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From: Bet Daniels <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, October 1, 2022 11:12 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't Split Greenwich Village and Reduce Our Representation and Voting Power

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From: Betty Lynd <[REDACTED]>
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From: Dolores Moody [REDACTED] >
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From: Harry Saltzman [REDACTED]
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New York, NY 10003

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From: Helen McMahon [REDACTED] >
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Brooklyn, NY 11217

From: Helene Norman Leavitt [REDACTED]
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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] proposed redistricting

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am aware of and grateful that the Redistricting Commission voted down the most recent (September 22nd) updated proposal for the Redistricting Map. In particular, I remain extremely apprehensive about the updated proposal for District 24.

Unfortunately, the Commission failed to 'keep intact neighborhoods and communities with established ties of common interest and association, whether historical, racial, economic, ethnic, religious or other.' As a member of the Orthodox Jewish Community, I am shocked that after so many pleas to preserve and keep our community together, the Commission presented a proposal that once again does the exact opposite.

District 24 in its current configuration is home to tens of thousands of Orthodox Jews, thousands of Orthodox Jewish families, almost a hundred Orthodox Synagogues, and many other Jewish Community centers and ritual facilities. Every one of these facilities is utilized every day of the week, multiple times a day; children and adults alike. By any meaningful metric, the Orthodox Jewish Community of District 24 is in a sustained period of growth. I am therefore compelled to state the following:

The updated proposed redistricting maps for City Council are not in our community interest in their current form. The Jewish community in the current configuration of Council District 24 is composed of the combined Sefardi and Ashkenazi communities. Our two communities are unified in interest and location, each with members and shuls interspersed amongst each other. We are one contiguous chain linking together Kew Garden Hills, Fresh Meadows, Hillcrest, and Jamaica Estates. Though there are pockets of our community in other areas as well, this chain of neighborhoods represents the largest Jewish voice of Queens, and cutting any portion out would result in an unacceptable disenfranchisement.

The proposed change to the current District map completely disregards the reality on the ground. It artificially and needlessly separates many community members from the community facilities that serve them. Furthermore, the seemingly arbitrary lines harmfully cut off one community and congregation from its fellow community and congregation. The net result is a weakened Orthodox Jewish community, structurally, demographically, and politically.

As if to add insult to injury, the section that has been added to District 24 in the updated proposed redistricting map is the only part of Rego Park without an Orthodox Jewish community! Never mind that the proposed area shares no common interest or association, it's not even geographically logical. Had the proposal instead added immediately westward and included sections of Forest Hills up until 108th Street, it would have been more

understandable. At least in that direction there is a very large Orthodox Jewish presence with common communities and established ties of interest and association. This would also have made more sense geographically due to the connecting Jewel Avenue, rather than adding the only part of Rego Park which is separated from the current District 24 by Flushing Meadow Corona Park, the Grand Central Parkway and the Van Wyck Expressway.

Finally, I cannot understand the Commission's desire to dissociate from Kew Gardens Hills (KGH) community the neighborhoods of Cedar Grove and Flushing on the Hill. These communities have always been part of the KGH and Queens College Communities. Queens College itself has thousands upon thousands of Jewish students. It makes no sense to cut them off from the larger District and place them in a District with absolutely no geographic or cultural connection.

For these reasons I strongly believe that the redistricting proposals' continued disregard for the Jewish Community are damaging to the community's very fabric , its unified voice, and its interests. I implore the Redistricting Committee to keep to the criteria it is charged to uphold.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Helene Leavitt

[REDACTED]

From: Jeanne Kispert <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, October 1, 2022 1:47 PM
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Jeanne Kispert
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New York, NY 10016

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From: JENNIE DORN <[REDACTED]>
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From: Judith Cohen [REDACTED]
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Regards,
Rhoda Levine
[REDACTED] E 8th St
New York, NY 10003

[REDACTED]

From: Robert Plutzker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, October 1, 2022 4:07 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't Split Greenwich Village and Reduce Our Representation and Voting Power

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1 5th Ave
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[REDACTED]

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Scott Zohlman
[REDACTED] Horatio St
New York, NY 10014

[REDACTED]

From: Shirley Secunda [REDACTED]
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Regards,
Shirley Secunda
[REDACTED] 5th Ave
New York, NY 10011

[REDACTED]

From: Susan Keith [REDACTED]
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Susan Keith
[REDACTED] Crosby St
New York, NY 10013

[REDACTED]

From: Suzanne Goodelman <[REDACTED]>
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From: Veronica Marino <[REDACTED]>
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Regards,
Veronica Marino
[REDACTED] MacDougal St
New York, NY 10012

[REDACTED]

From: Aileen Gribbin [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 10:02 AM
To: Public Testimony
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Aileen Gribbin
[REDACTED] Thompson St
New York, NY 10012

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From: Allan Sperling <[REDACTED]>
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From: Amanda Yaggy [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 2:01 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't Split SoHo/NoHo

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[REDACTED]

From: Ann Levy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 6:46 PM
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From: Anne Mitcheltree [REDACTED]
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From: Anthony Freire [REDACTED]
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Signed:

