

Redistricting Commission NYC July 6, 2022

Gale A. Brewer, City Council 6th District

My name is Gale Brewer, and I represent the 6th Council District which runs on the southern side from West 54th Street west of 10th Avenue, to just above Columbus Circle and the Time Warner Center/Deutsche Bank Center over to Central Park West at 59th Street and up the West Side from the Hudson River to Central Park. The northern boundary is on 96 Street (southern side) from Central Park to Broadway; and then from West 96 Street to 108th Street and a small part of West 109th Street on the west side of Broadway over to Riverside Park and the Hudson River. There were in 2010 168,441 people with a deviation of 4.81% (7731 people); and now, according to the 2020 Census, there are 181,437 people with a deviation of 5.1% (8806 persons) over the ideal population of 172,631 people.

It is my understanding that with a 5% deviation, a District can include 177,000 people. As the former Manhattan Borough President, constituents call me and my staff from all over the Borough, and we can handle a District of 177,000 or more!

I was in the City Council previously from 2002 to 2013 representing the 6th Council District which ran from West 54th Street to West 96th Street from the Hudson River to Central Park.

Central Park is included in the 6th Council District currently, and I urge the Commission to continue its inclusion in this one district.

This is the district that makes the most sense for the following reasons:

1. The Upper West Side is considered to include the area from West 96 Street to West 59th Street, Park to River.
2. In that area is the entirety of Lincoln Center, including the main campus and Jazz at Lincoln Center which is located at Columbus Circle. (Currently the Time Warner Center/Deutsche Bank Center is in the 3rd CD).
3. Because the population in Washington Hts has decreased, the Council Districts in northern Manhattan have to be shifted southward. I am happy to expand the 6th Council District into the West 50's, and it is important to keep Harborview, a NYCHA development on West 55 Street, in the 6th Council District because it is managed by the Management Office of

Amsterdam Houses, located on West 64th Street which is in the 6th Council District.

4. People on the Upper West Side are the most active in current affairs compared to any other District in New York City. In the 2021 Primary Election, voters in the 6th Council District voted in numbers that were nearly twice the turnout of the highest-turnout district in the Bronx, and they voted in the highest turnout in Manhattan by far (almost 11,000 more voters than the second-highest voting district). See below for a sampling.
5. In summary, a District that goes from West 96th Street to West 55th or West 54th Street from Central Park over to the Hudson River is one that represents a compact, contiguous District. Below Central Park, the area in the West 50's should run from Broadway over to the Hudson River.

I am happy to represent the current District, one that I represented previously, or a combination of both. However, I know that the area has to have a maximum number of people – 177,000. I hope I have outlined an area that people who live on the Upper West Side will feel represents their geographic interests.

Primary Election 2021 Turnout NYC

Manhattan

Dist 10	9,583
Dist 9	25,627
Dist 8	11,722
Dist 7	23,192
Dist 6	39,399
Dist 5	25,436
Dist 4	no primary in 2021; 13,000 in 2017
Dist 3	28,558
Dist 2	21,342
Dist 1	21,834

BX

Dist 18	21,610
Dist 17	9,049
Dist 16	10,112

Dist 15	8,205
Dist 14	9,385
Dist 13	9,960
Dist 12	17,399
Dist 11	17,008

Queens (and the Bronx as the District includes Rikers Is which is in the BX)

Dist 22	16,240
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