday, August 1, 2022 7:55 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] HANDS OFF HARLEM

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From: Casey Cohn <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, August 1, 2022 11:34 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] For Dennis M. Walcott

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Thank you for considering my feedback.

Sincerely,
Casey Cohn
[redacted] East 80th Street, Apt. 11ab (right next to the proposed change)
New York, NY 10075

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FROM: (name) **Claire Kaye** (address) [redacted] **East 63rd St, Apt E3h, New York, NY 10065**
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From: ejo226 <[redacted]>
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Re the proposed redistricting of the Upper East Side which changes the boundaries and includes parts of Queens...I wish to state my absolute opposition to this plan. It makes no sense and combines areas which have very different needs and wants.
Please DO NOT approve of this plan!

Elaine Olshan

Sent from my Galaxy

[redacted]

From: Liddy Karter <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, August 1, 2022 8:13 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NO To gerrymandering my district

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From: JAMES DONOVAN <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, August 1, 2022 9:54 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: Keith Powers
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Preliminary Redistricting Map-Sutton Place

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I read the communication from CB6 about the redistricting plan for Sutton Place with great consternation. After going through the "Primer" prepared by the Districting Commission on the principles used in redrawing the City Council Districts, I have great difficulty understanding how Sutton Place wound up in **a district that is predominately in Queens and bears little resemblance to the composition, demographics and needs of the citizens living in the Sutton Place community.**

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For all these reasons, I would ask that you **seriously reconsider this dramatic deviation from your own principles and those of the City Charter** and return Sutton Place to City Council District 4.

Respectfully,

James P. Donovan
President
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From: Amy Stratton <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 4:15 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: District5@council.nyc.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Updated: Written testimony for NYC Council District 5 Redistricting Map

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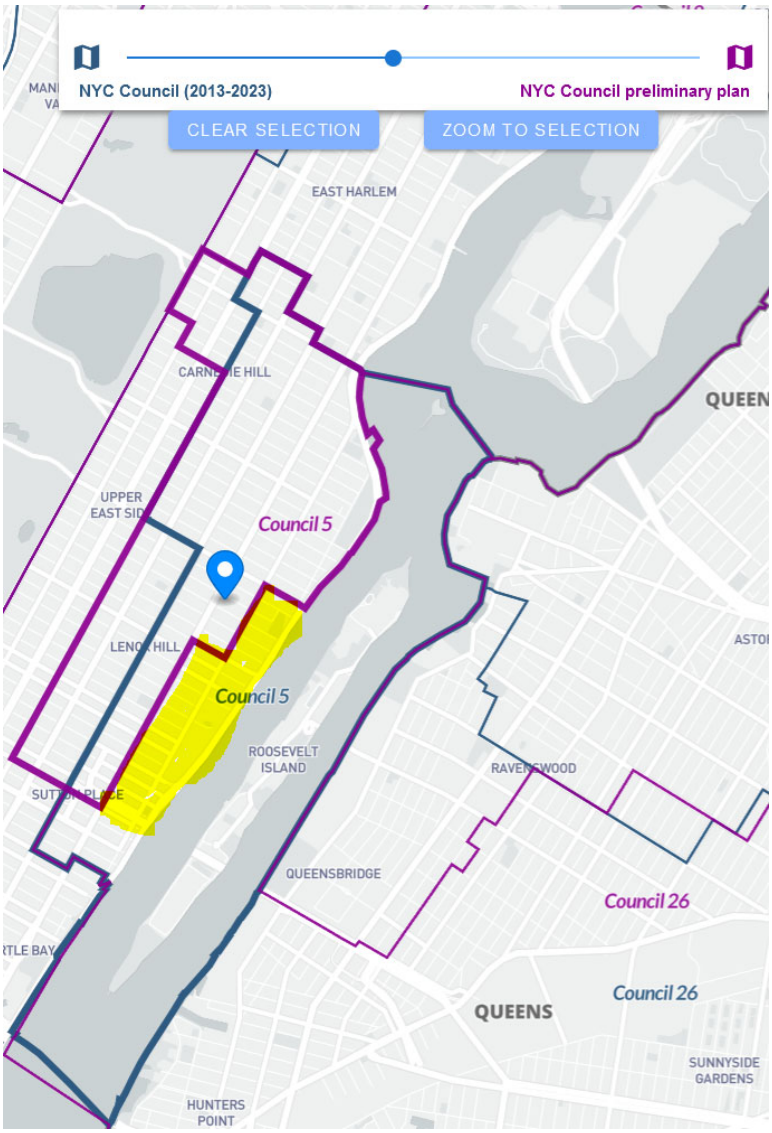
Dear Redistricting Committee:

How are you? I am writing to provide my written testimony as an active voter and resident in NYC Council District 5 regarding the new proposed District 5 maps.

I live in the [redacted] East 77th Street (corner of 1st Ave) co-op building with two young sons attending public school in the neighborhood. My sons attend PS 158 Bayard Taylor on 1458 York Ave (btwn E 77th and 78th Streets) and use the John Jay playground, FDR Drive greenway, East River Esplanade and Andrew Haswell Green Park. The new district map has the school, playground, greenway, esplanade and park in a new district - District 26 - that is mostly Queens. The make-up of the residents attending PS 158, PS 183, John Jay and etc.are residents from District **5**. There is no common-sense to divide the schools and public areas from the students, residents and community who use them in District **5**. I have attached the highlighted area for your review.

I am writing for the committee to keep PS 158, PS 183, John Jay Playground, FDR Drive greenway, East River Esplanade and Andrew Haswell Green Park in the same district - **in District 5.**

Kind regards,
Amy Stratton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From: edward goodman <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 6:47 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: kpowers@council.nyc.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Sirs

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I have lived on Sutton Place for over 20 years and we are counting on your help . We pay lots of city taxes and expect your expertise to help.

We thank you for your professionalism

Thanks
Ed Goodman

Sent from my iPad

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From: Fay Christian [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 7:00 AM
To: Public Testimony
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[redacted] Main Street apt. 1308
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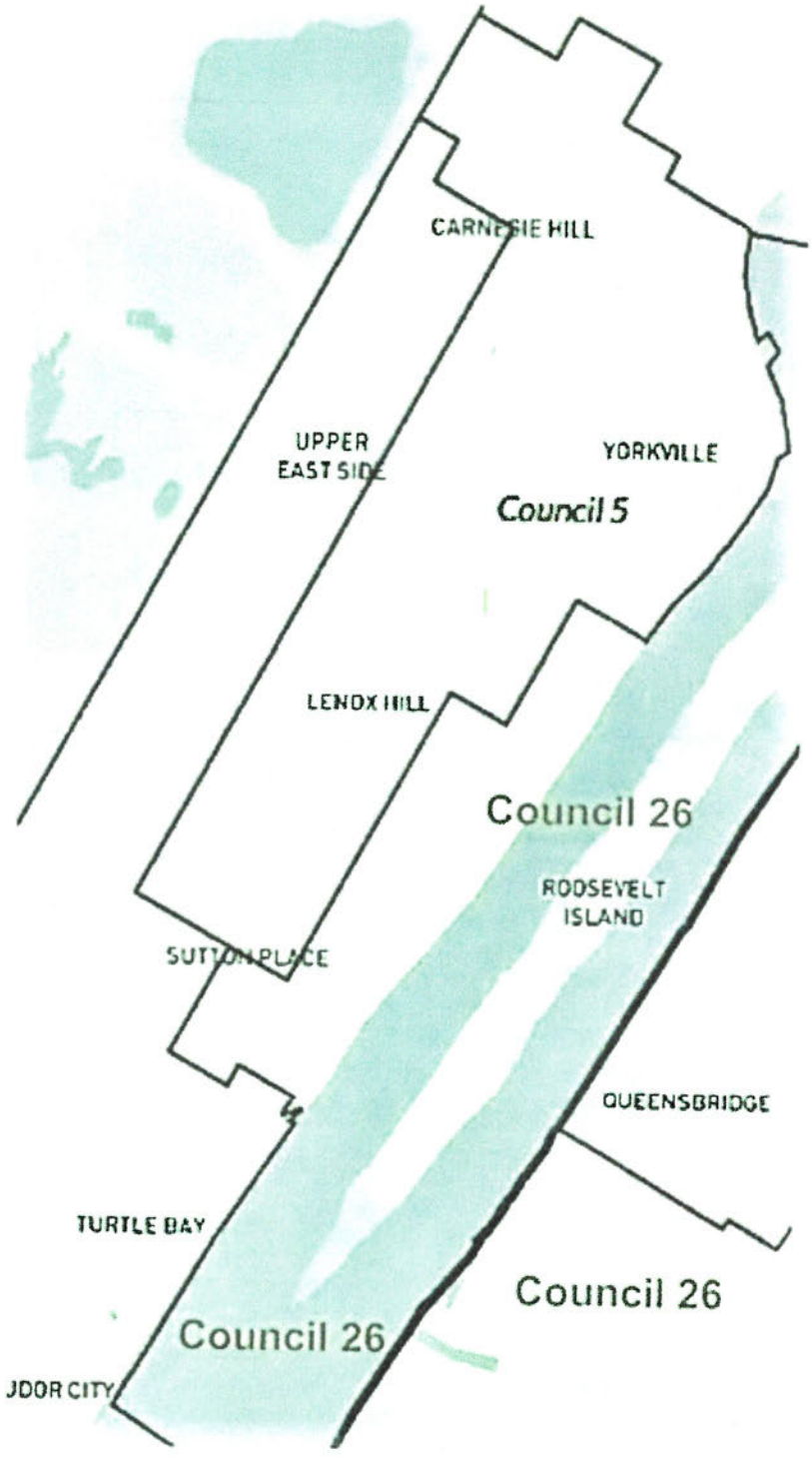
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From: Iris Rubin [redacted]
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Sent: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 2:25 PM
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Joanne and Michael Hofmann
Residents of The Royal York at [redacted] East 63rd Street, NY, NY 10065

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Joanne Kornelli Hofmann
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Sent: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 12:06 AM
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Cc: jm_short@ymail.com; Joyce Short
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Regards,

Linda Sampieri Ricci
[redacted] River Road, Apt. #18J
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Sent: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 8:41 AM
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From: Maureen Foster <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 7:31 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: kpowers@council.nyc.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistributing of Sutton Place

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The proposed redistricting of Sutton Place into city council district #26 is puzzling, at best. It appears wholly inappropriate to take this tiny sliver of Manhattan and combine it with a totally incongruous and exceedingly larger district across the East River. The proposal will in no way modify the interests or voice of the much larger Queens district but it will absolutely eliminate the voice of Sutton Place residents. We trust that this eventual outcome was not deliberate and we therefore urge you to reconsider the redistricting proposal. A fairer representation is warranted.

Sincerely
Maureen Foster
Emile Hiesiger
[redacted] Sutton Place South, 4B
New York, NY 10022

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TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission
FROM: Miklos Toth, [redacted] East 64th stress, W5K
DATE: July 27, 2022
RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26
VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov
MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

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From: Pia Doane [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 8:58 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: jm_short@ymail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island for the following reason(s):

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To Whom It May Concern:

Roosevelt Islanders frequently call on our City Council Representatives for constituent services, particularly, for help in landlord/tenant matters. Our cases are heard in Manhattan's landlord/tenant court. A Queens City Council Member will be unable to provide the level of effective assistance our residents will need in housing matters.

I've been a resident for 45 years. I recently contacted our City Council for assistance regarding housing rules and regulations and have had a very positive response handling my critical situation.

Sincerely,
Pia M. Doane

[redacted]

From: Ruijing Shen [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 6:37 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Strong Objection for moving Roosevelt Island to Queens

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Our family have been resident of Roosevelt Island since 2013.

Our son born here and was in PSIS 217, and will be in PS112M in the city for ASD nest program (due to high function ASD) in Sept 2022 for kindergarten. We pay tax rate of Manhattan for almost ten years, and donated to Manhattan utilities.

Switching the district of Roosevelt Island to Queens will dramatically impact my son's education. Due to autism, it takes him long time to adjust to new environment. In preK, it takes him 4months to get use to the school. ASD nest program will be big help for him, but the school bus takes up to 1hour of same borough (already long for a 5years old). If Roosevelt belongs to Queesn in the future, either the school bus ride will takes up to 2 hours (allowed for cross-borough), or he has to change to other school with ASD nest program in Queens for the next year. Frequently changing schools is not good for normal kids already, much worse for them with special needs.

We have strong concern and objection for changing RI to Queens district. It's also shared concern of many local friends.

Thanks for listening.

Regards,
Ruijing

[redacted] Main St, New York, NY 10044
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From: Vera Wurst <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 5:37 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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I live on the Eastside of Manhattan in what was District 4. The redistricting will put my neighborhood with Roosevelt Island and Western Queens in a District 26. I believe this redistricting is not in the best interest of any of the three communities (all with different needs). My voice should be heard, as should those in the areas affected by this change. Redistricting stifles my say and my vote.
Please consider the implications of this redistricting. This should not be allowed.
Vera Wurst

[redacted]

From: Amanda Yaggy <[redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 2:16 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the New Map in District 9!

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[redacted]

From: Charles Rowe <[redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 4:29 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the New Map in District 9!

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[redacted]

From: Jennifer Wells [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 10:04 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the New Map in District 9!

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FROM: Moss Makhoulian [redacted] East 64th Street Apt W12J New York, N.Y 10065
DATE: August 3, 2022, 2022
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From: Ronda Lee <[redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 8:40 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep Roosevelt Island part of Manhattan

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I am writing to oppose redistricting Roosevelt Island into District 26 in Queens.

Keep Roosevelt Island in District 5 in Manhattan.

Ronda Lee
Roosevelt Island resident

[redacted]

From: Trevor Hebertson [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 12:12 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep Hell's Kitchen together

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I would like Hell's Kitchen to be kept in one district. Dividing it in three takes away the voice of the gay minority that lives here and makes it harder to address issues facing our neighbors.

Trevor Hebertson
[redacted] W 52nd St.

Sent from my iPhone

DeCillis, Michael

From: WIlliam [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 12:22 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: William Leidesdorf
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Sutton Place

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Ladies and Gentlemen

I am a long term resident of Sutton Place South. Our building manager has informed us of the proposed redistricting for the Sutton Place area. This proposed redistricting violates all the redistricting principals and literature put out by you, the City of New York. Sutton Place is an integral and storied part of Manhattan. All our services, transportation, etc. are in Manhattan. We have no link to Queens or Roosevelt Island.Please note that we are in the Island of Manhattan, separated from Roosevelt Island and Western Queens by something called the East River. This redistricting makes no sense.

Sincerely

William Leidesdorf
45 Sutton Place South
New York, NY 10022

[redacted]

From: alexis villafane [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 4:55 PM
To: Public Testimony; jm_short@ymail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition of Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am opposed to redistricting Roosevelt Island for so many reasons, I'll give you a few below:

*Our City Council Representatives provide considerable funding for PS/IS 217 including it's Green Roof. In addition, they support the quality of life programs we need such as our Little League, NY Junior Tennis and Learning, our very active Senior Center, and additional projects and services. They are the life-blood of our community and our Council Member has a history of support.
*Roosevelt Island was conceived and built as a "Manhattan Utopian Community" by Mayor John Lindsay. We are a Manhattan community, not a Queens community. Our area code is 212, not 718. We have a Manhattan zip code of 10044. We are a Manhattan Island under New York City's City Charter. Item 52-C in the City Charter states that district lines shall keep neighborhoods intact.
*Our operating funds are derived in a very different way than in Queens. Even our public services such as grounds keeping and street cleaning are not covered in the same manner as Queens.

In short it's very disturbing to say the least that now after all the years of the community's work you think you can waltz in and disturb what we have here!

Respectfully,

Alexis U.L. Villafane
[redacted] *Main St. #744*
NY, NY 10044

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Ali Amirniroumand <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 7:59 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Redistricting

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To Whom It May Concern;

I own and live at [redacted] Sutton Place South, Apt. 19H, New York, NY 10022. The purpose of this notification is to advise you of my objection to a proposed idea to place Sutton Place into Council District 26 which is for Queens.

There are many things wrong amongst my reasons but mainly that a District located on the Island of Manhattan has no place to be place in a District that has mainly residents of Queens located in it. It is very possible if not likely that there be instances that the interest of those living in Queens and Manhattan will not be the same for the Public Officials who have to make a decision on that particular issue.

Best,

Ali and Vida Amirniroumand

[redacted]

From: Ana Stjepanovic <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 1:25 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: jm_short@ymail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am strongly opposed to redistricting Roosevelt Island.

Ana Stjepanovic
[redacted] Main Street
NY NY 10044

[redacted]

From: Anne Popiel <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 11:43 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Roosevelt Island Redistricting

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have lived on Roosevelt Island at 575 Main Street since 1996 and consider myself a Manhattanite. I am opposed to redistricting Roosevelt Island for the following reason(s):

1. The cost for policing Roosevelt Island is principally covered by Island residents, through land-leases paid to RIOC. Our first responders are Public Safety Officers that are Peace Officers with the State of NY, NOT police officers from Queens. Our crime statistics are more consistent with our current Manhattan connection rather than with Western Queens. Our NYPD protection could diminish when determined by comparing our community with the stats of Western Queens.

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I AM A PROUD RESIDENT OF ROOSEVELT ISLAND AND FIRMLY OPPOSE THE REDISTRICTING OF ROOSEVELT ISLAND.

Andrea Popiel
[redacted] Main Street

[redacted]

From: Caitlin Kenny <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 3:13 PM
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I am VERY opposed to redistricting Roosevelt Island for the following reason(s):

1. Our children's educational facilities are PS/IS 217 and other public and private schools in Manhattan. We fall within School District 2 for elementary school and middle school children. We need a Council Member whose area includes our school district.

2. Many of our school children commute by tram, which is a unique and vital link to Manhattan. Most of our working population also commute by tram to the mainland, not Queens, each day for employment. Our residents' commutation needs are met by maintaining a close association between the mainland and our island.

Again, I am strongly opposed to this redistricting.

Caitlin Kenny
[redacted] Main St Apt 513
NY, NY 10044

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[redacted]

From: Danielle Kaba <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 1:50 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: jm_short@ymail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Roosevelt Island Opposition to Redistricting

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am opposed to redistricting Roosevelt Island for the following reasons:
1) Unlike Queens, we are a highly residential community with very few commercial enterprises.
2) Our operating funds are derived in a very different way than in Queens. Even our public services such as grounds keeping and street cleaning are not covered in the same manner as Queens.
3) Our community shares with mainland Manhattan the unique issues of being an island, with all the environmental protections that requires.
4) Our community has already been divided for Federal and State Legislative representation. Further division will additionally weaken our ability to have a collective, legislative force to represent our interests.

Throughout our entire existence as a residential community, we have considered ourselves Manhatanites.

Best regards,
Mballou Kaba
555/1913

[redacted]

From: Danny Gold <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 8:34 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: Council Member Keith Powers
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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I am totally opposed to the proposed redistricting of my building at [redacted] Sutton Place South and the surrounding area that is currently in Council District 6. Changing our Manhattan based district to combine with Queens makes no sense.

Manhattan districts should remain in Manhattan not combined with other boroughs.

Furthermore, the redistricting of Sutton Place into Council District 26 flies in the face of all the redistricting literature and principles put out by the City.

Please reconsider keeping Sutton Place in Council District 6.

Danny Gold
[redacted] Sutton Place South

[redacted]

From: Diane Chudley <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 10:23 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: Richard Chudley
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 which include portions of Sutton Place, the Upper East Side and all of Roosevelt Island not be adopted

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In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the

drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above. My fellow residents and I stand ready to meet with Commission staff to address these matters and to propose alternatives. I thank you in advance for your consideration,

Yours truly,

Diane and Richard Chudley
[redacted] East 75th Street #18C
New York, NY 10021

[redacted]

From: Diane Chudley <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 10:20 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Hi -

I live at [redacted] East 75th Street and just saw a draft redistricting map that would put us in a Queens district. This makes no sense as the issue that we face on York Avenue in Manhattan are completely different than those in Queens.

I vehemently oppose this redistricting.

Thank you,
Diane Chudley
[redacted] East 75th Street #18C
New York, NY 10021

[redacted]

From: Eliot George <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 3:30 PM
To: Eliot George
Cc: jm_short@ymail.com; Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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> Hi - writing to strongly oppose redistricting plans for Roosevelt island. I bought here w my wife and growing family. As working class professionals we are very opposed and concerned with this proposal as it will impact many aspects of our lives including our childrens school. Stay part of Manhattan!
> Thanks
> Eliot
> [redacted] Main Street
> New York, NY 10044
>
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> Sent from my iPhone

[redacted]

From: Fumi Ishii <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 1:37 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: 'jm_short@ymail.com'
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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Item 52-C in the City Charter states that district lines shall keep neighborhoods intact.

Roosevelt Island is belonging to Manhattan for good.
Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

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4. Our newly built and highly utilized public library is part of the Manhattan library system
Jen Erdman Hajar
[redacted] Main St, New York, NY 10044

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From: Joanne Ceraso [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 10:26 PM
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FROM: (name) Karen Faust (address) [redacted] East 63 St. NY 10065
DATE: July 27, 2022
RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26
VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov
MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

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From: Maggie Tsai <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 2:20 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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- We are a Manhattan stop on the subway system, our other major transportation link.

Sincerely,
Maggie Tsai
[redacted] Main St, New York, NY 10044
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FROM: (name) Mahesh D. Sarma (address) [redacted] EAST 63 st; W7D, NY, NY 10065
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- Our community has already been divided for Federal and State Legislative representation. Further division will additionally weaken our ability to have a collective, legislative force to represent our interests.

Thank you, and best regards,

Maria A. Borriello
[redacted] Main Street

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From: Marilyn Trouillot <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 2:29 PM
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motto= If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.
Dalai Lama, spiritual leader

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From: Melissa Czarnik <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 7:51 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District 9 Map - Harlem

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To whom it may concern,

I write to request that you protect the Black vote by keeping the preliminary new City Council district 9 map.

As Harlem is the last black neighborhood in Manhattan, it is important that the fabric of our community be reflected in our voting power.

Thank you for your time.

Melissa Czarnik
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DATE: July 27, 2022
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From: Pei-Ying Lin <[redacted]>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] please don't change Roosevelt Island to Queens

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Sincerely,
Pei-Ying

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4. Our community fought for protections in the development of Cornell Tech which is only one third complete. We need to maintain the same vital City Council oversight that protected our community during the first phase of construction.
5. Throughout our entire existence as a residential community, our residents have considered themselves Manhattanites.

Simina Kroculick
[redacted] Main Street / Apt 515

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Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 5:32 PM
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Cc: jmshort@ymail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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To whom it may concern:
Please see below four arguments against redistricting Roosevelt Island:

1. Our City Council Representatives provide considerable funding for PS/IS 217 including it's Green Roof. In addition, they support the quality of life programs we need such as our Little League, NY Junior Tennis and Learning, our very active Senior Center, and additional projects and services. They are the life-blood of our community and our Council Member has a history of support.

2. Roosevelt Island was conceived and built as a "Manhattan Utopian Community" by Mayor John Lindsay. We are a Manhattan community, not a Queens community. Our area code is 212, not 718. We have a Manhattan zip code of 10044. We are a Manhattan Island under New York City's City Charter. Item 52-C in the City Charter states that district lines shall keep neighborhoods intact.

3. We are a Manhattan stop on the subway system, our other major transportation link.

4. Our newly built and highly utilized public library is part of the Manhattan library system.

Thank you for your attention.

Susan Berk-Seligson and Mitchell Seligon

[redacted] Main Street (Apt. 804)

New York, NY 10044

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From: Trevor Beddoe <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 3:30 PM
To: Public Testimony; [redacted]; Tameko Peart
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am opposed to redistricting Roosevelt Island for the following reason(s):

1. Many of our school children commute by tram, which is a unique and vital link to Manhattan. Most of our working population also commute by tram to the mainland, not Queens, each day for employment. Our residents' commutation needs are met by maintaining a close association between the mainland and our island.

2. The cost for policing Roosevelt Island is principally covered by Island residents, through land-leases paid to RIOC. Our first responders are Public Safety Officers that are Peace Officers with the State of NY, NOT police officers from Queens. Our crime statistics are more consistent with our current Manhattan connection rather than with Western Queens. Our NYPD protection could diminish when determined by comparing our community with the stats of Western Queens.

3. Roosevelt Islanders frequently call on our City Council Representatives for constituent services, particularly, for help in landlord/tenant matters. Our cases are heard in Manhattan's landlord/tenant court. A Queens City Council Member will be unable to provide the level of effective assistance our residents will need in housing matters.

4. Our operating funds are derived in a very different way than in Queens. Even our public services such as grounds keeping and street cleaning are not covered in the same manner as Queens.

Trevor Beddoe
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New York, NY 10044

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TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission
FROM: Name William Joseph Rigger Jr. Address: [redacted] E. 60th St. 3B New York, NY 10022
DATE: July 27, 2022
RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26
VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov
MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

Good day Chair Walcott,

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We strongly recommend that you study and implement Community Board 8's resolution and plan, as it takes into account the number of residents in all the adjourning districts.

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From: NYC Redistricting
Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 2:41 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL]

Julia Fredenburg
NYC Districting Commission

From: Anke Jacobs [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 10:12 AM
To: NYC Redistricting <NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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First, the draft proposal violates four of the criteria set forth in City Charter Section 52 (1) (c) (d) and (e) and Section 52 (2). The violation of those criteria results in districts where:

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In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above. My fellow residents and I stand ready to meet with Commission staff to address these matters and to propose alternatives. I thank you in advance for your consideration,

Yours truly,

Anke Jacobs, MD

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August 5, 2022

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VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov

MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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Third and finally, this oddly shaped, extreme crossover district will significantly and adversely impact the provision of municipal services and diminish the political voices of thousands of Manhattan's residents. We refer you to the resolution passed by Community Board 8 disapproving the redistricting commission's map and refer you to the map proposed by Community Board 8's resolution, which would result in District 4 having a population of 177,446 and District 5 a population of 177,176 etc.

In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above.

I thank you in advance for your consideration,

Yours truly,

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TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission
FROM: (name) CATHY WALLACH (address) [redacted] EAST 66TH ST # PHE NY NY 10065
DATE: July 27, 2022
RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26
VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov
MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

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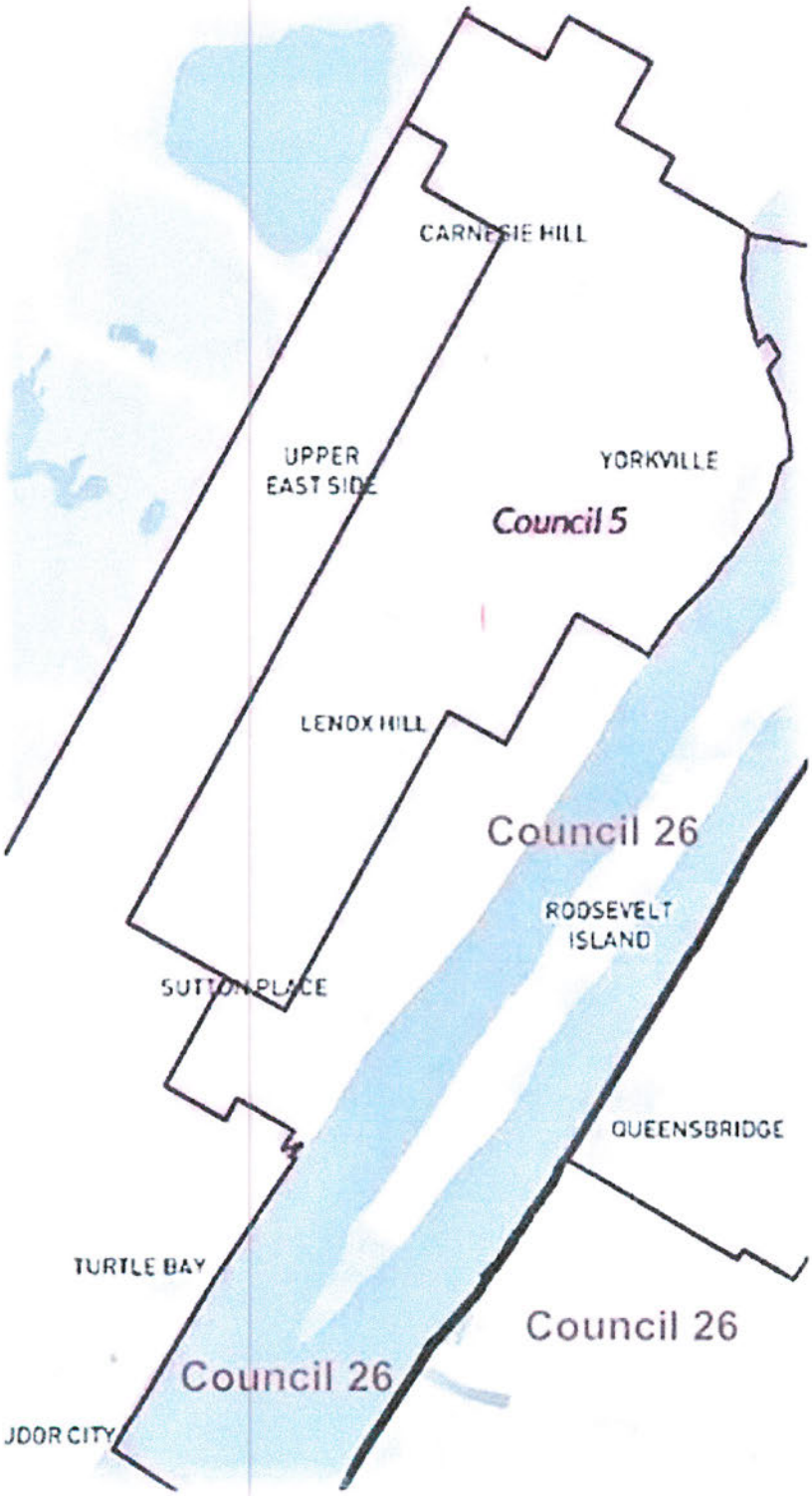
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From: Claire S Draper [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 2:24 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the New Map in District 9!

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I am writing to ask that you protect the Black vote in my city council district, Harlem district 9, by keeping the preliminary new City Council District 9 map which restores our Black plurality and protects our voting rights. The commission created a new map with respect to our community. Hold the line and thank you for your work!