Best,

Anthony Freire, LMHC, CCMHC
Adjunct Professor
NYU | Steinhardt | Applied Psychology
[REDACTED]

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From: Barbara Toll [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 4:04 PM
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Signed:

Barbara Toll
Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Baree Fehrenbach [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 6:05 AM
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Signed:
Baree Fehrenbach

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[REDACTED]

From: Beatrice Plasse [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 10:47 PM
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Signed:Beatrice Plasse

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[REDACTED]

From: Bo Riccobono [REDACTED]
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Bo Riccobono
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From: carol chen [REDACTED] >
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Signed:
Carol Chen, [REDACTED] Wooster St, New York, NY 10012

[REDACTED]

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Signed: Catherine Gund - 30 year resident

[REDACTED]

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Signed:

Charla Lawhon
[REDACTED] Spring St.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Signed: Chrissie Iles

[REDACTED]

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Signed: Claudia Levy

[REDACTED]

From: Coral Dawson [REDACTED] >
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Signed:

Coral Juarez Ard Dawson
[REDACTED] Mercer Street, NYC

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[REDACTED]

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Signed: Crista Grauer

[REDACTED]

From: cynthia marks <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 3:29 PM
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Regards,
cynthia marks
[REDACTED] E 10th St
New York, NY 10003

[REDACTED]

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Signed:

DAVID R. MARCUS, CPA, MBA, JD

[REDACTED]

From: Debra Oryzysyn [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 7:32 AM
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Debra Oryzysyn
[REDACTED] Mulberry St
New York, NY 10012

[REDACTED]

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Diane Kolyer
[REDACTED] Great Jones St
NY NY 10012

[REDACTED]

From: Doug Seidman <[REDACTED]>
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From: Douglas Collura <[REDACTED]>
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Douglas Collura
[REDACTED] W 22nd St
New York, NY 10010

[REDACTED]

From: Dov <[REDACTED]>
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[REDACTED]

From: Elise Thoron [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 10:11 PM
To: Public Testimony
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Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

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Signed: Ellen Barz, Crosby Street Resident

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Soho resident
[REDACTED] Grand
NY NY 10013

[REDACTED]

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Ethan Ryman
[REDACTED] Prince Street
New York, NY 10012

[REDACTED]

From: Faye Ellman <[REDACTED]>
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[REDACTED] W 25th St
New York, NY 10001

[REDACTED]

From: gj rosenberg <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 10:04 AM
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[REDACTED] Stuyvesant St
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From: Gunnar Theel [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 3:47 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: SoHo Alliance; Gunnar Theel
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't Split SoHo/NoHo

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Signed:

Gunnar Theel
[REDACTED] Mercer Street
New York NY 10012

[REDACTED]

From: Gus Garcia <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 2:13 PM
To: Public Testimony
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[REDACTED]

From: Jack Brown [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 10:10 PM
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Signed:
Jack Brown
East Village

[REDACTED]

From: Jami Giovanopoulos [REDACTED]
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Signed:

Jami Giovanopoulos
Paul Giovanopoulos
[REDACTED] Prince st, NYC

[REDACTED]

From: Jane Fisher [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 3:59 PM
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Signed:
Jane Fisher
SoHo Resident

[REDACTED]

From: Janet Linde [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 1:42 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't Split Greenwich Village and Reduce Our Representation and Voting Power

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Regards,
Janet Linde
[REDACTED] Eastern Pkwy
Brooklyn, NY 11238

[REDACTED]

From: JM Salaun <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 3:17 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't Split SoHo/NoHo

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Dear Commissioners:

My wife and I run retail store in Soho and Noho. We also live in Soho. I now read of a plan to remove Noho from district 1, separating it from Soho, and find this absurd and unfair.

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Signed:

Jean-Marie Salaun

[REDACTED]

From: Jen Gatien <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 9:43 PM
To: Public Testimony
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Dear Commissioners:

I am a certified artist by NYC Cultural Affairs in Soho and Noho. This is an important area that is unified and for artists, these two neighborhoods are aligned and recognized together.

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Jen Gatien

[REDACTED]

From: Jen Senko [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 4:15 PM
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Signed:

Jennifer Senko

[REDACTED]

From: Jill Greenberg <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 12:13 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't Split Greenwich Village and Reduce Our Representation and Voting Power

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Regards,
Jill Greenberg
[REDACTED] West End Ave
New York, NY 10025

[REDACTED]

From: Jill Menza [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 3:36 PM
To: Public Testimony
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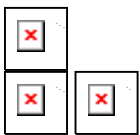
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Signed:
Jill and Joe Menza



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 4:18 AM
To: Public Testimony
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Jim Clayburgh
[REDACTED] Broadway
Ny, NY 10012
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Joy Nagy [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 10:13 PM
To: Public Testimony
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Signed: Joy Nagy

joy nagy

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] mercer street
New York, New York, 10013

[REDACTED]

From: Joyce Kozloff [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 4:07 PM
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My husband and I have lived and worked at Houston and Wooster since 1974, on the edge between Soho and Noho, where the borders blur and we have been equally engaged with the community on both sides of the main drag. It makes no sense to divide us at this point(?!) Please consider the arguments in this letter, which are rational and logical, whereas the proposal is irrational and destructive.

