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

September 2, 2022

VIA EMAIL: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov

Dear Mr. Walcott,

I am writing in regard to the proposed redistricting plan to move the narrow area east of First Avenue currently in Council District 5 into Queens Council District 26. That area should remain within Council District 5.

Culturally and historically, this neighborhood is part of the upper east side of Manhattan. It is home to The Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden (MVHM&G), a small house museum interpreting the history of Manhattan in the Jacksonian period, the era when Manhattan grew into the nation's commercial hub. It is a little-studied part of NY history illuminating much of the city's current culture.

The area is interwoven with the rest of Manhattan's upper east side. The museum is an intrinsic part of the upper east side, drawing many of its volunteers, visitors, and donations from nearby residents. It has benefited from close relationships with our past Council District 5 representatives and their discretionary funding in support of cultural institutions in the district, including the MVHM&G. It is unlikely that representatives rooted in Queens and familiar with the Queens cultural milieu would find time or interest in supporting a small museum across the river in Manhattan.

The museum has long hosted school visits for children learning New York City history. For decades, it has developed programs and exhibits about the role of immigrants in the City, the opening of the Erie Canal (the museum's interpretative period), the rise of commerce and a merchant class in New York, the evolving physical landscape of Manhattan, and the lifestyle of everyday New Yorkers in its period. It offers exhibits, programs, and concerts for adults on these same subjects. During the pandemic, the museum moved online with the rest of us and continued its many engaging programs.

Museum education is an enriching adjunct to the curriculum offered in schools. New York City cultural arts funding provides major financial support for these programs. The MVHM&G will endure a serious blow to its educational mission if it loses its long-term relationship with the representatives and offices focused on Manhattan.

I myself have had a forty-year relationship with this museum. I have volunteered as an interpreter, attended its exhibits and programs, raised money, hosted events, and worked closely with its staff. I am not a native of the city. When I moved here in 1980, the MVHM&G became a major center of my life in New York. Redistricting its neighborhood into the borough of Queens and damaging its fiscal health feels like a personal blow to me, as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Beverley Sherrid

The Colonial Dames of America Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden

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TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission

FROM: Bryan Sargent - E 63rd St. Apt. 4J New York, NY 10065

DATE: September 2, 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

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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.

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"

**From:** Antonia and Carl <s

**Sent:** Friday, September 2, 2022 7:14 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposed district lines that should not be adopted

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Si ncerely,

arl Schroeder

From: fpbaras1

Sent: Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:38 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Community Board 6

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As a.resident at 60 Sutton Place South I am against the redistricting of our Board yo join with Queens. We are very different from Queens and we need to keep our Community in tact and to protect our interests

Thank you

Francine Baras LCSW

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

September 1, 2022

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The Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden (MVHM&G) is housed in a 1799 building, the 8th oldest historical structure still standing in Manhattan, and offers considerable and vital links to the immediate area's long history as a vibrant part of Manhattan. In addition to being part of the community and building strong relationships with our neighbors, the Museum has also benefitted enormously from close relationships to our past Council District 5 representatives; the discretionary funding at the council representative's disposal has supported cultural institutions in the district, such as the MVHM&G, that are making important cultural contributions to the immediate community as well as to the larger NYC population. Were the Museum to move to Queens Council District 26, this much-needed funding would be in even shorter supply, which would translate to less city-sponsored financial assistance going to institutions that directly support their local communities. In the case of the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden, that means school visits for children to learn about New York City history, including the long role of immigrants in our city's evolution, members of the public coming for tours and to enjoy public programs about New York City across centuries, and other types of programming for a variety of audiences to help engage them about New York's history in the 1820s and 1830s and the parallels to today.

We share the community's concern regarding such significant portions of the East Side possibly being moved to a Queens-centered district. The impacted neighborhoods comprise a singular community with the Upper East Side, and are deeply tied to the area through history, geography, and personal and institutional relationships. We are also concerned that the City agencies with which we have regular contact are organized around a Manhattan-centric borough structure, and that it would serve our interests to have a Council member more fully integrated into and deeply knowledgeable of the Borough's operational and regulatory systems.

Having worked with the museum for many years, I know how much it has done to study and present a multi-faceted understanding of its neighborhood over the time of its existence. Exhibitions, presentations, tours provide insight into the space from the point of view of the owners, the visitors to the day hotel, and the servants who maintained it. Intensive study of the immigrant communities that moved into the area describe not only the museum but the neighborhood.

Therefore, I strongly urge the Commission not to adopt the proposed redistricting.

Respectfully,

Past President General

Nele C. Son

Colonial Dames of America/Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden

417-421 East 61st Street

New York, NY 10065

Dear Members of the Districting Commission,

My name is <u>Dr. Victor Frias</u> and I am writing in regards to the recently released maps for Council District 45, in which I work as a <u>Principal at It Takes A Village Academy</u>. Over the past <u>3 years</u>, I have seen how important our school is to the district in providing quality education to our neighboring families in this predominantly Caribbean immigrant community of East Flatbush and Remsen Village.

Working as a <u>Principal</u> for <u>12</u> years has taught me how important local schools and education institutions are to the foundation of a neighborhood. I've connected with numerous parents, neighbors, and wide ranges of families throughout their children's educational career. Moving our primary school outside of Council District 45 will tear the fabric of our children's futures because it will no longer guarantee that East Flatbush students will receive the same level of funding and education as their parents and neighbors have previously been afforded decades prior. The burden on parents and caregivers will increase two-fold. Siblings will be separated by this new map. Those in grade school will be in a different district from their older siblings.

According to Chapter 2-A, Section 52 of the New York City Charter, subparagraph (c), "District lines shall keep intact neighborhoods and communities with established ties of common interest and association, whether historical, economical, or other." The preliminary maps clearly show that an established common tie (e.g. Meyer Levin Junior High School, Brooklyn Science & Engineering Academy and Samuel J. Tilden High School) are drawn outside of the historical District 45 maps. This alone re-enforces the need for **Council Member Farah N. Louis'** presence in Council District 45, as we prepare the next generation of leaders and professionals.

Altering the district lines from its historical coordinates compromises the growth and development of Black and Brown communities that fought to keep this, and neighboring communities' whole over the years. The proposed map would mean Council District 45 loses staple educational institutions like P.S. 244K, Meyer Levin Junior High School, Brooklyn Science & Engineering Academy and Samuel J. Tilden High School—in which encompasses Kurt Hahn, It Takes A Village (ITAVA) and Cultural Academy for the Arts and Sciences (CAAS) which have been in the East Flatbush community for generations. Removing these schools drastically distorts educational opportunities and is detrimental to the development and growth of our youth and families that will provide us with future leaders that speak many different languages, multicultural, and enriched with diversity from each culture represented within the district.

Keeping our schools in Council District 45 allows us to be able to take advantage of keeping the neighborhood within its historical context intact as it has been for generations and will further our scholars potential and aide families from having to travel an inordinate distance to other schools to fight for their enrollment. The proposed map disregards these aspects of our needs, and we demand that the changes are revisited to bring back Meyer Levin Junior High School, Brooklyn Science & Engineering Academy and Samuel J. Tilden High School (*Kurt Hahn*, *It Takes A Village*, and *Cultural Academy for the Arts and Sciences* into Council District 45.

I hope this commission will take the time to revisit the maps to prevent the loss of a major institutions in Council District 45 that can also affect our funding.

Sincerely,

Victor Frias, DRE

Principal

It Takes A Village Academy High School

Sept 1, 2022 By Electronic Submission

Dennis Walcott Chair, New York City Districting Commission 253 Broadway, 3rd Floor New York, NY 10007

Re: Proposed Map for Manhattan Council District 9

Dear Chair Walcott,

I write to you as a longtime resident, neighbor, and advocate of the Harlem community. As a Harlemite, I am intensely proud of this incredibly significant neighborhood and am deeply invested in working with fellow Harlemites to see it continue to thrive.

Today, I specifically ask the Districting Commission to reconsider the current proposal for the City Council district maps relating to Central Harlem. While the proposed changes to the map's outline might not seem significant, they will have a consequential impact on the fabric of our community and neighborhood.

If this proposed modification is approved, it will directly impact a large senior African American population representative of Central Harlem's history and culture, eroding this constituency's voice in a more representative district. Specifically, in shifting the boundaries of the southeastern corner of the district, the proposed maps would exclude Schomburg Plaza at 1295 Fifth Ave and the Lakeview Apartments at 1250 Fifth Ave from the Central Harlem community — residents who call those addresses their homes have contributed to our district for decades.

While I recognize this body's mission to improve representation by reflecting population changes, it's also essential that the Districting Commission recognize established communities and their roots in this district. Please listen to the Central Harlem community and its desire to remain together in strength. Our neighborhood has gone through too much and will continue to face challenges as we confront an ongoing housing and affordability crisis.

New York City cannot allow these residents' voices and their political will to be drowned out and diluted. I ask that you please reject and reconsider the proposed maps.

Respectfully

Karim Hutson President & CEO, Genesis Companies From:

Sent: Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:10 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Public Testimony

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Your redistricting fiasco cost Carolyn Maloney her seat to Jerry Nadler, something that was preventable! Who can predict what damage this redistricting will do to Sutton Place and the East Side.