Best,
Claire

Claire Draper
they/them
[redacted]

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From: NYC Redistricting
Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 2:40 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] redistricting Manhattan

Julia Fredenburg
NYC Districting Commission

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 11:01 AM
To: NYC Redistricting <NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] redistricting Manhattan

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Yours truly,

Dr. Nazeri

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From: Eiko Aono [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 9:27 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: jm_short@ymail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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not covered in the same manner as Queens.

Eiko Aono
[redacted] Main St, New York, NY 10044

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Eiko Aono

[redacted]

From: Erica Maureen Carder [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 10:50 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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Chair Walcott,

Stop making decisions not based on what your residents want. Stop forgetting that we exist and making the taxpayers feel that we are not heard. Stop pushing the remaining NYC families out to the suburbs because of unthoughtful decisions.

The plan presented for 54 blocks of the UES and Roosevelt Island is not acceptable to residents of the East 60's. We believe it violates the charter requirements of keeping neighborhoods compact and in tack. This plan would make CD26 an oddly shaped district with practical difficulties:

- Counsel member not having a district office in Manhattan and on Roosevelt Island.
- Have full membership on both Borough Boards
- Reducing our diminution of representation of District 5.
- While other districts have physical boundaries in more than one borough, they are directly adjacent to one another. They do not have a river separating them as in this proposed plan!
- Issues in CD26 are not the same as District 5.
- Our well-established neighborhood associations membership will be torn.

The issues that involve City Agencies such as Transportation, Sanitation, Parks, etc. are different in the two council districts. Then there are two other major issues that would tear our communities apart. The first is the hospital corridor with their buildings for major institutions, many of which would be in CD26 under the new plan. But many of their offices and allied buildings and staff and doctors would be located in/or live in CD5 making it difficult for discussing issues constantly arising. The second is Community District 8 ranked 47th out of 51 Districts for the least amount of park space in the city. This plan would remove 24 sycamores park, 3/4 of honey locust park, with 1/4 remaining in D5; most of our east river esplanade and andrew as well green park Phase 1 & 2A -2B is under construction at this time. Phase 3 has not yet started and will likely cost $25 million dollars to complete. Will a Council Member in CD26 spend that kind of money for an area that represents only 27% of voters in her/his/they district? Most of the funding will probably be spent in the Queens part of the district. This would result in CD5 having the least amount of park space in NYC.

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Erica Maureen Carder
[redacted] E 63rd St, New York, NY 10065
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From: Henry Moyal [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 7:16 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] [SUSPECTED SPAM] www.esna-nyc.com

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TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission
FROM: Henry & Jean Moyal, [redacted] York Avenue, [redacted] New York, NY 10065

RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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Thank you,

Jean and Henry Moyal

[redacted]

From: Jana Samkova [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 4:53 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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To Whom It May Concern:
I am opposed to redistricting Roosevelt Island for the following reason(s):

1. We have not enough stores, moving us to Queens will not help
2. Historically we, RI habitants, feel connected to Manhattan not to Queens,
3. School is part of another district
4. Our operating funds are derived in a very different way than in Queens. Even our public services such as grounds keeping and street cleaning are not covered in the same manner as Queens.
5. I DISAGREE WITH SOME POLITICAL MANIPULATION TO CHANGE SOMETHING WHAT WORKED FOR MANY YEARS JUST TO BENEFIT FEW WHO CAME UP WITH THIS IDEA!

Thank you for taking my concerns seriously and reconsidering of such a nonsense change!

Jana Samkova
[redacted] Main Street apt. 704
10044 New York, NY

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From: Jessica Ghazal [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 3:22 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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Regards,

Jessica Ghazal
[redacted] River Road

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 6:35 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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Yours truly,
Joan Fabio

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New York NY 10065

[redacted]

From: Joanne Eichel [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 8:48 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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Our children go to school in School District 2, part of Manhattan. We can not have a Council Member with no connection to our school district.

Roosevelt Island has worked for years to build a relationship with its current City Council office and we now have a Council office with a history of support for the Island and its organizations. We receive funding for our non-profits based on those City Council relationships. This includes funding for the Main Street Theatre and Dance Alliance and PS/IS 217 including its Green Roof. Our programs and services will suffer with this funding loss. In addition, our City Council office supports the quality of life programs we need such as our Little League, NY Junior Tennis and Learning, our Senior Center, and other projects and services.

We worked closely with our City Council office for protections in the development of Cornell Tech which is only one third complete. We need to maintain the same vital City Council oversight that protected our community during the first phase of construction.

These are just a few reasons we need to maintain our district as is. PLEASE listen to our community. Redistricting is not in the best interest of Roosevelt Island.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission
FROM: Name John Torregrossa Address: [redacted] EAST 60th St. Apt 35B N.Y.N.Y. 10022
DATE: July 27, 2022
RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26
VIA EMAIL TO:
MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

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From: Lee Anne Tuason [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 1:10 PM
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Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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From: NYC Redistricting
Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 2:40 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Objection to redistricting of Sutton park

Julia Fredenburg
NYC Districting Commission

From: Lois Hummel [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 11:23 AM
To: NYC Redistricting <NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>
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Lois Hummel [redacted] East 57th st

Lois

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From: NYC Redistricting
Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 2:39 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of Sutton Place

Julia Fredenburg
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From: Lora Gleicher [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 11:34 AM
To: NYC Redistricting <NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>
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Sincerely,
Lora Gleicher

[redacted]

From: Malika Saadallah [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 5:01 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to redistricting Roosevelt Island

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To whom it my concern

I'm opposed to redistricting Roosevelt Island for the following reasons :

Our children's educational facilities are PS/IS 217 and other public and private schools in Manhattan. We fall within School District 2 for elementary school and middle school children. We need a Council Member whose area includes our school district.
Many of our school children commute by tram, which is a unique and vital link to Manhattan. Most of our working population also commute by tram to the mainland, not Queens, each day for employment.
Our residents' commutation needs are met by maintaining a close association between the mainland and our island.
Our City Council Representatives provide considerable funding for PS/IS 217 including it's Green Roof. In addition, they support the quality of life programs we need such as our Little League, NY Junior Tennis and Learning, our very active Senior Center, and additional projects and services. They are the life-blood of our community and our Council Member has a history of support.
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Malika Saadallah Daghfous
Main Street

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From: NYC Redistricting
Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 2:40 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Bad Idea

Julia Fredenburg
NYC Districting Commission

From: MAXINE COLCHAMIRO [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 10:18 AM
To: NYC Redistricting <NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bad Idea

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Negative about redistricting proposal in connection with NYC East . We do not share perhaps proposals that affect Queens because of inherent and obvious geographic differences . Our parks and hospitals may not share at all concerns that may affect Queens and Queens may have needs and interests that will not be appropriate and shared by this section of the East side of NYC

Truly a bad idea and over reach that will not be precise for either Queens or the East side of New York City..

Sincerely,
M Colchamiro
[redacted] East 57
NY NY 10022

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TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission
FROM: (name) Melissa Parsoff (address) [redacted] E 63rd St W11GH, Newyork, Ny 10065
DATE: July 27, 2022
RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26
VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov
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Sincerely,
Melissa Parsoff

[redacted]

From: Mike Podhorzer [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 1:03 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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Sincerely,

Mike Podhorzer
[redacted] Main St, Apt 912
New York, NY 10044

[redacted]

From: Mitchell Folan [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 3:47 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the New Map in District 9!

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I am writing to ask that you protect the Black vote in my city council district, Harlem district 9, by keeping the preliminary new City Council District 9 map which restores our Black plurality and protects our voting rights. The commission created a new map with respect to our community. Hold the line and thank you for your work!

To Whom It May Concern:

Subject Line: Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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- My family members are proud as the Manhattan residents, it is emotionally and physiological very precious for us and don't break our hearts for merely changing redistricting.
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- Our operating funds are derived in a very different way than in Queens. Even our public services such as grounds keeping and street cleaning are not covered in the same manner as Queens.
- Our community shares with mainland Manhattan the unique issues of being an island, with all the environmental protections that requires.



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FROM: Nisim Frank [redacted] York Avenue NY, NY, 10065
DATE: July 27, 2022
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VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov
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From: Olympios Katsiaouni [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 6:13 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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1. It is a matter of continuity and belonging. We have been living on the Island since 1991 and our children know nothing else. Everything was related to this Island as part of Manhattan. Jobs, schooling, recreation and above all who we knew we were.
2. Inherently there is something wrong and undermining to be told as an individual, family and community that you are no longer part of A but part of something different. Thankfully this is not an irreversible given or position.
3. We know who represents us and they and we invested in that. No doubt Queens have able representatives but they are not ours. They have priorities that we have not worked for and vice versa. That is we have concerns that are not in their radar. Why should we change that?
4. Finally, let the biblical what has been brought together through mutual respect and hard work not be pushed away or led ashunder. As said, we know who we are and so does Manhattan. Why is that an impediment to progress? We don't think so.

Olympios Katsiaouni
Resident of Roosevelt Island,
Now with children and grandchildren.

[redacted]

From: PAMELA ARENSON [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 5:43 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Roosevelt Island becoming part of Queens

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Dear Sirs, This must not happen. It would be a complete disaster for Roosevelt Island and would overturn a great rich History the Island has had for so many years. People here work in Manhatten not Queens.
I work for the NYCBallet and am trying to bring the Arts to our school here. The children of Roosevelt Island our next Generation deserve all the incredibly important benefits that being connected to Manhatten deserve.
If for no other reason please consider the benefits of the next Generation of children Roosevelt Island. This would overturn a rich history and would be a complete disaster for our very special and forward thinking community.
I will do anything I can to help with this personally.
Kindly let me know how I can help best. I have lived at [redacted] Main Street for 5 lovely years and am now at [redacted] Main Street for one year.
Respectfully yours,
Pamela Arenson
[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

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FROM: Roger and Marcia Kropf
[redacted] York Avenue, Apt. 6M. NY,NY 10065
DATE: August 5, 2022
RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26
VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov
MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

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From: RUXANDRA PREDESCU [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 11:19 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: jm_short@ymail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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Throughout our entire existence as a residential community, our residents have considered themselves Manhattanites.
Roosevelt Island was conceived and built as a "Manhattan Utopian Community" by Mayor John Lindsay. We are a Manhattan community, not a Queens community. Our area code is 212, not 718. We have a Manhattan zip code of 10044. We are a Manhattan Island under New York City's City Charter. Item 52-C in the City Charter states that district lines shall keep neighborhoods intact.

We live in a co-op building and are concerned that the value of our property will be considerably decreased if we will no longer belong to a Manhattan school district. The people who are moving here now are mostly families with young children and the issues I am stating below will concern them greatly. The value of the property will also be decreased just by not being able to state that we are a Manhattan community.

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Western Queens fought against the development of Amazon while Roosevelt Island bargained in good faith for the creation of Cornell Tech. Our perspective and needs regarding development are vastly different. Cornell Tech is a wonderful addition to our islan and has raised all standards since it was built. We are afraid that they will not go through with further development which is planned for the future and might take their business elsewhere.

Respectfully,
Ruxandra Predescu
[redacted] Main St apt 402

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Shreya Shah

[redacted] East 75th Street
Apt 15G
New York, NY 10021

Aug 5, 2022

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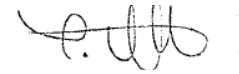
Yours truly,



Yael Ravin

[redacted]

From: Andrew Gordon [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 6, 2022 11:44 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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To whom it may concern:

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In 2009, my wife and I bought a condo on Roosevelt Island because we specifically wanted a Manhattan address. We could have bought far more cheaply in Queens with its warehouses and other commercial businesses, but we specifically chose not to do so. Now your unelected Commission is trying to destroy our way of life to juggle population within various districts of NYC. Were you to attempt to redistrict the Columbia University area of Manhattan to the Bronx, or redistrict the northern park of Brooklyn to Queens, there would be a legitimate uproar over these decisions. However, because there are only 12,000 people on Roosevelt island currently, the commission apparently believes that it is okay for it to move Roosevelt Island out of Manhattan.

It is not, and I hope that you shelve your disastrous attempt at redistricting the Roosevelt Island population.

Andrew Gordon
[redacted] Main St. 3C
Roosevelt Island

[redacted]

From: Antoine Réveillon [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 6, 2022 3:34 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: jm_short@ymail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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Our City Council Representatives provide considerable funding for PS/IS 21

Antoine Réveillon [redacted] Main Street #604.
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Antoine.

[redacted]

From: Cindy T [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 6, 2022 1:04 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Roosevelt Island NEEDS to stay in Manhattan

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Please DO NOT MOVE / redistrict Roosevelt Island.

It will impact and disrupt many people in so many areas of our lives.

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Some reasons:

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2. Roosevelt Islanders pay property taxes in Manhattan.

3. Roosevelt Island schools are in DOE District 2 in Manhattan. Our children's lives will be impacted.

4. Area code for Roosevelt Islanders was 212 not 718.

5. Zip Code for Roosevelt Island is 10044, a Manhattan zip code.

6. The MTA considers Roosevelt Island part of Manhattan.

7. Included as part of the flat rate taxi fare as Manhattan

8. Part of Manhattan Public Library System. Queens is a separate Library system.

9.Although we have close to 12,000 residents, including business and building workers as well as students, we have a huge population of non-citizens because of our population of UN personnel and medical personnel from the hospitals and research at Cornell and Memorial Sloan Kettering. Thus, you may not really be rebalancing your voters by changing out district.

Areas of our lives impacted:

1. residents here can be affected as follows:
    - Homeowners property tax
    - Apartment owners property values
    - Changing voting registration

- Changing car registration
- Changing info on passport
- Changing info on driver's license
- Changing info on financial accounts
- Changing info on wills
- Changing info at work
- Changing info on insurance policies, such as medical, home, automobile
- Change of area code and phone number
- Changing mailing info
- Changing retail delivery info
- Changing charge account info

Please DO NOT MOVE or adjust the district for Roosevelt Island. Thanks.

Regards,
Cindy Geyer

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From: Corrierocco [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 6, 2022 8:59 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Disrtict Lines

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Yours truly,
Corinne Russo

[redacted]

From: DELIA NAUGHTON [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 6, 2022 2:04 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of East Side.

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Hello,

I live on East 61Street and am against the new redistributing plans to make a large part of the east side part of Queens. It makes no sense to divide communities in an arbitrary way.

I have followed up with Julie Menin and will continue to vote accordingly.

Sincerely, Delia Naughton

[redacted]

From: Eric Ogden [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 6, 2022 4:06 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony regarding redistricting of Council District 3

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I strongly implore the commission to revisit and redraw the council district map to keep Hell's Kitchen intact.

Thank you,
Eric Ogden
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We agree with and include by reference, the many practical objections stated in a form letter that you have undoubtedly received from our neighbors in the East Sixties Neighborhood Association.

In short, we do not want our neighborhood representation to be diminished and influenced by residents of other neighborhoods who may have objectives and values in conflict with ours.

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Helen Adrienne-Spurr
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From: Linda Baba [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 6, 2022 12:25 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep Roosevelt Island in Manhattan Council District 5

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I grew up on Roosevelt Island and now I am raising my family on Roosevelt Island. My child(ren) attend P.S.| I.S. 217 school. I am a registered voter and I would never vote for any candidate whose actions imperil my way of life.

Roosevelt Island must remain in Manhattan District 5.

Sincerely Registered Voter
-Linda Baba

[redacted]

From: Olga Puntus [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 6, 2022 11:49 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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To Members of the Redistricting Commission:

I, Olga V Puntus, strongly oppose the redistricting lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5, which includes Roosevelt Island, for the following reason(s):

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Regards,
Olga Puntus
[redacted] River Road Apt 6N
Ny, NY 10044

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 6, 2022 10:14 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Roosevelt Island is in New York County, not Queens County!!!

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I've said this before and I'll say it again. Don't change my district to get more votes!

1. Although we have close to 12,000 residents, including business and building workers as well as students, we have a huge population of non-citizens because of our population of UN personnel and medical personnel from the hospitals and research at Cornell and Memorial Sloan Kettering. Thus, you may not really be rebalancing your voters by changing out district.
2. Although you state it is only to even out the voter turnout by districts, the next incoming regime will solidify it and pay no attention to the present warnings. Thus, residents here can be affected as follows:
    a. Homeowners property tax
    b. Apartment owners property values
    c. Changing voting registration
    d. Changing car registration
    e. Changing info on passport
    f. Changing info on driver's license
    g. Changing info on financial accounts
    h. Changing info on wills
    i. Changing info at work
    j. Changing info on insurance policies, such as medical, home, automobile
    k. Change of area code and phone number
    l. Changing mailing ingo
    m. Changing retail delivery info
    n. Changing charge account info
    o. Possibly moving children to a different school district

Then there are tons of hours spent making phone calls to govt and corporations to correct mistakes!

I went through this when my husband died and will not tolerate having to go through this again, nor should anyone else! Leave our district alone. Don't play with us! And I can tell you: **I will never, ever vote for anyone who is responsible for trying to do this, nor should any of my friends, neighbors or elected officials!**

Raye G Schwartz

[redacted]

From: Rene Moreno [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 6, 2022 12:32 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Redistricting of part of East Manhattan and Sutton Place into District 26 from District 4

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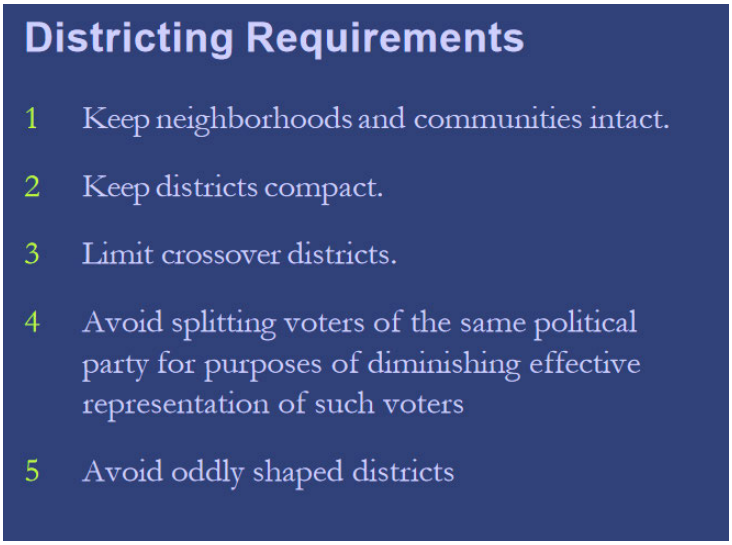
Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a shareholder at coop 45 Sutton Place South and strongly oppose the proposal to redistrict Sutton Place (and part of east Manhattan) from District 4 into District 26.
While your ground-rules for redistricting in general are founded in worthy priorities for the City, this particular proposal flies in the face of all those guidelines and requirements you yourself have set in place to guide you in ways consistent with those priorities. Accordingly, were you to proceed with this redistricting proposal, you would be implementing a move that violates all of your own Guidelines/Requirements as articulated below:



By moving Sutton Place (and parts of east Manhattan) into District 26 from District 4, you would be violating each of the above five requirements in different degrees as follows:

1. You would be destroying and ripping apart the long established fact that Sutton Place is a deeply integrated member of the neighborhood and community that is Manhattan and in particular Midtown East Manhattan.
2. By proceeding with the redistricting, you would be further enlarging District 26, which is already among the largest districts.
3. The East river represents a natural separation between the current Districts 4 and 26 and pushing a sliver of the East side comprising Sutton Place across the river into to District 26 makes no sense and violates your own guidelines
4. It remains unclear to what extent the fourth requirement would be adhered to in such a redistricting but it is highly unlikely it would.
5. "Avoid oddly shaped districts" is your fifth and last requirement but certainly not the least applicable in this

matter. If there is such a thing as odd-shaped districts then having Sutton Pace (and the proposed sliver on east side) be part of District 26 (which is across the river fro it) would win the prize; no question about that. I am sure all reasonable minded people would agree with that.

I urge you to carefully review the above comments and to withdraw the proposal to have Sutton Pace become part of District 26. Not because a certain number of people, like myself, will be asking you to do so. But rather because doing so violates your own well-established guidelines for proceeding with any redistricting.

Thank you for your attention and consideration,

Rene Moreno
Shareholder [redacted] Sutton Place South

[redacted]

From: Ronnye Halpern [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 6, 2022 11:37 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: joyce short
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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Ronnye T. Halpern
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From: Vittorio Aliquo [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 6, 2022 7:43 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
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Yo whom it may concern:

As a 39 year resident of Roosevelt Island, I am opposed to its redistricting. Unilaterally redistricting our neighborhood without consulting with its residents is undemocratic and an abuse of your office. Were you to hold a referendum on this matter you would be enlightened to the harsh opposition of the Island community to the proposed changes.

The impact of Roosevelt Island's redistricting will negatively impact life on the Island in many ways. After waiting my whole life to buy my apartment on Roosevelt Island, which I had been renting, I was finally given the opportunity to purchase in 2019. The redistricting could negatively impact my investment in a way I could not have foreseen.

Please reconsider your efforts to redistricting Roosevelt Island without first gaining the support of its residents. Or we will vote you out of office.

Best regards,

-Vittorio Aliquo

Sent from my iPhone

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TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission
FROM; Anna Koszel, [redacted] East 64th street, apt E5E, NY 10065
DATE: July 27, 2022
RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26
VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov
MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

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From: Barbara Packer [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 8:23 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: Joyce Short
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to the Proposed Redistricting of Roosevelt Island

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To Members of the Redistricting Committee:

Roosevelt Island has been my home for the past 44 years, and where I raised my children and plan to live out my life. I strongly oppose the redistricting lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5, which includes Roosevelt Island, for the following reason(s):

The proposed change is a direct violation of City Charter Section 52 (1) (c) (d) and (e) and Section 52 (2), resulting in:

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In addition, the vast majority of our children who do not attend PS/IS 217, attend schools in Manhattan, not Queens. Families are attracted to living on Roosevelt Island because of the safety and ease of commutation to Manhattan schools by our tramway. And this is also true about the vast majority of our working neighbors who commute to Manhattan and not to Queens.

Roosevelt Islanders frequently call on our City Council Representatives for constituent services, particularly, for help in landlord/tenant matters. Our cases are heard in Manhattan's landlord/tenant court. A Queens City Council Member will be unable to provide the level of effective aid our residents need in housing and other vital quality-of-life matters.

Our Council Member knows about and supports quality of life programs for our families such as our Little League, NY Junior Tennis and Learning, our very active Senior Center, and additional projects and services. They are the life-blood of our community; and we are a community, not just a group of buildings, but a deeply rooted and connected group of "islanders."

I sincerely hope you will reconsider this proposal and allow us to maintain the council representative who knows, understands and provides vital support to Roosevelt Island.

Barbara Packer
[redacted] Main Street, 1306
New York, NY 10044

[redacted]

From: Bernice Levy [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 2:32 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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August 5, 2022
To: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission

RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26 Dear Commissioner Walcott,

I write to ask that the district lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 which include portions of Sutton Place, the Upper East Side, and all of Roosevelt Island ***not be adopted*** for the following reasons.

First, the draft proposal violates four of the criteria outlined in City Charter Section 52 (1) (c) (d) and (e) and Section 52 (2). The violation of those criteria results in districts where:

- neighborhoods and communities of interest are not kept intact,
- the proposed district is not compact,
- the proposed district results in an extreme crossover district, and • the proposed district is very oddly shaped.

Second, the proposed districts will create significant practical difficulties for the affected neighborhoods. Notably, will a Queens Council Member have a district office in Manhattan to serve the needs of the extraordinarily high percentage of seniors in Manhattan Community Districts 6 & 8 and Roosevelt Island? Will a Queens Council Member send representation to two additional Manhattan Community Boards? Will a Queens Council Member hold full membership on two Borough Boards? What is the likelihood that the Manhattan portion of the proposed district will ever prevail in a matter of Participatory Budgeting? Manhattan and Queens residents may hold vastly different positions on important matters of public policy including, but not limited to, congestion pricing. Which position will a Queens Council Member adopt?

1 A defining element of the East Side's neighborhood character is the presence of numerous medical and research facilities with sprawling, densely populated campuses. Among those institutions directly impacted by the proposed new lines are: Hospital for Special Surgery, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell, Schwarzman

Animal Medical Center, Rockefeller University and Cornell Tech. Manhattan elected officials have years of experience and expertise in addressing the compatibility of these institutions with surrounding residential areas. How effective will a Queens Council Member be in this regard?

Community District 8 ranks 47th out of 59 Districts with the least amount of public park space. This plan would remove 24 Sycamores Park, most of Honey Locust Park, most of the East River Esplanade, and all of Andrew Haswell Green Park (AHG). AHG Phase 3 of the park will likely cost 25 million dollars to complete. Will a Council Member in CD26 spend that kind of money for an area that represents only 27% of the residents/voters in her/his District? Not to mention that the parks that move to CD#26 Queens will have a different Borough Commissioner from the sections that remain in CD5.

Third and finally, this oddly shaped, extreme crossover district will significantly and adversely impact the provision of municipal services and diminish the political voices of thousands of Manhattan's residents. We refer you to the resolution passed by Community Board 8 disapproving the redistricting commission's map and refer you to the map proposed by Community Board 8's resolution, which would result in District 4 having a population of 177,446 and District 5 a population of 177,176 etc.

In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above.

I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Bernice Levy
[redacted] East 66th Street Apt 12B
New York, NY 10065

DeCillis, Michael

From: Brock Janoff [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 1:34 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: Brock Janoff
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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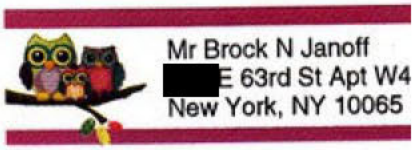

TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission
FROM: (name) BROCK JANOFF (address)
DATE: July 27, 2022
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Catalina Portillo
[redacted] Main Street,
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[redacted]

From: Elizabeth Dillon [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 9:08 PM
To: Public Testimony; m_short@ymail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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Elizabeth Dillon

[redacted] Main Street, Apt 12M

New York, NY 10044

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From: Emmett Fraser [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 12:59 PM
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Furthermore, as a parent to young children I am very conscious that this proposed change would create unnecessary confusion as our children's educational facilities are PS/IS 217 and other Manhattan public and private schools. We fall within Manhattan's School District 2 for elementary school and middle school children. Any move that would hamper our ability to continue the educational plan we have for our children is something I will strongly oppose.

Sincerely,

Emmett Fraser
[redacted] River Road, Apt 1C

[redacted]

From: Eric Murn [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 9:36 AM
To: Public Testimony
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 4:57 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppossition to Redesistricting Roosevelt Island

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To Whom It May Concern:

We are opposed to redistricting Roosevelt Island for the following reasons:

1. Originally, Roosevelt Island was the vision of Mayor John Lindsey and he built it as a **"Manhattan Utopian Community"** and NOT as a Queens community. Our telephone **area code is 212** and not 718. We have a **Manhattan zip code**, and not a Queens one. In addition, we are a **Manhattan Island** under New York City's City Charter, **Item 52-C and the City Charter** states that district lines shall keep neighborhoods intact.
2. As a **co-op share holders**, we are concerned that the value of our apartment will decrease considerably. At the time when we agreed to purchase shares in our building, it was no discussion about redistricting Roosevelt Island.
3. My husband and I commute by **tram** daily to Manhattan to our places of employment. The tram is a very reliable mode of transportation which takes the stress away to wait for the trains, which are most of the time delays for one reason or another. In addition the tram runs on electricity, which has less of an impact on the environment. Driving is not option for us due to the fact that increases to NYC pollution and the parking fees are very expensive.
4. Our community was instrumental in the developmental of the **Four Freedoms Park** and the creation of **Cornell Tech**, illustrating the vital role our community plays into Roosevelt Island developments.The Western Queens fought against the development of Amazon, pointing once more to the different perspectives and needs Roosevelt Island community has compared to the Western Queens one.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

IOAN Popoiu
Veronica Popoiu
[redacted] Main St.
New York, NY 10044

[redacted]

From: Jochen Weber [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 9:57 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: Zhu Changyu
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Redistricting plans for part of UES to Queens District 26

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Dear Redistricting Commission members,
Dear Chair Walcott,

My husband, Changyu Zhu, and I recently purchased an apartment on East 66th Street, between 1st Avenue and York Avenue.

Our building's management company alerted us a few days ago that, as part of the redistricting efforts to ascertain (roughly) equal representation, one potential plan for the redistricting would group several city blocks on the Upper East Side together with Roosevelt Island with the Queens district 26 (from district 5).

While I appreciate the need for representatives of citizens to speak for, roughly, equal numbers of people, we believe that this particular proposal comes with many downsides, particularly where issues that affect all residents of parts of the neighborhood that straddle blocks across the proposed district lines are concerned, which up until this point allowed residents across the neighborhood to rely on strong shared representation.

In order to retain an atmosphere of sharing efforts and a sense of community, I kindly and yet strongly request that any plan that would rip this neighborhood into separate districts (and represented communities) be rejected, if other (roughly) equally well balanced plans can be devised.

Thank you very much for your attention and support.

Kindest regard,

Jochen Weber and Changyu Zhu.

[redacted]

From: Joelrpacker [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 8:58 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: jm_short@gmail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to the Proposed Redistricting of Roosevelt Island

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To Members of the Redistricting Committee:
I have lived on Roosevelt Island for the past 44 years and, as a long-term resident, I have benefited from the services/financial support and advocacy that our District 5 Council Representatives have provided. I strongly oppose the redistricting lines proposed to move us to Queens for the following reason(s):
The proposed change is a direct violation of City Charter Section 52 (1) (c) (d) and (e) and Section 52 (2), resulting in:

1. Neighborhoods and communities of interest not being kept intact.
2. The proposed district is not compact as instructed.
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In addition, the Roosevelt Island Tramway, operated and overseen by the Roosevelt Island Operating Corp. (RIOC), is firmly rooted in Council District 5. It is imperative that the community maintain this relationship to insure the safe, efficient operation of the tram, the transport used by children who attend off-island schools and by the majority of our working neighbors. The MTA considers Roosevelt Island a Manhattan stop.
Our operating funds are derived in a very different way than in Queens. Even our public services, e.g. grounds-keeping and street cleaning, are not covered in the same manner as those in Queens.
Our community fought for protections in the development of Cornell Tech which is only one Third complete. We need to maintain the same vital City Council oversight for Cornell's next construction phase.
For these reasons and for the continued vitality and growth of our beloved island, I implore you to reconsider the proposed redistricting, and keep Manhattan's other Island where it belongs in District 5.
Joel Packer
[redacted] Main Street, 1306
New York, NY 10044

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TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission
FROM: Joseph Capotorto [redacted] E 64th Street, APT W8G, New York, NY 10065
DATE: August 7, 2022
RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26
VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov
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From: Joyce Keating [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 8:51 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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Loss of representation in District 5, where the tramway is rooted, puts operation of this vital link in jeopardy.