Signed: Joyce Kozloff and Max Kozloff

[REDACTED]

From: Julie [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 5:48 PM
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Signed:

Jules La Rosa
NoHo

[REDACTED]

From: Julie Foehrenbach [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 2:05 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: Julie Foehrenbach
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Signed:

Julie Foehrenbach
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Julie Harrison [REDACTED] >
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Signed:

Julie Harrison
[REDACTED] Mercer St
NY, NY. 10012
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: June Anderson [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 7:10 PM
To: Public Testimony
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Dear Commissioners:

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Signed: June Anderson, [REDACTED] Mercer Street

[REDACTED]

From: Karen Van Outryve <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 7:03 PM
To: Public Testimony
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Dear Commissioners:

As a resident of SoHo for over 40 years, I write to say that SoHo and NoHo must remain in Council District 1. We are one "identifiable community of interest" with "shared interests" since the 1970s, when urban pioneers created our neighborhoods. We have long been allied and considered a single community by the City government.

We have undergone similar real-estate development and adoptive re-use conversions. We share a similar demographic and serve as an important economic center for tourism and commercial retail, as well as fashion, culture and the arts. We are Historic Districts designated by the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission. We have worked together as close allies in countless civic and political campaigns and will continue to do so.

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Karen Van Outryve and Anthony Romeo
[REDACTED] Prince Street, Apt. 7 S
NY, NY 10012

[REDACTED]

From: LL Marshall [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 3:00 PM
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Please listen to this community's voices. It's important.
Signed:

Laurie Marshall
[REDACTED] Crosby Street
10013

[REDACTED]

From: Lisa Hoke [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 8:21 PM
To: Public Testimony; [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DON'T Split SoHo/NoHo

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Signed:

Lisa Hoke
[REDACTED] Lafayette Street
#4A
NY, NY 10012
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Margo S. Margolis [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 2:05 PM
To: Public Testimony
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Margo Margolis

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[REDACTED]

From: Marilyn Sachar <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 5:05 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't Split Greenwich Village and Reduce Our Representation and Voting Power

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Regards,
Marilyn Sachar
[REDACTED] E 9th St
New York, NY 10003

[REDACTED]

From: Marion Lee [REDACTED] >
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To: Public Testimony
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Signed:

Marion Lee
[REDACTED] Spring Street, 5th Fl, NYC 10012

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Martin Wilner [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 2:24 PM
To: Public Testimony
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Signed: Martin Wilner

[REDACTED]

From: Mary Clarke <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 4:06 PM
To: Public Testimony
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With kindest regards,

Mary Clarke

[REDACTED] Bond St (NoHo)
#2
NYC NY 10012

[REDACTED]

From: Marie Brown <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 2:56 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't Split SoHo/NoHo

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Signed:
Michael and Marie Brown

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Naomi Antonakos [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 4:17 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't Split SoHo/NoHo

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Dear Commissioners:

I have lived in SoHo-NoHo since 1963 and have always experienced it as a healthy, diverse community of residents, restaurants, shops and a friendly, safe ethos.

This is one of the outstanding, successful neighborhoods in the whole city. You should help it, not destroy it. Do not cut it apart. Know when you have a good thing. Do not make things worse.

IT IS NOT BROKEN: DO NOT "FIX" IT.

Deal the issues and places that need thought and action. Protect SoHo NoHo and keep it intact for all the goodness and good reputation it has and reflects on the City as a whole.

Please listen to us.U

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Signed:

Naomi S. Antonakos



STEPHEN ANTONAKOS STUDIO LLC



[REDACTED]

From: Olgalyn Jolly [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 6:31 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't Split SoHo/NoHo

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Sincerely,

Olgalyn Jolly
[REDACTED] Greene St (SoHo)
New York, NY 10012

[REDACTED]

From: Olivier S. <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 2:44 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: Sean Sweeney
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't Split SoHo/NoHo

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Dear Commissioners:

I am the president of the board of 160 Wooster street, a condo building in Soho and a long time Soho resident myself.

On behalf of all the building residents, Please do not split Soho from Noho! Doing so is absolute non-sense at best, a political ploy at worse.

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Olivier Sarfati

[REDACTED]

From: Oswald Jules <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 2:12 PM
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Signed:

Best,

Oswald Jules Jr MD

[REDACTED]

From: Patricia Ali [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 7:17 PM
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Signed:
Patricia Ali
Soho resident

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Patricia Lee Stotter [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 7:22 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't Split SoHo/NoHo

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Signed:
Patricia Lee Stotter

[REDACTED]

From: patricia sarnataro [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 3:07 PM
To: Public Testimony
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Signed: patricia sarnataro

Sent from my iPad

[REDACTED]

From: Paul Bowden <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 4:16 PM
To: Public Testimony
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Paul Bowden
he/him/his
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Paul Fedyk <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 12:39 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't Split Greenwich Village and Reduce Our Representation and Voting Power

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[REDACTED] W 10th St
New York, NY 10014