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, Mary Cracchhiolo Sutton Place From: merry clark

Sent: Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:57 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Public Testimony/ Merry Clark

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Sent from my iPhone

From: Ralph Blumenthal <

Sent: Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:03 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] District lines for Queens 26 and Manhattan 5

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Dear Chair Dennis M. Walcott,

I am a longtime resident of Sutton Place South, a lifelong New Yorker, a Distinguished Lecturer at Baruch College, and a former *New York Times* reporter (1964-2009), and author. I covered the creation and early operations of community board districts, mayors going back to Robert Wagner, and Albany in the Rockefeller years, so I have some familiarity with local representative government. I also know how difficult redistricting decisions can be.

But the proposed crossover district putting Manhattan Council District 5 into Queens Council District 26 is as crazy an idea as I've ever encountered in all my years of covering government, for all the reasons speakers persuasively laid out at the Harlem hearing.

Hunter College (or a piece of it), Rockefeller University, the great East Side hospitals, Roosevelt Island's Cornell Tech -- in a Queens district?

How could anyone who has ever been to New York City even conceive of such an idea?

I hope the commission will reconsider this beyond-absurd draft, opposed by both prospective partners.

With thanks for your service and best wishes,

Ralph Blumenthal

Sutton Place South

New York, N,.Y. 10022

From: Susan F

Sent: Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:29 PM

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Yours truly, Susan Fields From:

Sent: Friday, September 2, 2022 11:15 PM

To: Public Testimony

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter to Mr. Walcott Re proposed redistricting Manhattan District 5

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Rose Dimant, PhD E 56<sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10022

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Peter Sugar
Resident of Manhattan Community District 6



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E 63rd St., Apt 8B, NY NY 10065

DATE:

August, 2022

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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.

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. Prida

"Celebrating the Spirit of Neighborhood"

From: Judy Langer > Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 7:41 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, 253 Broadway-4<sup>th</sup> Fl, NYC 10007

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 <u>not be adopted</u> 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?

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 47<sup>th</sup> 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,

Judith Langer
E. 86 St., 18H
New York, NY 10028-7512

From: Kathy Keller

Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 1:02 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Moving Roosevelt Island from District 5 in Manhattan to District 26 Western Queens

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# To Whom It May Concern:

I am sorry I was unable to appear in person at the meetings, as various medical issues prevented me.

However, let me go on record as opposing this change.

My husband and I moved to Roosevelt Island in 1989, going on 34 years ago. We raised our three sons here, two of whom still live in NYC with their families, one on the UWS and the other in Astoria.

In all that time, Roosevelt Island residents faced Manhattan. For years the tram was the primary method to leave the island, landing at 60th and 2nd. People shopped, worked, went to doctors and hospitals, took their children to school and otherwise behaved as part of Manhattan. The infrequent trip to Steinway street to purchase soccer cleats at Modell's was a serious chore, as not many people could afford to keep a car.

The entire psyche of the Island is tuned toward Manhattan, and particularly the UES, and always has been. It is not that we have nothing in common with Western Queens, just that it is very little.

Their gentrification, construction boom, and changing immigrant populations deserve to be addressed without being in competition with RI concerns, such as the unnecessary and unfair repetition of Local Law 11 on buildings which suffered through it recently.

It would harm both District 26 as well as Roosevelt Island to make this change.

Kathy Keller
River Road 5P
Roosevelt Island, NY 10044

From: Qingyu Xu <

Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 7:24 PM

To: Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Maintain or Increase the Proposed Balance Between City Council Districts in Redistricting

to Ensure

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Dear NYC Redistricting Commission,

I strongly believe it's imperative that the current City Council redistricting rights the wrongs of the last redistricting and establishes a fair and equal balance in population between districts, to ensure that all New Yorkers have equal voting power and equal representation. The last redistricting left some districts like the 1st and 3rd with 10% more residents than other districts in the city and 5% more than the citywide average, leaving residents of these districts with diminished voting power and significantly underrepresented in the City Council over the last 10 years. That inequality has only grown as populations in some districts like the 3rd have soared, so that district now has over 30% more residents than other districts and 17% more than the citywide average, leaving its residents even more underrepresented and with proportionately less voting power.

The currently proposed new City Council district lines largely correct this glaring inequality, creating new districts with roughly equal populations except those on Staten Island, which would continue to have almost 4.5% fewer residents than the citywide average, and thus have disproportionately more representation and their residents disproportionately more voting power.

As the Redistricting Commission considers further changes to the proposed map, it's imperative that they not decrease the relative balance between district populations, and if anything that balance should be increased, and the current proposed inequalities (while significantly less than 10 years ago) should be further reduced or eliminated. Only this way can we ensure equality of representation and voting power between all New Yorkers, and right the wrongs of the last redistricting, which left some New Yorkers woefully underrepresented.

Regards, Qingyu Xu W 13th St New York, NY 10011 August 26, 2022

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

VIA EMAIL: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov

Dear Mr. Walcott,

I write in opposition to the proposed redistricting that would move the narrow area east of First Avenue that is currently in Council District 5 to Queens Council District 26. That area should remain within Council District 5.

The Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden (MVHM&G) is housed in a 1799 building, the 8th oldest historical structure still standing in Manhattan, and offers considerable and vital links to the immediate area's long history as a vibrant part of Manhattan. In addition to being part of the community and building strong relationships with our neighbors, the Museum has also benefitted enormously from close relationships to our past Council District 5 representatives; the discretionary funding at the council representative's disposal has supported cultural institutions in the district, such as the MVHM&G, that are making important cultural contributions to the immediate community as well as to the larger NYC population. Were the Museum to move to Queens Council District 26, this much-needed funding would be in even shorter supply, which would translate to less city-sponsored financial assistance going to institutions that directly support their local communities. In the case of the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden, that means school visits for children to learn about New York City history, including the long role of immigrants in our city's evolution, members of the public coming for tours and to enjoy public programs about New York City across centuries, and other types of programming for a variety of audiences to help engage them about New York's history in the 1820s and 1830s and the parallels to today.

We share the community's concern regarding such significant portions of the East Side possibly being moved to a Queens-centered district. The impacted neighborhoods comprise a singular community with the Upper East Side, and are deeply tied to the area through history, geography, and personal and institutional relationships. We are also concerned that the City agencies with which we have regular contact are organized around a Manhattan-centric borough structure, and that it would serve our interests to have a Council member more fully integrated into and deeply knowledgeable of the Borough's operational and regulatory systems.

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I strongly urge the Commission not to adopt the proposed redistricting.

Respectfully,

Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden

421 East 61st Street New York, NY 10065

### **DeCillis, Michael**

**From:** Fredenburg, Julia

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:08 PM

**To:** Public Testimony **Subject:** Fw: PS 183: Redistricting

From: Nicole Hantman

Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:32 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] PS 183: Redistricting

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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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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, Nicole Hantman From: Fredenburg, Julia

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:05 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] redistricting Sutton Place

From:

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:34 AM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] redistricting Sutton Place

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Yours truly,
Abby Fox
East 56th Street apt 16H
New York, NY 10022

From: Fredenburg, Julia

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:44 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: EAST SIDE/SUTTON PLACE REDISTRICTING TO QUEENS --- OPPOSITION

LETTER TO JOSHUA SCHNEPS

From: Adrienne Cleere

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 16, 2022 2:14 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: EAST SIDE/SUTTON PLACE REDISTRICTING TO QUEENS --- OPPOSITION LETTER TO JOSHUA

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ADRIENNE CLEERE
EAST 56<sup>TH</sup> STREET, 4B
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022

Joshua Schneps New York City Districting Commission 253 Broadway, 3rd Floor New York, New York 10007

**Dear Commissioner Schneps:** 

As a resident of Sutton Place, 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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Best regards,

Adrienne Cleere

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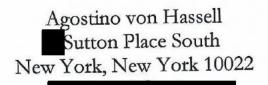
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August 15, 2022

<u>Via E-Mail (PDF)</u>
Dennis M. Walcott, Chair
NYC Districting Commission

Dear Commissioner Walcott:

This letter is written in opposition to the proposed new district lines 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. I have been a resident at Sutton Place since 1997.

This 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:

neighborhoods and communities of interest are not kept intact,

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Sincerely,

Agostino von Hassell

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:21 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] DO NOT COMBINE MANHATTAN COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 WITH QUEENS DISTRICT 26

From: Amy Binder

Sent: Saturday, August 6, 2022 2:42 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] DO NOT COMBINE MANHATTAN COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 WITH QUEENS DISTRICT 26

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I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Amy Binder

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Amy Binder (she/her)
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Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:15 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] To the NYC Districting Commission

From: Amy Zimet

Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 5:20 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] To the NYC Districting Commission

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I thank you in advance for your consideration,

Yours truly,

Dr. Amy Zimet

Amy L. Zimet Clinical Psychologist, P.C. T:

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Very truly yours	
Anastasia P. Vournas	
Shareholder of Apt 16A	E. 57 Inc.

Date: 08/12/22

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:24 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

From: Andrea > Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 3:01 PM

To: NYC Redistricting <NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Respectfully, Andrea & Joel kahan Sent from my iPhone

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:37 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: re-districting of Sutton Place =TAXATION w/o Representation

From: Anita Formichella

Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 10:12 AM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: re-districting of Sutton Place =TAXATION w/o Representation

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To the NYC Districting Commission Members

I hope this email finds you well.