The bottom line: I want Roosevelt Island to continue to be considered a part of Manhattan, and not Queens.

Joyce Keating / [redacted] Main Street, Apartment 1312 / New York, New York 10044

[redacted]

From: Karen Johnson [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 8:19 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: m_short@ymail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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[redacted] Main St., Apt. 1201, New York, NY 10044

[redacted]

From: Kristen Bihary [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 2:40 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Some of Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission
FROM: Kristen Bihary – [redacted] York Avenue, Apt. 12B, New York, NY 10065
DATE: August 7, 2022
RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

Kristen Bihary
[redacted] York Avenue, Apt. 12B
New York, NY 10065

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From: lei zhong [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 8:07 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission

FROM: Lei Zhong - [redacted] E 64th street, Apt W6A, New York, NY 10065

DATE: August 7, 2022

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From: Max Zeugner [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 1:34 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] opposition to redistricting Roosevelt island

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Sincerely,

Max Zeugner
[redacted] river road 18C

[redacted]

From: Mickael Chane-Du [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 11:42 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission

FROM: Mickael CHANE-DU - [redacted] E 64th street, Apt W6A, New York, NY 10065

DATE: August 7, 2022

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From: Natalia Setta [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 12:13 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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Our children's educational facilities are PS/IS 217 and other public and private schools in Manhattan. We fall within School District 2 for elementary school and middle school children. We need a Council Member whose area includes our school district.

Many of our school children commute by tram, which is a unique and vital link to Manhattan. Most of our working population also commute by tram to the mainland, not Queens, each day for employment. Our residents' commutation needs are met by maintaining a close association between the mainland and our island.

Our City Council Representatives provide considerable funding for PS/IS 217 including it's Green Roof. In addition, they support the quality of life programs we need such as our Little League, NY Junior Tennis and Learning, our very active Senior Center, and additional projects and services. They are the life-blood of our community and our Council Member has a history of support.

The cost for policing Roosevelt Island is principally covered by Island residents, through land-leases paid to RIOC. Our first responders are Public Safety Officers that are Peace Officers with the State of NY, NOT police officers from Queens. Our crime statistics are more consistent with our current Manhattan connection rather than with Western Queens. Our NYPD protection could diminish when determined by comparing our community with the stats of Western Queens.

Natalia Setta
[redacted] Main St
New York, NY 10044

Sent from my iPhone

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From: R. Pikser [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 10:07 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the New Map in District 9!

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I have been a resident of Harlem for over 40 years and I have seen the changes in population and voting power.
I am writing to ask that you protect the Black vote in my city council district, Harlem District 9, by keeping the preliminary new City Council District 9 map which restores our Black plurality and protects our voting rights. The commission created a new map with respect to our community. Hold the line and thank you for your work!

Ms. R. Pikser
[redacted] *West 131st Street*
New York, NY 10027
212 862 7272

[redacted]

From: Stuart Herman [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 9:34 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Districts due to be Changed

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It must be total absurdity, stupidity or a general lack of common sense to imagine that the Eastside of Manhattan and Roosevelt Island residents could now become one with a part of the borough of Queens.
It shocks the conscience to think just how much this would create havoc and confusion not only for us, but for the Sunnyside and Long Island City residents too! Each of the Queens communities have issues and priorities that are not synergistic with that of Manhattan, or for that matter with the uniqueness of Roosevelt Island. We are a different species insofar as to population, ethnicities, socio-economic and political make up, along with a whole host of related matters and demographics, i.e. the Cornell Campus and U.N. staffs that live here.
The Queens council members would be focused on their issues, not ours, nor would they possess the know how or knowledge to even address any of our concerns since it will be an all brand new situation for them. It would be blatantly unfair for these council members, their existing constituents, and especially for us.
Why not further confuse and befuddle the US Postal Service, NYC's emergency and essential services any more than they already are. What will happen with our UPS, and Amazon deliveries, Instacart, and Grubhub and DoorDash food deliveries will they too go awry.
Let's not overlook the redistricting effects it will have on our Public Libraries, hospitals, transit services, and schools. There will also be the necessity to change telephone and cellular area codes and zip codes that impacts Internet and cellular services. And that's not all. Has no one considered the costly impact it would have on the business community at large with them having to change billing addresses and mailing lists.
Hopefully, the City Council won't be so tone deaf as to the structural, political and social dislocation and shock that redistricting will mean for an enormous segment of the population in both the boroughs, and in their respective Manhattan and Queens communities, let alone the city as a whole. Hopefully, common sense and smart governance will prevail.

Roosevelt Island Resident

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From: adrienne saccone [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 9:37 AM
To: Public Testimony; NYC Redistricting
Subject: [EXTERNAL] redistricting

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· neighborhoods and communities of interest are not kept intact,
· the proposed district is not compact,
· the proposed district results in an extreme crossover district, and
· the proposed district is very oddly shaped.

Second, my child(ren) attends PS 183, which according to the proposed map would become a part of a Queens Council District. What is the likelihood that a project benefiting our school will ever prevail in a matter of Participatory Budgeting? Many of the voters that this project will affect would not be eligible to vote and 75%

of the voters would reside in a different borough. Will our Council Member prioritize our needs, when most of our families reside outside of their district?

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In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above. My fellow residents and I stand ready to meet with Commission staff to address these matters and to propose alternatives. I thank you in advance for your consideration,

Yours truly,

Adrienne Saccone

[redacted]

From: Alina Doran [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 9:20 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island!

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Please note:

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- In addition to supporting our school, our long established relationships with **our Council Member supports quality of life programs for our families such as our Little League, NY Junior Tennis and Learning, our very active Senior Center, and additional projects and services**. They are the life-blood of our community.
- Please also note that **the cost for policing Roosevelt Island is principally covered by Island residents, through land-leases paid to RIOC. Our first responders are Public Safety Officers who are Peace Officers with the State of NY, NOT police officers from Queens**.

Sincerely,

Alina Doran

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NY, NY 10044

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From: amy dukoff [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 8:36 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] REDISTRICTING

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Dr. Amy Dukoff
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amydukoff@gmail.com Aug. 8, 2022

To: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission

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I thank you in advance for your consideration,

Yours truly,
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[redacted]

From: Amy S Kaplan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 2:24 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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Loss of representation in District 5, where the tramway is rooted, puts operation of this vital link in jeopardy.

Thank you,

Amy Kaplan

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From: Amy Pippin [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 11:38 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
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-Additionally, the established children's programs around the island will be effected.

-Our community has worked very hard for our relationships with our council people/elected officials —- this should not be a decision made without consideration to the people on Roosevelt Island!

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Please take the voice of the community on Roosevelt Island into consideration as this effects us the most — there are no benefits to RI or the residents and only puts us at many disadvantages with this potential change.

Sincerely

Amy Pippin Rodriguez

[redacted] River Road Apt 3H, NY, NY 10044

Sent from my iPhone

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August 5, 2022

To: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission

VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov

MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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From: Hohenhaus, Ann [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 5:39 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Districts 5 and 26

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TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission
FROM: Ann Hohenhaus, [redacted] York Avenue, Apartment 11C, NY, NY 10065
DATE: July 27, 2022
RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26
VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov
MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

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From: Public Testimony <PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 3:45 PM
To: Hohenhaus, Ann <Ann.Hohenhaus@amcny.org>
Subject: RE: Districts 5 and 26

Good afternoon,

We received your email but couldn't open the attachment to view your testimony. Could you please resubmit in either PDF or Word format so that we can review your submission. We look forward to reading your thoughts on the redistricting process.

Best,

Michael DeCillis
Assistant Counsel
NYC Districting Commission

From: Hohenhaus, Ann <Ann.Hohenhaus@amcny.org>
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From: Antonieta Ruiz [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 8:46 AM
To: Public Testimony
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August 8, 2022

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Via Email: publictestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov;
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RE: Opposition to Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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In fact, many of their doctors and staff live in the neighborhood and would find that they would now live in one district while their hospital and research employers (who were just across the street) were in another district.

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I thank you for your consideration. Please share these comments with the other Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry J. Bendes

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cc: East Sixties Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission
FROM: (name) Carolyn Fratto (address) [redacted] East 63rd St. #11H NY, NY 1002
DATE: July 27, 2022
RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26
VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov
MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

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From: Cecilia [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 11:11 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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4. Area code for Roosevelt Islanders was 212 not 718.
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6. The MTA considers Roosevelt Island part of Manhattan.
7. Included as part of the flat rate taxi fare as Manhattan
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Thank you in advance for your consideration!

- Cecilia Chen
Coordinator of Roosevelt Island Parents' Network
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From: Corey Carver [redacted]
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Our newly built and highly utilized public library is part of the Manhattan library system.

Roosevelt Islanders frequently call on our City Council Representatives for constituent services, particularly, for help in landlord/tenant matters. Our cases are heard in Manhattan's landlord/tenant court. A Queens City Council Member will be unable to provide the level of effective aid our residents need in housing matters.

Our operating funds are derived in a very different way than in Queens. Even our public services such as grounds keeping and street cleaning are not covered in the same manner as Queens.

Like the island of Manhattan, we are an Island, and share environmental protection issues.

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It is very frustrating that the decision making process is not addressed with the residents of the Island who are, actually, residing and dealing with the existing issues on a day by day basis and in appreciation of being within Manhattan Island zoning.

We would appreciate no redistricting decision at this point.

Thank you.

Darya Olshanetskaya, Esq.

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There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio,
Than are dreamt of in your philosophy ©

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From: D Medalie [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 10:33 AM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Council Redistricting for Community District 8

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To: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission

PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov

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From: Eva Bosbach [redacted]
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[redacted]

From: Jason Wu [redacted]
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3. Most of our working population commute each day to Manhattan, not Queen

Sincerely

Jason Wu

[redacted] Main Street [redacted]

New York, NY 10044

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 5:01 PM
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From: John P H Lee [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 4:43 PM
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From: Kristin Brigham [redacted]
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistributing Roosevelt Island

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From Kristin Brigham
[redacted]Main Street #1411 New York City, NY 10044

This letter is in strong opposition to the redistricting change of Roosevelt Island (RI) FROM Manhattan TO Queens.
My choice to move to RI was based on inclusion in Manhattan for voting, RI Public schools, Senior Center, green space and parks, cleanliness, access to Manhattan library -a key resource, museums, property value, tax base, red bus, quiet, safety, local active service to the community, child safety and friendliness (I have 3 grandchildren here). Here I also have access to the Lehman Senior center. These are by no means the only reasons. Add to this changing all legal, health and business documents.
I can think of no more wasteful use of tax funds than to disrupt a community that is healthy and active. And happy and strongly opposed to being part of Queens.
Who benefits? Career politicians? Real Estate? This will not solve the real problems of hunger home access food access and improving the Schools and quality of life in Queens. It will negatively affect the residents of Roosevelt Island.
Please consider abandoning this wasteful plan and replacing it by putting your time/resources/ energy into more pressing local problems.
Sincerely,
K. Brigham

Have a lovely day.

[redacted]

From: Kristi Towey [redacted]
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Lauren Chmielewski [redacted] E 63rd St, Apt 14F, New York, NY 10065

[redacted]

From: Louella Streitz [redacted]
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to redistricting Roosevelt Island

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Regards

Louella & Michael Streitz
[redacted] Main St #314
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From: SanadaMachiko [redacted]
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* Roosevelt Islanders frequently call on our City Council Representatives for constituent services, particularly, for help in landlord/tenant matters. Our cases are heard in Manhattan's landlord/tenant court. A Queens City Council Member will unable to provide the level of effective assistance our resident will need in housing matters.

Machiko Sanada
[redacted] Main St., New York, NY 10044

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From: Mahroo Ehsani [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 10:24 AM
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[redacted] Main Street resident

DeCillis, Michael

From: Rice, Marc [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 11:53 AM
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Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please do not redistrict Sutton place

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My wife and I are currently residents of [redacted] East 57th street, Apt 6b. We ask that you do not redistrict to CS 26. Please let us stay in CD 4

Ty

Marc and Maddie Rice

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[redacted] River Rd, Apt 11J
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[redacted] Main street, New York , NY 10044

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Paul Shackman

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3. In addition to supporting our school, our long established relationships with our Council Member supports quality of life programs for our families such as our Little League, NY Junior Tennis and Learning, our very active Senior Center, and additional projects and services. They are the life-blood of our community.
4. The cost for policing Roosevelt Island is principally covered by Island residents, through land-leases paid to RIOC. Our first responders are Public Safety Officers who are Peace Officers with the State of NY, NOT police officers from Queens.

Thank you so much,
Shanshan Duan
[redacted] Main St., Roosevelt Island
NEW YORK, 10044

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 4:56 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] redistricting

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August 5, 2022

To: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission

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I thank you in advance for your consideration,

Yours truly,

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DeCillis, Michael

From: Stuart Herman [redacted] >
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 4:29 PM
To: Public Testimony
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So, let's further create a hardship for everyone affected by the re-districting. There will be the need for many of us to Re-register: our voter and political party affiliations, our NYS driver License and non-driver IDs IDNYC cards, renewal of Passports, place in jeopardy recipients of Retirement/Pension and Social Security checks, as with many of us who depend upon prescription drugs deliveries and those who pay their bills by mail.

Sent from my iPhone

Subject Line: Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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Sun Park

[redacted] Main st Apt7H, New York, NY10044

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VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov

MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

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Yours truly,

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From: Uschi Niethammer [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 7:08 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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Sincerely,
Uschi Niethammer
[redacted] Main Street, Apt 15K
New York, NY 10044

[redacted]

From: Vanessa Morais [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 2:46 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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Like so many families on Roosevelt Island, my children and my family love living here, and we don't want any change in its operation, community activities, and school district. We love how it is right now!

Here are the reasons:

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6. The vast majority of our children who do not attend PS/IS 217, attend schools in Manhattan, not Queens. Families are attracted to living on Roosevelt Island because of the safety and ease of commutation to Manhattan schools by our tramway.
7. The Roosevelt Island tramway, operated and overseen by the Roosevelt Island Operating Corp. (RIOC), is firmly rooted in Council District 5. It is imperative that the community maintain the direct relationship with the District 5 Council Member to insure the safe, efficient operation of the tram.

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Sincerely very concerned NYC/Roosevelt Island Resident,

Vanessa Morais

[redacted] Main Street

Roosevelt Is., NY 10044

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[redacted]

From: Vu Huynh [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 11:21 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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Furthermore, considering the fact that I own an apartment on the island because of the great schools associated with the island, redistricting Roosevelt Island to Queens puts our lives and education in hardship:

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3. Most of our working population commute each day to Manhattan, not Queens, and we commute to Manhattan for both work and school.

Therefore, I strongly oppose districting Roosevelt Island to protect our community, our families, and our children.

Best Regards,
Vu Anh Huynh

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Wumei Yu [redacted] East 66th St., NY, NY 10065

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TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission
FROM: Ariel Stein Orzata [redacted] York Avenue, Apt 7J, New York, NY 10065
DATE: July 27, 2022
RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26
VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov
MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

Good day Chair Walcott,

The plan presented for 54 blocks of the Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island is not acceptable to the residents of the East Sixties. We believe it violates the charter requirements of keeping neighborhoods compact and in tack This plan would make CD26 an oddly shaped district with practical difficulties: they are - would the Council Member have a district office in Manhattan as well as on Roosevelt Island; would the Council Member cover Community Board meetings in Board 8 & 6 and have full membership on both Borough Boards, and finally we believe this part of Community District 8 would have a diminution of representation. While other Districts have physical boundaries in more than one borough, they are directly adjacent to one another. They do not have a river separating them as in this proposed plan. The issues in CD26 are not the same as in CD5. There are several well-established neighborhood associations whose membership would be torn asunder.

The issues that involve City Agencies such as Transportation, Sanitation, Parks etc. are different in the two council districts. Then there are two other major issues that would tear our community apart. The **first** is the hospital corridor with their buildings for the major institutions many of which would be in CD26 under the new plan. But many of their offices and allied buildings and staff and doctors would be located in/or live in CD5 making it difficult for discussing issues constantly arising. The **second** is Community District 8 ranks 47th out of 51 Districts for the least amount of park space in the city. This plan would remove: 24 Sycamores Park; ¾ of Honey Locust Park—with ¼ remaining in D5; most of our East River Esplanade and Andrew Haswell Green Park Phase 1 & 2A—2B is under construction at this time. Phase 3 has not yet started and will likely cost $25 Million dollars to complete. Will a Council Member in CD26 spend that kind of money for an area that represents only 27% of the voters in her/his District? Most of the funding will probably be spent in the Queens part of the district. **This would result in CD 5 having the least amount of Park space in NYC.**

We strongly recommend that you study and implement Community Board 8's resolution and plan, as it takes into account the number of residents in all the adjourning districts.

Our Neighborhood Association depends greatly on our Council Member and her office staff, which is easy to reach by a short bus ride. I strongly urge the New York City Districting Commission to reconsider this ill-conceived plan and not divide an indivisible and cohesive neighborhood.

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[redacted]

From: Carla Perez [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:42 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: jm_short@ymail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] My letter of opposition to redistricting Roosevelt Island

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Carla Perez,
[redacted] Main St, Apt 502
Roosevelt Island
New York, 10044, NY

[redacted]

From: celia andreu [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 8:50 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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thanks,
Celia Andreu Agullo
[redacted] River Rd, apt 10P
10044 New York, NY

[redacted]

From: elena agarkova [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:11 PM
To: Public Testimony
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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Elena & Andrei Belov

2 kids ages 3.5 and 6

[redacted] Main Street, PH2F
New York, NY 10044

[redacted]

From: Ernest Thrope [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:29 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: joyce short
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am opposed to redistricting Roosevelt Island for the following reasons:

It is important for this community to maintain the same vital City Council oversight that protected our community during the first phase of construction of Cornell Tech.

Our community has already been divided for Federal and State legislative representation. Further division will additionally weaken our ability to have a collective, legislative force to represent our interests.

We need to continue the way our operating funds are derived. It is in our interest to continue the status quo in terms of public services such as groundskeeping and street cleaning.

We appreciate having a branch of the New York Public Library on Roosevelt Island. The Queens Library has fewer resources and would mean diminished library services.

Sincerely,

Ernest Thrope
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[redacted]

From: Gary Kessler [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:40 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] UES redistricting

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I am a resident in Midtown East/Sutton Place, a property owner and the parent of 2 public elementary school students at P59. I am completely dismayed by the proposed UES/Queens redistricting. It does not take into account the needs of either neighborhood and is fraught with issues for families who, at the end of the day, want good neighborhood schools and shared neighborhood experiences. This will have impacts on the local schools, funding, potentially forced traveling for children, among other issues. My understanding is these decisions are also in violation of NYC's own charter. Our voices are not being heard or represented by the commissioners who are drawing these lines and we need our elected officials to speak up and fight for their constituents. Please do what is right to keep parents and families from leaving NYC and NYC schools.

Thank you,
Gary Kessler
[redacted]

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From: Gulnaz Ismanova [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 10:16 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: jm_short@ymail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 'NO' to redistricting of Roosevelt Island

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To Members of the Redistricting Commission:
I strongly oppose the redistricting lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5, which includes Roosevelt Island, for the following reason(s):

1. Roosevelt Island children attend PS/IS 217 and other Manhattan public and private schools. Roosevelt Island belongs in Manhattan's School District 2 for elementary school and middle school children. This redistricting proposal will severely hamper the ability of our school to receive participatory budgeting, like funding for our school green roof.
2. The cost for policing Roosevelt Island is principally covered by Island residents, through land-leases paid to RIOC. Our first responders are Public Safety Officers who are Peace Officers with the State of NY -they don't carry weapons- NOT police officers from Queens.

The proposed change is a direct violation of City Charter Section 52 (1) (c) (d) and (e) and Section 52 (2), resulting in:

1. Neighborhoods and communities of interest not being kept intact.
2. The proposed district is not compact as instructed.
3. The proposed district results in an extreme crossover district, crossing a borough boundary.
4. The proposed district is very oddly shaped.

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Loss of representation in District 5, where the tramway is rooted, puts operation of this vital link in jeopardy.
Gulnaz Ismanova,

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Roosevelt Island
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With best regards
Gulnaz Ismanova

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From: ilanakulman [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:38 AM
To: Public Testimony; NYC Redistricting
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposing redistricting-Keep the Upper East Side intact

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Second, my children attend PS 183, which according to the proposed map would become a part of a Queens Council District. What is the likelihood that a project benefiting our school will ever prevail in a matter of Participatory Budgeting? Many of the voters that this project will affect would not be eligible to vote and 75% of the voters would reside in a different borough. Will our Council Member prioritize our needs, when most of our families reside outside of their district?

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In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above. My fellow residents and I stand ready to meet with Commission staff to address these matters and to propose alternatives. I thank you in advance for your consideration,

Yours truly,

Ilana Kulman, M.D.

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From: I Di [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 5:17 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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From: susan ngeow [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 8:55 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] a plea to stop redistricting District 5 with District 26

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Yours Truly,

Jeffrey Ngeow M.D.
Resident of the East 60s

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From: JB DDS [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 5:25 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re redistricting District 5

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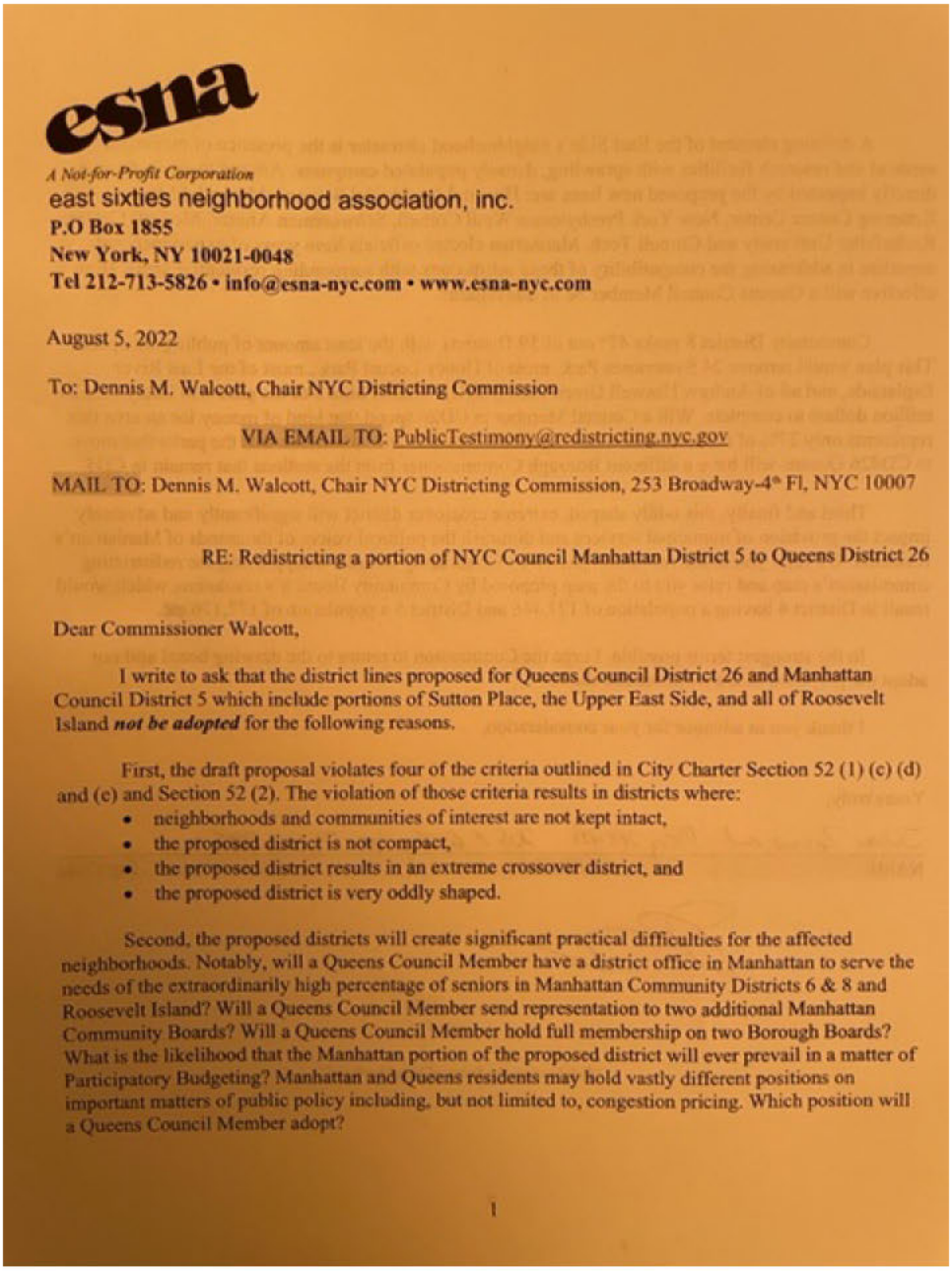

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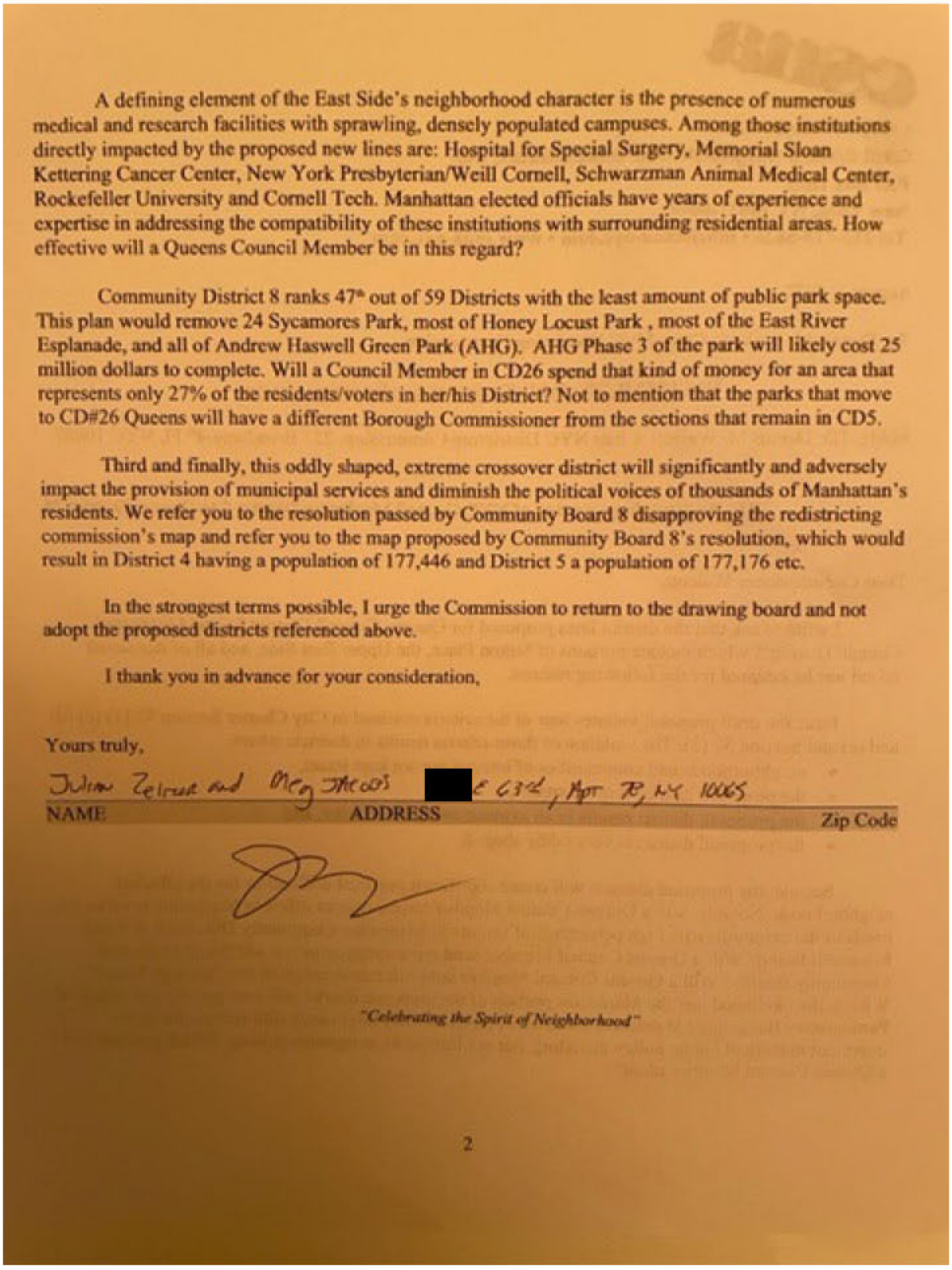

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FROM: (name) Earl Einhorn (address) [redacted] East 64st
DATE: July 27, 2022
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From: lucinda covert-vail [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 4:21 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: District5@council.nyc.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Council Districts 5 & 26

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Hi — I want to express my concern with the proposed redistricting of part of the Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island, which are both in the borough of Manhattan and currently part of Council District 5. Moving these residents and institutions into the Queens-based Council District 26 appears strangely arbitrary and inefficient to me.

In explanatory information regarding the redistricting process, there appears to be a limit on "cross over districts", but that seems not to apply in this case. Considering the bridge as a justifyng feature on an island that is primarily served by a tram, subway and ferry, all with Manhattan destinations, is an odd rationale to make. The redistribution also appears to violate the "community of interest" principle in that Roosevelt Island's community interests and services fall with Manhattan, not Queens. For example, Roosevelt Island is currently served by Manhattan-specific services, including the NY Public Library - not the Queens Public Library system.