[REDACTED]

From: penelope grill [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 1:38 PM
To: Public Testimony
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Signed:

Penelope Grill
[REDACTED] Greene street
NY, NY. 10012

[REDACTED]

From: Peter Gibson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 2:04 PM
To: Public Testimony
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Peter Gibson
32 Year SOHO Resident and Concerned Citizen
[REDACTED] Prince Street, 4C
NYC 10012

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

[REDACTED]

From: peter peterreginato.com [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 3:22 PM
To: Public Testimony
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Best Regards,
Peter Reginato
[REDACTED] Greene Street
New York, NY 10012
[REDACTED]

[Facebook](#)

[REDACTED]

From: Peter Von Mayrhauser [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 5:29 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't Split SoHo/NoHo

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Dear Commissioners:

I have been a resident of the Soho/ Noho district for nearly 46 years and I completely oppose dividing up Council District 1 as proposed.

We are a community with shared interests and this proposed division will, for all intents and purpose, eviscerate our voting power in the Council.

I spent my entire career working in the arts , as did so many others in Soho/Noho; we pay very high property taxes and now there is an attempt to split us up, effectively removing our voices.

We do not support this plan - we must keep Soho/Noho in the same district.

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Peter von Mayrhauser
[REDACTED] Greene Street
New York, NY 10012

[REDACTED]

From: Fluxhouse II Inc <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 7:23 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't Split SoHo/NoHo

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Dear Commissioners:

Representing the first live - work coop in Soho, Fluxhouse II strongly supports the position clearly stated below /

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This is something that needs re-visiting to ensure a unified political advocacy.

Signed:

Phillip Galgiani
Fluxhouse II Inc
[REDACTED] Wooster St, New York, NY 10012

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Sent from my mobile device (and more prone to typographic error). My apologies in advance.

[REDACTED]

From: Pier Consagra [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 3:29 PM
To: Public Testimony
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Signed: Pier Luigi Consagra

[REDACTED]

From: Polly Carpenter [REDACTED] >
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Signed: Polly Carpenter

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Reeva Potoff <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 10:39 PM
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Signed

:Reeva Potoff
[REDACTED] Prince st.
Nyc 10012

[REDACTED]

From: Renee Monroe [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 4:51 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: Renee Monroe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't Split SoHo/NoHo

Importance: High

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Dear Commissioners:

Please do not divide SoHo and NoHo on the new districting maps. Together, these two neighborhoods comprise a long-established community with common interests and, by law, should remain in the same district. However, the newly released proposed map splits SoHo/NoHo into two different council districts, separating long-time allies, neighbor from neighbor.

Currently, SoHo and NoHo are in Council District 1, represented by Christopher Marte. However, the proposed map removes NoHo from Marte's district and places it in a West Side district that runs all the way up to West 59th Street on the Hudson River. This separation reduces SoHo/NoHo's separates these two neighborhoods, contrary to the Voting Rights Act..

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Respectfully,

Renée Monroe

██████████ Broadway #3F
New York, NY 10012

[REDACTED]

From: Robert Cohen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 2:08 PM
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Signed: Robert Cohen

Robert Cohen, Ph.D.
[REDACTED] Prince Street
New York, NY 10012
Phone / [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Robin Rosenblum [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 8:31 PM
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[REDACTED]

From: Rona [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 4:01 PM
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Thank you.

Rona Trokie & Martin Silverman
[REDACTED] Greene St.
new York, NY 10012

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Ronnie Wolf <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 2:56 PM
To: Public Testimony
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Signed:

Ronnie Wolf
[REDACTED] Broadway

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Sachin J. Patel [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 3:09 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SoHo/NoHo Live/Invest/Tourism - do not split

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Dear Commissioners:

I have continuously over the last twenty years:

1. lived via rental and now own in a coop within Soho and Noho
2. leased office space at any given time in Soho and Noho.
3. invested in multiple startups with office space in Soho and Noho
4. Invested in multiple restaurants in Soho and Noho.

There is no doubt that SoHo/NoHo is ONE single community which has a certain cache from visitors around the globe. It absolutely must remain a single, unified identifiable community of interest to protect its shared interests.

Do not divide a long-established community. Keep SoHo/NoHo both in Council District 1.

Signed:

Sachin J. Patel
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Sarah Berry-Tschinkel [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 7:48 PM
To: Public Testimony
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Dear Commissioners:

SoHo/NoHo, my husband's and my home for over 40 years, has long been a single, unified "identifiable community of interest" with "shared interests". We are artists and neighbors here of long standing and wish to remain one unified voting community

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We ask that you do not divide our long-established community. Keep SoHo/NoHo both in Council District 1.