I am not feeling great about the proposed redistricting that combines Sutton Place with Queens.

While we all need to work together in NYC, a Queens neighborhood across the river does not have the same issues. We don't share the same transportation, parks, schools, and tax structure. We pay significantly more taxes for the "privilege" of living in Manhattan and feel this redistricting plan effectively creates taxation without representation situation. To use a current example, we are being forced to pay excessive tolls to use our cars to drive from our paid and taxed parking garages out of the city, not through the city. For example, it could cost us \$23 "congestion pricing" plus \$17 for the bridge toll to visit a sick family member in New Jersey. Frankly, Queens residents don't have the same concern.

Our green space is minimal and poorly kept along the East River. Again not a concern for the people across the river. The proposed annexation of Sutton Place to Queens will effectively dilute the tax base by lowering property values and, thus, taxes collected for the good of ALL OF NYC. It will no longer be a neighborhood worth paying Manhattan prices for. People will move to Queens, where the taxes are 37.9% less, according to <a href="https://www.bestplaces.net">www.bestplaces.net</a>

Please reconsider this illegal crossing of boroughs and poorly thought out plan with no logical basis. 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:

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Thank YOU for considering keeping Manhattan intact for the good of all New Yorkers.

Anita Formichella

Sutton Place South

NYC 10022



Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:02 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] District Lines Proposal

From: Anita Warner

Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 9:30 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] District Lines Proposal

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Sincerely,

Anita Warner
Sutton Place South
Apt 12 A
NY, NY 10022

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:19 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Manhattan Council District 5

From: Anna Meyding

Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 1:09 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Manhattan Council District 5

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Best,

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Sent from my iPhone

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:30 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Attn: Dr. Darrin K. Porcher, Redistricting

From:

Sent: Monday, September 5, 2022 1:11 PM

**To:** NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov> **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Attn: Dr. Darrin K. Porcher, Redistricting

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Yours truly,

Annie S. Flint Wood

Sutton Place, Apt. 18E

NYC 10022

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:22 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5

From:

Sent: Saturday, August 6, 2022 8:27 AM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5

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August 6, 2022

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I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Arthur P. Davis, III

Sutton Place
New York City, NY 10022

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:56 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Do NOT adopt the redistricting of Manhattan Council District 5

From: Ashley Lyddane Beberus

**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2022 8:49 PM

To: NYC Redistricting <NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Do NOT adopt the redistricting of Manhattan Council District 5

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Sincerely, Ashley

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:32 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Dennis M. Walcott Chair Hon. Marilyn D. Go Maria Mateo Esq. Joshua Schneps Lisa

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From: Bambi Granovsky

Sent: Thursday, September 1, 2022 6:37 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Dennis M. Walcott Chair Hon. Marilyn D. Go Maria Mateo Esq. Joshua Schneps Lisa Sorin Msgr. Kevin Sullivan Kai-Ki Wong Maf Misbah Uddin Michael Schnall Kristen A. Johnson Yovan Samuel Collado Gregory W.

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Yours truly,

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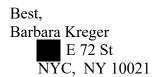
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Second, my child attends PS 183, which according to the proposed map would become a part of a Queens Council District. What is the likelihood that a project benefiting our school will ever prevail in a matter of Participatory Budgeting? Many of the 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?

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Yours truly, Barry Shenker

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:23 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] New City Council District Lines

From: Beth Elitzer

Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 5:26 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] New City Council District Lines

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Sincerely,

Beth R. Elitzer

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Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:38 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] 233 East 69th St, NYC, NY 10021 -proposed redistricting impacts my building

negatively

From: Barbara Lane

Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 10:53 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] 233 East 69th St, NYC, NY 10021 -proposed redistricting impacts my building negatively

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I am writing to express my complete disagreement with the proposed redistricting. I live in Manhattan not Queens and the proposed boundary will adversely impact my quality of life as I will not be represented properly in this poorly designed redistricting. Decisions like this confirm to the average NYC resident that no one cares about our opinion and that decisions are made for all the wrong reasons. Between the ongoing safety issues and falling quality of life this is one more signal that politicians do not care about their constituents. Might be time to leave NYC for good because our elected officials are not listening.

Time for someone in NYC to do the right thing. Thank you,
Bobbie Lane

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:31 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Att: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair Hon. Marilyn D. Go Maria Mateo, Esq. Joshua Schneps,

Lisa Sorin, Msgr. Kevin Sullivan, Kai-Ki Wong, Maf Misbah Uddin, Michael Schnall, Kristen A.Johnson,

Yvan Samuel Collado, Gregory W. Kirschenbaum, Marc Wu...

From: Bambi Granovsky

Sent: Friday, September 2, 2022 3:09 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

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Yours truly,

Bambi and Bob Granovsky

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:29 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: Violation of city charter: please do not continue Roth proposal to redistrict Manhattan districts

into Queens

From: Nelson, Bret

Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 11:32 AM

Cc: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

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Bret P. Nelson, MD, RDMS, FACEP Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine System Vice Chair, Education System Chief, Emergency Ultrasound Division Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

## BRIAN KAWAKAMI East 63<sup>rd</sup> Street New York, New York 10065

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

September 7, 2022

Dennis M. Walcott Chair New York City Districting Commission 253 Broadway 4<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, New York 10007

Dear Chair Walcott:

I understand there is a proposed plan to redistrict 54 blocks of the Upper East Side ("UES") and Roosevelt Island ("Roosevelt Island," and together with UES, "Manhattan Council District 5" or "CD 5") to be part of Queens Council District 26 ("CD 26") (the "Proposed Plan").

I write in opposition to the Proposed Plan.

I understand that the following arguments against the Proposed Plan have been conveyed to you by the East Sixties Neighborhood Association, Inc. and concerned residents of Manhattan Council District 5:

- The Proposed Plan violates the charter requirements of keeping neighborhoods compact and intact. In essence, if adopted, the Proposed Plan would be tantamount to amputating both arms of an otherwise healthy human body and transplanting these arms to another healthy human body who has both arms and for no good reason and where both human bodies will suffer the consequences of such operation;
- Residents of Manhattan Council District 5 would be disproportionately under-represented under the Proposed Plan. CD 5 would consists of approximately 27% of the people/voters in CD 26. The issues in Queens Council District 26 are not the same as in Manhattan Council District 5. Residents and tax-payers in Manhattan Council District 5 need its own Council Member who will be an advocate for residents and tax-payers of CD 5;
- The issues that involve City Agencies such as Transportation, Sanitation, Parks, etc., are different in CD 5 and CD 26;

- The hospital and medical research corridor in the UES with buildings for the major institutions many of which would be in CD 26 under the Proposed Plan. However, most of these offices, allied buildings, staff and doctors would be located in/or live in CD 5 making it difficult for discussing issues that constantly arise; and
- The CD 5 ranks 47<sup>th</sup> out of 59 Council Districts for the least amount of park space in the city. The Proposed Plan would remove from CD 5: 24 Sycamores Park; ¾ of Honey Locust Park; most of the 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.

In addition, the following are concerns that should be addressed prior to the Proposed Plan being put to a vote:

- The impact on the property values of CD 5 if it is now part of Queens instead of having an UES or Roosevelt Island address;
- The detrimental world image and marketing of Manhattan if the UES is now "Queens" and not Manhattan;
- How much tax-dollars will CD 5 residents and businesses contribute to CD 26 and will CD 5 residents and tax-payers receive its proportionate share of benefits;
- What are the compelling reasons for the Proposed Plan.; and
- Would the New York City Districting Commission even consider redistricting the "Wall Street district" to be part of Brooklyn and/or Staten Island?

I strongly urge the New York City Districting Commission to reconsider this ill-conceived Proposed Plan and not divide Manhattan and CD 5, an indivisible and cohesive neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Dry Cardeni

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:22 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Sutton Place

From: Caitlin Shaffer

Sent: Saturday, August 6, 2022 8:57 AM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sutton Place

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Caitlin Shaffer

E 63rd St

NY, NY 10065



Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:22 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

From: CAROL BARRY <

**Sent:** Friday, August 5, 2022 10:55 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Very truly yours,
Carol and Peter Barry
Sutton place south, 20E
Ny, ny 10022

Sent from my iPad

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:05 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] New district lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council

District 5 are inappropriate

From: Carol Sweenie <

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 11:46 AM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] New district lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 are

inappropriate

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Sincerely,

Carol A sweenie

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:18 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Strongly Oppose Merging Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District

5

From: Charles Curtis <

Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 1:22 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Strongly Oppose Merging Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5

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Yours truly, Charles Curtis E. 72nd Street, Apt PHC New York, NY 10021

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:55 PM

To: Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: Remapping Opposition

From: Melissa M Spaterella

Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 11:43 AM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Remapping Opposition

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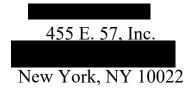
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Melissa & Christopher Spaterella
East 75<sup>th</sup> Street Apt 10B
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# MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK CITY DISTRICTING COMMISSION

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**Board President** 

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:19 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to to Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5

proposal

From: CORY STERN
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 12:22 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to to Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 proposal

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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?