The Upper East Side residents and institutions now lumped into a Queens District include some of the largest Manhattan health and research services, including Hospital for Special Surgery, Weill Cornell Medical Center, Sloan Kettering, and Rockefeller University. Their interests fall within Manhattan-based issues of infrastructure and support, not Queens.

Expecting a Council member to span multiple NYC boroughs, advocate for and support servicesand interests that may differ, depending on location, appears challenging at the very least.

I am concerned that lumping part of the Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island in with Queens has the potential to result in inadquate representation for the Manhattan and RI residents and institutions that are affected. Looking at the data about the new proposed Districts 26 and 5, it would appear that splitting off part of the Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island is more a case of number crunching than a reasoned regard for like communities and interests.

While I understand that no one is ever fully satisfied with changing Council Districts, splitting this small part of Manhattan off from its peers seems needless and I certainly hope it will be reconsidered and this small Manhattan part of proposed Council District 26 returned to its neighbors and community in Council District 5..

Thank you for considering my comments.

Lucinda Covert-Vail
Roosevelt Island resident

[redacted]

From: Margot Reiss [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 5:36 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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I **strongly oppose** the redistricting lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5, which includes Roosevelt Island, for the following reason(s):

The proposed change is a direct violation of City Charter Section 52 (1) (c) (d) and (e) and Section 52 (2).

A current City Council redistricting proposal shifts Roosevelt Island to Queens West to be represented by the City Council Member in Queens, Julie Won, not Julie Menin in Manhattan. We believe this change is problematic for our community for several reasons. The most compelling are the direct conflict with the City Charter which are laid out in the letter which follows:

1. Our children's educational facilities are PS/IS 217 and other Manhattan public and private schools. We fall within Manhattan's School District 2 for elementary school and middle school children. Our school's chances of receiving participatory budgeting, such as the funding that built our green roof, will be severely hampered.
2. The vast majority of our children who do not attend PS/IS 217, attend schools in Manhattan, not Queens. Families are attracted to living on Roosevelt Island because of the safety and ease of commutation to Manhattan schools by our tramway.
3. The Roosevelt Island tramway, operated and overseen by the Roosevelt Island Operating Corp. (RIOC), is firmly rooted in Council District 5. It is imperative that the community maintain the direct relationship with the District 5 Council Member to ensure the safe, efficient operation of the tram.
4. Most of our working population commute each day to Manhattan, not Queens.
5. In addition to supporting our school, our long established relationships with our Council Member supports quality of life programs for our families such as our Little League, our Senior Center (RISA and Carter Burden), our1Disabled Association (RIDA) and additional projects and services. They are the life-blood of our community.
6. The cost for policing Roosevelt Island is principally covered by Island residents, through land-leases paid to RIOC. Our first responders are Public Safety Officers who are Peace Officers with the State of NY, NOT police officers from Queens.
7. Our crime statistics are consistent with neighboring Manhattan locations, not locations in Western Queens. Our NYPD protection could diminish when determined by comparing Roosevelt Island with the statistics of Western Queens.

8. Roosevelt Island was conceived and built as a "Manhattan Utopian Community" by Mayor John Lindsay. Our area code is 212, not 718. We have a Manhattan zip code of 10044. For approximately 50 years, Roosevelt Islanders have considered themselves Manhattanites.
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10. Our newly built and highly utilized public library is part of the Manhattan library system.
11. Roosevelt Islanders frequently call on our City Council Representatives for constituent services, particularly, for help in landlord/tenant matters. Our cases are heard in Manhattan's landlord/tenant court. A Queens City Council Member will be unable to provide the level of effective aid our residents need in housing matters.
12. The character of Roosevelt Island is unlike that of Western Queens. We are highly residential with very few commercial establishments.
13. Our operating funds are derived in a very different way than in Queens. Even our public services such as grounds keeping and street cleaning are not covered in the same manner as Queens.
14. Like the island of Manhattan, we are an Island, and share environmental protection issues.
15. Our community fought for protections in the development of Cornell Tech which is only one third complete. We need to maintain the same vital City Council oversight for Cornell's next phase of construction.
16. Loss of representation in District 5, where the tramway is rooted, puts operation of this vital link in jeopardy.

In addition, the Queens member would need to send representatives to 2 Manhattan Community Boards and hold membership in 2 Borough Boards. Queens and Manhattan residents may differ on public policy issues such as congestion pricing. Manhattan residents in the Queens district would be at a disadvantage in participatory budgeting.

This redistricting proposal would not keep neighborhoods and communities of interest intact. Roosevelt Island is a unique place and should be kept as it was intended - in Manhattan!

Thank you.

Margot and Joseph Reiss [redacted] Main St New York, NY 10044

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From: Marjorie Salas [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 10:17 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: m_short@ymail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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Dear Members of the Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for all of your hard work in managing our city's districts. Like my fellow Roosevelt Island Residents, I strongly oppose the redistricting lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5, which includes Roosevelt Island. Like so many families on Roosevelt Island, my children and my family love living here, and we don't want any change in its operation, community activities, and school district.

Here are the reasons:

1. Families are attracted to living on Roosevelt Island because of the safety and ease of commutation to Manhattan schools by our tramway. Our children's educational facilities are PS/IS 217 and other Manhattan public and private schools. We fall within Manhattan's School District 2 for elementary school and middle school children. Our school's chances of receiving participatory budgeting, such as the funding that built our green roof, will be severely hampered. The vast majority of our children who do not attend PS/IS 217, attend schools in Manhattan, not Queens.
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Our Roosevelt Island Community feels very strongly about Roosevelt Island remaining districted in Manhattan and will continue to make our voices heard. Thank you for your attention in this very important matter.

Thank you,
Marjorie Weis, DNP, MPH
(Healthcare provider, community member, and mother of 2 year old little girl)
[redacted] Main Street

Sent from my iPhone

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In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above.

I thank you in advance for your consideration,

Yours truly,

NAME	ADDRESS	Zip Code
Mary Foy	[redacted] E. 63rd St, PHA	10065

Mary Foy

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August 9, 2022

Dennis M. Walcott, Chair
Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 3rd Floor
New York, New York 10007

Dear Mr. Walcott,

My name is Matt Holberton and I reside at [redacted] East 72nd Street, apartment 35D, New York, NY 10021, between First and York Avenues.

I have read and reviewed the plans for a merger of Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 and am strongly opposed to it. The idea that decisions affecting Manhattan will be controlled by another borough is absolutely abhorrent to me. The crossover district will adversely impact the provision of municipal services, separate communities with common needs and interests, and diminish the political voices of thousands of Manhattan's residents.

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[signature] (SIGNATURE)
Matthew Holberton (PRINT NAME)
[redacted] (PHONE NUMBER)

[redacted]

From: Muhayyo Burkhanova [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 11:53 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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Throughout our entire existence as a residential community, our residents have considered themselves Manhatanites.

Thank you and warm regards,

Mukhayyo Burkhanova
[redacted] Main Street, Island House

[redacted]

From: Nancy Butler [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 5:54 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] First and York avenue redistributing

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Please do not put First and York avenues into a Queens district! We are strongly opposed to this!
Nancy and Michael Butler
[redacted] East 72nd Street, Apt. 33C
New York, NY 10021

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Neil and Suzanne Cohen	[redacted] East 64th Street, Apt. 2B, NY, NY 10065	
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From: Robin Beth Levenson [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 10:53 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] New Districts are ILLEGAL JERRYMANDERING!!!

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It is horrific that these new so-called "redistricting" maps have been created to purposefully force our good Congresspeople to run against each other, forcing us all to LOSE VITAL REPRESENTATION in Congress.

This is most clearly demonstrated by the ridiculous case of Nadler vs. Maloney now, where we are ILLEGALLY (I would posit) forced to choose just ONE of them instead of both as our duly elected reps in Congress.

THIS IS A TRAVESTY, & you must go back & allow Nadler to have back his West Village contingent.

Otherwise, you cut out all of us who DEMAND THAT WE CONTINUE TO VOTE FOR THE BEST CONGRESSPERSON--Nadler--in the entire Congress.

What in the world were you thinking with this crushing & patently ILLEGAL JERRYMANDERING OF OUR DISTRICTS? You must be insane. NO ONE SHOULD HAVE THE POWER TO JERRYMANDER ANY DISTRICTS AT ALL WITHOUT THE EXPRESS VOTES OF THE PEOPLE--that's the people in the entire city.
This local killing mishap of JERRYMANDERING DISTRICTS should be thrown out summarily & FOREVER DISALLOWED. No one should be allowed to change districts in such a fashion as YOU HAVD DONE, ever, not ever without a full vote from the entire city.

Sincerely,
Dr. Robin Levenson
[redacted] Christopher St.
New York, NY 10014

Robin Levenson

[redacted]

From: Rubén Barroso [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 10:27 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] My letter of opposition to redistricting Roosevelt Island

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1. Neighborhoods and communities of interest not being kept intact.
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4. The proposed district is very oddly shaped.

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VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov

MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

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From: Sheng Zhou [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 12:25 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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From: Sonal Bhatia [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 10:03 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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6. Our newly built and highly utilized public library is part of the Manhattan library system.

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Thanks,

Sonal Bhatia

[redacted] Main St #16B, Roosevelt Island, NY, 10044

[redacted]

From: Sophia [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:47 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] the district lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 is inappropriate

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Sincerely,

Sophia

[redacted]

From: Tiara Khayat [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 11:49 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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[redacted]

From: Silva Merea, Valeria [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 10:19 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] My letter of opposition to redistricting Roosevelt Island

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August 9, 2022

Dennis M. Walcott, Chair
Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 3rd Floor
New York, New York 10007

Dear Mr. Walcott,

My name is Victoria Holberton and I reside at [redacted] East 72nd Street, apartment 35D, New York, NY 10021, between First and York Avenues.

I have read and reviewed the plans for a merger of Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 and am strongly opposed to it. The idea that decisions affecting Manhattan will be controlled by another borough is absolutely abhorrent to me. The crossover district will adversely impact the provision of municipal services, separate communities with common needs and interests, and diminish the political voices of thousands of Manhattan's residents.

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Yours truly,

_____(SIGNATURE)
Victoria Holberton (PRINT NAME)
[redacted] (PHONE NUMBER)

[redacted]

From: ingrid yin [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 12:27 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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DATE: August 9, 2022

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From: Agus Bellsola [redacted]
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From: [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 4:56 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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Sincerely,
Ms. Alyson Shatsky
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[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Anne Cripps [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 11:06 AM
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Here are some of the reasons that I oppose this redistricting:

1. The Roosevelt Island tramway, operated and overseen by the Roosevelt Island Operating Corp. (RIOC), is firmly rooted in Council District 5. It is imperative that the community maintain the direct relationship with the District 5 Council Member to insure the safe, efficient operation of the tram.

2. Most of our working population commute each day to Manhattan, not Queens.

3. Our children's educational facilities are PS/IS 217 and other Manhattan public and private schools. We fall within Manhattan's School District 2 for elementary school and middle school children. Our school's chances of receiving participatory budgeting, such as the funding that built our green roof, will be severely hampered.

4. The vast majority of our children who do not attend PS/IS 217, attend schools in Manhattan, not Queens. Families are attracted to living on Roosevelt Island because of the safety and ease of commutation to Manhattan schools by our tramway.

5. In addition to supporting our school, our long established relationships with our Council Member supports quality of life programs for our families such as our Little League, NY Junior Tennis and Learning, our very active Senior Center, and additional projects and services. They are the life-blood of our community.

6. The cost for policing Roosevelt Island is principally covered by Island residents, through land-leases paid to RIOC. Our first responders are Public Safety Officers who are Peace Officers with the State of NY, NOT police officers from Queens.

7. Our crime statistics are consistent with neighboring Manhattan locations, not locations in Western Queens. Our NYPD protection could diminish when determined by comparing Roosevelt Island with the statistics of Western Queens.

8. Roosevelt Island was conceived and built as a "Manhattan Utopian Community" by Mayor John Lindsay. Our area code is 212, not 718. We have a Manhattan zip code of 10044. For approximately 50 years, Roosevelt Islanders have considered themselves Manhattanites.

9. The MTA considers Roosevelt Island a Manhattan stop.

10. Our newly built and highly utilized public library is part of the Manhattan library system.

11. Roosevelt Islanders frequently call on our City Council Representatives for constituent services, particularly, for help in landlord/tenant matters. Our cases are heard in Manhattan's landlord/tenant court. A Queens City Council Member will be unable to provide the level of effective aid our residents need in housing matters.

12. The character of Roosevelt Island is unlike that of Western Queens. We are highly residential with very few commercial establishments.

13. Our operating funds are derived in a very different way than in Queens. Even our public services such as grounds keeping and street cleaning are not covered in the same manner as Queens.

14. Like the island of Manhattan, we are an Island, and share environmental protection issues.

15. Our community fought for protections in the development of Cornell Tech which is only one third complete.

We need to maintain the same vital City Council oversight for Cornell's next phase of construction.

Sincerely,
Anne M. Cripps
Roosevelt Island resident since 1976

Anne Cripps
[redacted]

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From: [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 3:37 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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Third and finally, this oddly-shaped, extreme crossover district will significantly and adversely impact the provision of municipal services and diminish the political voices of thousands of Manhattan's residents.

In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above. I thank you in advance for your consideration, I am also concerned that the new districting really defies common sense.

Sincerely,
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August 5, 2022

To: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission

VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov

MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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Community District 8 ranks 47th out of 59 Districts with the least amount of public park space. This plan would remove 24 Sycamores Park, most of Honey Locust Park , most of the East River Esplanade, and all of Andrew Haswell Green Park (AHG). AHG Phase 3 of the park will likely cost 25 million dollars to complete. Will a Council Member in CD26 spend that kind of money for an area that represents only 27% of the residents/voters in her/his District? Not to mention that the parks that move to CD#26 Queens will have a different Borough Commissioner from the sections that remain in CD5.

Third and finally, this oddly shaped, extreme crossover district will significantly and adversely impact the provision of municipal services and diminish the political voices of thousands of Manhattan's residents. We refer you to the resolution passed by Community Board 8 disapproving the redistricting commission's map and refer you to the map proposed by Community Board 8's resolution, which would result in District 4 having a population of 177,446 and District 5 a population of 177,176 etc.

In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above.

I thank you in advance for your consideration,

Yours truly,

Anne Smith [redacted] East 65th Street #32B New York NY 10065

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"Celebrating the Spirit of Neighborhood"

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From: [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 3:30 PM
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In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above. I thank you in advance for your consideration,

Sincerely,
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[redacted]

Districting Commission
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NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov

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Second, my child attends PS 183, which according to the proposed map would become a part of a Queens Council District. What is the likelihood that a project benefiting our school will ever prevail in a matter of Participatory Budgeting? Many of the voters that this project will affect would not be eligible to vote and 75% of the voters would reside in a different borough. Will our Council Member prioritize our needs when most of our families reside outside of their district?

Third, the proposed districts will create significant practical difficulties for the affected neighborhoods. Notably, will a Queens Council Member have a district office in Manhattan to serve the needs of the extraordinarily high percentage of seniors in Manhattan Community Districts 6 & 8? Will a Queens Council Member send representation to two additional Manhattan Community Boards? Will a Queens Council Member hold full membership on two Borough Boards? Manhattan and Queens residents may hold vastly different positions on important matters of public policy including, but not limited to, congestion pricing. Which position will a Queens Council Member adopt?

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Finally, this oddly-shaped, extreme crossover district will significantly and adversely impact the provision of municipal services and diminish the political voices of thousands of Manhattan's residents.

In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above. My fellow residents and I stand ready to meet with Commission staff to address these matters and to propose alternatives. I thank you in advance for your consideration,

Yours truly,
Barry Shenker

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:00 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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Dear Chair Dennis Walcott,

Queens and the Upper East Side are both wonderful and distinct entities and I ask that the new district lines not be adopted because their interests would not be best served by the new district lines. In addition, I write to ask that the district lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 which include portions of Sutton Place, the Upper East Side, and all of Roosevelt Island NOT be adopted for the following reasons.

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Sincerely,
Ms. beth callender
[redacted]E 76th St Apt 1E New York, NY 10021-3162 10021[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 4:52 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above. I thank you in advance for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Ms. Carol Deer
[redacted] E 66th St Apt 6J New York, NY 10065-9311 [redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 7:11 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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Sincerely,
Miss Carolee Kruse
[redacted] E 65th St New York, NY 10065-6943
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Catherine Huang [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:58 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] First and York Ave Rezoning

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Dear Mr. Walcott,

My name is Catherine Huang and I reside at 422 East 72nd Street, apartment 17D, New York, NY 10021, between First and York Avenues.

I have read and reviewed the plans for a merger of Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 and am strongly opposed to it. The idea that decisions affecting Manhattan will be controlled by another borough is absolutely abhorrent to me. The crossover district will adversely impact the provision of municipal services, separate communities with common needs and interests, and diminish the political voices of thousands of Manhattan's residents.

Additionally, the draft proposal violates four of the criteria set forth in City Charter Section 52 (1) (c) (d) and (e) and Section 52 (2). The violation of those criteria results in districts where:

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In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above. I thank you in advance for your consideration,

Yours truly,

Catherine Huang
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:05 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Inappropriate the district lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5

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In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Charlie Buffie

[redacted]

From: Charlie Todd [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 12:07 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please do not break up Hell's Kitchen

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As a resident of West 54th Street, I am very upset by the proposed redistricting that divides the Hell's Kitchen community into three districts.

My children go to a neighborhood public school and we have a great community here. Their three favorite playgrounds, each a 5-minute walk from our home, are in three different council districts. That doesn't feel right to me.

I never go to the east side of Manhattan and don't know how someone could effectively represent the Upper East Side and Hell's Kitchen.

Chelsea to the south or the UWS to the north make are more similar communities that people in Hell's Kitchen frequent.

Charles Todd
West 54th Street resident and member of Community Board 4 (not speaking on behalf of the board)

[redacted]

From: Andy Chien-Che Hsu [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:25 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: jm_short@ymail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] My letter of opposition to redistricting Roosevelt Island

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To Members of the Redistricting Commission:
I strongly oppose the redistricting lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5, which includes Roosevelt Island, for the following reason(s):

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2. The cost for policing Roosevelt Island is principally covered by Island residents, through land-leases paid to RIOC. Our first responders are Public Safety Officers who are Peace Officers with the State of NY -they don't carry weapons- NOT police officers from Queens.

The proposed change is a direct violation of City Charter Section 52 (1) (c) (d) and (e) and Section 52 (2), resulting in:

1. Neighborhoods and communities of interest not being kept intact.
2. The proposed district is not compact as instructed.
3. The proposed district results in an extreme crossover district, crossing a borough boundary.
4. The proposed district is very oddly shaped.

In addition, the Queens member would need to send representatives to 2 Manhattan Community Boards and hold membership in 2 Borough Boards. Queens and Manhattan residents may differ on public policy issues such as congestion pricing. Manhattan residents in the Queens district would be at a disadvantage in participatory budgeting.
Loss of representation in District 5, where the tramway is rooted, puts operation of this vital link in jeopardy.

Chien-Che Hsu
[redacted] Main Street, Apt. 926
Roosevelt Island
New York, 10044, NY

[redacted]

From: Clare Cahir [redacted]
[redacted] AM
To: Public Testimony; NYXredistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Inappropriate district lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5

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To whom this may concern,

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In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above.

Thank you!
Clare Cahir

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August 5, 2022

To: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission

VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov

MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

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Yours truly,

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From: Danielle DePippo [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:52 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to re-districting

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Danielle DePippo and I reside at 422 East 72nd Street, Apt 23F New York, NY 10021, between 1st and York Ave.

I have reviewed the plans for a merger of Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 and am strongly opposed to it. I am horrified by the idea that decisions affecting Manhattan will be controlled by another borough. The crossover district will adversely impact the provision of municipal services, separate communities with common needs and interests, and diminish the political voices of thousands of Manhattan's residents. I am also worried about my property values if I am considered a Queens resident.

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Thank you for your consideration,
Danielle DePippo

[redacted]

From: Daniel Portillo [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:00 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: Joyce Short
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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To Members of the Redistricting Commission:

I strongly oppose the redistricting lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5, which includes Roosevelt Island, for the following reason(s):

The proposed change is a direct violation of City Charter Section 52 (1) (c) (d) and (e) and Section 52 (2), resulting in:

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2. The proposed district is not compact as instructed.
3. The proposed district results in an extreme crossover district, crossing a borough boundary.

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Loss of representation in District 5, where the tramway is rooted, puts operation of this vital link in jeopardy.

Daniel Portillo
[redacted] Main Street,
New York, NY 10044

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 3:23 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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Sincerely,
Dr. David Orentreich
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 7:05 PM
To: Public Testimony
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Sincerely,
Dr. David Zapotocky
[redacted] Sutton Pl New York, NY 10022-2304
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Dejan Matijevic [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 11:03 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am opposed to redistricting Roosevelt Island for the following reasons:

1. Our children's educational facilities are PS/IS 217 and other public and private schools in Manhattan. We fall within School District 2 for elementary school and middle school children. We need a Council Member whose area includes our school district.

2. Our City Council Representatives provide considerable funding for PS/IS 217 including it's Green Roof. In addition, they support the quality of life programs we need such as our Little League, NY Junior Tennis and Learning, our very active Senior Center, and additional projects and services. They are the life-blood of our community and our Council Member has a history of support.

3. The cost for policing Roosevelt Island is principally covered by Island residents, through land-leases paid to RIOC. Our first responders are Public Safety Officers that are Peace Officers with the State of NY, NOT police officers from Queens. Our crime statistics are more consistent with our current Manhattan connection rather than with Western Queens. Our NYPD protection could diminish when determined by comparing our community with the stats of Western Queens.

4. Roosevelt Islanders frequently call on our City Council Representatives for constituent services, particularly, for help in landlord/tenant matters. Our cases are heard in Manhattan's landlord/tenant court. A Queens City Council Member will be unable to provide the level of effective assistance our residents will need in housing matters. Unlike Queens, we are a highly residential community with very few commercial enterprises.

Thank you and best regards
Dejan Matijevic
[redacted] Main St Apt 1034
New York, NY 1004

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 8:07 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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Sincerely,
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August 5, 2022

To: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission

VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov

MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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Yours truly,

Diane E. Montgomery	[redacted] East 65th Street, 21A,	NYC	10065
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Ellisa Cassuto
[redacted] E 72nd St # 6KL New York, NY 10021-4849 [redacted]

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From: [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 4:06 PM
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Sincerely,
Ms. Erica Bersin
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From: Erika Schlissel [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:48 AM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] District Lines for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5

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Dear Commissioners,

My family is strongly against the new proposed district lines for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 and believe that these district lines need to be revised. I have outlined our reasoning in the attached letter. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Regards,
Erika Schlissel

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[redacted]

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Sincerely,
Fay Jozoff
(Sutton Place resident)

Sincerely,
Ms. Fay Jozoff
[redacted] E 56th St Apt 6F New York, NY 10022-4697[redacted]

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From: [redacted]

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Sincerely,
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From: [redacted]

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In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above. I thank you in advance for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Ms. Francoise Fielding
[redacted] E 69th St New York, NY 10021-5704
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 8:12 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] objection to UES/RI redistricting

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To whom it may concern,

As a resident of this neighborhood for the last 22 years (currently residing at 504 East 63rd St), I write to ask that the district lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 which include portions of Sutton Place, the Upper East Side and all of Roosevelt Island not be adopted for the following reasons.

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I could not be more opposed to this plan. In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above. Thank you!

Garrett M Nash, MD, MPH, FACS, FASCRS
Associate Attending Surgeon, Colorectal Service
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From: Heather Martin [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 4:16 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Manhattan Council District 5 remapping

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Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 3rd Floor
New York, New York 10007
212-676-3090

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Second, my children attend PS 183, which according to the proposed map would become a part of a Queens Council District. What is the likelihood that a project benefiting our school will ever prevail in a matter of Participatory Budgeting? Many of the voters that this project will affect would not be eligible to vote and 75% of the voters would reside in a different borough. Will our Council Member prioritize our needs, when most of our families reside outside of their district?

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In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above. My fellow residents and I stand ready to meet with Commission staff to address these matters and to propose alternatives. I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Heather Martin

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August 5, 2022

To: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission

VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov

MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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I thank you in advance for your consideration,

Yours truly,

Ian B. Montgomery	[redacted] East 65th Street, 21A,	NYC	10065
NAME	ADDRESS		Zip Code

"Celebrating the Spirit of Neighborhood"

[redacted]

From: Irene Jarchum [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 11:03 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Inappropriate district lines for queens council district 26 and Manhattan council district 5

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Hi,
I am writing because the proposed lines for Queena Council district 26 and Manhattan council district 5 are inappropriate and should not be adopted.

Hi,
I am a resident of Manhattan council district 5.

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Best,
Irene Jarchum

[redacted]

From: Irina Randrianarisoa [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 3:34 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] My letter of opposition to redistricting Roosevelt Island

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To Members of the Redistricting Commission:
I strongly oppose the redistricting lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5, which includes Roosevelt Island, for the following reason(s):

1. Roosevelt Island children attend PS/IS 217 and other Manhattan public and private schools. Roosevelt Island belongs in Manhattan's School District 2 for elementary school and middle school children. This redistricting proposal will severely hamper the ability of our school to receive participatory budgeting, like funding for our school green roof.
2. The cost for policing Roosevelt Island is principally covered by Island residents, through land-leases paid to RIOC. Our first responders are Public Safety Officers who are Peace Officers with the State of NY -they don't carry weapons- NOT police officers from Queens.

The proposed change is a direct violation of City Charter Section 52 (1) (c) (d) and (e) and Section 52 (2), resulting in:

1. Neighborhoods and communities of interest not being kept intact.
2. The proposed district is not compact as instructed.
3. The proposed district results in an extreme crossover district, crossing a borough boundary.
4. The proposed district is very oddly shaped.

In addition, the Queens member would need to send representatives to 2 Manhattan Community Boards and hold membership in 2 Borough Boards. Queens and Manhattan residents may differ on public policy issues such as congestion pricing. Manhattan residents in the Queens district would be at a disadvantage in participatory budgeting.
Loss of representation in District 5, where the tramway is rooted, puts operation of this vital link in jeopardy.

Irina RANDRIANARISOA
[redacted] Main st, 21D
Roosevelt Island
New York, 10044, NY

Sent from my iPhone

[redacted]

From: James Mahoney [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 4:00 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: District5@council.nyc.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District 5 Redistricting

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I am totally opposed to removing a part of the Upper East Side from District 5.

James Mahoney
[redacted] East 88th Street, Apt. 3D
New York, New York 10128

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 4:16 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above. I thank you in advance for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Ms. Janet Nonamaker
[redacted] E 65th St Apt 3D New York, NY 10065-7136 [redacted]

[redacted]

From: Jason Manley [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:59 AM
To: Public Testimony; [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DO NOT redistrict Sutton Place and UES

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Jason Manley
[redacted] E 63rd St #3D
New York, NY 10065

[redacted]

From: Jeanne Farrell [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 11:00 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting part of Manhattan into Queens

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I write to strongly protest the proposed district lines for Queens Council District 25 and Manhattan Council District 5. This is a violation of criteria set forth in City Charter Section 52 (1)(c-e) and 52 (2). There is no need to include a small part of the existing part of Manhattan, a small and compact into a sprawling district. The selected area appears to attempt to annex what is its own community, with a number of hospitals and research organizations. It creates an awkward zone and makes no sense.

I live, work, and send my child to school in the small swath of Manhattan that is being proposed to count as Queens. It is nonsensical, unwarranted, and unneeded. I have no sense that I would be represented by an elected official who has offices in a different part of the city from a physical perspective, and think this would disrupt the normalcy of this area of MANHATTAN.

Stop with this madness.

Regards,
Jeanne

[redacted]

From: Jeffrey Gleit [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 1:44 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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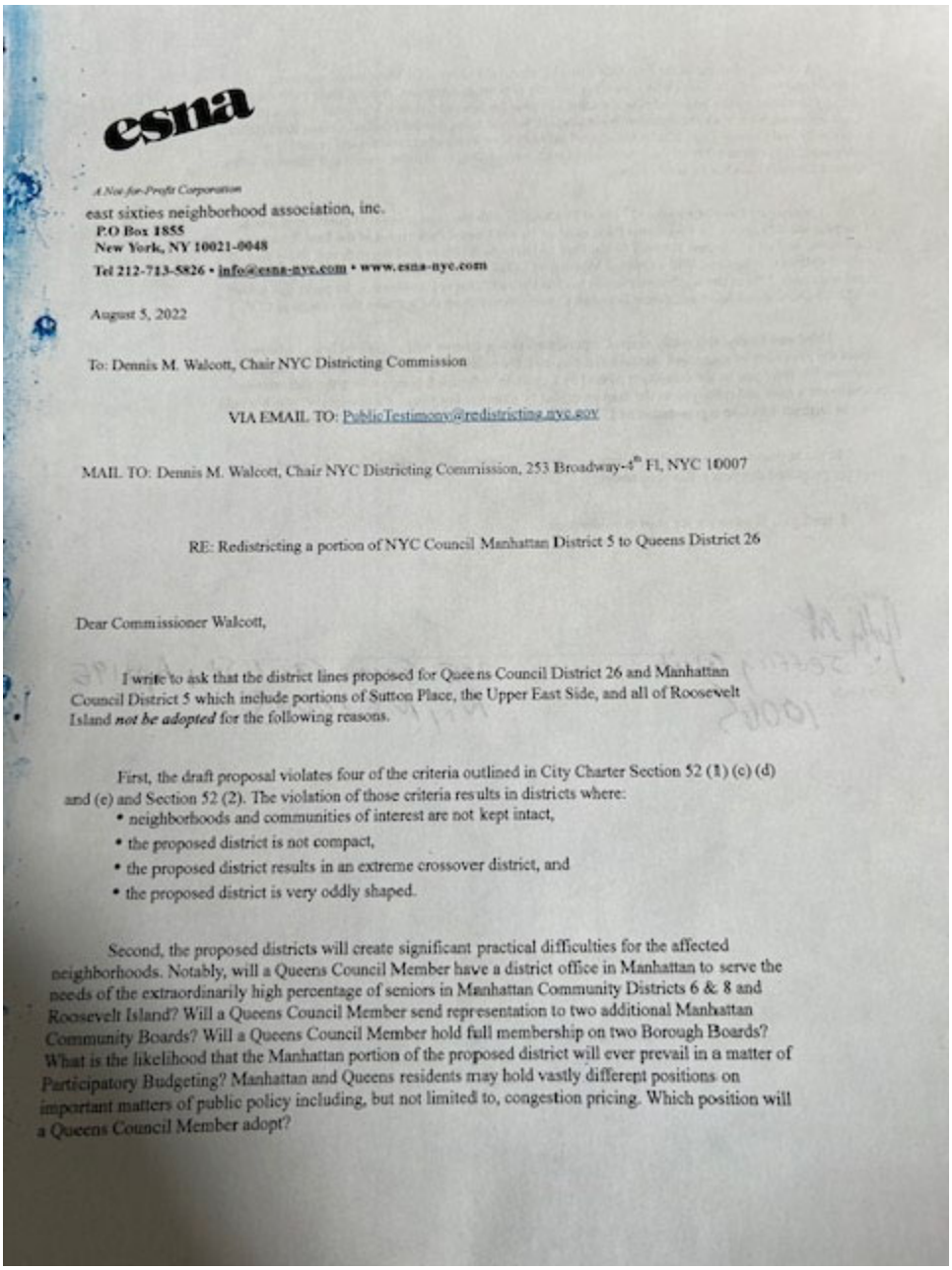
Dear Mr. Walcott. Please see attached. Thank you.