Signed:
Sarah Berry Tschinkel

Sent from my iPhone

Sarah Berry Tschinkel, LCSW-R, LP
Licensed Jungian Analyst
[REDACTED] Wooster Street #5
New York, NY 10012
[REDACTED]

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From: Sandy Gellis [REDACTED]
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Signed:
Saundra Gellis

Do not divide, we are a totally united area....
There is no legitimate reason to divide us.

thank you.
SG

[REDACTED]

From: Sean [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 5:44 PM
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Sincerely,

Sean Sweeney
[REDACTED] Greene Street
New York, NY 10012

SoHo Alliance

A Volunteer Community Organization

PO Box 429 Prince Street Station
New York, NY 10012

email: info@SoHoAlliance.org

phone: 212.353.8466

October 02, 2022

NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway – Suite 1749
New York, NY 10007

Dear Commissioners,

The SoHo Alliance is a volunteer, non-profit umbrella organization representing the various SoHo block associations. Founded in 1981, we are concerned with zoning, landmarking, traffic, and quality-of-life issues.

We define SoHo as the areas designated by the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission and by the Special SoHo/NoHo Mixed-Use District MIH Area, a zoning district created by the City Council in December 2021 and which is unique in the entire city to only SoHo and our neighbors on the other side of Houston Street, an area some call NoHo.

In reality, NoHo IS SoHo, SoHo IS NoHo, the same neighborhood divided only by a wide boulevard: Houston Street.

In 2012, the Districting Commission initially split NoHo from SoHo but reversed itself in the final map. That is why today NoHo and SoHo are both in CD1.

Our two areas share so much in common: their history, their evolution, their struggles, their development, their demographics, their housing stock, their landmarks designation and their zoning uniqueness. NoHo and SoHo work together on so many of these issues that are unique to us and to us alone, sharing them with no other neighborhood.

That is why the SoHo Alliance is flabbergasted that the Commission is now again considering removing "NoHo" from CD1 to CD2, but keeping "SoHo" in CD1.

It is wrong to divide a common neighborhood, an "identifiable community of interest" whose members share so many "shared interests". The 1965 Federal Voting Rights Act requires redistricting preserve "identifiable communities of interest" defined by "shared interests".

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Such is the case with SoHo/NoHo, two similar communities differing primarily by one letter of the alphabet and a location relative to Houston Street. In other words, no difference.

SoHo and NoHo share a unique zoning stretching back to the 1970s, distinct from any other neighborhood in the entire city.

The City Council acknowledged and reaffirmed the SoHo/NoHo commonality last year when it approved the rezoning, the [SoHo/NoHo Neighborhood Plan](#), in which the City treated SoHo/NoHo as a unique, unified "special district".

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We in SoHo cannot urge the Commission strongly enough not to take the area north of Houston Street up to Astor Place, Broadway to Bowery, out of CD1 but maintain the current status.

Sincerely yours,

Sean Sweeney

Executive Director
SoHo Alliance

[REDACTED]

From: spencer2 brownstone [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 3:12 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't Split SoHo/NoHo!!!!

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Spencer Brownstone
soho resident 25 years

[REDACTED]

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Signed:
Steve Leon

Sent from my iPhone

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Steven Rogers, MD
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[REDACTED]

From: Susan Blakeley [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 6:33 PM
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Signed:

Susan Blakeley
[REDACTED] Greene St.
SOHO
NYC 10013

[REDACTED]

From: Susan Ensley <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 2:24 PM
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Signed: Teresa F. O'Connor,

[REDACTED] Greene St

NY, NY 10012

[REDACTED]

From: Toree Hill [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 2:21 PM
To: Public Testimony
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[REDACTED]

From: YUKI IWASHIRO [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 5:15 PM
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Sincerely,
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From: Yukie Ohta [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 1:41 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] To Ali Rasoulinejad

From: Andrew Berman [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 12:38 PM
To: Media Request [REDACTED] > [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] To Ali Rasoulinejad

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Ali,

I hope you're well. I recently watched the late September hearings of the Redistricting Commission, and wanted to reach out. I was gratified to hear it conveyed to the Commissioners that many letters had been submitted objecting to moving the boundary between the 2nd and 3rd Council districts from 5th to 6th Avenues. But I was very concerned that the other point raised in those letters, and in ours to the Commission, was not raised — that many New Yorkers object to the proposed increase in the population disparity between the council districts of lower Manhattan and the average for the city, which appeared in the September plan vs the July plan. Our letter conveying this concern and the reasons for it is here: <https://media.villagepreservation.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/27084104/VP-redistricting-commission-testimony-9.26.22.pdf>.

This is also a critical issue to us and many others. Whether the Commission ultimately agrees or disagrees remains to be seen, but it's important that the commissioners be made aware of the public concerns about this issue as well as all others. Because these districts have been so grossly overpopulated and therefore underrepresented for the last decade, are likely to have their populations increase at a higher rate than the rest of the city, and because no higher purpose is served by increasing the population disparity between these districts and the citywide average, we believe it's critical that the Commission consider keeping those population disparities as low as possible.

I hope that this concern, expressed by hundreds of people who have written the Commission, will be conveyed to the members of the Commission before any further decisions are made.

Best,
Andrew

Andrew Berman
Executive Director
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[REDACTED] East 11th Street
New York, NY 10003
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From: Anita Jorgensen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 11:47 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SOHO / NOHO REDISTRICTING - NO!!