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Yours truly,

Cory Stern
President, PS 183 School Leadership Team
Resident of Manhattan Council District 5c

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:57 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Changes to District Lines

From: David A. Hilton

Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 3:59 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Changes to District Lines

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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. 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,, David A. Hilton

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:09 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Sutton Place

From: David Madding

Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:29 AM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sutton Place

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# Dear Communications Director, Eddie Borges,

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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Yours truly,

Deborah Rennard E 72<sup>nd</sup> St, 8D NY, NY 10021

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:21 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Objection to proposed Sutton Place and UES district changes

From: Doreen Warantz

**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2022 7:49 AM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Objection to proposed Sutton Place and UES district changes

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As a former resident of Queens and current resident of Sutton Place, I am writing 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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Finally, this 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 possible terms, I urge the Commission to reconsider and not adopt the proposed redistricting. I would be pleased to participate in any workgroups or meet with Commission representatives to propose alternatives.

# Sincerely,

Doreen Nelkin-Warantz
East 56th Street
Apt 35D
New York, NY 10022

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Doreen Sent from my iPad

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:20 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to redistricting, Manhattan Council 5

From: Emily LaGratta

Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 9:28 AM

**To:** NYC Redistricting <NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov> **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to redistricting, Manhattan Council 5

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Districting Commission 253 Broadway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor New York, New York 10007 212-676-3090 NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov

Dear Districting Commission members,

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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?

Further, how will I be a supportive voice for those 75% of residents whose needs I may not understand or represent?

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?

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, not to mention dilute the unique voices of Queens 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, Emily LaGratta

E. 72nd Street

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:20 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Strongly Oppose Merging Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District

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From: Erica Curtis

Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 10:25 AM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Strongly Oppose Merging Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5

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Dear Commissioner and Board Members,

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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. 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,
Erica Curtis
E. 72nd Street, Apt PHC
New York, NY 10021

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:07 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Request to reconsider the redistricting proposal for District 5 and 26

From: Eric Schaeffer

Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 8:21 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request to reconsider the redistricting proposal for District 5 and 26

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Dear Commissioner,

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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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, Eric Schaeffer

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:57 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] NYC Council Redistricting Proposal

From: Eric Schwartz

Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 12:23 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] NYC Council Redistricting Proposal

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#### Dear Chair Walcott,

As a resident of East 57th Street, NY 10022, 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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Second, the proposed districts will create significant practical difficulties for the affected neighborhoods, notably splitting the Sutton Place community of interest between multiple districts and combining representation for a portion of our Manhattan community with Queens. Will a Queens Council Member have a district office in Manhattan to represent and 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 or more additional Manhattan Community Boards or hold full membership on multiple Borough Boards? What is the likelihood that the

Manhattan portion of the proposed district will ever prevail in a matter of Participatory Budgeting, creating significant disparities among neighbors who share the parks and access to the new Greenway from Sutton Place? Manhattan and Queens residents may hold vastly different positions on important matters of public policy including, but not limited to, congestion pricing. Will the interests of Manhattan residents be served by a Council Member who serves a majority of constituents in Queens?

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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.

Eric Schwartz

Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor
New York, New York 10007
212-676-3090
NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov

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Warm Regards, Erika Schlissel

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:17 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] District 5

From: Evan Grossman

Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 3:12 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] District 5

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Yours truly, Evan Grossman

Sent from my iPhone



FHC Administration 5800 Third Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Brooklyn, NY 11220



Larry K. McReynolds, DHA Executive Director

September 7, 2022

Mr. Dennis Walcott Chair New York City Districting Commission 253 Broadway New York, NY 10007

Dear Chairman and New York City Districting Commission Members:

On behalf of the Family Health Centers at NYU Langone, I am writing to express my concern with the new City Council District maps proposed by the New York City Districting Commission. The impact of the proposed maps would fracture the communities of South Brooklyn in which our Family Health Centers are embedded.

The Family Health Centers at NYU Langone was founded in 1967 in Sunset Park, Brooklyn to offer a new approach to caring for our community. Forward-thinking residents and local healthcare leadership worked together, and, in partnership with the Federal Office of Economic Opportunity, opened Sunset Park Family Health Center, an innovation in community care. Since opening the first health care center in Sunset Park to serve low income, culturally diverse residents, we have expanded our health services and community-based programs to meet the health-related needs of surrounding communities of South Brooklyn. Today, the Family Health Centers at NYU Langone is nationally recognized for innovative, affordable, high-quality care, and is one of the largest employers within the communities we serve.

To achieve our mission of improving the health of underserved communities by delivering high-quality, culturally-competent health care and human services, we work closely with community partners including community-based organizations, community boards and our elected representatives to bring resources to the underserved populations of South Brooklyn. The preliminary maps for new Council Districts 38 and 43 would serve to dilute community poverty and need statistics, thereby reducing distribution of resources and eligibility for State and Federal grants. I urge the New York City Districting Commission to reconsider the drastic changes to South Brooklyn and the potential impact of the proposed maps on the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

Larry McReynolds, DHA

**Executive Director** 

cc: NYC Council Member Alexa Avilés NYC Council Member Justin Brannan

# MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK CITY DISTRICTING COMMISSION

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

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Which position will a Queens Council Member adopt?

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, 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? The proposed district is very oddly shaped. 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

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,

Very truly yours

Manhattan's residents.

Date: 8/12/27

pate: 0/12/22

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:05 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] The district lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council

District 5 is inappropriate

From: Hetal Shah < > Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:46 AM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] The district lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 is

inappropriate

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#### To whom it may concern:

Upper East Side residents and public schools should not be represented by a councilman or councilwoman who lives in another borough. The needs of each community within New York City is vastly different, and I believe it would not only be inefficient but also nearly impossible to manage, negotiate and improve our community in a meaningful way. Therefore I am absolutely against redrawing of the map and strongly support keeping the current district map.

Regards, Hetal Shah East 64th Street, NY, NY 10065

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:56 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed redistricting for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan

Council District 5

From: HOLLY SANDERS

**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2022 8:54 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed redistricting for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District

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Sincerely,

Holly E Sanders

E. 57th St, 12B

## September 1, 2022

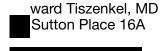
#### Dear Commissioner Dr. Darrin K. Porcher

I recently heard about the new proposed district lines which will move my Sutton Place Council District 5 into Queens Council District 26. This is absurd. I have worked in Queens for almost 35 years and I know the community concerns are different. We will take a back seat to the Queens District 26, essentially disenfranchising our neighborhood.

City Charter Section 52(1)(c)(d) and (e) and Section 52(2) are being violated. The proposed district lines results in an extreme crossover district. This is an injustice for the orphaned Sutton Place neighborhood as well as for the Councilperson who needs multiple offices and extra personnel to attend to conflicting needs.

It is only fair that the Commission NOT adopt this politically expeditious yet unfair proposal.

Respectfully,



**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:09 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Opposing redistricting-Keep the Upper East Side intact

From: ilanakulman

Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:38 AM

To: Public Testimony < PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov>; NYC Redistricting

<NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

**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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Yours truly,

Ilana Kulman, M.D.

Ilana B. Kulman, M.D
W. 86th Street, Suite A5
New York, NY 10024
and
E 79th Street, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10028

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:00 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Preliminary Redistricting Map-Sutton Place

From: JAMES DONOVAN

**Sent:** Friday, August 12, 2022 7:35 PM

**To:** NYC Redistricting <a href="mailto:NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov">NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov</a>

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Begin forwarded message:

From: JAMES DONOVAN

**Date:** August 12, 2022 at 7:32:47 PM EDT **To:** NYCRedistricting@redisctricing.nyc.gov

**Subject: Fwd: Preliminary Redistricting Map-Sutton Place** 

Dear Commissioners, please be aware that intracommunity discussions confirm abhorrence of this plan.

We ask that you return Sutton Place to its appropriate representation as a component of Manhattan City Council District 4.

Regards,

Jim

James P. Donovan
President
The Board of Directors
Cannon Point South, Inc
Sutton Place

New York, NY 10022

-----Original Message-----

From: JAMES DONOVAN

To: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov

Cc: Keith Powers

Sent: Mon, Aug 1, 2022 9:53 pm

Subject: Preliminary Redistricting Map-Sutton Place

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.

The "Primer" cites "Property Tax Issues, Parks/Sanitation Policy and Community Safety programs" among the considerations when redrawing the district maps. It is very hard to believe that the commission would conflate these issues and their impact on the residents of Manhattan with those of the residents of Queens.

The assignment of Sutton Place to what appears to be District 26, vastly dominated by communities in Queens and Roosevelt Island, also flies in the face of all five City Charter Districting Requirements (1. Keep Neighborhood Communities Intact; 2. Keep Districts Compact; 3. Limit Crossover Districts; 4. Avoid Splitting Voters Of The Same Political Party; 5. Avoid Oddly Shaped Districts).

