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From: act kipsbayneighborhoodassociation.org [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 1:27 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kips Bay HELP PLEASE UNDO THE DISSECTION OF KB that happened on Thursday evening
Attachments: DISSECTION OF KIPS BY NOT WORKABLE.png; KIPS BAY - KEEPING MORE OF NEIGHBORHOOD AND SCHOOL DISTRICT TOGETHER.JPG
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Dear Committee/Commission Members,

On behalf of Kips Bay residents and businesses, we thank you for your response to our concerns and suggestions vis a vis moving Kips Bay into District 4 to align with the major institutions (NYU) that have an outsized effect on KB quality of life .

BEFORE LAST NIGHTS MEETING: Draft 2 moves the boundary line from 1st Avenue to 2nd Avenue from E.24th to E.32nd Streets, and to Lexington Avenue at E.32nd Streets.

THAT WAS UNDONE LAST EVENING.

Reasons this is not good idea.

1. A jog from 2nd Avenue to First Avenue cuts Kips Bay Court housing complex in half. This is not workable. See Map
2. Kips Bay has an area of crime, drugs, and street homelessness; the most affected and critical zone is between 1st and 2nd Avenues from E. 34th to E. 24th Streets.

Reason: Hospital Row, that is, NYU Hospital, HRA 800-bed men's shelter, Bellevue Hospital, are located on the East of 1st Avenue and are across the street to Bellevue South Park(E. 28 to E. 26th between 1st and 2nd Avenue. The hot spot of all the very serious security, crime, drug dealing problems is the Park. In addition, with the overnight stays and quick releases of the mentally ill patients from Bellevue, the park becomes their home base. These populations are HUGE.

3.

The NEWLY DRAWN zig-zag boundary from 2nd to 1st Avenue cuts right thru the Kips Bay Court housing complex and is really not workable.

4.

This community is no longer majority Hispanic as it was back in the 1970s and 1990's when the Commission was first established.

5.

The KBNA Hispanic and Black members have been lobbying the Neighborhood Association - for years - to help them move to same district as the cause of the neighborhood crisis - that is District 4.

Reasonable minds would agree that the boundary is 2nd Avenue.

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on behalf of the Kips Bay Neighborhood Association 1915



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Subject: Re: Kips Bay resident comments on Draft 2 Maps

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See notes below and plans with comment attached.

On 09/28/2022 5:34 PM EDT act kipsbayneighborhoodassociation.org <act@kipsbayneighborhoodassociation.org> wrote:

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Draft 2 moves the boundary line from 1st Avenue to 2nd Avenue from E.24th to E.32nd Streets, and to Lexington Avenue at E.32nd Streets. This is better but this boundary cuts in half a solid neighborhood of Upper Kips Bay.

Our request is to move the Lexington Ave west district boundary to E. 29th Street. This adds minimal population to the map and seems to fall under the cap of 177,000. pop. per district.

See map attached.

I hope you will consider keeping at least this small section of neighbors together within the district where their children attend Primary School. PS 116 on E. 32nd street / E. 33rd Street.

Again, KBNAssociation members and Kips Bay residents, and business owners (along 2nd Avenue) are very grateful for the attention you have given to our concerns.

All the best and good luck with the rest of this process.

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Date: 08/26/2022 4:41 PM EDT

Subject: Fwd: nyc redistricting- Kips Bay East 34th to E. 23rd Street

Dear Committee Members,

We, the residents and businesses of the Kips Bay Neighborhood, in Manhattan's East Side, thank the committee for its first draft of district lines to unite hospital row and the surrounding neighborhood in the same council district.

Respectfully, we continue to request the Committee considers the initial request of moving all of Kips Bay into District 4 as an urgent matter of fair representation.

Moving hospital row into District 2 will not alleviate the issue of lack of representation; this move exacerbates the problem as we see it.

A. The current District 2 encompasses the Lower East Side, East Village primarily and has been called a "Latina" district by Progressive electeds. (I refer especially Brad Lander and his support of Carlina Rivera for City Council). District 2 was 18% Latino at the time of Brad Lander's comment. The reason for Mr. Lander's comment is the last 3 council representatives (20 years) were and are presently primarily concerned with low-income (NYCHA) and section 8 housing and community issues. As these are critical and important and overwhelming within the LES and East Village, they consume 100% of the council representatives' attention. Moreover, the latter stated issues are not the most critical ones facing our community.

On a number of occasions, when a constituent calls the office the staff has responded by stating our area is not in "their district." Sadly, that same response was common when Rosie Mendez was the Councilwoman.

- Kips Bay residents and businesses are more of a common community with Murray Hill and East Midtown residents than East Village and Lower East Side residents. Our issues are very different though important to us and have been ignored/overlooked for decades. Kips Bay is the forgotten neighborhood thanks to our lack of representation for so long.
- We would like to be represented by a council person more in tune with Kips Bay issues. Geographically and philosophically, this is apparently not within reach within Council District 2 representation.

Note:

We also understand that Keith Powers is reluctant to have Stytown and Peter Cooper Village (also public housing) moved into District 2 for personal reasons as he lives in those complexes. However, Kips Bay residents would like to remind the Committee that the current council member will be in office for only a few years more. Kips Bay residents will be here "forever" and would ask the committee to consider that overall neighborhood needs and issues should outweigh any personal wishes of current serving and time-limited council members.

A District 4 Map is also attached.

We, the Kips Bay Neighborhood Association, respectfully request the Committee re-consider the draft redistricting lines and move all of Kips Bay into District 4.

Thank you for your consideration.

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