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Dear Redistricting Commission,

I am a live / work resident of SoHo. My award winning architectural lighting design firm provides employment for other creatives in the city. I am writing to inform you that your proposed redistricting plan is illegal. Currently, SoHo and NoHo are in Council District 1, represented by Christopher Marte. However, your proposed map removes NoHo from Marte's district and places it in a *West Side district that runs all the way up to West 59th Street on the Hudson River!!* This separation reduces SoHo/NoHo's voting strength and eviscerates our communities' political representation. **Again, your proposed plan is illegal.**

The 1965 Federal Voting Rights Act requires redistricting preserve "identifiable communities of interest" defined by "shared interests".

Ethnic and minority groups often define communities of interest. However, [communities of interest](#) can also be determined by members with [shared interests](#), such as:

- housing patterns and living conditions (lofts, live-work arrangements)
- occupation and employment patterns
- income levels and educational backgrounds
- similar economic centers (agricultural, industrial, commercial, cultural)
- historical neighborhoods
- shared participation in civic organizations
- location within a single school district
- shared environmental concerns
- shared transportation routes
- high property taxes

Such is the case with SoHo/NoHo, two similar communities differing primarily by one letter of the alphabet and a location relative to Houston Street. In other words, no difference.

SoHo and NoHo share a unique zoning stretching back to the 1970s, distinct from any other neighborhood in the entire city.

The City Council acknowledged and reaffirmed the SoHo/NoHo commonality last year when it approved the rezoning, the [SoHo/NoHo Neighborhood Plan](#), in which the City treated SoHo/NoHo as a unique, unified "special district". (https://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/plans/soho-noho/soho-noho-overview.page?utm_campaign=soho%20election%20day%20update&utm_term=SoHo/NoHo%20Neighborhood%20Plan&utm_medium=email&utm_source=directmailmac)

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The redistricting plan the city is proposing for our communities is 100% illegal. What in the world are the shared interests of communities in the Hudson River at 59th Street area with lower Manhattan's SoHo / NoHo communities?!? We will fight tooth and nail to prevent the city from further destroying our communities as was done when the city upzoned our neighborhoods during the last week of December 2021 when de Blasio was desperate to payback his real estate donors?

Anita



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Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 8:15 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't Split SoHo/NoHo

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Bonnie Lynn
[REDACTED] Greene Street Apt. 9H
NYC 10012

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Caterina Roiatti [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 12:56 PM
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Caterina Roiatti
[REDACTED] West Broadway, New York, NY, 10012

[REDACTED]

From: Henry Smith-Miller [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 3:41 PM
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Signed:

Henry Smith-Miller, Architect
[REDACTED] Canal Street, NYC, NY 10013

And
Artist
[REDACTED] Mercer Street NYC, NY 10013

[REDACTED]

From: Wolff, Jessica [REDACTED] >
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Signed: Jessica Wolff

[REDACTED]

From: Jocelyn Anker [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 11:42 AM
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Dear Commissioners:

We have been living in Soho as a certified artist since 1979, and have long found many allies to live in neighboring Noho. Especially given the increase in gentrification in conjunction with more transient individuals (students, 20-somethings trying on NYC, etc.) it is more essential than ever that long-time residents in these neighborhoods are able to collaborate within the same city district. There is no doubt that SoHo/NoHo has long been a single, unified "identifiable community of interest" with "shared interests".

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Signed,
Jocelyn Anker
Suzanne Anker
Frank Gillette

[REDACTED]

From: linn broessel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 2:34 PM
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Signed:

linn broessel

[REDACTED]

From: Lora Tenenbaum [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 12:54 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: Christopher Marte
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep SoHo & NoHo in Council District 1.

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Cheers,

Lora Tenenbaum
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Signed: Madelynn Gingold

Sent from my iPad

[REDACTED]

From: Mary Billard [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 9:41 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't Split Greenwich Village and Reduce Our Representation and Voting Power

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Dear NYC Redistricting Commission,

I was disturbed to see the proposed September Redistricting Commission maps split Greenwich Village at Sixth Avenue and increase the inequality in representation of Lower Manhattan residents and neighborhoods by increasing the population of their districts as compared to the July maps. The principle of one person, one vote demands that there be as little deviation as possible between the populations of each City Council district, otherwise some residents have more voting power and others have less. Though the proposed September maps partially corrected this problem for Staten Island, it unnecessarily worsened it for Lower Manhattan residents, who for the last 10 years have had vastly overpopulated districts meaning those residents have reduced representation and voting power as compared to other New Yorkers. That inequality must end, and the changes proposed in the September maps were a step backward in that regard for the Lower Manhattan districts compared to the July maps.

If there are further changes to the July maps, they must not increase the inequality of district populations as compared to the July maps, and if anything should decrease them. And Greenwich Village should not be split at Sixth Avenue as proposed in the September maps, but should be kept at least as whole as it was in the July maps, with the boundary at Fifth Avenue.