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
The Board of Directors
Cannon Point South, Inc
Sutton Place South
New York, NY 10022

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:07 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] District lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District

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From: jim stern

Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 4:42 PM

To: NYC Redistricting <NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] District lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5

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Yours truly,

James Stern
Sutton Pl S, Apt 16D
NYC, NY 10022

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:24 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] New redistricting plans for Manhattan Council District 5

From:

Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 2:56 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] New redistricting plans for Manhattan Council District 5

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

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Sincerely,

Jane Lockshin

**Sutton Place South** 

NYC 10022

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:58 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] NYC District 4 redistricting

From: Jeff Longinotti

Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 11:22 AM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] NYC District 4 redistricting

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I live at Sutton Place South, New York, NY. District 4.

I do not want to be redistricted into a Queens district. District 26.

Being such a small part of district 26 my needs would not be taken into consideration but I would still be paying taxes.

I live in Manhattan, not Queens. Therefore I require a district in Manhattan.

I am strongly opposed to this redistricting plan and will not accept it.

Jeff Longinotti

**Sutton Place South** 

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:23 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

From:

Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 4:15 PM

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Yours truly,

Jeffrey Cohen
East 56th
New york, NY 10022

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:58 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Re: District Lines - Please keep as is.

From: Jenn Lee

Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 10:13 AM

**To:** NYC Redistricting <NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov> **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: District Lines - Please keep as is.

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All the best,

Jenn H. Lee All the best.

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On Mon, Aug 15, 2022 at 10:11 AM Jenn Lee
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All the best,

Jenn H. Lee

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:20 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of Manhattan Council District 5

From: Jenny Dube Damast

Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 9:49 AM

**To:** NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov> **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of Manhattan Council District 5

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:08 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of District 5 Manhattan into District 26 Queens

From: Jill Eisner

Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:17 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of District 5 Manhattan into District 26 Queens

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Second, District 5 has the least amount of Green Space per population in all the 5 boroughs, with the crowded John Jay Park and Pool threatened by air right sales and the Esplanade continual need for funds for upkeep, will a Queens Council Member understand how crucial these little strips of oasis are for the residents when it is plentiful with green space?

Third, five schools, public and private, will be separated from District 5 residents, they are an integral part of our district and receive funding for projects to modernize their 100-year-old structures to adapt to modern education needs, will a Queens Council member understand that?

Fourth, the makeup of housing is totally different between District 5 and District 26. District 5 has a large percentage of co-ops and condominiums which face totally different

tax burdens than District 26. District 5 has the oldest population concentration in the country which incurs many challenges for aging in place. Will a Queens Representative support these over tax burdened, fixed income residents?

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Jill Eisner

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:08 PM

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**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

From: Joann S. Girsh

Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:49 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Sent from my iPadHoward. and JoannGirsh live in Sutton and we are not happy with this arrangement. We do not wish to be subjected to queens district as we fell we will be shortchanged in their favor. We prefer to remain where we are.

Joann Girsh

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:56 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Letter to Districting Commission

From: Office > Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 6:46 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter to Districting Commission

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Sincerely, J.

JONATHAN BECKER

Sutton Place South New York, N. Y. 10022

Telephone:

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:09 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] NYC Redistricting Sutton Place

From: Joseph Anticaglia

Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 8:15 AM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] NYC Redistricting Sutton Place

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Yours truly, Joseph R. Anticaglia, MD

# Sutton Place South Apartment 9B New York, New York 10022

August 16, 2022

Dennis M. Walcott, Chair Districting Commission 253 Broadway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor New York, NY 10007

Re: proposed district line changes

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Josephine B. Bush

## **SUTTON PLACE SOUTH CORPORATION**

c/o Douglas Elliman Property Management 657 Third Avenue New York, NY 10022

August 16, 2022

#### By Federal Express and Email

Hon. Dennis M. Walcott, Chair New York City Districting Commission 253 Broadway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor New York, NY 10007

Re: Objections to New York City Districting Commission Preliminary Plan #1

#### Dear Chairman Walcott:

On behalf of the board of directors of the Sutton Place South Corporation, the owner of the residential cooperative building located at One Sutton Place South in the Sutton Place neighborhood of Manhattan, I write to voice our strenuous objection to that portion of the Districting Commission's Preliminary Plan #1 that would place our building and our neighborhood into Queens-based Council District 26. This aspect of the Commission's proposed plan violates the fundamental requirements of Section 52 of the New York City Charter by, among other things:

- Splitting our community from the rest of the Upper East Side neighborhood with which it has had established and historical ties of common interest and association for more than a century;
- Failing to keep council districts compact and logically-shaped; and
- Crossing borough/county boundaries.

Moreover, depositing 48,000 Manhattan and Roosevelt Island residents — many of whom are senior citizens and persons with disabilities who have relied for decades on Manhattan-based municipal representatives to assist in the provision of essential municipal services — into a district that will also contain 125,000 residents of western Queens threatens to deprive the Manhattan residents of the representation, attention, and discretionary funding to which they are entitled.

For these reasons, and the additional reasons set forth in the resolution unanimously adopted by our Manhattan Community Board No. 8 on July 20, 2022 (a copy of which is attached for your reference), we oppose the Districting Commission's Preliminary Plan #1 and request that the Commission promptly act to modify the plan to

restore our neighborhood to the Manhattan-based district of which it has been a part since the present City Council was established more than 80 years ago.

Our board and our shareholders thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,

# Joshua Berkowitz

Joshua Berkowitz Board Chair

## Enclosure

cc: Hon. Eric Adams, Mayor of the City of New York

Hon. Carolyn Maloney, 12th Congressional District Representative

Hon. Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President

Hon. Liz Krueger, New York State Senator, 28th District

Hon. Dan Quart, New York State Assembly Member, 73<sup>rd</sup> District

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Hon. Julie Menin, New York City Council Member, 5<sup>th</sup> District (all by Federal Express)

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:45 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Moving UES to Queens

From: Judy Belle

Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 1:38 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Moving UES to Queens

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I never heard of such a stupid thing! Don't let it happen.

Judith Gronich E 72nd St

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:04 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: Upper eastside redistricting

From: karenecopeland

Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 12:00 AM

To: Publictestimony@redistricting.nyc.g < Publictestimony@redistricting.nyc.g >

Cc: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

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Karene Copeland

East 63 Street

Nyc 10065

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:04 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting!!

From: kathleen sheahan <

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 6:12 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting!!

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# Finally, THIS IS JUST PLAIN REDICULOUS!!!

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Yours truly,
Kathleen Sheahan
E. 72<sup>nd</sup> Street

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:19 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Proposed redistricting

From: kelly briter

Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 10:37 AM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed redistricting

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Yours truly, Kelly Briter-Liebman

Sent from my iPhone

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:18 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Sutton Area Redistricting

From: Ken Ryder <

Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 2:12 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sutton Area Redistricting

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E 58th St, Apt 2B New York, NY 10022

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:05 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Re: no to the new district map

From: Khristian

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 1:58 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: no to the new district map

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# To whom it may concern:

Upper East Side residents and public schools should not be represented by a councilman or councilwoman who lives in another borough. The needs of each community within New York City is vastly different, and I believe it would not only be inefficient but also nearly impossible to manage, negotiate and improve our community in a meaningful way. Therefore I am absolutely against redrawing of the map and strongly support keeping the current district map.

Regards,

Khristian Gibson

E65th Street, NY NY 10065

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:09 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Sutton Place

From: Kristin Pecson <

Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:07 AM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sutton Place

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Kristin Pecson
East 56<sup>th</sup> St
New York, NY 10022

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:23 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: Oppose Sutton Place in Queens District

From: SilverDollar <

**Sent:** Friday, August 5, 2022 5:05 PM

**To:** NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov> **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Oppose Sutton Place in Queens District

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## Dear DISTRICTING COMMISSION

I am opposed to being represented by a City Council Member who's district will be divided between my neighborhood in Manhattan, and the rest in Queens.

Lance Jacobs

E 52nd St

NY NY 10022



August 11, 2022

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:20 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting concern

From: Lauren Rosen

Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 9:22 AM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

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Lauren rosen

Sent from my iPhone

Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2022 10:27 AM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Sutton Place In Queens

From: Leda Nussbaum

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 9:10 PM

**To:** NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov> **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Sutton Place In Queens

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Sent from my iPhone

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:38 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: District lines Sutton Place

From: Lidia Bastianich

Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 9:26 AM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] District lines Sutton Place

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Lidia Bastianich

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August 8.2022 RE: Letter Against Re Districting

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Sincerely yours,

Lori Kupfer, RA

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:40 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of Manhattan Council District 5

From: Louise Belulovich

Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 3:12 AM

To: NYC Redistricting <NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of Manhattan Council District 5

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Yours truly,

Louise Belulovich East 57 Street #14C NY, NY 10022

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:55 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to redistricting of Sutton Place.

From: Louise Lamphere < Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 11:29 AM

**To:** NYC Redistricting <NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

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Sincerely.

Lucy Lamphere

Resident of Sutton Place South, New York, NY. 10022

Sent from my iPhone

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:39 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Attn: Eddie Borges, Communications Director- I strongly oppose Preliminary Plan #1

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From: Lydia Canizares

Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 8:32 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:36 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Upper east side redistricting

From: Lynda >

Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 3:44 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Upper east side redistricting

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Merging the upper east side with Queens is a disastrous idea. Who will benefit? Certainly not the upper east side. Will Queens benefit?

