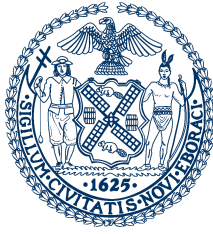


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Testimony to the Districting Commission **September 28, 2022**

I want to express my appreciation for the hard work the Districting Commission has put in to move us through this process. This is a difficult task where even slight changes in a district can have an impact on lines on the other side of the city so pleasing everyone involved is never easy. Before the Commission finalizes the maps it submits to the Council, I wanted to share a few points worth considering based on the draft maps made available last week.

The East Midtown Plaza housing complex is located between 1st and 2nd Avenues from 23rd to 25th Streets. The draft maps released by the Districting Commission on September 22nd had East 23rd Street between 1st and 2nd Avenues in Council District 2 but East 24th Street between 1st and 2nd Avenues in Council District 4, essentially bisecting East Midtown Plaza. I would ask that the Districting Commission consider keeping East Midtown Plaza in one district, and note that Council Member Rivera has represented them admirably throughout her tenure.

Additionally, several changes to the western borders of Council District 4 were made that I hope the Commission will reconsider. I am grateful that the Districting Commission saw the wisdom of keeping many of the City's larger cultural institutions and tourist destinations in Council District 4. Two exceptions to that included Carnegie Hall on 57th Street and 7th Avenue, and the Empire State Building and Koreatown between 32nd & 34th Streets between 5th Avenue and Broadway. If possible, I would ask for these important pieces of Council District 4 to be reintegrated into the final maps.