Regards,
Mary Billard
[REDACTED] W 12th St
New York, NY 10014

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From: Mike Duffy <[REDACTED]>
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Signed: Mike Duffy

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From: Nancy Goldstein [REDACTED] >
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Signed: Nancy Arnold Goldstein

[REDACTED]

From: Phyllis Rosenblatt [REDACTED] >
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Signed: Phyllis Rosenblatt
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[REDACTED]

From: Sandi Fellman [REDACTED]
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Signed:

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Stockman Todd [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 2:15 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: 55th St Resident Here

I'm a resident of the 300 block of West 55th Street and find it appalling that you are planning to split myself and several favorite local Hells Kitchen businesses to an UWS district. We are not UWS. We are Hell's Kitchen!

That includes hardware store, local restaurants, Alvin Ailey, and Rise gay bar among others.

I implore you to redraw your boundary and do not split my block of residents and my local businesses South of 57th Street into two pieces.

Todd Stockman

Teacher for the Visually Impaired

[REDACTED]

Educational Vision Services

NYC Department of Education

District 75

[REDACTED]

From: Tom Cunniff [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 8:13 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't Split Greenwich Village and Reduce Our Representation and Voting Power

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[REDACTED] E 10th St
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[REDACTED]

From: Betty Schoenfeld [REDACTED] >
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Signed:
Bill Komoski
[REDACTED] Bond St
NYC 10012

[REDACTED]

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Signed: Bob Nickas, [REDACTED] Thompson St. NY 10012

35 year resident of Soho, with good friends in Noho, including business owners. Noho is an area where I frequently shop, and go to restaurants and galleries. No ho has no connection to a district on the West side that runs up to 59th Street. Anyone who sees a connection between Noho and the West 30s, 40s, 50s either has no understanding of Manhattan's geography, or has never lived here or even visited the city.

[REDACTED]

From: Soho West NYC [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 11:09 AM
To: Public Testimony
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Thank you,

Darlene Lutz
[REDACTED] Varick Street
NY, NY 10013

[REDACTED]

From: Hedy Hauptman [REDACTED] >
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From: Katie McDonnell <[REDACTED]>
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Katie McDonnell
[REDACTED] Mulberry St
New York, NY 10012

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From: PAMELA SPALL-NELKIN [REDACTED]
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Pam and Jules Nelkin
[REDACTED]

Raymond W. Cline

LaGuardia Place 26A
New York City, New York 10012

October 3, 20012

Committee to redistrict City Council
New York City, New York

To whom it may concern,

I just found out that your committee is considering the removal of 505 LaGuardia Place out of the First Councilmanic District. When it comes to voting we have been voting in this district for over 30 years where I voted for Kathrine Freed. I would like to submit my testimony. Washington Square Village, the Silver Towers and 505 LaGuardia should remain in the first District. We have more in common with SoHo, NoHo than we do with rest of the Greenwich Village which overshadows us.

Placing us in the 2nd Councilmanic District would be detrimental to both the residents and businesses of this area. In light of the recent zoning changes, the city has treated us as part of the SoHo and Noho area. Most recently this community is under the threat of losing our only full-service supermarket. This market is the only full-service supermarket that serves our residents and businesses. This is a lifeline to the many seniors that use it. Our community faces many complex problems. Without effective representation our community will be overlooked by more heavily populated areas.

Currently the new district has a population base which is 176,626 people. That is 5% under the deviation mark. This area comes under the 5% mark or approximately 8,800 people. The population in this area is under that mark.

Respectfully yours,

Raymond Cline

[REDACTED]

From: Dickersonrob [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 1:26 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Soho/Noho Inclusion in Council District #1

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In light of the latest hearings following the rejection of the proposed City Council district map, we are submitting testimony below to re-emphasize the importance of keeping SoHo and NoHo, up to West Third Street (including Washington Square Village and Silver Towers / University Village), together in District 1.

We continue to hear from many in the community that separating these neighborhoods will have serious detrimental effects on their residents and businesses. Not only have these areas always functioned as a single community of interest, the City itself considered and treated them as such in its recent SoHo/NoHo rezoning plan.

Even more urgently, these areas will be facing the same complex and profound pressures, disruptions, and challenges as the new zoning and related financial demands begin to impact the community. These challenges, unique to SoHo and NoHo together, will demand ongoing and effective representation that is not diluted by falling in separate City Council districts.

For many of the same reasons, I believe we should move the northern border of District 1 west of Broadway to West Third Street from West Houston Street, to include Washington Square Village and Silver Towers / University Village in the district. The added area has a population of 3,575, bringing the population of District 1 to 179,639, which is well within the 5% deviation limit.

I strongly urge you to reconsider the impropriety of splitting these communities in your final maps.