-Jeff



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VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov

MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

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From: [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 6:15 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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Sincerely,
Ms. Brieff Jo Anne Brieff
[redacted] 3rd Ave Apt 4B New York, NY 10128-3742 [redacted]

[redacted]

From: John Rohs [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 3:41 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of Manhattan Council District 5 & Queens Council District 26

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John Rohs
[redacted] East 72nd Street, Apartment [redacted]
[redacted]

August 10, 2022

PUBLICTESTIMONY@REDISTRICTING.NYC.GOV

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is John Rohs and I reside at [redacted] East 72nd Street, [redacted] New York, New York 10021, between First and York Avenues.

I have read and reviewed the plans for a merger of Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 and am extremely disturbed and strongly opposed to it.

Ceding control of decisions affecting Manhattan to another borough undermines the very choice I made in moving to Manhattan. One of the reasons I purchased my Unit was that I was very excited to be a member of the upper east side community. In addition, I had every expectation that I could rely on the municipal services provided by the borough of Manhattan. I do not have any confidence that as a resident in Manhattan, I will be adequately represented by another borough that understandably has its own common needs and interests that must be addressed. I believe the proposed redistricting would elicit protests and lawsuits from residents in the York/First Avenue area seeking lower taxes on their properties due to the probable material negative impact on the market value of properties in the area as they are seen as the "orphaned neighborhoods" of Manhattan.

I fear that the crossover district will adversely impact the provision of municipal services, separate communities with common needs and interests and diminish the political voices of thousands of my fellow Manhattan residents.

Additionally, the draft proposal violates four of the criteria set forth in City Charter Section 52 (1) (c) (d) and (e) and Section 52 (2). The violation of those criteria results in districts where:

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Very truly yours,

John Rohs

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John J. Rohs
[redacted] E 72nd St., [redacted]
New York, NY 10021
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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 4:54 PM
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In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above. I thank you in advance for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Ms. Judith Berdy
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Subject Line: Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

To Members of the Redistricting Commission:

I strongly oppose the redistricting lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5, which includes Roosevelt Island, for the following reason(s):

The proposed change is a direct violation of City Charter Section 52 (1) (c) (d) and (e) and Section 52 (2), resulting in:

1. Neighborhoods and communities of interest not being kept intact.
2. The proposed district is not compact as instructed.
3. The proposed district results in an extreme crossover district, crossing a borough boundary.
4. The proposed district is very oddly shaped.
5. Our children's educational facilities are PS/IS 217 and other Manhattan public and private schools. We fall within Manhattan's School District 2 for elementary school and middle school children. Our school's chances of receiving participatory budgeting, such as the funding that built our green roof, will be severely hampered.
6. Our crime statistics are consistent with neighboring Manhattan locations, not locations in Western Queens. Our NYPD protection could diminish when determined by comparing Roosevelt Island with the statistics of Western Queens.
7. Roosevelt Island was conceived and built as a "Manhattan Utopian Community" by Mayor John Lindsay. Our area code is 212, not 718. We have a Manhattan zip code of 10044. For approximately 50 years, Roosevelt Islanders have considered themselves Manhatanites.

In addition, the Queens member would need to send representatives to 2 Manhattan Community Boards and hold membership in 2 Borough Boards. Queens and Manhattan residents may differ on public policy issues such as congestion pricing. Manhattan residents in the Queens district would be at a disadvantage in participatory budgeting.

Loss of representation in District 5, where the tramway is rooted, puts operation of this vital link in jeopardy.



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[redacted] Main st Apt7H, New York, NY10044

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From: J [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 12:49 AM
To: Public Testimony; [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Strongly oppose the redistricting lines

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New York, 10044, NY

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From: Katlego Makabate [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 12:21 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] My letter of opposition to redistricting Roosevelt Island

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New York,
10044, NY

Sent from my phone

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From: [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 5:10 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above. I thank you in advance for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kate Wollman
[redacted] E 96th St New York, NY 10128-0783
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 5:27 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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Sincerely,
Ms. Katherine Mendez
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[redacted]

From: Katie Blair [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 4:54 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Inappropriate Proposed District Lines

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Hi there,

I am a current resident of 63rd and York Avenue blocks and I write to ask that the district lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 which include portions of Sutton Place, the Upper East Side and all of Roosevelt Island not be adopted for the following reasons.

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Thank you,
Katie Blair

August 10, 2022

Dennis M. Walcott
Chair, NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 4th Floor
New York, NY 10007

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Community District 8 ranks 47th out of 59 Districts for the amount of public park space included in the district. This plan would remove 24 Sycamores Park, most of Honey Locust Park, most of the East River Esplanade, and all of Andrew Haswell Green Park (AHG) from District 8. AHG Phase 3 of the park will likely cost 25 million dollars to complete. Will a Council Member in CD26 spend that kind of money for an area that represents only 27% of the residents/voters in her/his District? Further, the parks that are redistricted into CD#26 in

Queens would then be overseen by a different Borough Commissioner from the sections that remain in CD5.

Finally, this oddly shaped, extreme crossover district will significantly and adversely impact the provision of municipal services and diminish the political voices of thousands of Manhattan's residents. I refer you to the attached resolution passed by Community Board 8 disapproving the redistricting commission's map, and to the map proposed by **Community Board 8's resolution**, which would result in District 4 having a population of 177,446 and District 5 a population of 177,176, etc.

I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above.

I thank you in advance for your consideration,



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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Voting Reform Task Force
Tuesday, July 19, 2022 - 6:30 PM
Conducted remotely on Zoom

Please note: The resolutions contained in the committee minutes are recommendations submitted by the committee co-chairs to the Community Board. At the monthly full board meeting, the resolutions are discussed and voted upon by all members of Community Board 8 Manhattan.

Minutes

Resolutions for Approval
Item 1: Review NYC Redistricting Commission's proposed map reconfiguring District 4 and District 5.

Board Members Present: Elizabeth Ashby, Gayle Baron, Michele Birnbaum, Alida Camp, Anthony Cohn, Saundrea I. Coleman, Rebecca Dangoor, Ed Hartzog, Paul Krikler, Addeson Lehv, Sharon Pope-Marshall, John McClement, Jane Parshall, Rita Popper, Margaret Price, Barbara Rudder, Judy Schneider, Lynne Strong-Shinozaki, Russell Squire, and Sharon Weiner.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30.

Item 1: Review NYC Redistricting Commission's proposed map reconfiguring District 4 and District 5.

Co-chair Shari Weiner stated the purpose of the meeting, which was to formulate a Resolution concerning the Preliminary City Council Redistricting Plan, which was released on Friday, July 15. She outlined the changes for Community District 8 and reviewed the criteria for modifying Council Districts based on the 2020 Census:

1. The Redistricting Commission is obligated to redraw district boundaries based on **legal requirements** set by the U.S. Constitution, federal law, state law, and the City Charter. The Council districting plan **must**:

    - **Abide by "one-person, one-vote**". The U.S. Constitution requires legislative districts to have roughly equal population size. Under New York State law, the difference between the least populous and the most populous Council district cannot exceed 5%. For the purposes of the current redistricting, the population target for each District is 172,612 (NYC population divided by the number of City Council seats set by the Charter, or 8,803,220/51).
    - **Protect minority vote**. The 1965 federal Voting Rights Act forbids the new district maps from diluting the voting power of racial and language minority groups. The City Charter also includes a similar provision that ensures "fair and effective representation" for minority groups.
    - **Have only contiguous districts**. According to the Charter, each council district must be contiguous, and if parts of a district are separated by a body of water there must be a bridge, a tunnel, a tramway or regular ferry service connecting the areas.
    - **Not have more than one crossover district per set of two boroughs**. The Charter states that a district shall not cross borough or county boundaries, "to the greatest extent possible". If there is need to create a district that crosses two boroughs, as has been the case in previous redistricting cycles, then it may only occur once per set of boroughs.

2. The Charter lists the following redistricting criteria but prioritizes them and provides the commission some wiggle room by noting criteria must be followed "to the maximum extent practicable". The **districting plan should follow these rules, prioritized in the order in which they are listed:**

    - **Keep neighborhoods and communities of interest intact.** One of the most important criteria for drawing new maps, which is used by New Yorkers that testify before the Commission, requires district lines to keep intact neighborhoods and communities of interest, meaning communities "with established ties of common interest and association, whether historical, racial, economic, ethnic, religious or other." Neighborhoods include uninhabited places uniquely connected to the community, like a waterfront. And communities could be defined by various common factors, like country of origin, broadcast and print media, employment, schools, and public transportation. However, final maps can split communities of interests if that is necessary to comply with "one person, one vote" or Voting Rights Act criteria.
    - **Keep districts compact**. Each district shall be compact, such that no district is drawn to be more than twice as long as it is wide.
    - **Prevent partisan gerrymandering**. Districts cannot be drawn in order to diminish the effective representation of voters enrolled in the same political party. This refers to intentional discrimination against a group of party voters. An actual effect of diluting their vote does not need to be shown
    - **Avoid oddly shaped districts**. The districting plan as a whole should be compact – it should minimize the total length of district boundaries. This is meant to prevent "strange" and non-standard shapes of districts, which are often indicative of gerrymandering.

The initial discussion was led by representatives of elected officials and former CB8M Board Chairs.

Cameron Koffman from District 5 Councilmember Julie Menin's office (she was unavailable to appear at the meeting) outlined the process going forward:

1. Public Hearings will be scheduled sometime after August 15. No borough-specific schedule has been set as of July 19.
2. A second draft Redistricting Plan will be submitted to the City Council for approval on September 22. Historically, no plan has been accepted by the City Council, at which time it goes back to the Commission.
3. Further hearings are held.
4. The Commission further modifies the plan and declares it complete.

Kevin Rogers from the office of Assemblyperson Rebecca Seawright also spoke against the plan, which would move Roosevelt Island and a large part of the eastern portion of Council District 5 into District 26 in Queens.

Chris Collins, former Chair of CB8 spoke to what he believes to be an effective strategy for opposition to the Draft Plan:

1. Clearly align the arguments in opposition to the Charter Restrictions.
2. Provide concrete examples of ways in which the proposed redistricting violates those restrictions.
3. Present examples of practical difficulties that may arise from the redistricting but are not expressly restricted by the Charter.
4. Concede that while violations of the Charter Restrictions are sometimes necessary, this redistricting fails due to the particularities of these neighborhoods and their geography. Again, provide concrete examples.

The comments made by the Public and Committee Members can be summarized as follows:

- Proposed redistricting divides Community District 8M into three Council Districts, diluting our representation on the City Council and at the Borough Level
    - Manhattan residents will make up only 26% of the residents of City Council District 26.
    - Will the Councilmember for district 26 attend both Manhattan and Queens Borough Board meetings?

- Will there be a district office for District 26 in Manhattan and on Roosevelt Island?
- Will the Council District 26 Councilperson attend four Community Board meetings every month (CB6M, CB8M, CBQ1, and CBQ2)?
- City Council Members have discretionary funds, and respond to community-based funding programs that will be affected by the redistricting

- Proposed Redistricting moves five schools into Council District 26: PS 158, PS 183, Yorkville East Middle School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Manhattan, and PS 217 on Roosevelt Island
- Proposed Redistricting moves Public Library on York Avenue into CD 26.
- Congestion Pricing negotiations will be complicated by the removal of the 59th Street Bridge into a Queens Council District.
- The East River Esplanade and the unfinished Andrew Haswell Green Park are uniquely connected to the Upper East Side and will be split in two by the proposed redistricting.
- Roosevelt Island, referred to as "Manhattan's utopian community" by former Mayor John Lindsay has always been part of Manhattan. Most of its residents work in Manhattan, and the connection to the West is much stronger than that to the East.
- Zoning and Development issues in CD 4 and CD5, while not unique, are sufficiently different from those of CD26 as to call into question responses to ULURP applications that may affect the Upper East Side of Manhattan but are discussed at the City Council as part of CD26. Queens Community Districts 1 and 2 have population densities less than one-third those of Manhattan Community District 8.

CB8 will send the NYC Districting Commission a resolution expressing our opposition to including part of the Upper East Side in a Queens-based council district and asking that that area be put back into Council District 5, for reasons stated during the meeting of the Voting Reform Task Force. The Co-Chairs of the Task Force and the Chair of CB8 will collaborate on final wording of the resolution, along with other interested board members; draft wording is below.

> **WHEREAS,** the New York City Districting Commission (the "Commission") is in the process of redrawing City Council district boundaries to reflect population and demographic changes; and
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> **WHEREAS,** the Commission is seeking public input into the redistricting process from different stakeholders which includes Community Boards; and
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> **WHEREAS,** City Council District 4 ("M4") and City Council District 5 ("M5") overlap with the boundaries of Community Board 8 Manhattan ("CB8M"); and
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> **WHEREAS,** CB8M's Voting Reform Task Force has reviewed the new boundary lines proposed by the Commission for M4 and M5 and has concluded that the proposed M4 and M5 do not comport with the Commission's own redistricting criteria; and
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> **WHEREAS,** the Commission's proposal to add a portion of Manhattan and all of Roosevelt Island to a Queens-based Council District, District 26 ("Q26"), violates the City Charter Districting requirement in the following ways: (1) it fails to keep neighborhoods and communities intact; (2) fails to keep the district compact; (3) it creates an oddly shaped crossover district; and
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> **WHEREAS,** the Commission proposes that 36,000 Manhattan Island residents and 12,000 Roosevelt Island residents–which equates to 48,000 of the 173,000 people in the proposed Q26, or 27.7%--be moved to Q26, where these residents will not receive the representation, attention, and discretionary funding to which they are entitled due to their small percentage of the total Q26 population; and
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> **WHEREAS,** the eastern portion of the Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island have major differences with Q26 such that the proposed combination may result in a significant diminution of municipal services to, amongst others, senior citizens and people with disabilities which populate a large share of those areas; and

WHEREAS, the practical difficulties of having a two Borough Queens-Manhattan district cannot be ignored; and

WHEREAS, the proposed lines would separate numerous medical and research facilities with sprawling, densely populated campuses from the neighborhood in which they have long resided and where most neighboring residents live; and

WHEREAS, the areas being proposed to be moved to the Q26 district contain numerous parks and green acres including amongst others the Esplanade and Andrew Haswell Green Park, which are critical open spaces for the neighborhood and which would be separated from most of the neighborhood residents who use them; and

WHEREAS, numerous public schools including P.S. 158, P.S. 217 and Eleanor Roosevelt High School are located in the area being proposed to be placed in Q25 and would be adversely affected by being separated from the rest of the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Hunter College, a major educational institution, has a foot bridge connecting two buildings on its campus, which would be located in two separate council districts; and

WHEREAS, there are several ongoing issues affecting the Upper East Side, including congestion pricing and the historical zoning in the neighborhood, and residents and the community would be disserved by having a part of their community of interest combined with other neighborhoods in a different borough that do not share these issues; and

WHEREAS, Roosevelt Island was created to be part of Manhattan and historically has always been considered and treated as part of the Borough of Manhattan and it should remain in M5; and

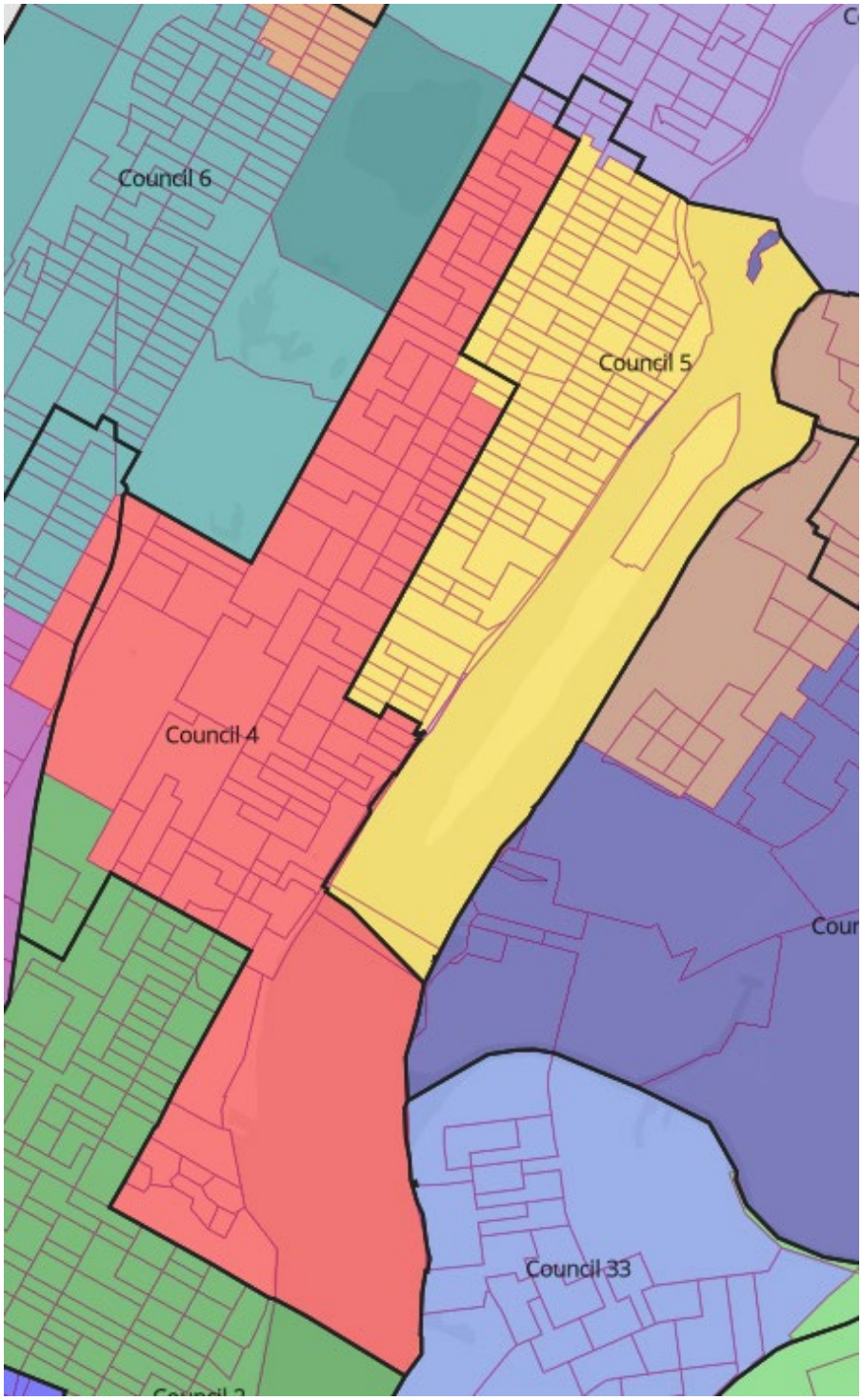
WHEREAS, self-identity if very important. Historically, all residents of the Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island have considered themselves to be Manhattanites. They have bought their residences with the expectation that they would be represented by a Manhattan Council Member who would be locally accessible, would give their complaints and concerns priority and provide the necessary municipal services; and

WHEREAS, two-borough districts that have existed in the past have been comprised of neighborhoods that are contiguous, have similar demographics, share similar public transportation, public education and other services, while the Manhattan and Queens areas of the proposed Q26 do not have these similarities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 of Manhattan disapproves of the Commission's proposed redistricting map which removes approximately 54 blocks of the easterly side of the Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island to a Queens-based City Council District and strongly urges that these areas remain in a Manhattan-based City Council District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CB8M proposes the following redistricting boundary lines which would result in District 4 having a population of 177,446 and District 5 a population of 177,176:

- Give D4 back the area between Stuy Town and 34th Street east of 1st Avenue
- Give D2 (from D4) the blocks between Broadway and 5th Avenue south of 39th Street.
- Incorporate the proposed westward expansion of D4 out to 8th Avenue to cover the Broadway core instead of leaving it divided between two districts.
- Trace that up 8th Avenue to Columbus Circle, where D4 currently ends.
- Give D5 back Roosevelt Island, Sutton Area, and the parts in the East 60's and 70s, with a minor modification of the area just south of 79th so the new line would be 78th (Lexington to 3rd) and 77th (3rd-2nd).
- Keep the previous district lines for D4 and D5 along Lexington from 79th up to 96th.
- Give D8 all of the area north of 96th Street from D4 and D5.



YES (UNANIMOUS) 20: Elizabeth Ashby, Gayle Baron, Michele Birnbaum, Alida Camp, Anthony Cohn, Saundrea I. Coleman, Rebecca Dangoor, Ed Hartzog, Paul Krikler, Addeson Lehv, Sharon Pope-Marshall, John McClement, Jane Parshall, Rita Popper, Margaret Price, Barbara Rudder, Judy Schneider, Lynne Strong-Shinozaki, Russell Squire, and Sharon Weiner.

Ed Hartzog spoke to the lawsuit on the part of the DCCC against New York's absentee voting laws. The major change will be that un-postmarked ballots received between 2 and seven days of election day will be counted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Anthony Cohn and Sharon Weiner, Co-Chairs

As a resident of [redacted] Sutton Place South, **I write to ask that you DO NOT ADOPT the preliminary district lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5** which include portions of Sutton Place, the Upper East Side and all of Roosevelt Island for the following reasons.

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Third and finally, this oddly shaped, extreme crossover district will significantly and adversely impact the provision of municipal services and diminish the political voices of thousands of Manhattan's residents.

In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above. Keep the Sutton Area neighborhood intact and with representation in Manhattan! Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Signature:



As a resident of [redacted] Sutton Place South, **I write to ask that you DO NOT ADOPT the preliminary district lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5** which include portions of Sutton Place, the Upper East Side and all of Roosevelt Island for the following reasons.

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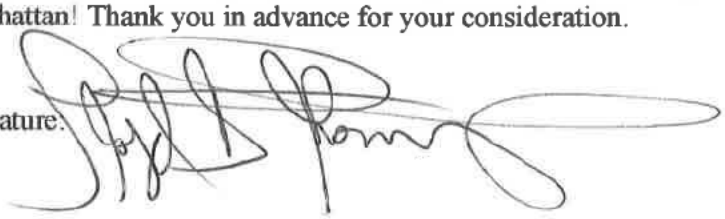
Signature: 

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From: Magdalena Piechucka [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:04 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: m_short@ymail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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To Members of the Redistricting Commission:

I strongly oppose the redistricting lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5, which includes Roosevelt Island, for the following reason(s):

1. Our children's educational facilities are PS/IS 217 and other Manhattan public and private schools. We fall within Manhattan's School District 2 for elementary school and middle school children. Our school's chances of receiving participatory budgeting, such as the funding that built our green roof, will be severely hampered.
2. The vast majority of our children who do not attend PS/IS 217, attend schools in Manhattan, not Queens. Families are attracted to living on Roosevelt Island because of the safety and ease of commutation to Manhattan schools by our tramway.
3. The Roosevelt Island tramway, operated and overseen by the Roosevelt Island Operating Corp. (RIOC), is firmly rooted in Council District 5. It is imperative that the community maintain the direct relationship with the District 5 Council Member to insure the safe, efficient operation of the tram.

The proposed change is a direct violation of City Charter Section 52 (1) (c) (d) and (e) and Section 52 (2), resulting in:

1. Neighborhoods and communities of interest not being kept intact.
2. The proposed district is not compact as instructed.
3. The proposed district results in an extreme crossover district, crossing a borough boundary.
4. The proposed district is very oddly shaped.

In addition, the Queens member would need to send representatives to 2 Manhattan Community Boards and hold membership in 2 Borough Boards. Queens and Manhattan residents may differ on public policy issues such as congestion pricing. Manhattan residents in the Queens district would be at a disadvantage in participatory budgeting.

Loss of representation in District 5, where the tramway is rooted, puts operation of this vital link in jeopardy.

Magdalena Piechucka

[redacted] River Road

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 4:01 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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Sincerely,
Ms. Maggie Lehman
[redacted] E 79th St New York, NY 10075-1037
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Marija Krstic [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:59 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am opposed to redistricting Roosevelt Island for the following reasons:

Roosevelt Island was conceived and built as a "Manhattan Utopian Community" by Mayor John Lindsay. We are a Manhattan community, not a Queens community. Our area code is 212, not 718. We have a Manhattan zip code of 10044. We are a Manhattan Island under New York City's City Charter. Item 52-C in the City Charter states that district lines shall keep neighborhoods intact. Our community shares with mainland Manhattan the unique issues of being an island, with all the environmental protection that is required.

The cost for policing Roosevelt Island is principally covered by Island residents, through land-leases paid to RIOC. Our first responders are Public Safety Officers that are Peace Officers with the State of NY, NOT police officers from Queens. Our crime statistics are more consistent with our current Manhattan connection rather than with Western Queens. Our NYPD protection could diminish when determined by comparing our community with the stats of Western Queens.

Our operating funds are derived in a very different way than in Queens. Even our public services such as grounds keeping and street cleaning are not covered in the same manner as Queens.

Our children's educational facilities are PS/IS 217 and other public and private schools in Manhattan. We fall within School District 2 for elementary school and middle school children. We need a Council Member whose area includes our school district. In addition to that, many of our school children and working population commute by tram, which is a unique and vital link to Manhattan. Our residents' commutation needs are met by maintaining a close association between the mainland and our island.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marija Krstic
[redacted] Main street, Apt. 428
New York, NY 10044

[redacted]

From: Marina [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:58 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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4. Roosevelt Islanders frequently call on our City Council Representatives for constituent services, particularly, for help in landlord/tenant matters. Our cases are heard in Manhattan's landlord/tenant court. A Queens City Council Member will be unable to provide the level of effective assistance our residents will need in housing matters. Unlike Queens, we are a highly residential community with very few commercial enterprises.

Thank you and best regards
Marina Matijevic
[redacted] Main St Apt 1034
New York, NY 10044

[redacted]

From: Matt Hanna [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 12:34 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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Attention: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

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In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above.

I thank you in advance for your consideration,

Yours truly,

Matthew Hanna

[redacted] E 64th St
New York, NY 10065

Michele Birnbaum
[redacted] **Park Avenue**
New York, New York 10028
Tel: [redacted]
Fax:
E-mail: [redacted]

August 10, 2022

Dennis M. Walcott, Chair
Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 3rd Floor
New York, New York 10007

Dear Chair Walcot,

I write to ask that the district lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5, which includes portions of Sutton Place, the Upper East Side and all of Roosevelt Island, ***not be adopted*** for the following reasons.

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Second, the proposed districts will create significant practical difficulties for the affected neighborhoods. Notably, a Queens Council Member may not have a district office in Manhattan to serve the needs of the upper east side along with its extraordinarily high percentage of seniors in Manhattan Community Districts 6 & 8. A Queens Council Member will likely not send representation to two additional Manhattan Community Board meetings. A Queens Council Member will likely not hold full membership on two Borough Boards. There is a threatened likelihood that the Manhattan portion of the proposed district will ever prevail in a matter of Participatory Budgeting. Manhattan and Queens residents may hold vastly different positions on important matters of public policy including, but not limited to, congestion pricing. Having competing interests within his/her district will dilute the advocacy of a Queens Council Member. (continued on the reverse)

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Residents living near the hospital corridor are greatly impacted by construction decisions and development plans offered by these great institutions, but they would be poorly served as the re-districting would exclude them from community input exacerbated by having their representatives located geographically outside the district.

Most of the major decisions that will be made for the upper east side will be voted on by their Council Member, for whom they would represent only 26% of the Council Member's constituents. This is unacceptable representation.

Thirdly, this oddly-shaped, extreme crossover district will significantly and adversely impact the provision of municipal services and diminish the political voices of thousands of Manhattan's residents.

I direct you to the Resolution **in opposition** to this re-districting plan, unanimously approved by the members of Community Board 8 Manhattan, and urge you to support the position of the Board. The community is ready and able to put forth alternative district borders that will satisfy the criteria of the City Charter and your Commission, yet maintain the integrity and rights of the residents.

In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above. My fellow residents and I stand ready to meet with Commission staff to address these matters and to propose alternatives. I thank you in advance for your consideration,

Yours truly,

Michele Birnbaum

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 5:23 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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Third and finally, this oddly-shaped, extreme crossover district will significantly and adversely impact the provision of municipal services and diminish the political voices of thousands of Manhattan's residents.

In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above. I thank you in advance for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Dr Miriam Segal
[redacted] E 72nd St New York, NY 10021-4753
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Misa Saito [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 11:06 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] the district lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5

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Thank you,
Misa Saito

[redacted]

From: Neal Weissman [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 12:17 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Roosevelt Island is part of Manhattan

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There's nothing wrong with Queens but we want to remain a part of Manhattan. I don't need cabdrivers confusing my Manhattan Main Street with the Main Street in Queens. I want to kept the set cab fare from the JFK, same as the rest of Manhattan. My area code is 212, not 718. If congestion pricing comes into effect will we no longer be part of Manhattan and how will this be handled? The Tram links us to Manhattan, not to Queens. As a home owner I don't want to see my property value go down and loose the prestige of living in Manhattan. Will Manhattan Park be renamed Queen Park? This is a ridiculous and horrible idea. Let's not take a step in the wrong direction.