Whose dumb idea was this? Shame on them

Lynda M Pizer

Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:18 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: Sutton Place Re-Districting

From: Vales, Lynne

Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 2:12 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sutton Place Re-Districting

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As a resident of Sutton Place in Manhattan and given the reasons delineated below, I strongly object to the currently proposed re-districting of Sutton Place and other adjoining areas in Manhattan, which are intended to be incorporated into a district in Queens (!!). Surely, a more practical and savvy approach can be envisioned such that this area of Manhattan will retain its integrity.

Thank you for your attention to this controversy, Lynne Vales

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:09 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Please do not adopt the proposed district lines Q26 and M5.

From: Magnus Drogseth

Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 12:54 AM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please do not adopt the proposed district lines Q26 and M5.

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Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 3rd Floor
New York, New York 10007
212-676-3090
NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov

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Yours truly,

Magnus Drogseth
Dad of Emrik (3) and Julian (6)

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Shareholder of E.

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Date: 8/12/2022

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:28 PM

To: Public Testimony
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL]

From: Marjorie Ellenbogen

Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 2:33 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

**Subject**: [EXTERNAL]

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Marjorie Ellenbogen
Sutton Place South-14C
New York NY 10022

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:57 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Keep Roosevelt Island part of District 5 Manhattan

From: mar <

**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2022 4:35 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep Roosevelt Island part of District 5 Manhattan

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# To Whom It May Concern:

I want to keep Roosevelt Island part of District 5 in Manhattan (not change it to District 26 in Western Queens).

I am concerned to maintain the safe and efficient operation of the Roosevelt Island Tramway between RI and Manhattan (which has no physical contact with Queens) we need to remain part of District 5. I use this tramway all the time.

I am also concerned that if we are compared to Western Queens as far as crime statistics go, we would be allotted less police protection.

Yours truly,
Marlene Wechsler
Main Street Apt 9A
NY, NY 10044

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:23 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Do NOT Adopt City Council District Jamming Sliver of UES into Overwhelmingly

Queens-based Council District

**Attachments:** Community Board 8 Resolutions and Proposed Redistricting Map.pdf

From: Marty Bell

Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 3:55 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Do NOT Adopt City Council District Jamming Sliver of UES into Overwhelmingly Queens-based

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Dear Commissioner Walcott, Chair,

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Commissioner Schneps,

Commissioner Sorin,

Commissioner Msgr. Sullivan,

Commissioner Wong,

Commissioner Uddin,

Commissioner Schnall,

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Commissioner Collado,

Commissioner Kirschenbaum,

Commissioner Wurzel,

Commissioner Hanratty

and

Commissioner Dr. Porcher

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 in a largely Queens-centric Council District **NOT be adopted** for the following reasons.

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Our Community Board 8 unanimously adopted three Resolutions urging disapproval of the proposed crossever City Council District, and, importantly, provided a much more logical and sensible redistricting of this area. Comparing the proposed redistricting provided by Community

Board 8 to the one presently on the table, shows just how stupid and ludicrous the proposed redistricting lines are. See attached.

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,

Martin A. Bell
East 68th Street, Apt. 13K
New York, NY. 10065

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:30 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Please Do Not Adopt Re-Districting Plans

From: Mary Tian

Sent: Saturday, September 3, 2022 7:29 PM

**To:** NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov> **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please Do Not Adopt Re-Districting Plans

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Yours truly,
Mary Park

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:01 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting

From: Melinda Waterhouse <

**Sent:** Friday, August 12, 2022 11:49 AM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Redistricting

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Melinda Waterhouse
East 56th Street, Apartment 7F
New York, NY 10022

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:20 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: redistricting

From: Michael Saccone

Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 9:53 AM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: redistricting

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From: adrienne saccone

Date: August 8, 2022 at 9:41:45 AM EDT

To:

**Subject: Fw: redistricting** 

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**To:** PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov <publictestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov>; NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov <nycredistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 at 09:36:52 AM EDT

Subject: redistricting

Districting Commission 253 Broadway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor New York, New York 10007 212-676-3090

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Michael Saccone

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:10 PM

**To:** Public Testimony **Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] PS 183

From: Michelle Cotugno

Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 7:13 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] PS 183

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Yours truly,

Michelle Cotugno

Sent from my iPhone

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:05 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: Manhattan redistricting plan

From: Michelle Roth
Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 3:18 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Manhattan redistricting plan

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Dear Chairman Walcott, Commissioners Go, Mateo, Schneps, Sorin, Sullivan, Wong, Uddin, Schnall, Johnson, Collado Kirschenbaum, Wurzel, Hanratty and Porcher,

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- New York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell
- Animal Medical Center
- Rockefeller University

#### Cornell Tech.

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Kind regards, Michelle Roth

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:37 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] District lines

From: Mihaela S > Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 3:03 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] District lines

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Yours truly, Mihaela

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**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Re-Districting Plans

From: Minkyu Park <

Sent: Saturday, September 3, 2022 4:22 PM

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re-Districting Plans

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Minkvu Park

# Nancy Gaelen Sutton Place South 14G New York NY 10022

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Singerley

Nancy Oaelen

Resident

Sutton Place South

# MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK CITY DISTRICTING COMMISSION

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Very truly yours

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Shareholder of L. 57 Inc.

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Date: 8/15/2023

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:40 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Consolidation of Queens District 26 and Manhattan District 5

From: Neil McCarthy

Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 1:11 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Cc: Neil M. McCarthy

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Consolidation of Queens District 26 and Manhattan District 5

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Dear Commissioner Walcott, Marilyn, Mateo, Schneps, Sorin, Sullivan, Wong, Uddin, Schnall, Johnson, Collado, Kirschenbaum, Wurzel, Hanratty and Porcher:

I am writing in strong opposition to the proposed district lines which would consolidate parts of Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5.

First, my wife and I have lived\worked in NYC for the past 30+ years and after much research and analysis about "neighborhoods" recently purchased an apartment in Sutton Place. A significant part of the decision process of buying in this "neighborhood" was an understanding of who would be representing us on important issues coming before various governmental bodies. I have serious concerns as to whether a Queens Council Member could fairly or reasonable represent two such wonderful, important, vibrant but clearly different districts (and by-the-way, I would say the same about a Manhattan Council Member in a similar position).

Secondly, the proposal seems to run directly counter to several parts of the City Charter Section 52 including: (1) odd shape, (2) extreme crossover, (3) not being compact and most importantly (4) neighborhoods and communities of interest are not kept intact. Why have the criteria in the Charter and then ignore them?

Third, the mix of quiet residential streets; with busy avenues; with hospitals and universities; in a densely populated area requires on the ground knowledge and historical context in order to address and manage these competing interests and needs...for which a Queens based Council person (no matter how smart, hard working and dedicated) would not be equipped.

Fourth and finally, I cannot help but feel that by moving forward with the proposed redistricting thousands of Manhattan's residents political voices will at a minimum be stifled if not unheard.

Respectfully, Neil M. McCarthy



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September 7, 2022

To: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission

VIA EMAIL TO: <u>PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov</u>

MAIL TO: Dennis M. Walcott, Chair NYC Districting Commission, 253 Broadway-4<sup>th</sup> 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 47<sup>th</sup> 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,

Nicholas Piccone E 64<sup>th</sup> Street, Apt. 4R, New York, NY 10065

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"Celebrating the Spirit of Neighborhood"

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:08 PM

**To:** Public Testimony **Subject:** Fw: PS 183: Redistricting

From: Nicole Hantman

Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:32 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] PS 183: Redistricting

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Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor
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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:

- · neighborhoods and communities of interest are not kept intact,
- · the proposed district is not compact,
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- · 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, Nicole Hantman

# MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK CITY DISTRICTING COMMISSION

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Very truly yours

Shareholder of 455 E. 57 Inc.

patricia J. Matron

Date: august 10, 2022

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:21 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Draft Proposed Redistricting

From: Patricia Grew

Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 3:53 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Draft Proposed Redistricting

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Yours truly,

Patricia Grew

Sutton Place South, Apt. 3H, 10022

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:43 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] EAST SIDE/SUTTON PLACE REDISTRICTING TO QUEENS --- OPPOSITION LETTER TO

KAI-KI WONG

From: Nancy A. Di Bernardo

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 16, 2022 2:45 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] EAST SIDE/SUTTON PLACE REDISTRICTING TO QUEENS --- OPPOSITION LETTER TO KAI-KI WONG

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PATRICIA J. MATSON
EAST 57TH STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022

August 12, 2022

Kai-Ki Wong New York City Districting Commission 253 Broadway, 3rd Floor New York, New York 10007

#### **Dear Commissioner Wong:**

As a resident of Sutton Place, 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 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.

Best regards,

PATRICIA J. MATSON

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:21 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Queens Council District 26 & District 5

From: Pat Scharlin < Sent: Saturday, August 6, 2022 1:19 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Cc:

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Queens Council District 26 & District 5

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# Dear Commissioner Dennis M Walcott,

As President of the Sutton Place Parks Conservancy and a resident for 20 years in Sutton Place, I want to stress how important our parks along the East River from 53rd Street to 58th Street are to the midtown population as far west as Third Avenue where the area is bereft of parks and open space. Our parks serve this midtown also filled with apartment owners and office workers who come to the Sutton parks for recreation and relaxation. Their needs must be addressed and could easily be ignored in a district in Queens that has its own issues. Our parks are also important parks visited regularly by residents of Beekman Place and Turtle Bay.

