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It has come to our attention that considerations are being made to move Roosevelt Island into a district in western Queens. We believe this to be capricious and without appropriate and due consideration from the residents. From its inception Roosevelt Island has been a part of Manhattan - to move any part of our Governance would be detrimental to our community.

1. The original purposeful intent was that Roosevelt Island be always considered a part of Manhattan. Roosevelt Island was Created to be a Manhattan Utopian Community by Mayor Lindsay.
2. Area code for Roosevelt Islanders was 212 not 718.
3. Zip Code for Roosevelt Island is 10044, a Manhattan zip code
4. The MTA considers Roosevelt Island part of Manhattan

Most importantly, for over 50 years the people who live on Roosevelt Island identify themselves as Manhattanites. As a resident for the last four years, I absolutely LOVE identifying as a Manhattanite! In fact, I tell everyone it's the best part of Manhattan!

Thank you for your strong consideration in keeping Roosevelt Island as originally intended.

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