- - - Neal Weissman

Neal Weissman, PRESIDENT
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From: nicole izsak [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 5:38 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Roosevelt Island proposed changes

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Dear Members of the Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for all of your hard work in managing our city's districts! Please listen to the voice of Roosevelt Island residents on any change that will impact us: Like all the other Rooselvelt Island Residents, I strongly oppose the redistricting lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5, which includes Roosevelt Island. Like so many families on Roosevelt Island, my children and my family love living here, and we don't want any change in its operation, community activities, and school district.

We believe this change is problematic for our community for several reasons. The most compelling are the direct conflict with the City Charter and the following :

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12. The character of Roosevelt Island is unlike that of Western Queens. We are highly residential with very few commercial establishments.
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14. Like the island of Manhattan, we are an Island, and share environmental protection issues.
15. Our community fought for protections in the development of Cornell Tech which is only one third complete. We need to maintain the same vital City Council oversight for Cornell's next phase of construction.

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August 5, 2022

To: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission

VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov

MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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Yours truly,

NAME	ADDRESS	Zip Code

DeCillis, Michael

From: patriciadunouy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patricia Lecomte du Nouy [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 3:35 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Patricia Lecomte du Nouy
[redacted] Park Ave New York, NY 10128-1244
[redacted]

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From: [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 4:59 PM
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Sincerely,
mrs Patty Saffran
[redacted] E 65th St Apt 6E New York, NY 10065-7116 [redacted]

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Sincerely,
MS Priscilla McOstrich
[redacted] E 55th St New York, NY 10022-5139
[redacted]

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Sincerely,
Ms. Rachel Karr
[redacted] E 82nd St Apt 3E New York, NY 10028-2743 [redacted]

[redacted]

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Mr. Richard Nelson
[redacted] E 78th St Apt 6L New York, NY 10075-8839[redacted]

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Sincerely,
Dr. Roberta Carroll
[redacted] E 66th St New York, NY 10065-9175
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August 5, 2022

To: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission

VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov

MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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Community District 8 ranks 47th out of 59 Districts with the least amount of public park space. This plan would remove 24 Sycamores Park, most of Honey Locust Park , most of the East River Esplanade, and all of Andrew Haswell Green Park (AHG). AHG Phase 3 of the park will likely cost 25 million dollars to complete. Will a Council Member in CD26 spend that kind of money for an area that represents only 27% of the residents/voters in her/his District? Not to mention that the parks that move to CD#26 Queens will have a different Borough Commissioner from the sections that remain in CD5.

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Yours truly,

Robert Lo	[redacted] East 64th Street, Apt. 11D, New York, NY	10065
NAME	ADDRESS	Zip Code

"Celebrating the Spirit of Neighborhood"

[redacted]

From: I&R Arnold [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 3:36 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] My letter of opposition to redistricting Roosevelt Island

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Loss of representation in District 5, where the tramway is rooted, puts operation of this vital link in jeopardy.

Rolf Arnold
[redacted] Main st, 15G
Roosevelt Island
New York, 10044, NY

Sent from my iPhone

[redacted]

From: Rosalba Espinal [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 5:40 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Roosevelt Island belongs in Manhattan.

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Rosalba Espinal
[redacted] Main Street
Roosevelt Island
New York, 10044, NY

Sent from my iPhone

[redacted]

From: sally Baker [redacted]
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Sixty Sutton Corp.
[redacted] Sutton Place South
New York, New York 10022

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New York, New York 10007

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253 Broadway, 3rd Floor

New York, NY 10007

NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov

60 Sutton Place South, New York, N.Y. 10022

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Signature:

Sally Baker and Warren Baker

Sent from my iPhone

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

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Sincerely,
Mrs Samantha Fuerte
[redacted] E 87th St New York, NY 10128-4834
[redacted]

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From: Sarah Gallagher [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 7:56 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of the Upper East Side

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Ladies/Gentlemen:

Absolutely incomprehensible is the bottom line of redistricting as pertains to the lower Upper East Side...

We are New York CIty residents, yes... But we who reside on the Upper East Sides 54th to 79th Streets are also Manhattanites with a primary focus shared with - if not bound to - that of the island on which we live.

In many and distressing ways, this absurd and hurtful proposal reminds many of us neighbors on the mid to lower Upper East Side as a infinitely milder but remarkably cavalier all the same carving up as practiced in the Ukraine.

We are one city, yes...

But we are not one borough.

Most sincerely,

Sarah Woodside Gallagher

[redacted]

From: Sheila Walsh [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 7:45 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep Roosevelt Island Part of Manhattan

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Good evening,

I am writing to you as a resident of Roosevelt Island for 4 ½ years. I have recently been made aware that due to a new plan for redistricting, there is a possibility that Roosevelt Island might be moved out of District 5 in Manhattan to become part of Queens. This is incredibly upsetting for the following reasons:

1. The original intent for Roosevelt Island was to be a part of Manhattan.
2. Roosevelt Island was created to be a Manhattan Utopian Community by Mayor Lindsay.
3. The Area code for Roosevelt Islanders is '212' not '718'.
4. The Zip Code for Roosevelt Island is 10044, a Manhattan zip code.
5. The MTA considers Roosevelt Island part of Manhattan
6. The beloved Roosevelt Island TRAM connects our community to Manhattan, not Queens

Finally, I moved to Roosevelt Island from Austin, Texas because of the uniqueness of this Manhattan community. My company and customers are located in Manhattan. My doctors are in Manhattan. My dentist is in Manhattan. I shop in Manhattan, not Queens. I can go anywhere and get anything I need in Manhattan using my METRO CARD - no car required, unlike getting ourselves anywhere in Queens. The families who live here chose Roosevelt Island for the schools and safe environment to raise our children. To change the district of Roosevelt Island would change the educational possibilities for all children who live here. Our current Manhattan representatives ensure we have a voice downtown. Roosevelt Island and the Upper East Side are part of Manhattan. Please keep it that way.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Sheila Walsh

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Sheila M. Walsh

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From: [redacted]

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Sincerely,
Mr Stephen Potters
[redacted] E 73rd St New York, NY 10021-3518
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 4:30 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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Sincerely,
Susan Susan H. Jones
[redacted] E52nd St New York, NY 10022
[redacted]

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Sincerely,
Ms. Susan Sansbury
[redacted] E 87th St # 4B New York, NY 10128-1005 [redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

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Sincerely,
Ms. Susan Siskind
[redacted] E 63rd St Apt 11B New York, NY 10065-7934 [redacted]

[redacted]

From: tamara troadec [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 8:24 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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Dear Members of the Redistricting Commission:

I am writing to strongly oppose the redistricting lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5, which includes Roosevelt Island, for the following reason(s):

The proposed change is a direct violation of City Charter Section 52 (1) (c) (d) and (e) and Section 52 (2), resulting in:

1. Neighborhoods and communities of interest not being kept intact.
2. The proposed district is not compact as instructed.
3. The proposed district results in an extreme crossover district, crossing a borough boundary.
4. The proposed district is very oddly shaped.

In addition, the Queens member would need to send representatives to 2 Manhattan Community Boards and hold membership in 2 Borough Boards. Queens and Manhattan residents may differ on public policy issues such as congestion pricing. Manhattan residents in the Queens district would be at a disadvantage in participatory budgeting.

And crucially, the loss of representation in District 5, where the Roosevelt Island tramway is rooted, puts operation of this vital job commuting link to Manhattan in jeopardy. The vast majority of Islanders who work commute to Manhattan, not Queens.

Thank you for your representation on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Tamara Troadec

[redacted] Main Street, Apt 1010, NYC, NY 10044

[redacted]

From: Tara Hariharan [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 8:48 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting of Upper East Side

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Dennis M. Walcott, Chair
Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 3rd Floor
New York, New York 10007

Dear Mr. Walcott,
My name is Tara Hariharan and I reside at [redacted] East 72nd Street, apartment 39B, New York, NY 10021, between First and York Avenues.
I have read and reviewed the plans for a merger of Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 and am strongly opposed to it. The idea that decisions affecting Manhattan will be controlled by another borough is absolutely abhorrent to me. The crossover district will adversely impact the provision of municipal services, separate communities with common needs and interests, and diminish the political voices of thousands of Manhattan's residents.
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I thank you in advance for your consideration,
Yours truly,
Tara Hariharan
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Tea Franich [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 7:09 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of opposition to redistricting Roosevelt Island

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The cost for policing Roosevelt Island is principally covered by Island residents, through land-leases paid to RIOC. Our first responders are Public Safety Officers who are Peace Officers with the State of NY -they don't carry weapons- NOT police officers from Queens.
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Tea Franic and Jorge Barbosa
[redacted] Main Street
Roosevelt Island
New York, 10044, NY

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From: [redacted]
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Sincerely,
Ms. T. F.
[redacted] E 27th St New York, NY 10016-9277
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Massimo Rossi [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 4:52 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

Importance: High

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Good day Chair Walcott,
As a resident of the Upper East Side for more than 48 years, it is very difficult to understand why your office is trying to redistrict a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26.
Speaking from my own experience, I never go to Queens unless I need to go to one of the two airports. Why then it is my apt. building, my block, my area being redistricted to Queens?
I have been trying to find the logic to this puzzling action being taken by your office. I do everything in Manhattan: pay taxes, eat at restaurants, ride Manhattan buses, visit Manhattan museums, work in Manhattan, go to doctors in Manhattan, attend games at MSG, run in Central Park, go shopping in Manhattan etc. because that is the place where I live. I respect the other boroughs Queens, Brooklyn, Staten Island and The Bronx, but I am not familiar with them at all. I would be a stranger in any of these boroughs.
Please, let it be the way it is because it is only logical that if we live in Manhattan, our District will also be in Manhattan. It would be the same like mixing oranges and apples. Both fruits are excellent but very different offering different nutrients.
I thank you very much for doing the right thing--keeping districts where they have always belonged. Much, much appreciated!
Thanks again,
Theresa Rossi
[redacted]

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[redacted]

From: Tia Gareau [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 1:56 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5

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Sincerely,
Tia Gareau

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August 5, 2022

To: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission

VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov

MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

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Yours truly,

NAME	ADDRESS	Zip Code
VICTORIA LEONARD	[redacted] EAST 68TH STREET APT 10S NYNY	10065

"Celebrating the Spirit of Neighborhood"

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From: Victoria Feuer [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:41 AM
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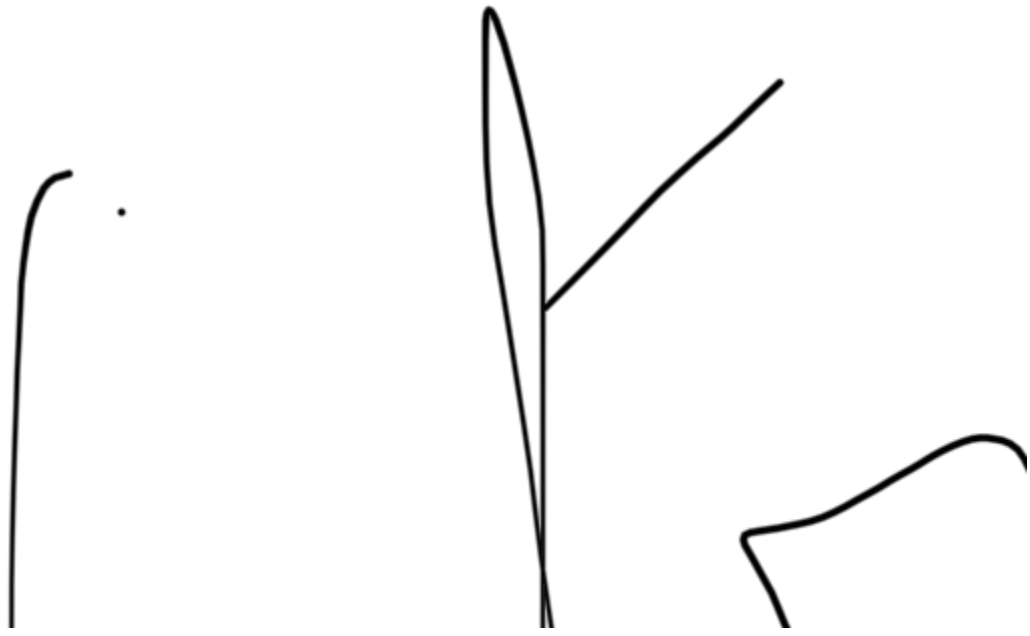

victoriaFeuer
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NYC, 10065

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Victoria Sorrell [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:20 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting!!

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This is an outrage!!! I live in Manhattan !! 60 Sutton Plc S!
Not Queens.. There is nothing wrong with Queens I have many friends who live there!! But I have lived in Manhattan for 50 years and Sutton Place for many years.. I want my neighborhood left Right Where It Is!!!!!!!! In the District it is in!!!!Have you not noticed there is a River and an island between Sutton Place and Queens???

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From: [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 3:25 PM
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Sincerely,
Mrs. wendy rosmarin
[redacted] E 69th St New York, NY 10021-5704
[redacted]

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From: Winnie Gilmore [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 3:37 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Merger of Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5

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Dear Sir/Madam:

My name is Winifred Gilmore and I reside at 422 East 72nd Street, Apartment PHA, New York, New York 10021, between First and York Avenues. I have read and reviewed the plans for a merger of Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 and am deeply concerned and strongly opposed to it.

As a former resident of the upper west side of Manhattan, I am very aware of how the location of a community often defines its common interests. I have found that my experience living on the upper east side has been very different then my west side experience. While I have enjoyed living in both communities, I found that each community had different needs and goals.

I raise this point because I am deeply troubled by what appears to be a recommendation for a crossover of very disparate communities that do not necessarily share common interests or goals. I am concerned that as a resident of Manhattan, ceding control of decisions for my community to an entirely different borough will lead to an inadequate representation of the needs of my community.

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Very truly yours,,
Winnie Gilmore
[redacted]

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From: Yvonne Conde [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 8:35 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Council District 5

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In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above.

I thank you in advance for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Yvonne M. Conde
[redacted] East 64th Street
Apt 23B
New York NY 10065

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 11:36 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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Sincerely,
Mr. Andrew Marks
[redacted] E 76th St New York, NY 10021-2421
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Arnab Ghosh [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 10:16 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] We are Manhattan, not queens

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 3:39 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: jm_short@ymail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to the Roosevelt Island redistricting proposal

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Throughout our entire existence as a residential community, our residents have considered themselves Manhatanites.

Thank you for considering my views.

B. Burkhanov

[redacted] Main Street, Island House,
New York NY 10044

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 4:40 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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Sincerely,
Mr. Brian Pfeifler
[redacted] Park Ave New York, NY 10065-8166
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From: [redacted]

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Sincerely,
Mrs Carolina DonadioJustice
[redacted] E 47 St New York, NY 10022
[redacted]

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Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 11:03 AM
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Sincerely,
Ms Coral Lu
[redacted] E 79th St New York, [redacted]
[redacted]

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From: [redacted]

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Sincerely,
Mr. Darren Rooney
[redacted] E 79th St Apt 6J New York, NY 10075-1011 [redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 7:53 AM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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Sincerely,
Ms. Denise Foley
[redacted] York Ave New York, NY 10021-4035
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Donna Riley [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 4:01 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: Don
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Upper East Side into Queens

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Our names are Donald and Donna Riley. We own a residence at 515 East 72nd Street, apartment 24H, New York, NY 10021, between York Avenue and the FDR. We have read and reviewed the plans for a merger of Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 and are strongly opposed to it. The idea that decisions affecting Manhattan will be controlled by another borough is absolutely abhorrent. The crossover district will adversely impact the provision of municipal services, separate communities with common needs and interests, and diminish the political voices of thousands of Manhattan's residents.

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[redacted]

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From: Dorrna [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 9:33 AM
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___, New York, NY 10021, between First and York Avenues.

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Yours truly,

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Thank you and warm regards,

Eric Lindt, Esq.
Manhattan Park on Roosevelt Island

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Sincerely,
Ms. Erika Germano
[redacted] E 52nd St New York, NY 10022-6404
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 1:52 PM
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Mrs. Erin Dere
[redacted] E 79th St Apt 6M New York, NY 10075-1011 [redacted]

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From: Gail Silverman [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 3:29 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Map

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G ood afternoon, why do we have change the map and make the East side harder to live. We have made more changes with more traffic and crime the district should stay they it is make trouble for no reason because you feel like it.and if we have more sections are we going to get help with money to help us.why do we need to add to make life hard for the people of the east side .

Thank you Gail S.

Sent from side my iPhone

GARY J. WACHTEL
Attorney at Law
[redacted] Seventh Avenue, Suite 1905
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NEW YORK

August 11, 2022

Dennis M. Walcott, Chair
New York City Districting Commission
252 Broadway, 4th Fl
New York, New York 10017

Via 1st class mail and email to: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov

Re: Proposed Redistricting a Portion of Council District 5

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Respectfully yours,

Gary J. Wachtel

Enclosure

cc: Residents of [redacted] York Avenue, NY, NY 10065

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Community Board 8 Manhattan

July 25, 2022

Dennis M. Walcott, Chair
New York City Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 4th Floor
New York, NY 10007

RE: Response to NYC Districting Commission Preliminary Plan #1 Map for UES City Council Districts

Dear Chair Walcott,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on July 20, 2022, the board **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 43 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS, the New York City Districting Commission (the "Commission") is in the process of redrawing City Council district boundaries to reflect population and demographic changes; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is seeking public input into the redistricting process from different stakeholders which, includes Community Boards; and

WHEREAS, City Council District 4 ("D4") and City Council District 5 ("D5") overlap with the boundaries of Community Board 8 Manhattan ("CB8M"); and

WHEREAS, prior to the Commission's release of the Preliminary Plan #1 Map, CB8M submitted a resolution approved by the Board calling for the Commission to keep the blocks within CB8M, including Roosevelt Island, part of Manhattan-based districts; and

WHEREAS, out of the 59 Community Boards citywide, CB8M was one of only a few Community Boards citywide to provide testimony to the Commission in advance of the release of the Preliminary Plan #1 Map; and

WHEREAS, CB8M's Voting Reform Task Force has reviewed the new boundary lines proposed by the Commission for D4 and D5 and has concluded that the proposed D4 and D5 do not comport with the Commission's own redistricting criteria; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census revealed that NYC's population had grown to 8,804,190, meaning that the ideal district size is now 172,882; and

WHEREAS, districts should be roughly equal in population pursuant to the one person one vote doctrine of representation; and

WHEREAS, districts cannot vary from the ideal district size by more than 5%, or roughly 8,644; and

WHEREAS, the draft map identifies three districts in Staten Island, with no crossover into other boroughs; and

WHEREAS, the three proposed Staten Island districts would represent between 165,470 and 165,491 individuals, or all approximately 7,400 below the ideal district size; and

WHEREAS, the proposed map vastly overrepresents Staten Island compared to the 48 other districts and does not ensure fair representation of residents across the five boroughs, violating the one-person one-vote doctrine; and

WHEREAS, the NYC Charter identifies five ranked districting requirements:
1. Keep neighborhoods and communities intact.
2. Keep districts compact.
3. Limit crossover districts.
4. Avoid splitting voters of the same political party for purposes of diminishing effective representation of such voters
5. Avoid oddly shaped districts

WHEREAS, the proposed Queens-based Council District 26 ("D26") would divide the Upper East Side neighborhood and the communities of interest in Community District 8 Manhattan;

WHEREAS, the proposed D26 would establish a new crossover district between Queens and Manhattan for the first time since the Council was expanded to 51 members; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's proposal to add a portion of Manhattan and all of Roosevelt Island to a Queens-based Council District, District 26, violates the City Charter Districting requirement in the following ways: (1) it fails to keep neighborhoods and communities intact; (2) fails to keep the district compact; (3) it creates an oddly shaped crossover district; and

WHEREAS, the Commission proposes that 36,000 Manhattan Island residents and 12,000 Roosevelt Island residents – which equates to 48,000 of the 173,000 people in the proposed D26, or 27.7% – be moved to D26, where these residents will not receive the representation, attention, and discretionary funding to which they are entitled due to their small percentage of the total D26 population; and

WHEREAS, the eastern portion of the Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island have major differences with D26 such that the proposed combination may result in a significant diminution of municipal services to, amongst others, senior citizens and people with disabilities which populate a large share of those areas; and

WHEREAS, the practical difficulties of having a two Borough Queens-Manhattan district cannot be ignored; and

WHEREAS, the proposed lines would separate the representation of numerous medical and research facilities with sprawling, densely populated campuses from the neighborhood in which they reside and where most neighboring residents live; and

WHEREAS, the areas being proposed to be moved to the D26 district contain numerous parks and green acres including, amongst others, John Jay Park, portions of the East River Esplanade and Andrew Haswell Green Park, which are critical open spaces for the neighborhood and which would be separated from most of the neighborhood residents who use them; and

WHEREAS, numerous public schools including P.S. 183, P.S. 158, P.S. 217 and M177 are located in the area being proposed to be placed in D26 and would be adversely affected by being separated from the rest of the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Hunter College, a major educational institution, would have its main campus at 68th Street and Lexington Avenue separated into two council districts, with a skybridge connecting two buildings in two separate council districts; and

WHEREAS, the Upper East Side contains numerous historic districts and zoning features that are common to it and distinct from the Queens portions of the proposed D26; and

WHEREAS, by separating part of the Upper East Side and placing it in D26, the Commission has divided a neighborhood and communities of interest in direct violation of the Charter Mandate; and

WHEREAS, Roosevelt Island was created to be part of Manhattan, is in New York County, and historically has always been considered and treated as part of the Borough of Manhattan and it should remain in D5; and

WHEREAS, two-borough districts that have existed in the past have been comprised of neighborhoods that are contiguous, have similar demographics, share similar public transportation, public education and other services, while the Manhattan and Queens areas of the proposed D26 do not have these similarities; and

WHEREAS, Manhattan already shares one crossover district with the Bronx, and the two boroughs have a combined population of roughly 3,169,000, or 176,000 spread across 18 districts, approximately 2.6% above the target district size; and

WHEREAS, the Bronx already shares one crossover district with Queens that includes Rikers Island, which accounts for approximately 3,775, and if included with population of the Bronx and Manhattan would give the two boroughs a combined population of roughly 3,173,000 and could be distributed into 19 districts of approximately 167,000, about 3.5 percent below the target district size and around 1,500 closer than the currently proposed districts for Staten Island;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 of Manhattan **DISAPPROVES** of the Commission's proposed Preliminary Plan #1 redistricting map which moves approximately 54 blocks of the easterly side of the Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island to a Queens-based City Council District and strongly urges that these areas remain in a Manhattan-based City Council District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CB8M urges the Commission to keep the population of Manhattan and the Bronx contained with no new crossover districts from Queens, Brooklyn, or Staten Island into either borough;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CB8M proposes the following redistricting boundary lines which would result in District 4 having a population of 177,446 and District 5 a population of 177,176 (see proposed map below):

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- Give D2 (from D4) the blocks between Broadway and 5th Avenue south of 39th Street.
- Incorporate the proposed westward expansion of D4 out to 8th Avenue to cover the Broadway core instead of leaving it divided between two districts.
- Trace that up 8th Avenue to Columbus Circle, where D4 currently ends.
- Give D5 back Roosevelt Island, Sutton Area, and the parts in the East 60's and 70s, with a minor modification of the area just south of 79th so the new line would be 78th (Lexington to 3rd) and 77th (3rd-2nd).
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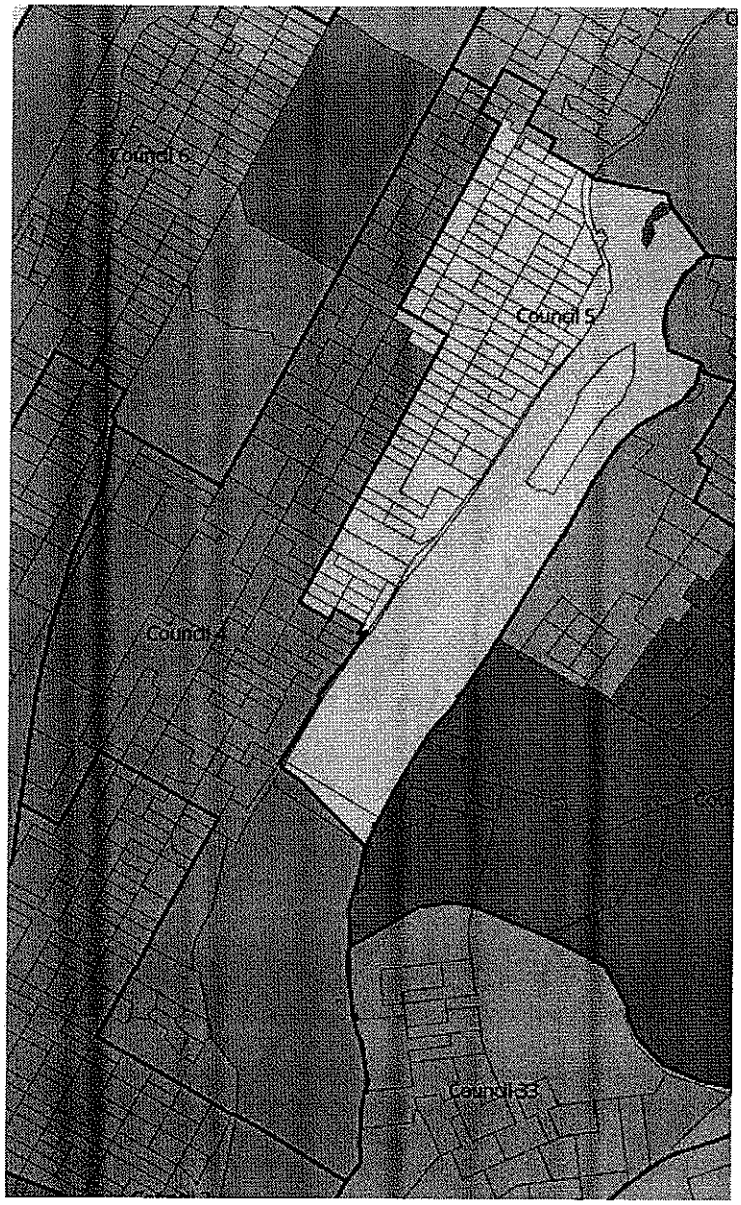
- Give D8 all of the area north of 96th Street from D4 and D5.



Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

Russell Squire *Anthony Cohn and Sharon Weiner*

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Chair

Anthony Cohn and Sharon Weiner
Co-Chairs, Voting Reform Task Force

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From: [redacted]

Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 11:03 AM
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Sincerely,
MR Gary Wagener
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Sincerely,
Ms Gladys Propper
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From: [redacted]

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Dr. Herbert Stein
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From: Jane Lockshin [redacted] >
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 4:54 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DO NOT ADOPT the preliminary district lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5

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Sincerely,

Jane Lockshin

[redacted] Sutton Place South

NYC 10022

August 11, 2022

Dennis M. Walcott, Chair
Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 3rd Floor
New York, New York 10007

Dear Mr. Walcott,

Our names are Jean-Pierre and Sana Yared and we reside at [redacted] East 72nd Street, apartment 25 B, New York, NY 10021, between First and York Avenues.

We have read and reviewed the plans for a merger of Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 and are strongly opposed to it. The idea that decisions affecting Manhattan will be controlled by another borough is absolutely abhorrent to us. The crossover district will adversely impact the provision of municipal services, separate communities with common needs and interests, and diminish the political voices of thousands of Manhattan's residents.

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Yours truly,

Jean-Pierre Yared

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From: Jerilyn Famighetti [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 8:36 AM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Hello

I am strongly opposed to the proposed alteration to the district lines for district 5 that would make its eastern section and Roosevelt Island part of district 26 in Queens. To make a sliver of Manhattan an adjunct to a much larger Queens district will inevitably lead to its marginalization because its population is such a small percentage of the overall district's. Surely our interests align better with those of adjacent areas of Manhattan, with which we share concerns about transportation, redevelopment, schools, parks, and other subjects that make up quality of life.

This move would for all intents and purposes leave our part of Manhattan unrepresented and unable to work with nearby areas to maintain and improve life in the district. We would be lost in the shuffle within the much larger Queens district, which would care very little about our issues.

I hope you will reconsider this ill-thought-out proposal. There is simply no way it serves the interest of our part of district 5. And we will remember.

Thank you.
Jerilyn Famighetti
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From: karenecopeland [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 12:05 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Upper eastside redistricting

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Karene Copeland
[redacted] East 63rd Street
ny, ny 10065

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From: [redacted]

Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 7:48 AM
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Sincerely,
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[redacted] E 78th St Apt 5O New York, NY 10075-1123 [redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 3:34 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I oppose re-districting of Roosevelt Island

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To Members of the Redistricting Commission:

I strongly oppose the redistricting lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5, which includes Roosevelt Island, for the following reasons:

1. Many of our school children commute by tram, which is a unique and vital link to Manhattan. Most of our working population also commute by tram to the mainland, not Queens, each day for employment. Our residents' commutation needs are met by maintaining a close association between the mainland and our island.

2. The cost for policing Roosevelt Island is principally covered by Island residents, through land-leases paid to RIOC. Our first responders are Public Safety Officers that are Peace Officers with the State of NY, NOT police officers from Queens. Our crime statistics are more consistent with our current Manhattan connection rather than with Western Queens. Our NYPD protection could diminish when determined by comparing our community with the stats of Western Queens.

3. Roosevelt Island was conceived and built as a "Manhattan Utopian Community" by Mayor John Lindsay. We are a Manhattan community, not a Queens community. Our area code is 212, not 718. We have a Manhattan zip code of 10044. We are a Manhattan Island under New York City's City Charter. Item 52-C in the City Charter states that district lines shall keep neighborhoods intact.
We are a Manhattan stop on the subway system, our other major transportation link. Our newly built and highly utilized public library is part of the Manhattan library system.