I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt the proposed districts referenced below. Please work with our community to propose alternatives.

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 should *not be adopted also* for the following reasons:

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Thank you,

Pat Scharlin Taylor

Sutton Place South, Apt. 11H

New York, NY 10022

(Also President, Sutton Place Parks Conservancy, Inc.)

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:20 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Sutton Place and District lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and

Manhattan Council District 5

From: Peggy Pyrovolakis

Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 10:01 AM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sutton Place and District lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council

District 5

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## Dear Commissioner,

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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. 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, Peggy Pyrovolakis

Sent from my iPhone

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:09 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of the Upper Eastside

From: peter dimas

Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 11:24 AM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of the Upper Eastside

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To whom it may concern

My wife and I have recently moved to E72nd st. Manhattan from 4545 Center Blvd Long Island City, Queens. Today I found out that soon I will be in the same back in the same voting district I just left. Nothing against Queens, but how can I expect a representative from Queens to represent me here in Manhattan? Especially when the section of Manhattan they would be the representative for is so small!

My wife and I are strongly against such a redistricting. Manhattan should be represented by people who live in Manhattan and Queens should be represented by people who live in Queens. As any New Yorker will tell you the differences, concerns and needs are hugely different

Thank you

Peter Dimas E72nd st apt 3E New York, NY 10021

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:37 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Please do not adopt the proposed district lines for Queens Council District 26 and

Manhattan Council District 5

From:

Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 2:50 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please do not adopt the proposed district lines for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan

**Council District 5** 

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#### Dear Commissioners:

I object to the proposed district lines 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. Please do not adopt this plan.

Sincerely, Peter Wayne 400 Block of East 57<sup>th</sup> Street

#### **DeCillis, Michael**

From: Fredenburg, Julia

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:03 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Queens District 26 and Manhattan District 5

From: Phoebe Recht

Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 1:31 PM

To: NYC Redistricting <NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Queens District 26 and Manhattan District 5

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Dear Commissioners.

I am writing to ask that the new district lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 NOT be adopted for the following reasons.

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- neighborhoods and communities of interest would not be kept intact,
- a proposed district would not be compact;
- a proposed district would be an extreme crossover district; and
- a proposed district would be oddly shaped.

**Second**, the proposed districts would create significant practical difficulties:

- the need for District 26 offices in both boroughs;
- the need for a Queens Council Member to attend two Manhattan Community Board meetings; and
- the need for a Queens Council Member to hold full membership on two Borough Boards.

*Third*, there are inherent conflicts of interest between residents on opposite sides of the East River such as congestion pricing and participatory budgeting.

**Fourth**, the East Side is home to numerous medical and research facilities. As a retired employee of NYU Langone Medical Center I have first-hand knowledge of the complexities and nuances of the relationships between these facilities and their surrounding neighborhood. Officials in the current districts have years of experience and expertise in addressing those issues. Officials in the proposed Queens district do not.

*Fifth*, the oddly-shaped, extreme crossover district would significantly diminish the political voices of thousands of Manhattan's residents, many of whom are seniors.

For those reasons, I urge you in the strongest possible terms to reject the proposed districts referenced above.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Phoebe Recht

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Yours truly,

Punit Mehta

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:21 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5

From: Raja Gopalan > Sent: Saturday, August 6, 2022 8:19 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting 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. 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,

Best regards,

S. Raja Gopalan

Dennis M. Walcott Chair Districting Commission 253 Broadway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor New York, NY 10007

#### Dear Chair Walcott:

I have lived at the above address since 1979 and write to ask that the proposed Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 district lines that include portions of Sutton Place and the Upper East Side *not be adopted*.

The draft proposal violates four of the criteria in City Charter Section 52(1)(c)(d) and (e), and Section 52 (2). The violations produce:

- neighborhoods and communities rent asunder,
- a sprawling proposed district,
- an extreme crossover district, and
- an absurdly shaped proposed district.

The proposed districts will create significant practical difficulties for the affected Manhattan neighborhoods. I love Queens and was born in Kew Gardens Hospital. But the geographic disparity of my current neighborhood and the other side of the East River renders the draft proposal completely nonsensical for all involved.

Take, for example, a defining element of my neighborhood's characternumerous medical and research facilities with sprawling, densely populated campuses (e.g., The Hospital for Special Surgery, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell, Animal Medical Center, Rockefeller University). Manhattan elected officials have years of experience and expertise addressing the compatibility of these institutions with surrounding residential areas. A Queens Council Member cannot possibly appreciate the complex issues due to non-proximity and lack of historical context.

This absurdly crafted, extreme crossover district will significantly and adversely affect the provision of my neighborhood's municipal services. It will render mute the political voices of thousands of Manhattan residents. In the strongest terms possible, I urge that the Commission <u>not</u> adopt the proposed districts.

Yours sincerely,

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:31 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw:

From: Renay Weisberg

Sent: Friday, September 2, 2022 2:18 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject:

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Attn: Kai Ki Wong

Dear Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_\_,

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Renay Weisberg

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:25 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] STRONGLY OPPOSE REDISTRICTING

From: Richard Curtis

Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 2:04 PM

**To:** NYC Redistricting <NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov> **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] STRONGLY OPPOSE REDISTRICTING

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# Dear Board Members,

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. I live just off York Avenue in Manhattan and 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 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,

# Yours truly,

Richard Curtis

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# Richard G Merkler, MD Frances E Merkler East 56th Street, Apartment 6N New York, NY 10022

August 9, 2022

New York City Districting Commission 253 Broadway, 3rd Floor New York, NY 10007 NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov

Dear Members of the Districting Commission:

We have been living in the Sutton Place neighborhood for 28 years. We love the neighborhood and do a lot of walking in the parks, and, of course, utilize the medical facilities. We are a retired teacher / learning specialist (Frances) and a pediatrician (Richard). We feel very strongly that changing the proposed district lines to put our area under Queens Council 26 will strongly affect economic benefits in this area. We are both in the 70's and we are afraid with the new redistricting we will not have access to the services we need. We are also concerned about safety and traffic. These conditions could be made significantly worse by these changes. Please do not put our area under the jurisdiction of Queens. There are many elderly and young families in this area.

The proposed new district will also create significant practical difficulties for our neighborhood. Notably, will a Queens Council Member have a district office in Manhattan to serve the needs of the extraordinarily high percentage of seniors in the Sutton Place area. Will a Queens council member send representation to two additional Manhattan Community Boards, or 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?

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 residents.

In the strongest terms possible, I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and not adopt these proposed districts. We are ready to meet with commission staff to address these matters and propose alternatives. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

fichered g Malla, Mr. Frances E Merkler
Richard G Merkler, MD

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:36 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting the East Side

From: Robert Jenks <

Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 6:13 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Cc:

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting the East Side

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Districting Commission New York, NY

Dear Sirs,

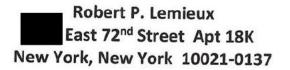
We are writing to express our serious opposition to the proposed redistricting of our neighborhood on the east side of Manhattan. We own a condominium at East 57th Street. We are represented on the City Council as part of District 4.

We understand that you propose to break our neighborhood off from Manhattan and combine it with Queens to form a new district. In effect, this would eliminate our representation on the Council, since the residents of Queens far outnumber us. Although we appreciate them, we do not always share their interests. In our view, each region of the city is entitled to have its point of view heard in the City Council, and this proposal would deprive us of that right.

We do not know what the proponents of this redistricting intend to accomplish, but we do know that our part of this great city should not be deprived of representation.

Sincerely,

Kathy Lecube Jenks and Robert Jenks



August 11, 2022

Districting Commission 253 Broadway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor New York, New York 10007

Dear Members of the NYC Districting Commission,

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 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:

- 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.

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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. 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,

Robert P. Lemieux

President, Board of Directors

East 72<sup>nd</sup> Street Tenants Association

### c: Members of the NYC Districting Commission

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:21 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting: Queens Council 26 and Manhattan Council 5 DO NOT ADOPT!

From: Robert Vitalo

Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 7:15 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting: Queens Council 26 and Manhattan Council 5 DO NOT ADOPT!

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### **DEAR CHAIRMAN WOLCOTT,**

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.

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 should *not be adopted* for the following reasons:

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I urge you to go back to the drawing board and follow your own guidelines.

Thank you.

Robert D. Vitalo

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Sutton Place South, 11D

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:02 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] re districting

From: Rosalind Devon

Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 5:02 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] re districting

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I have been a resident of Sutton Place South for 45 years and am appalled at the redistricting news and will do everything in my power to stop it.

As more and more of us leave New York City, decisions like this one will do its best to escalate more moves out.

I am asking you to reconsider making this decision.