[REDACTED]

From: Robert Croonquist [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 1:26 PM
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[REDACTED] W 13th St
New York, NY 10011

[REDACTED]

From: Amy Durning [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 10:38 AM
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Signed: Amy Durning / [REDACTED] Wooster Street Apt 3R NYC 10013 (soho)

[REDACTED]

From: Barbara Kleiner <[REDACTED]>
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Jackie Ferrara
Founding member of Tri-Prince, Inc

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Sarah Walker [REDACTED] >
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Sarah Walker

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Avenue A
New York, NY 10009

[REDACTED]

From: Donald Walker [REDACTED]
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Regards,
Jorge Garcia
[REDACTED] W 12th St
New York, NY 10011

[REDACTED]

From: Lisa Kim [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 10:04 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't Split Greenwich Village and Reduce Our Representation and Voting Power

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Lisa Kim
[REDACTED] Barrow St
New York, NY 10014

[REDACTED]

From: Rosalie Hronsky [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 11:29 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't Split SoHo/NoHo

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Dear Commissioners:

We write to object to the proposed redistricting map for New York City (NYC) as it pertains to SoHo and NoHo. We have lived in a loft in SoHo for 33 years that also contains the studio of my husband who is an artist certified by the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs. The proposed redistricting seeks to separate SoHo and NoHo, two neighborhoods with common interests and a joint political voice, by removing NoHo from Council District 1 and reassigning it to a different district that does not share the important interests that SoHo and NoHo have in common. The splitting of our neighborhoods into two separate council districts is a blatant attempt to weaken our political power and illegally disenfranchise the voters in our community.

SoHo and NoHo, two contiguous loft neighborhoods bounded by Houston Street, were originally, and continue to be, populated by visual artists and persons in other artistic and creative fields who converted vacant factories and commercial spaces into joint living and working spaces. Co-ops, condos, landlords and tenants complied with City law, at great effort and expense, and made the modifications necessary to bring numerous buildings up to Code and obtain certificates of occupancy for joint live/ work quarters for artists (JLWQA). Many of the buildings in SoHo and NoHo are of historic importance and have been landmarked by the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission, which has given our neighborhoods a distinctive appearance. We are proud of the artistic tradition and historic nature of our neighborhoods and have opposed the upzoning plan foisted upon us by the City Planning Commission, the former mayor and real estate developers, which would result in the demolition of smaller buildings and turn SoHo and NoHo into hodge-podge canyons of luxury hi-rise buildings.

SoHo and NoHo have jointly opposed the upzoning plan through litigation commenced and currently pending in NYS supreme court, successfully lobbying the state Legislature to enact legislation grandfathering current non-artist residents of JLWQA lofts (including spouses and families of deceased artists) so they do not face enormous monetary fines for not complying with new zoning requirements for certificates of occupancy, and electing Christopher Marte, who opposes the upzoning plan, as our representative in the City Council. The proposed redistricting would move NoHo into a different Council District that extends up to 59th Street on the Hudson River. NoHo is a downtown neighborhood that shares strong common interests with SoHo. Indeed, in issuing the SoHo/ NoHo upzoning plan and conducting joint meetings and hearings, the City treated SoHo and NoHo as a unified special district, thereby acknowledging their shared interests.

The proposed redistricting of NoHo, if approved, would separate two longtime neighbors and allies with unique zoning and common interests dating back to the 1970's, raise their already too high real estate taxes, and illegally reduce their voting power and eviscerate their representation in the City Council. Consequently, we request that you deny approval of the redistricting map to the extent that it separates SoHo and NoHo into two different Council Districts.

Respectfully,

Rosalie Hronsky and Arthur Cohen

[REDACTED]

From: Cynthia Corsiglia [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 7, 2022 2:49 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: Ali Hocek
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't Split SoHo/NoHo

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Signed:

Cynthia Corsiglia + Ali Höcek

[REDACTED] Mulberry Street, 4B
New York, NY 10012

[REDACTED]

From: Marilyn Papas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, October 7, 2022 1:21 AM
To: Public Testimony
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Regards,
Marilyn Papas
[REDACTED] E 83rd St
New York, NY 10028

[REDACTED]

From: Anne Bell [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 9, 2022 2:31 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't Split SoHo/NoHo

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[REDACTED]

From: Bryan Chandler [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 9, 2022 10:55 AM
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[REDACTED] Bedford St
New York, NY 10014

[REDACTED]

From: Niraj Pant <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 9, 2022 10:51 AM
To: Public Testimony
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Niraj Pant
[REDACTED]

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From: Leslie Gill [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2022 10:14 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't Split SoHo/NoHo

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Dear Commissioners:

I have lived in Soho for fifty years. During that time our small historic neighborhood has shared, and continues to share, established links with Noho, creating a singular community bound together by common goals and ties.

Our children grew up together at school;

we breath the same pollution from cars and trucks as they transverse Manhattan from the Williamsburg Bridge to the Holland Tunnel;

we collectively adjust to the influx of tourists and visitors by taking delight in our early morning encounters with neighbors; we see at the markets, the community centers, the library and other civic organizations

we learn from one another how best to tend to the unique challenges of living in historic manufacturing buildings

we share many values that arise from common interests and shared life events.

As a unified community we have helped promote NYC's cultural life for decades, we have helped with the upkeep of the built environment, celebrated each other's holidays and pitched in during times of crisis – in the best of New York tradition; during Covid, or the aftermath of Sandy and 9/11. We have offered one another food, housing and comfort through those times of need.

We are a community that should be together and has the right to be. Please don't split our districts apart.

Best,
Leslie

Leslie Gill
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Apartment 3B

New York, NY 10012



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From: VERED LIEB [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2022 1:13 PM
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