4. Roosevelt Islanders frequently call on our City Council Representatives for constituent services, particularly, for help in landlord/tenant matters. Our cases are heard in Manhattan's landlord/tenant court. A Queens City Council Member will be unable to provide the level of effective assistance our residents will need in housing matters. Unlike Queens, we are a highly residential community with very few commercial enterprises. Our operating funds are derived in a very different way than in Queens. Even our public services such as grounds keeping and street cleaning are not covered in the same manner as Queens.

Throughout our entire existence as a residential community, our residents have considered themselves Manhatanites.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Kyla Schenk
Manhattan Park resident
[redacted] River Road, New York, NY 10044

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From: [redacted]

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Laurie Hallen
[redacted] Park Ave New York, NY 10128-1132
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August 9, 2022

Dennis M. Walcott, Chair
Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 3rd Floor
New York, New York 10007

Dear Mr. Walcott,

My name is Leslie Curtis and I reside at [redacted] East 72nd Street, apartment 25A, New York, NY 10021, between First and York Avenues.

I have read and reviewed the plans for a merger of Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 and am strongly opposed to it. The idea that decisions affecting Manhattan will be controlled by another borough is absolutely abhorrent to me. The crossover district will adversely impact the provision of municipal services, separate communities with common needs and interests, and diminish the political voices of thousands of Manhattan's residents.

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Yours truly,

Leslie Curtis (SIGNATURE)

Leslie Curtis (PRINT NAME)

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From: [redacted]
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To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission
FROM: (name) MARA BALDISSONI (address) [redacted] YORK AVE, 1J - 10065 NYC
DATE: July 27, 2022
RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26
VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov
MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

Good day Chair Walcott,

The plan presented for 54 blocks of the Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island is not acceptable to the residents of the East Sixties. We believe it violates the charter requirements of keeping neighborhoods compact and in tack This plan would make CD26 an oddly shaped district with practical difficulties: they are - would the Council Member have a district office in Manhattan as well as on Roosevelt Island; would the Council Member cover Community Board meetings in Board 8 & 6 and have full membership on both Borough Boards, and finally we believe this part of Community District 8 would have a diminution of representation. While other Districts have physical boundaries in more than one borough, they are directly adjacent to one another. They do not have a river separating them as in this proposed plan. The issues in CD26 are not the same as in CD5. There are several well-established neighborhood associations whose membership would be torn asunder.

The issues that involve City Agencies such as Transportation, Sanitation, Parks etc. are different in the two council districts. Then there are two other major issues that would tear our community apart. The **first** is the hospital corridor with their buildings for the major institutions many of which would be in CD26 under the new plan. But many of their offices and allied buildings and staff and doctors would be located in/or live in CD5 making it difficult for discussing issues constantly arising. The **second** is Community District 8 ranks 47th out of 51 Districts for the least amount of park space in the city. This plan would remove: 24 Sycamores Park; ¾ of Honey Locust Park—with ¼ remaining in D5; most of our East River Esplanade and Andrew Haswell Green Park Phase 1 & 2A—2B is under construction at this time. Phase 3 has not yet started and will likely cost $25 Million dollars to complete. Will a Council Member in CD26 spend that kind of money for an area that represents only 27% of the voters in her/his District? Most of the funding will probably be spent in the Queens part of the district. **This would result in CD 5 having the least amount of Park space in NYC.**

We strongly recommend that you study and implement Community Board 8's resolution and plan, as it takes into account the number of residents in all the adjourning districts.

Our Neighborhood Association depends greatly on our Council Member and her office staff, which is easy to reach by a short bus ride. I strongly urge the New York City Districting Commission to reconsider this ill-conceived plan and not divide an indivisible and cohesive neighborhood.

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From: Margaret Poswistilo [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 10:14 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District line changes

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Yours truly,
Margaret Poswistilo and Jeremiah Schnee
[redacted] E 76 ST NYC

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Sincerely,
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From: [redacted]

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VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov

MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

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Yours truly,

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Natalie Perr	[redacted] E 63rd St 14C	10065

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From: Nozima B [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 3:13 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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To Members of the Redistricting Commission:

I strongly oppose the redistricting lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5, which includes Roosevelt Island, for the following reasons:

1. Many of our school children commute by tram, which is a unique and vital link to Manhattan. Most of our working population also commute by tram to the mainland, not Queens, each day for employment. Our residents' commutation needs are met by maintaining a close association between the mainland and our island.

2. The cost for policing Roosevelt Island is principally covered by Island residents, through land-leases paid to RIOC. Our first responders are Public Safety Officers that are Peace Officers with the State of NY, NOT police officers from Queens. Our crime statistics are more consistent with our current Manhattan connection rather than with Western Queens. Our NYPD protection could diminish when determined by comparing our community with the stats of Western Queens.

3. Roosevelt Island was conceived and built as a "Manhattan Utopian Community" by Mayor John Lindsay. We are a Manhattan community, not a Queens community. Our area code is 212, not 718. We have a Manhattan zip code of 10044. We are a Manhattan Island under New York City's City Charter. Item 52-C in the City Charter states that district lines shall keep neighborhoods intact.

We are a Manhattan stop on the subway system, our other major transportation link. Our newly built and highly utilized public library is part of the Manhattan library system.

4. Roosevelt Islanders frequently call on our City Council Representatives for constituent services, particularly, for help in landlord/tenant matters. Our cases are heard in Manhattan's landlord/tenant court. A Queens City Council Member will be unable to provide the level of effective assistance our residents will need in housing matters. Unlike Queens, we are a highly residential community with very few commercial enterprises. Our operating funds are derived in a very different way than in Queens. Even our public services such as grounds keeping and street cleaning are not covered in the same manner as Queens.

Throughout our entire existence as a residential community, our residents have considered themselves Manhatanites.

Thank you and warm regards,

Nozima Burkhanova
[redacted] Main Street, Island House

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From: [redacted]

Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 10:53 AM
To: Public Testimony
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Sincerely,
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From: Parag Patel [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 11:42 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Redistricting of Council District 5 - Sutton Place

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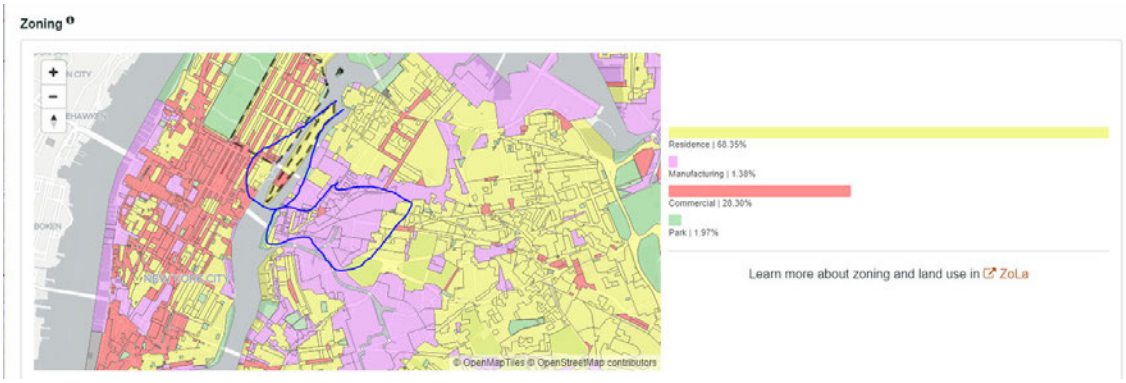
Hello,

The proposed redistricting of Manhattan Council District 5("MCD5")'s Sutton Place neighborhood to be included with Queens Council District 26 ("QCD26") is an ill-conceived plan that will result in a direct loss of voice and due attention to the needs of this neighborhood's residents.

Districting, aside from forming roughly evenly populated districts, should seek to create the best representation for the constituents of that area. This plan fails to achieve that for Sutton Place. The Sutton Place neighborhood's zoning, demographics, character, and priorities are starkly different from those of the rest of QCD26.

1. Sutton Place's zoning - Sutton Place's neighborhood is zoned R10 highest density residential where as most of QCD26 is zoned for manufacturing. No other residential area in QCD26 is higher than R7. High density requires greater attention as small issues can quickly impact many people. For example, 24/7 safety is of higher importance to the aged population in Sutton Place, whereas in QCD26's manufacturing-heavy neighborhood it would be of less concern.



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2. There is no direct connectivity between Sutton Place and the rest of QCD26. There is not one bus, subway, ferry, or sidewalk that connects Sutton Place to QCD26. This lack of transportation connectivity highlights how isolated Sutton Place is from the rest of the proposed combined district. If a council representative cannot take public services without stepping into another district, how can one fathom the transportation issues affecting Sutton Place within the neighborhood?

3. The demographics of Sutton Place tend to be older and retired, whereas QCD26 runs younger or middle-age. Health, safety, local services greatly differ for these groups.

4. Sutton Place is a mature growth neighborhood. As an R10, there is little new development in the area, where as QCD26 is less dense and is seeing greater growth of new build construction, which brings with it new needs for the

neighborhood associated with faster growth. A representative focused on addressing these needs could conceivably dismiss or depriorize the needs of a neighborhood that comparatively may already have X,Y,Z services.

5. Issues that affect midtown's Central Business District have a greater influence on Sutton Place than on QCD26. With discussions on how to bring activity back to the CBD, Sutton Place would be best served by a representative attuned to changes to the CBD, than one with its focus on Queens. Homelessness, residential redistricting, commuter traffic / congestion pricing are all critical issues that impact Sutton Place, none of which would impact QCD26 to such a high degree if at all.

6. Sutton Place could and would likely often be on the opposite side of issues than Queens. Manhattanites are largely in favor of congestion pricing, where as Queens including QCD26 are not. A congestion pricing exemption for those living in the CBD (which for congestion pricing includes Sutton Place) could conceivable be at odds with fighting for exemptions for lower-income commuters from Queens including QCD26. A representative cannot effectively take a stance supporting both of these radically opposite positions.

7. The Sutton Place neighborhood has long considered itself an extension of the Upper East Side, and is a part of the Midtown East neighborhood (with loosely-defined borders of the UN to the south, higher commercial zoning to the west and the Ed Koch bridge to the north), Residents in Sutton Place share social-circles, schools, grocery stores, libraries, and every other important aspect of city-life within this eastern Manhattan area.

8. Flood plane and risks are different in Sutton Place vs the rest of QCD26 - With Climate Change a critical issue, flood risk is something the City is taking seriously. the Flood risks for Sutton Place are very different than those of QCD26. A representative will not be able to take stand that is the best interest of each of these neighborhoods.

9. The top pressing issues for Sutton Place are very different than those of the rest of QCD26. Manhattan Community Board 6 (of which Sutton Place is part), cites the top two issues for the neighborhood as Affordable Housing and Homelessness . Queens Community Board 2, of which QCD26 falls mostly within, cites its top three issues as Infrastructure Resiliency and Land Usage Trends. This again highlights the differences in needs of Sutton Place and QCD26.

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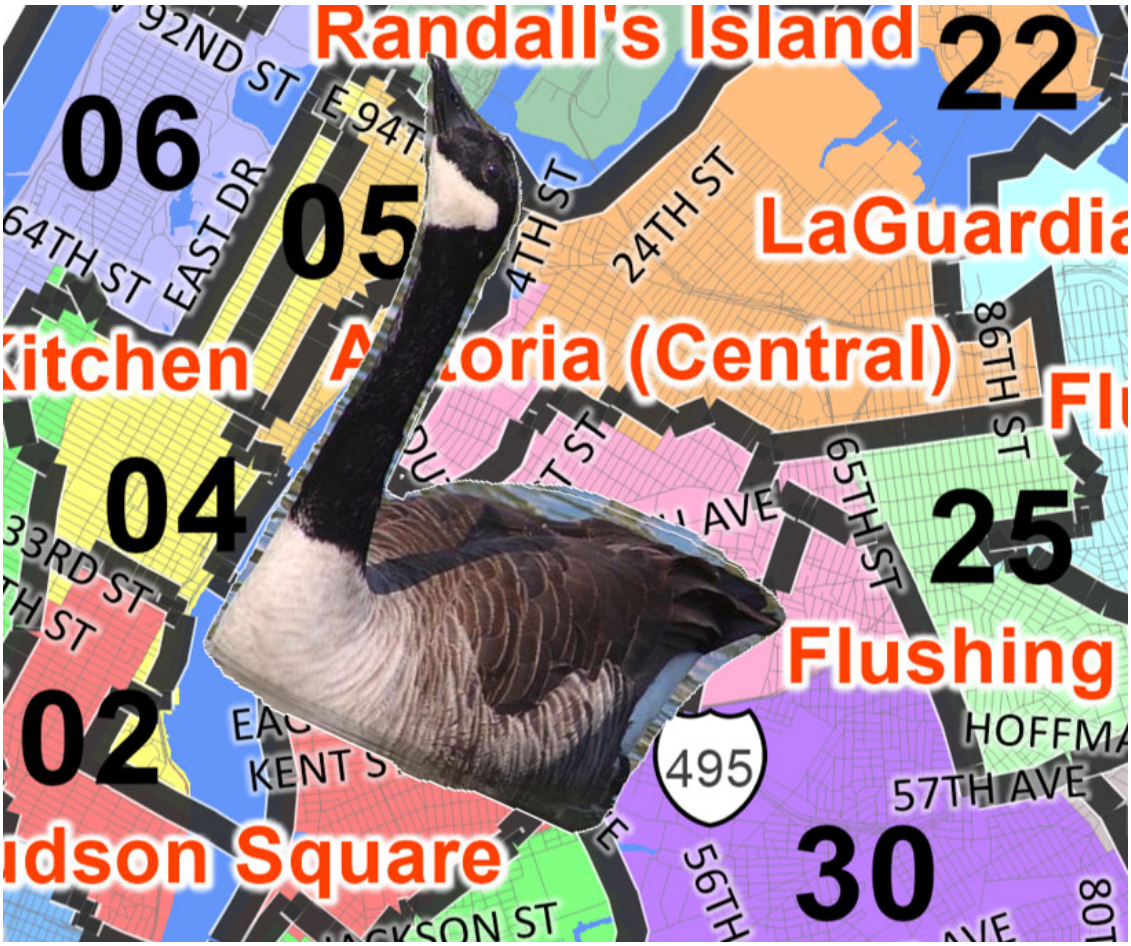

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Parag

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August 5, 2022

To: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission

VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov

MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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Yours truly,

NAME	ADDRESS		Zip Code
Sara Chereskin	[redacted] E66th St.	NY	10065

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DeCillis, Michael

From: sasha maceira [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 1:52 PM
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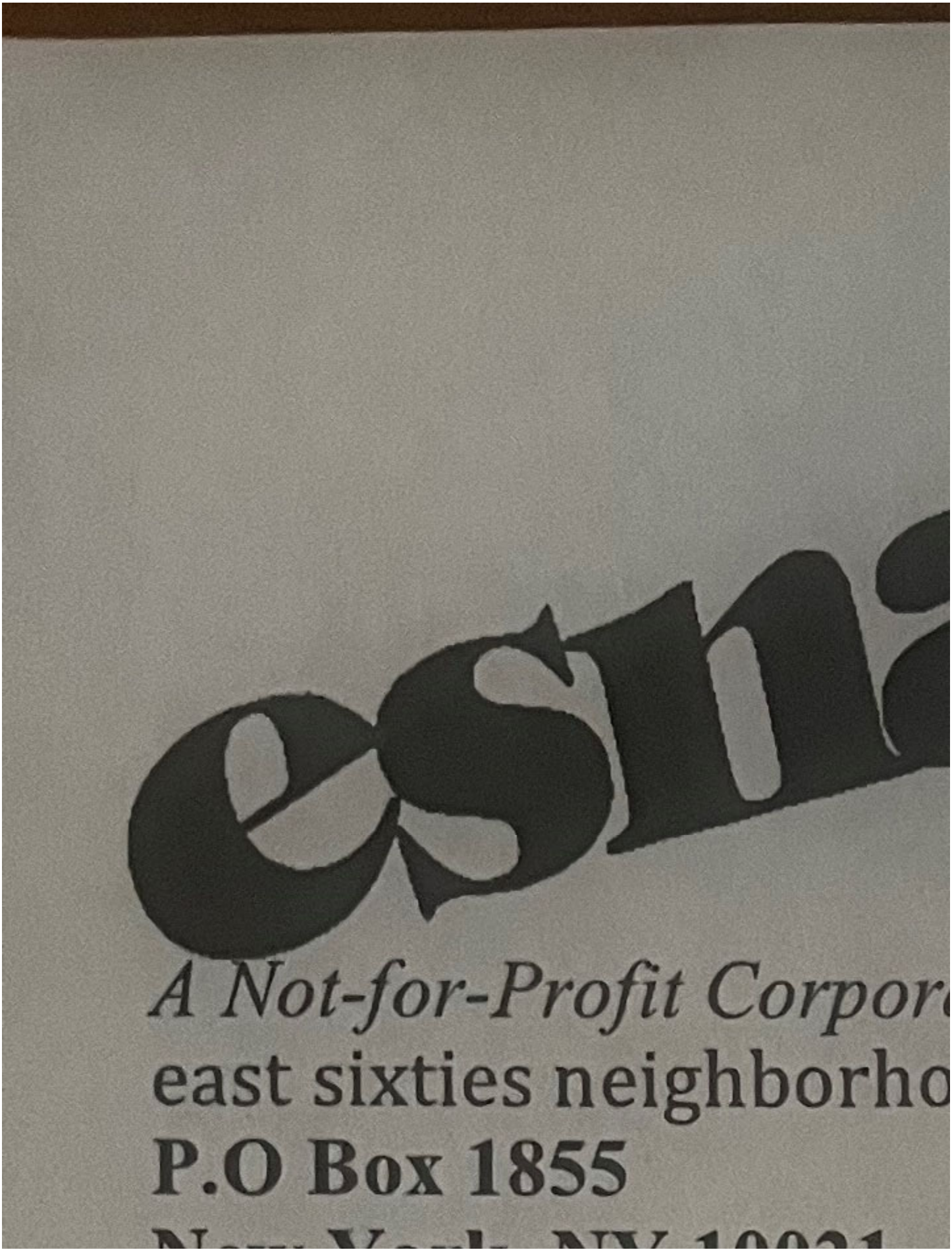
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Ms. Susan Hewitt
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Sincerely,
Ms. Tania Chamlian
[redacted] E 87th St Apt 4E New York, NY 10128-0533 t[redacted]

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Ms. Trudy Christ
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Mr. William Turner
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From: Y M [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 4:35 PM
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Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am opposed to the redistricting of Roosevelt Island because:

1) The residents of this island need and deserve a council member who truly represents the needs of our community.

2) As a parent of three children who attend the local school, PS/IS217, I believe it is imperative that our council representative's area includes our school district (School District 2) so that they can be an effective spokesperson for the community.

3) Moreover, our City Council reps provide considerable funding for PS/IS217 including the Green Roof project. They also support many treasured local programmes such as our Little League, NY Junior Tennis and Learning as well as our very active Senior Centre, all of which, and more, make Roosevelt Island the vibrant, close-knit and supportive community we all know and love.

4) Our new and wonderful local library is already integrated into the New York Public Library network of Manhattan and would suffer greatly without a representative of our own community.

5) And the continued development of the campus at Cornell Tech requires ongoing input and support from the community and needs the local representative to work with us.

Finally, at a time when democracy is under threat not only in America but across the world, our representatives have a duty to stand up for democratic values. That means listening to the grassroots, responding to their needs and offering them true representation at a local and city level. Local representation is the lifeblood of our democracy and I would call on you to uphold it.

Yours faithfully,

Yvonne Murray

[redacted] River Road

DeCillis, Michael

From: adeledesantis@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of adele desantis [redacted]>
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2022 5:28 PM
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Dear Sirs,

I am a resident of Council District 5 for the last 13 years at 167 East 61st Street. I am writing to give my opinion on the merging of our district on the new city council plan with Queens Council District 27.

I am absolutely opposed to this new district between two districts in different boroughs with totally different interests and I fear that we will not be well represented any longer. We are not a community of interest with a Queens district as our neighborhoods have different housing needs, traffic problems, sanitation problems and views on where money needs to be spent. Our communities of interest are in the Upper East Side and Midtown East. This district is now also very oddly shaped and is not compact in any way.

Will a Queens Council member have a new office here in Manhattan and liaison with our partners in Districts 6 and 8? Will a Queens Council member go to two Borough Boards. What will be the budgeting between the two borough districts.

I am a firm supporter of congestion pricing but I imagine that the Queens citizens are not fully aware of the traffic that we have here and the number of cars, trucks, bicycles and pedestrians involved. In return, I have no understanding of the needs in Queens. What will the Queens Council member adopt as a platform on this?

What will the new council district do about all the Medical Facilities in our district and the Universities at Cornell Tech and Rockefeller. How will they understand the intertwining of their interests in our district.

I truly fear that the Manhattan residents will lose our political voice and think this is poorly done gerrymandering. I must say with all my strength that I would like the Commission not to adopt this new plan to link Manhattan and Queens districts with very little in common. I would be willing to meet or talk with you at any time. My phone number is [redacted]

Amy Starr, MD

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

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Mrs Calvert Moore
[redacted] Park Ave New York, NY 10021-2770
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August 5, 2022

To: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission

VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov

MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Jordan Saunders
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Moreover- Queens should have its own representative; Manhattan should have its own representative - as said above, the interests of each area peculiar to its own needs are not similar- keep things the way they are for once.

Sincerely,
Ms. Judith Raab
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From: [redacted]

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TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission
FROM: (name) Mauricio Aceves (address) [redacted] York Ave 10065 New York
DATE: July 27, 2022
RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26
VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov
MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

Good day Chair Walcott,

The plan presented for 54 blocks of the Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island is not acceptable to the residents of the East Sixties. We believe it violates the charter requirements of keeping neighborhoods compact and in tack This plan would make CD26 an oddly shaped district with practical difficulties: they are - would the Council Member have a district office in Manhattan as well as on Roosevelt Island; would the Council Member cover Community Board meetings in Board 8 & 6 and have full membership on both Borough Boards, and finally we believe this part of Community District 8 would have a diminution of representation. While other Districts have physical boundaries in more than one borough, they are directly adjacent to one another. They do not have a river separating them as in this proposed plan. The issues in CD26 are not the same as in CD5. There are several well-established neighborhood associations whose membership would be torn asunder.

The issues that involve City Agencies such as Transportation, Sanitation, Parks etc. are different in the two council districts. Then there are two other major issues that would tear our community apart. The **first** is the hospital corridor with their buildings for the major institutions many of which would be in CD26 under the new plan. But many of their offices and allied buildings and staff and doctors would be located in/or live in CD5 making it difficult for discussing issues constantly arising. The **second** is Community District 8 ranks 47th out of 51 Districts for the least amount of park space in the city. This plan would remove: 24 Sycamores Park; ¾ of Honey Locust Park—with ¼ remaining in D5; most of our East River Esplanade and Andrew Haswell Green Park Phase 1 & 2A—2B is under construction at this time. Phase 3 has not yet started and will likely cost $25 Million dollars to complete. Will a Council Member in CD26 spend that kind of money for an area that represents only 27% of the voters in her/his District? Most of the funding will probably be spent in the Queens part of the district. **This would result in CD 5 having the least amount of Park space in NYC.**

We strongly recommend that you study and implement Community Board 8's resolution and plan, as it takes into account the number of residents in all the adjourning districts.

Our Neighborhood Association depends greatly on our Council Member and her office staff, which is easy to reach by a short bus ride. I strongly urge the New York City Districting Commission to reconsider this ill-conceived plan and not divide an indivisible and cohesive neighborhood.

"Celebrating the Spirit of Neighborhood"

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From: [redacted]

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Sincerely,
Ms. Melinda Waterhouse
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Michael D. Lockshin, MD

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Dennis M. Walcott, Chair
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Dear Mr. Walcott,

My name is NORA BENOLIEL and I reside at [redacted] East 72nd Street, apartment 7F, New York, NY 10021, between First and York Avenues.

I have read and reviewed the plans for a merger of Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 and am strongly opposed to it. The idea that decisions affecting Manhattan will be controlled by another borough is absolutely abhorrent to me. The crossover district will adversely impact the provision of municipal services, separate communities with common needs and interests, and diminish the political voices of thousands of Manhattan's residents.

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Yours truly,

Nora Benoliel (SIGNATURE)

NORA BENOLIEL (PRINT NAME)

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From: Patricia Kobetts [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2022 2:33 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Preliminary district lines propsed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 - NO TO THIS PROPOSAL

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Dear Chair Walcott,

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As a resident of 60 Sutton Place South, **I write to ask that you do not adopt the preliminary district lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 which include portions of Sutton Place, the Upper East Side and all of Roosevelt Island.**

We need to keep our neighborhoods and communities of interest intact. Sutton Place along with the many hospitals and health reseARCH facilities contibutes much to the vitality and well being of our City. A Council Member needs to fully understand and support the Sutton Community. This is a full time committment. It cannot be split with Queens. Queens also is entitled to full support and understanding of their needs.

Sincerely yours,

Patricia Kobetts
[redacted] Sutton Place South
apt. 15es
New York, NY 10022

[redacted]

From: Samantha Davis [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2022 7:27 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposing Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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Best,
Samantha Davis
[redacted] East 64th Street [redacted]
NY NY 10065

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Samantha [redacted]
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From: Sam M [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2022 12:51 AM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Redistricting of Roosevelt Island

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Unfortunately, my wife and I were not able to attend the public hearing that recently took place on this topic. However, please allow us to URGENTLY ask that Roosevelt Island remain part of Manhattan for the following three main reasons:

1. Our (soon to be) six year-old daughter attends a gifted & talented program at a school in Manhattan (PS 198). She was only able to participate in this program as we are residents of Manhattan and in the Manhattan school district #2. We all know that the Department of Education will move Roosevelt Island to be part of a Queen's school district if Roosevelt Island is moved out of Manhattan for district / voting purposes.

2. My wife (Citibank) and I (BDO) work in Manhattan and take our daughter to school on our way to work. If she is forced to go to a school in Queens, then our daily commute time is doubled (or worse) as we now have to take our daughter to school in Queens, then go back through Roosevelt Island to get to our office in Manhattan. Why would we want to remain in Roosevelt Island if this occurs?

3. We bought our co-op in the Island House complex five years ago because Roosevelt Island is in Manhattan. We wanted to live close to where we work in Manhattan, yet also enjoy the peace and quiet of Roosevelt Island that can only be found in the Battery Park City area on the island of Manhattan - which of course is a pretty far commute from mid-town Manhattan. We have to believe the value of our co-op would significantly decrease if Roosevelt Island became part of Queens (i.e. for then the families that live in Manhattan, but who are interested in moving to Roosevelt Island in order to be able to enjoy the island's advantages, can no longer send their children to a school in Manhattan). Ask a realtor if our co-op becomes less valuable if it is now considered to be part of Queens. I am sure the answer would be - yes!

Thank you in advance for taking into your decision making process our URGENT request to stop this proposed redistricting of Roosevelt Island.

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From: [redacted]

Sent: Friday, August 12, 2022 3:02 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above. I thank you in advance for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Mr Taz Saunders
[redacted] E 75th St New York, NY 10021-3241
[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2022 3:00 PM
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From: Will Sanchez [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2022 11:22 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: Monika Sanchez
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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August 12, 2022

To: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission

RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

Dear Commissioner Walcott,

My special reason for writing is to ask that the district lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5, which include portions of Sutton Place, the Upper East Side, and all of Roosevelt Island, ***not be adopted*** for the following reasons.

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Community District 8 ranks 47th out of 59 Districts with the least amount of public park space. This plan would remove 24 Sycamores Park, most of Honey Locust Park, most of the East River Esplanade, and all of Andrew Haswell Green Park (AHG). AHG Phase 3 of the park will likely cost 25 million dollars to complete. Will a Council Member in

CD26 spend that kind of money for an area representing only 27% of the residents/voters in their District? Not to mention that the parks that move to CD#26 Queens will have a different Borough Commissioner from the sections that remain in CD5.

Third and finally, this oddly shaped, extreme crossover district will significantly and adversely impact the provision of municipal services and diminish the political voices of thousands of Manhattan's residents. Accordingly, we refer you to the resolution passed by Community Board 8 disapproving the redistricting Commission's map and refer you to the map proposed by Community Board 8's resolution, which would result in District 4 having a population of 177,446 and District 5 a population of 177,176, etc.

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I thank you in advance for your consideration,

Yours truly,

Will Sanchez
[redacted] E 65th St Apt 7D
NYC 10065

August 12, 2022

Dear Sir or Madam:

I ask that the district lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 which include portions of Sutton Place, the Upper East Side and all of Roosevelt Island not be adopted for the following reasons:

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I urge the Commission to reconsider and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours truly,

William B. Sklar
[redacted] York Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10065

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2022 9:37 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above. I thank you in advance for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Mrs. Anne Mann
[redacted] E 66th St New York, NY 10065-9175
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Dorjan Kalaja [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2022 1:17 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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To Members of the Redistricting Commission:
This comment is being submitted for the redistricting hearing on August 22, 2022.

I am a voter –and will be voting in the August primary.
I hope my interests will be taken into consideration and decided before I vote.

I strongly oppose the redistricting lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5, which includes Roosevelt Island, for the following reason(s):

1. The Roosevelt Island tramway, operated and overseen by the Roosevelt Island Operating Corp. (RIOC), is firmly rooted in Council District 5. It is imperative that the community maintain the direct relationship with the District 5 Council Member to insure the safe, efficient operation of the tram.

2. Most of our working population -- including all NYU professors and employees -- commute each day to Manhattan, not Queens.

3. We are business owners in Manhattan, and consider midtown and the UES our neighborhood.

4. Our crime statistics are consistent with neighboring Manhattan locations, not locations in Queens.

5. This is the island's and the city's history! Roosevelt Island was conceived and built as a "Manhattan Utopian Community" by Mayor John Lindsay.

6. We have a Manhattan zip code of 10044. For approximately 50 years, Roosevelt Islanders have considered themselves Manhattanites, and this would change the charter.

7. Like the island of Manhattan, we are an Island, and share environmental protection issues.

8. Our community fought for protections in the development of Cornell Tech which is only one third complete. We need to maintain the same vital City Council oversight for Cornell's next phase of construction.