Your truly, Rosalind devon

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:57 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Preliminary Redistricting Map Sutton Place

From: Rosanna Giacalone

**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2022 1:41 PM

**To:** NYC Redistricting <NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov> **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Preliminary Redistricting Map Sutton Place

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Dear Chair Walcott,

I am writing to ask that the redistricting proposal for Sutton Place Council District 4 not be adopted for the following reasons:

First, the draft proposal violates 4 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:

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

Second, here are just two of the many reasons our Districts bear little to no resemblance to each other. Our property taxes are calculated differently. We are a Community of primarily coops, condos and rentals. District 26 is predominantly represented by 1, 2 and 3 bedroom homes.

Council District 4 has a large senior population and as such we have a local park conservancy that has worked very closely with our Council Members (both past and present) to keep our pocket parks available for their enjoyment.

Will either of these items be given the same amount of attention from a Queens Council Member? Will the Queens Council Member hold full membership on two Borough Boards? And how will our voices now prevail in a matter of Participatory Budgeting?

It is for these reasons, I urge the Commission to not adopt the proposed redistricting.

My fellow neighbors and I stand ready to testify in person on August 22nd to make sure our voices are heard and a more acceptable alternative can be worked on with knowledge of the issues of our Communities.

Respectfully yours, Rosanna Giacalone

# Rose M. Purrazzella, M.D. Sutton Place, Apt. 5C New York, New York 10022

September 1, 2022

Dear Commissioner Marc Wurzel,

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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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, 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?

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. 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.

Rose M. Purrazzella, M.D.

Marc K Rosenblum, M.D.

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:28 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Queens Council District 26 & Manhattan Council District 5

From:

Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 3:34 PM

To: NYC Redistricting

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Queens Council District 26 & Manhattan Council District 5

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### Dear Commissioners,

We are writing 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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- Second, the proposed districts will create significant practical difficulties for the affected neighborhoods.
  - 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?
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  - o 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?
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and to propose alternatives. We thank you in advance for your consideration,

Yours truly,

Roy and Cornelia Marthon

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:22 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5

From: Sally Pope Davis

Sent: Saturday, August 6, 2022 9:10 AM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5

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### August 6, 2022

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

NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov

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I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sally Pope Davis
Sutton Place
New York City, NY 10022

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:08 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Feedback - Council Redistricting - Upper East Sider for 46 Years Asking It NOT BE

**ADOPTED** 

From: Samuella R Becker

Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:53 PM

To: NYC Redistricting <NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Feedback - Council Redistricting - Upper East Sider for 46 Years Asking It NOT BE ADOPTED

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August 9, 2022

### Dear Redistricting Panel:

In January 1976, I graduated from college at age 21 and moved to New York City - specifically the Upper East Side of Manhattan - from Akron, Ohio, to successfully realize my dreams of becoming a national magazine editor. Over the past 46 years, I have campaigned as well as occasionally requested assistance (most recently during the pandemic) from my representatives. They have never let me down. I write now to request 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 proposed draft slicing up portions of Manhattan's Upper East Side into Queens 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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Second, the proposed districts will create significant 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 (of which I'm now one at age 67) 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? Will the Manhattan portion of the proposed district will ever prevail in a matter of Participatory Budgeting?

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, 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?

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I urge the Commission to return to the drawing board and NOT adopt the proposed districts referenced above. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Samuella Becker

East 72 Street, Apt 2F (resident since 1976)

New York, NY 10021-4645

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:22 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] the Upper East Side is a MANHATTAN district not Queens

From: Sandy Kazinski

**Sent:** Friday, August 5, 2022 11:50 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] the Upper East Side is a MANHATTAN district not Queens

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Chair of the NYC Districting Commission -

Dear Commissioner Walcott,

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I have lived on the Upper East Side for 30 – THIRTY – years. I have been a New Yorker and Upper East Sider for exactly HALF my life. I don't live in Queens. I don't want to be represented by Queens council members. Please reverse this idiotic decision back where it belongs.

Yours truly,

Sandy Kazinski, proud Upper East Sider / Manhattan District resident

Komen 2022 3Day 60-mile Walks: Boston (August 26-28) & Chicago (September 16-18)...120 more miles for the cure. These are my 23rd & 24th 3days!

www.the3day.org (search for my name to pledge either walk)

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:08 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] the district lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council

District 5 is inappropriate

From: Sophia <

Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:05 PM

To: NYC Redistricting <NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] the district lines proposed for Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5 is

inappropriate

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Yours truly,
Sophia Fang

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:00 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] To Districting Commissioners

From:

**Sent:** Friday, August 12, 2022 6:56 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] To Districting Commissioners

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Starr Tomczak

Sutton Place South, NY, NY10022

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:33 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] do not change my district!

From: Sue Ann Mcdevitt

Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 7:10 PM

To: NYC Redistricting <NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] do not change my district!

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Yours truly, Sunay Chawla

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:29 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] redistricting Sutton Place

From: Susan Cha

Sent: Monday, September 5, 2022 6:55 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

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Susan Ngeow

Resident of East 64<sup>th</sup> St, New York NY 20065

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:04 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Upper eastside redistricting

From: SUSAN <

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:22 PM

**To:** NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov> **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposed Upper eastside redistricting

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Susan Siskind

East 63 St., 11B

NYC 10065

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Thoros W Buy

Thomas & Mirna Bury
East 56th Street
New York, NY 10022

**From:** Fredenburg, Julia

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:34 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Re: SUTTON PLACE AND ITS PARKS ARE PLANNED TO BE MOVED TO A QUEENS

**COUNCIL DISTRICT** 

**Attachments:** Letter to Districting Commission 8.19.22.docx

From: Tom Kalenderian

Sent: Friday, August 19, 2022 8:13 AM

**To:** NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>; Public Testimony

<PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: SUTTON PLACE AND ITS PARKS ARE PLANNED TO BE MOVED TO A QUEENS COUNCIL DISTRICT

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August 19, 2022

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Sincerely,

Thomas Kalenderian
Sutton Place South
New York, NY 10022

On Aug 19, 2022, at 8:08 AM, Tom Kalenderian > wrote:

Dear Sirs: Please find my letter to the Commissioner attached. Thank you, Tom Kalenderian **From:** Fredenburg, Julia

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:09 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

Subject: Fw: Proposed Redistricting of Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5

From: Usztoke, Thomas <

Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 11:20 AM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Cc:

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Redistricting of Queens Council District 26 and Manhattan Council District 5

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Dear Commissioners,

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Thomas Usztoke as Agent for 25 Tenants Corporation @ 25 Sutton Place, New York, N.Y. 10022

Sincerely,
Thomas Usztoke
Vice President / Senior Managing Agent
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Third Avenue- N.Y.C., N.Y. 10017
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**From:** Fredenburg, Julia

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:24 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Request for Immediate Cease of District Line Proposal Adoption

From: Tracy Avin

Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 3:25 PM

To: NYC Redistricting < NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

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ast 72nd Street, NY NY 10021

From: Barbara Barone <

Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2022 1:00 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Maintain or Increase the Proposed Balance Between City Council Districts in Redistricting

to Ensure

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Regards,
Barbara Barone
Mott St
New York, NY 10012

From: Bradley Melamed <

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Regards,
Bradley Melamed
Greenwich St
New York, NY 10013

From: Carol Reingold

Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2022 12:56 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

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Regards,
Carol Reingold
Greenwich St
New York, NY 10014

From: Charlene Weisler <

Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2022 12:55 PM

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From: Lindsay Wilczynski

Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2022 11:51 AM

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I would like to note a few problems and potential issues with the redistricting of Manhattan's residents in the East 50s and 60s into a district dominated by Queens:

First of all, we have just lost our longtime Congressional Representative, Carolyn Maloney, due to redistricting, and now we're being subsequently threatened with the loss of our City Council representative? This seems unusually punitive and targeted.

We are situated in two entirely different counties. Even on the <u>nyc.gov</u> website showing the districts, they are categorized by county and population, leaving the new District 26 as an outlier with no county or statistical home.

Furthermore, because residents in the East 50s and 60s are so vastly outnumbered by those in Queens, we will never have a representative focused on our interests because we don't have the numbers to vote such a candidate in. Candidates from the East 50s and 60s seeking to represent the district would be at a huge disadvantage.

As an example of one such conundrum we are currently facing, the East Side bike path along the river has been blocked off for more than a year. Supposedly, repairs are "taking place" East 68th-70th. Will this be an issue only the new representative for district 26 can resolve? Will they care about something that primarily affects Upper East Side commuters and pleasure-seekers on the esplanade that represents a small part of their district's population and only the northwestern-most corner of their territory? My guess is they wouldn't allocate either their time or whatever financial resources and influence to ameliorate this problem.

I hope we can come to a better resolution. I, for one, would rather be a part of a district with a larger population that shares the geographical space and interest of my neighbors, rather than one that is equally proportioned to others in the city but inequitable in its representative interests.

Sincerely, Lindsay Wllczynski E. 60th St. Apt. 29C

Lindsay Wilczynski Library for the Performing Arts, Theatre Committee

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Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2022 1:48 PM

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New York, NY 10002

From: Mary Taylor

Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2022 1:57 PM

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From: Phyllis Cohl <

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Christopher St
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From: NYC Redistricting

Sent: Monday, September 12, 2022 1:59 PM

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Julia Fredenburg
NYC Districting Commission

From: Fran Prager

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Dear Commissioner Dennis M. 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.

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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, 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 & Distri

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, 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?

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. 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,

Fran Prager

From: Georgia Grann <

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