Dorjan Kalaja
[redacted] Main Street, 8C
New York, NY 10044

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From: Joyce Short [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2022 9:34 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment for 8/26 session

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[redacted]
Thu, Aug 4 at 1:36 PM
To Whom It May Concern:

I am opposed to redistricting Roosevelt Island for the following reason(s):

・Our children's educational facilities are PS/IS 217 and other public and private schools in Manhattan. We fall within School District 2 for elementary school and middle school children.
We need a Council Member whose area includes our school district.

・Many of our school children commute by tram, which is a unique and vital link to Manhattan. Most of our working population also commute by tram to the mainland,
not Queens, each day for employment. Our residents' commutation needs are met by maintaining a close association between the mainland and our island.

・Roosevelt Island was conceived and built as a "Manhattan Utopian Community" by Mayor John Lindsay. We are a Manhattan community,
not a Queens community. Our area code is 212, not 718. We have a Manhattan zip code of 10044. We are a Manhattan Island under New York City's City Charter.
Item 52-C in the City Charter states that district lines shall keep neighborhoods intact.

Roosevelt Island is belonging to Manhattan for good.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

Fumi Ishii

[redacted] Main Street

New York, NY 10044

[redacted]

From: Joelle [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2022 7:32 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District 26

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It appears that a small sliver of Manhattan is included with a large portion of Astoria, Queens. I am uncertain what thoughts went into that redistricting but clearly the neighborhoods and priorities of these two diverse neighborhoods (and boroughs) are different and one will certainly suffer at the expense of the other. I can speak for the Manhattan residents who will now be the victims of congestion pricing that will penalize them for leaving their homes by cars, whether privately owned or hired. It is notably an aging population but likely with more than the $60,000 per year income which is the threshold for relief from some of the tax congestion pricing will bring. But clearly a population with a need for more individualized transportation. I can't imagine that any of these concerns will resonate with the people in Astoria and I am certain I don't know what their issues are. This district appears poorly though out and could easily be remedied by allowing the folks in Manhattan to be in a district with other residents of the borough.

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From: JOHN WHEELER [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2022 9:57 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Opposition to Redistricting Proposed for Roosevelt Island

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Subject: Opposition to Redistricting Proposed for Roosevelt Island
Date: August 13, 2022 at 9:54:51 AM EDT
To: PubicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov
Cc: [redacted]

To Members of the Redistricting Committee:

As a long-time resident of Roosevelt Island, I strongly oppose the redistricting lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5, which includes Roosevelt Island, for the following reason(s):

The proposed change is a direct violation of City Charter Section 52 (1) (c) (d) and (e) and Section 52 (2), resulting in:

1. Neighborhoods and communities of interest not being kept intact.

2. The proposed district is not compact as instructed.

3. The proposed district results in an extreme crossover district, crossing a borough boundary.

4. The proposed district is very oddly shaped.

Also the vast majority of our children who do not attend PS/IS 217 attend schools in Manhattan, not Queens. Families are attracted to living on Roosevelt Island because of the safety and ease of commutation to Manhattan schools by our tramway.

Our crime statistics are consistent with neighboring Manhattan communities, not those of Western Queens. Our NYPD protection might diminish if our statistics are compared to those in Western Queens.

Roosevelt Islanders frequently call on our City Council Representatives for constituent services, particularly, for help in landlord/tenant matters. Our cases are heard in Manhattan's landlord/tenant court. A Queens City Council Member will be unable to provide the level of effective aid our residents need in housing and other vital quality-of-life matters.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal and allow us to remain in District 5 whose representative has the knowledge and familiarity of our community which is a vital support to Roosevelt Island.

John Wheeler

[redacted] Main Street. Apt. 1108, NY, NY 10044

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From: Josh Orenstein [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2022 8:14 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Testimony

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Joshua Orenstein, I am a student, and I have lived on the Upper East side my whole life. I would like to express my opinion in support of removing Roosevelt island from District 5. This makes sense given the demographics of the island being more similar to that of Queens than they are to that of Manhattan. However, I strongly oppose arbitrarily cutting out portions of the Upper East Side along the East River. It is clear that doing so was only for population reasons, and separates a cohesive neighborhood that should stay in the same district with the rest of the Upper East Side.

Thank you for consideration of my testimony.
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Thanks, Josh Orenstein

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From: Kimberly Kalaja [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2022 12:55 PM
To: Public Testimony; [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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Sincerely,
Ms. Rachelle Davis
[redacted] E 79th St Apt 8K New York, NY 10075-1020 [redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2022 2:08 PM
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Sincerely,
Mrs.To Rochelle Busch
[redacted] Sutton Pl S New York, NY 10022-3071
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Xiang Chen [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2022 7:47 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Remapping the Council districts not be adopted

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Second, my child(ren) attends PS 183, which according to the proposed map would become a part of a Queens Council District. What is the likelihood that a project benefiting our school will ever prevail in a matter of Participatory Budgeting? Many of the voters that this project will affect would not be eligible to vote and 75% of the voters would reside in a different borough. Will our Council Member prioritize our needs, when most of our families reside outside of their district?

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Finally, this oddly-shaped, extreme crossover district will significantly and adversely impact the provision of municipal services and diminish the political voices of thousands of Manhattan's residents.

In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced above. My fellow residents and I stand ready to meet with Commission staff to address these matters and to propose alternatives. I thank you in advance for your consideration,

Yours truly,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2022 4:14 PM
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Ms ABBY STUTHERS
[redacted] E 80th St New York, NY 10075-0927
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From: Alice L [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2022 11:37 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Part of Manhattan CD5 into Queens CD26

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There are 2 large CD5 public elementary schools (PS 158 and PS 183) and one CD5 middle school (M177 Yorkville East Middle School) in the proposed redistricting. The kids in these schools mostly live in CD5. We know since our daughter went to PS 158. The public schools and their families rely heavily on their Council members for help with funding, school safety, etc. Why would the CD26 Council member pay attention to these schools given that they represent such a small percent of its constituency? **Public school enrollment has been cratering for the past few years; this will just exacerbate the problem**!

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From an "equity" perspective, this is beyond unfair for: (1) the families who would be redistricted to CD26 and (2) the families remaining in CD5. Given how everyone is so worried about "equity" these days, I hope the commission will terminate this **inequitable plan.**

Thank you,
Alice Luong
[redacted] East 76th Street
New York, NY 10021

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Anita Leifer - [redacted] E. 72 St.
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From: Doyeun Kim [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2022 6:18 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District lines for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5

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Best regards,

Doyeun Kim
Resident at [redacted] E 63rd St.
New York, NY 10065

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2022 4:05 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission
FROM: (name) David Maul (address) East 64th St
DATE: July 27, 2022
RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26
VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov
MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

Good day Chair Walcott,

The plan presented for 54 blocks of the Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island is not acceptable to the residents of the East Sixties. We believe it violates the charter requirements of keeping neighborhoods compact and in tack This plan would make CD26 an oddly shaped district with practical difficulties: they are - would the Council Member have a district office in Manhattan as well as on Roosevelt Island; would the Council Member cover Community Board meetings in Board 8 & 6 and have full membership on both Borough Boards, and finally we believe this part of Community District 8 would have a diminution of representation. While other Districts have physical boundaries in more than one borough, they are directly adjacent to one another. They do not have a river separating them as in this proposed plan. The issues in CD26 are not the same as in CD5. There are several well-established neighborhood associations whose membership would be torn asunder.

The issues that involve City Agencies such as Transportation, Sanitation, Parks etc. are different in the two council districts. Then there are two other major issues that would tear our community apart. The **first** is the hospital corridor with their buildings for the major institutions many of which would be in CD26 under the new plan. But many of their offices and allied buildings and staff and doctors would be located in/or live in CD5 making it difficult for discussing issues constantly arising. The **second** is Community District 8 ranks 47th out of 51 Districts for the least amount of park space in the city. This plan would remove: 24 Sycamores Park; ¾ of Honey Locust Park—with ¼ remaining in D5; most of our East River Esplanade and Andrew Haswell Green Park Phase 1 & 2A—2B is under construction at this time. Phase 3 has not yet started and will likely cost $25 Million dollars to complete. Will a Council Member in CD26 spend that kind of money for an area that represents only 27% of the voters in her/his District? Most of the funding will probably be spent in the Queens part of the district. **This would result in CD 5 having the least amount of Park space in NYC.**

We strongly recommend that you study and implement Community Board 8's resolution and plan, as it takes into account the number of residents in all the adjourning districts.

Our Neighborhood Association depends greatly on our Council Member and her office staff, which is easy to reach by a short bus ride. I strongly urge the New York City Districting Commission to reconsider this ill-conceived plan and not divide an indivisible and cohesive neighborhood.

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From: [redacted]

Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2022 6:16 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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Sincerely,
Ms. Elizabeth Ross
[redacted] E 79th St New York, NY 10075-0956
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From: [redacted]

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Galina Wall
[redacted] E 79th St New York, NY 10075-0956
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From: [redacted]

Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2022 4:07 PM
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From: Heather Schwartz [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2022 11:43 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: Nadav Schwartz
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposed to Merger of Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5

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Dear Mr. Walcott,

Our names are Heather and Nadav Schwartz and we reside at [redacted] East 72nd Street, apartment 5E, New York, NY 10021, between First and York Avenues.

We have read and reviewed the plans for a merger of Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 and are strongly opposed to it. The idea that decisions affecting Manhattan will be controlled by another borough is absolutely abhorrent to us. The crossover district will adversely impact the provision of municipal services, separate communities with common needs and interests, and diminish the political voices of thousands of Manhattan's residents.

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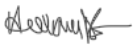

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August 12, 2022

Ira & Myrna Epstein
[redacted] Sutton Place, Apt. 6C
New York, N.Y. 10022

Mr. Dennis M. Walcott, Chair
Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 3rd Floor
New York, N.Y. 10022

Re: Proposed preliminary district lines for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5

Dear Mr. Walcott:

As long-time residents of Sutton Place and CD5 we strongly object to the proposed preliminary district lines for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 which include portions of Sutton Place Area, Upper East Side and all of Roosevelt Island.
We have serious concern as to whether combining the larger Queens population with the minority (27%) Manhattan population could sufficiently represent and advocate for the needs of the Manhattan minority.
Ben Kallos for example, the former Upper East Side Councilman, worked with citizens in the Sutton Place area to establish new zoning which will help preserve the existing character of the area by limiting the height of buildings to prevents towers from being erected. Ben Kallos attended just about every resident meeting to provide input and answer questions. This new zoning probably would not have occurred if the proposed CD26 was established.
There is significant divergence between the needs of the two boroughs.

The eastern portion of the Upper East Side, including Sutton Area, have numerous deficits in parks and greenways which are only now being addressed through long term initiates such as the East Midtown Greenery. This major Manhattan construction project currently underway is part of having a continuous Manhattan Waterfront Greenway. This project requires coordination with the Greenway Project in other parts of Manhattan. It is nonsensical for responsibilities for this to be handled in a different borough.

Queens and Manhattan are not one intact community. They have divergent needs. By removing the Sutton Pl as well as parts of the Upper East Side and Roosevelt island from Manhattan a compact intact community is broken apart and split. It is separated off from the expertise regarding the needs of its larger community including public school, Hunter College and numerous hospitals. In fact, the proposal splits Hunter College in half with half in CD5 and half in CD26.

The Sutton area and the hospital areas are home to many senior citizens and disabled people whose limited mobility creates the need for easy physical access to their representative. True representation and community work has been achieved by the council representative taking into account the needs of the specific population and meeting those needs by frequently and physically coming into the community. These needs can really only be met by a representative whose main interest is that population not the population of a majority that resides in a different borough with different needs.

Finally, the Sutton Place area, Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island areas need to be kept with their communities of interest. They need to remain compact and intact with their contiguous neighborhoods with similar needs. Removing these areas from Manhattan representation is illogical and without good reason. It is disruptive to the planning needs of the entire and in particular senior community.

This holds true for both sides of the East River. The proposed new district lines disrupt communities of color as well as immigrant communities in CD 26 limiting their plurality. It is in the best interests of both communities that that these proposed changes do not occur.

We are in strong opposition to the Proposed City Council district boundaries which were redrawn by the New York City Districting Commission. To reiterate we are against Preliminary Plan #1 redistricting which removes about 54 blocks of the easterly side of the Upper East Side including Sutton Area and Roosevelt Island to Queens based CD26. We favor CB6's resolution that gives back to CD5 Roosevelt Island, Sutton Area, and the parts in the East 60s and 70s, with minor modification of the area just south of 79th so the new line would be 78th (Lexington to 3rd) and 77th (3rd-2nd). We very strongly appeal to CB6 to have these areas remain in the borough of Manhattan.

Sincerely yours,

Ira Epstein

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[redacted] E 80th St
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[redacted]

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[redacted]

From: Maxine Siegel [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2022 11:51 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting Roosevelt Island

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am opposed to redistricting Roosevelt Island.

1. We have always been an important Manhattan community being filled with vibrancy and contributing on many levels to the city

2. We are zoned for school district 2 and removing Roosevelt Island from this zoning would impact the families on the island whose children attend the public schools under the umbrella of district 2.

3. Our tram services bringing residents back and forth to the mainland and continuing with that important means of transportation is essential.

4. Having the MTA Continue with Roosevelt Island be a Manhattan stop,

Respectfully,

Maxine Bargrasser Siegel
Resident for close to 3 decades

Sent from my iPhone

[redacted]

From: Mike Georgiou (US) [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2022 8:45 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to plans for a merger of Queens Council District 26/Manhattan Council District 5

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Dear Mr. Walcott,

My name is Mike A. Georgiou and I reside at 422 East 72nd Street, apartment 12A, New York, NY 10021, between First and York Avenues.

I have read and reviewed the plans for a merger of Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 and am strongly opposed to it. The idea that decisions affecting Manhattan will be controlled by another borough is absolutely abhorrent to me. The crossover district will adversely impact the provision of municipal services, separate communities with common needs and interests, and diminish the political voices of thousands of Manhattan's residents.

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[redacted] E 80th St Apt 12J New York, NY 10075-0929[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Terri Bartlett [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2022 5:09 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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Yours truly,

Terri

Terri L. Bartlett [redacted] East 64th Street, Apt. 9-K, New York, NY 10065

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[redacted]

From: Ashley Lyddane Beberus [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 8:50 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Do NOT adopt the redistricting of Manhattan Council District 5

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[redacted]

From: Beth Heitner [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 8:59 PM
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TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission
FROM: Beth Heitner, [redacted] East 63rd Street, Apt 5H, New York, NY 10065
RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26
VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov
MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

Good day Chair Walcott,

The plan presented for 54 blocks of the Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island is not acceptable to the residents of the East Sixties. We believe it violates the charter requirements of keeping neighborhoods compact and in tack This plan would make CD26 an oddly shaped district with practical difficulties: they are - would the Council Member have a district office in Manhattan as well as on Roosevelt Island; would the Council Member cover Community Board meetings in Board 8 & 6 and have full membership on both Borough Boards, and finally we believe this part of Community District 8 would have a diminution of representation. While other Districts have physical boundaries in more than one borough, they are directly adjacent to one another. They do not have a river separating them as in this proposed plan. The issues in CD26 are not the same as in CD5. There are several well-established neighborhood associations whose membership would be torn asunder.

The issues that involve City Agencies such as Transportation, Sanitation, Parks etc. are different in the two council districts. Then there are two other major issues that would tear our community apart. The first is the hospital corridor with their buildings for the major institutions many of which would be in CD26 under the new plan. But many of their offices and allied buildings and staff and doctors would be located in/or live in CD5 making it difficult for discussing issues constantly arising. The second is Community District 8 ranks 47th out of 51 Districts for the least amount of park space in the city. This plan would remove: 24 Sycamores Park; ¾ of Honey Locust Park—with ¼ remaining in D5; most of our East River Esplanade and Andrew Haswell Green Park Phase 1 & 2A—2B is under construction at this time. Phase 3 has not yet started and will likely cost $25 Million dollars to complete. Will a Council Member in CD26 spend that kind of

money for an area that represents only 27% of the voters in her/his District? Most of the funding will probably be spent in
the Queens part of the district. This would result in CD 5 having the least amount of Park space in NYC.
We strongly recommend that you study and implement Community Board 8's resolution and plan, as it takes into account
the number of residents in all the adjourning districts.
Our Neighborhood Association depends greatly on our Council Member and her office staff, which is easy to reach by a
short bus ride. I strongly urge the New York City Districting Commission to reconsider this ill-conceived plan and not
divide an indivisible and cohesive neighborhood.

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From: carol graham [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 4:16 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District 5 leave it in Manhattan

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Why separate district 5 and put it in queens??
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Carol Graham

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New York, NY. 10022
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August 15, 2022

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From: Teich, Eileen [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 4:30 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistributing/ Sutton Place

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From: Ellen Rievman [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 1:36 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] URGENT: Sutton Place Redistricting

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Ellen Rievman
[redacted]Sutton Place South
NY, NY 10022

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From: [redacted]

Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 12:12 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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Sincerely,
Miss Emilia Keresteliev
[redacted] E 79th St Apt 9 New York, NY 10075-0956 [redacted]

[redacted] **Sutton Place South, New York, N.Y. 10022**

Dear Chair Walcott,

As a resident of [redacted] Sutton Place South, **I write to ask that you DO NOT ADOPT the preliminary district lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5** which include portions of Sutton Place, the Upper East Side and all of Roosevelt Island for the following reasons.

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Signature: [redacted]

[redacted]

From: Farrokh Guiahi [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 7:58 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council district 5

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[redacted] Sutton Place South, Apartment 5B
New York, NY 10022

Subject: District lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council district 5

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Yours truly,

Farrokh Guiahi

[redacted] Sutton Place Southern, Apt. 5B

Phone: [redacted]

[redacted]

From: Fatemeh E. Moghadam [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 5:45 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] district lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council district 5

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Fatemeh Moghadam

[redacted] Sutton Place Southern

[redacted]

From: Henry Besanceney [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 6:20 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: Mom
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission
FROM: Henry A. Besanceney III/Rosanna Ragone 420 East 64th St Apt E11A NY, NY 10065
DATE: August 15, 2022
RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

Good day Chair Walcott,

The plan presented for 54 blocks of the Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island is not acceptable to the residents of the East Sixties. We believe it violates the charter requirements of keeping neighborhoods compact and in tack This plan would make CD26 an oddly shaped district with practical difficulties: they are - would the Council Member have a district office in Manhattan as well as on Roosevelt Island; would the Council Member cover Community Board meetings in Board 8 & 6 and have full membership on both Borough Boards, and finally we believe this part of Community District 8 would have a diminution of representation. While other Districts have physical boundaries in more than one borough, they are directly adjacent to one another. They do not have a river separating them as in this proposed plan. The issues in CD26 are not the same as in CD5. There are several well-established neighborhood associations whose membership would be torn asunder.
The issues that involve City Agencies such as Transportation, Sanitation, Parks etc. are different in the two council districts. Then there are two other major issues that would tear our community apart. The first is the hospital corridor with their buildings for the major institutions many of which would be in CD26 under the new plan. But many of their offices and allied buildings and staff and doctors would be located in/or live in CD5 making it difficult for discussing issues constantly arising. The second is Community District 8 ranks 47th out of 51 Districts for the least amount of park space in the city. This plan would remove: 24 Sycamores Park; 3⁄4 of Honey Locust Park—with 1⁄4 remaining in D5; most of our East River Esplanade and Andrew Haswell Green Park Phase 1 & 2A—2B is under construction at this time. Phase 3 has not yet started and will likely cost $25 Million dollars to complete. Will a Council Member in CD26 spend that kind of money for an area that represents only 27% of the voters in her/his District? Most of the funding will probably be spent in the Queens part of the district. This would result in CD 5 having the least amount of Park space in NYC.
We strongly recommend that you study and implement Community Board 8's resolution and plan, as it takes into account the number of residents in all the adjourning districts.
Our Neighborhood Association depends greatly on our Council Member and her office staff, which is easy to reach by a short bus ride. I strongly urge the New York City Districting Commission to reconsider this ill-conceived plan and not divide an indivisible and cohesive neighborhood.

With best regards,
Henry A. Besanceney III/Rosanna Ragone
[redacted] East 64th St Apt E11A
NY, NY 10065

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 9:52 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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Sincerely,
Mr. Ian Cohen
[redacted] Sutton Pl S New York, NY 10022-2444
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: James Thompson [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 12:17 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting CD5 into Queens CD26

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Dear Mr. Walcott.

I'm writing regarding the inequitable plan to redistrict 54 blocks of the Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island into Queens. If the proposal goes through, the new CD26 would only have 27% of voters from Manhattan.
The proposed maps break up and separate communities of interest in violation of the city charter and would create a situation where the areas drawn into the Queens district would be likely to receive fewer resources and attention from city government.

There are 2 large CD5 public elementary schools (PS 158 and PS 183) and one CD5 middle school (M177 Yorkville East Middle School) in the proposed redistricting. The kids in these schools mostly live in CD5. The public schools and their families rely heavily on their Council members for help with funding, school safety, etc. Why would the CD26 Council member pay attention to these schools given that they represent such a small percent of its constituency? Public school enrollment has been cratering for the past few years; this will just exacerbate the problem!

Also, as you may know, the East Side Esplanade is literally falling into the East River. Most of our East River Esplanade and Andrew Haswell Green Park are currently under construction. Phase 3 of the construction has not yet started and will likely cost $25 Million dollars to complete. Will a Council member in Queens spend that kind of money in Manhattan? No! The UES already has the least amount of park space per resident in NYC.

The plan is inequitable, violates the city charter and would cause taxation without representation.

Thank you,
James Thompson
[redacted] East 76th Street
New York, NY 10021

[redacted]

From: Jenn Lee [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 10:10 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] New District Lines - Not acceptable

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All the best,

Jenn H. Lee

[redacted]

From: JOHN ZISA [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 9:47 AM
To: Public Testimony; kpowers@council.nyc.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Proposed redistricting of SuttonPlace area to District 26

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> **From:** JOHN ZISA [redacted]
> **Date:** August 15, 2022 at 9:42:09 AM EDT
> **To:** nycredisctricting@redisctricting.nyc.gov
> **Subject: Proposed redistricting of SuttonPlace area to District 26**
>
> This is John Zisa, I am writing as a resident of the Sutton Place community to highlight the flaws in this plan to redistrict Sutton Place to district 26. I have reviewed the demographics that compare Sutton Place to the majority in district 26 and the differences are vast. The needs of the residents in these two areas are entirely different. It appears very likely that the needs of the majority of the residents in the district will strongly influence priority of matters needing attention. It is extremely unfair to include such a small, vastly different area in this redistricting plan for district 26. I sincerely hope that you will reconsider this. Thank you, John Zisa
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> Sent from my iPhone

[redacted]

From: Judy Gurr [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 3:52 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Against redistricting Upper east side of Manhatten
Attachments: PastedGraphic-1.tiff

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To Whom it may concern,
I have lived at 333 East 79th Street in Manhatten upper East side for over 25 years and am appalled at what you want to do to my neighborhood!
I love living in Manhatten!
I have always loved living in Manhatten!
Love my representatives representing me in Manhatten!
Love the schools in Manhatten!
Love my doctors that my union allows me to go to in Manhatten!
I do not think it is at all necessary for you to pick us up and change everything we are used to now.
Change who we are!
What we worked towards all our lives.
I worked hard to afford to live in New York City.
I Came from Queens.
I do not want to go backwards.
You have a lot of nerve whoever you are!!!!
This world is really messed up and New York City is messed up enough!

LEAVE MY NEIGHBORHOOD ALONE!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!
Judy Gurr
[redacted] East 79th Streeet Apt 18V
New York, New York 10075

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From: kasia [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 10:50 AM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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Yours truly,

Kasia Pirog [redacted] E 64 street, NY, NY 10065

[redacted]

From: Kazi Rahman [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 10:04 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting hearing

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Dear Redistricting Commission,

We, the undersigned residents of Roosevelt Island, wish to record our dissenting views to the proposal being considered by you to change the current status of Roosevelt Island as part of Manhattan borough and to tie it up with Queens for a variety of reasons including, in particular, the following:

- Since its very beginning, Roosevelt Island grew and developed its identity as part of the Manhattan borough. Indeed, it was conceived and built as a "Manhattan Utopian Community" by Mayor John Lindsay. We are a Manhattan community, not a Queens community. Our area code is 212, not 718. We have a Manhattan zip code of 10044. We are a Manhattan Island under New York City's City Charter. Item 52-C in the City Charter states that district lines shall keep neighborhoods intact;

- Unlike Queens, we are a highly residential community with very few commercial enterprises. Our operating funds are derived in a very different way than in Queens. Even our public services, such as grounds keeping and street cleaning, are not covered in the same manner as Queens;

- Our City Council Representatives provide considerable funding for PS/IS 217 including it's Green Roof. In addition, they support the quality of life programs we need, such as, our Little League, NY Junior Tennis and Learning, our very active Senior Center, and additional projects and services. They are the life-blood of our community and our Council Member has a history of support.

- Throughout our entire existence as a residential community, our residents have considered themselves Manhattanites. We are afraid that the proposed change will have serious and adverse impact on the quality of life as well as sense of identity of our community.

We thank you for favorably considering our views.

Kazi A. Rahman
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Sadia Rahman

[redacted] Main Street, [redacted]
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From: [redacted]

Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 11:34 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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Sincerely,
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August 5, 2022

To: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission

VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov

MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission
FROM: (name) Joshua Budhu (address) [redacted] East 63rd St, Apt. W1UD, New York, NY 10065
DATE: July 27, 2022
RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26
VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov
MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 8:44 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Yours truly,
Linda Waxler

NAMELinda Waxler ADDRESS3[redacted] East 64th Street
Apt #14-K
New York, NY 10065

Sent from my iPhone

[redacted] **Sutton Place South, New York, N.Y. 10022**

Dear Chair Walcott,

As a resident of [redacted] Sutton Place South, **I write to ask that you DO NOT ADOPT the preliminary district lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5** which include portions of Sutton Place, the Upper East Side and all of Roosevelt Island for the following reasons.

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Signature: [redacted]

[redacted]

From: Lmnasdaq [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 10:48 AM
To: kpowers@council.nyc.gov; Public Testimony; nycredisting.nyc.gov@aol.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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As a resident on Sutton Place South I am opposed to the proposed movement of Sutton Place So. into NYC Council District 26. The demographics have no commonality and the current Council Member representing District 26 has a stated platform that has little relevance to this community.

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From: Lynda [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 8:39 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting the upper east side

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Dear Sir/madam,
I am an 80 year old New Yorker and am sad to see the state our country is in. Now, with this redistricting, I am even more dumbfounded. What is this all about? Surely, this is not in the best interest to people on the upper east side to be lumped with a Queens district. Disgusted! Shame on you!
Lynda M. Pizer, LCSW

Marc I. Salis
Ellen M. Clarke
[redacted] Sutton Place South
Apt. 12B
New York, NY 10022

August 15, 2022

Districting Commission
Attn: Hon. Dennis M. Walcott, Chair
253 Broadway, 3rd Floor
New York, New York 10007

RE: **Opposition to Redistricting of Sutton Place in Manhattan**

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Yours truly,

Marc I. Salis

Ellen M. Clarke

Ellen M. Clarke

[redacted]

From: Margaret Price [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 1:20 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: Shari Weiner
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment on the proposed Council redistricting plan for Manhattan

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Dear Districting Commissioners,

As a resident of Manhattan's Upper East Side, I oppose the Districting Commission's current redistricting plan for the Upper East Side of Manhattan and request that the Commission instead adopt the plan created by Manhattan's Community Board 8.
Contiguous Manhattan neighborhood share many of the same issues and concerns, ranging from housing and transportation to the need--especially on the Upper East Side--for open space. Thus, it is essential that the districts retain their current alignment to the extent possible.

I believe the plan created by Manhattan's Community Board 8 best addresses the key issues: population trends on the Upper East Side and the shared needs of our community.

Thank you very much.
Margaret Price
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 10:11 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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Sincerely,
ms. margaret schwarz
[redacted] E 79th St New York, NY 10075-1451
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 11:43 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Maria Popowa
[redacted] E 80th St Apt 7L New York, NY 10075-0973 [redacted]

[redacted]

From: Mary Riebold [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 8:19 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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[redacted]

From: Michael Stanton [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 4:01 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 60 Sutton Place South

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[redacted] Sutton Place South, New York, N.Y. 10022

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Signature: Michael Stanton, [redacted] Sutton Place South, NY NY

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From: [redacted]

Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 8:44 AM
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Mr. NICO KARADIMAS
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[redacted]

From: stuart kahn [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 10:01 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] bad idea to redistrict Sutton Place South

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I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours truly

Stuart B. Kahn, MD
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From: [redacted]

Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 11:42 AM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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From: Stu L [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 10:05 AM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hearings

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We just bought a coop on Sutton Place South. We are in our 70's and are retiring here in NYC. We wanted a quiet, tranquil and safe lifestyle - yet close walking distance to shopping and museums etc . . .

We want and need local representation that mirrors our needs.
AND - we grew up in Queens / went to Elementary / Middle School / High School in Queens - and I went to Queens College. My first apartment was on Continental Ave. in Queens.

If I wanted to be represented by a Queens Councilperson - we would have moved to Queens.

Please be fair and sensible and keep the Sutton Place area represented in the same way it has been. This is not progress - it's actually ridiculous. Sorry!!

Stuart & Lisa Leventhal

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Signature: Ann B. Wenfeld Apt 8HS

August 9, 2022

Dennis M. Walcott, Chair
Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 3rd Floor
New York, New York 10007

Dear Mr. Walcott,

My name is Talia Mendal and I reside at [redacted] East 72nd Street, apartment 24A, New York, NY 10021, between First and York Avenues.

I have read and reviewed the plans for a merger of Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 and am strongly opposed to it. The idea that decisions affecting Manhattan will be controlled by another borough is absolutely abhorrent to me. The crossover district will adversely impact the provision of municipal services, separate communities with common needs and interests, and diminish the political voices of thousands of Manhattan's residents.

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Yours truly,

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August 5, 2022

To: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission

VIA EMAIL TO: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov

MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4th Fl, NYC 10007

RE: Redistricting a portion of NYC Council Manhattan District 5 to Queens District 26

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From: [redacted]

Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 8:52 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the Upper East Side in Manhattan

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Sincerely,
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Yours truly,

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