

Brenda A. Wise

From: Michael Collins <michaelbx2@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:05 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Demand that NY-16 Remain In Tact

Dear Brenda Wise:

I write in support of retaining the current NY-16 District in tact with lower Westchester County as we are communities of common and shared interests from our houses of worship to our educational institutions to our cultural institutions.

It appears that the currently formulated and drawn re-districting map hints of gerrymandering with the express intent of diluting and laying vulnerable the voting power of the predominantly Black voting bloc of Co-Op City, Baychester, Williamsbridge, and Edenwald. It also tears at the fabric of our co-existence with our geographical backyard neighbor and community of shared interest, lower Westchester County.

I am a long time resident and, now, a senior citizen of NY-16 which trends heavily toward voting in its own best interest. This direct assault on the voting power of the Northeast Bronx as a voting bloc and as a black community and on the voting power of our alignment with lower Westchester County is an attack on voting rights and our democracy.

This re-districting map as drawn by the Special Master is not in line with our best interest and only serves to weaken the voting power of our communities. This current re-districting map for NY-16 must not stand.

There is a just demand for a fairer re-districting map that will promote and protect the voting bloc of the Black community in the Northeast Bronx of NY-16.

I implore you to allow the just power of the vote to prevail.

Respectfully submitted,

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From: Noel Ellison <nellison@riverbaycorp.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:03 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; SteubenSuperior@NYCourts.gov; Cervas@CMU.edu
Subject: Congressional Redistricting Map

Good Evening,

Riverbay Corporation is the company that owns and manages the residential development known as Co-op City.

I write to urge the court reject the proposed congressional redistricting map, in particularly as it affects the Northeast Bronx district that includes Co-op City (currently NY-16).

We note the that proposed changes splits the neighborhoods of Co-op City, Edenwald, Williamsbridge and Lower Westchester, (currently New York Congressional District 16 (NY-16)) and maps them into three separate districts (NY-14, NY-15, and NY-16).

By our calculations, this change would reduce the voting power of these communities of color by 17%, further marginalizing them and making it difficult for them to elect candidates that best represent their interests.

Please consider the fact that Co-op City is the largest housing development in the country with an estimated population of over 40,000 residents living in 15,372 apartments. As would be expected, such a development requires a close partnership with its elected officials and government agencies to effectively deliver essential services to its citizens.

Throughout the current pandemic, the understanding of this unique community by our current elected officials has resulted in the receipt of federal grants, the connection with government agency officials, and the implementation of legislation that has been invaluable to our operation.

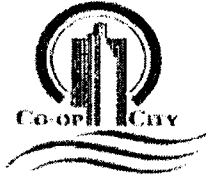
In addition, due to similar population demographics of our neighboring communities (all communities of color), we've been able to affectively coordinate our efforts under the combined leadership of the elected officials who currently represent us. It would be counterproductive to lose that cohesiveness simply to give a political boost to individuals solely bent on controlling our legislative bodies.

Normally, our company tends to stay away from partisan political matters, but given the recent accomplishments brought about by our informed elected officials, we dare not stand idly by while our voting strength and that of our neighbors is deliberately diminished.

Indeed, we urge the court to reject the proposed mapping plan so we may maintain the cohesive relationship with the government that we currently enjoy. It would be unfortunate to have this community lumped into a district with communities who's local interests would fail to serve the needs of a newly marginalized electorate.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,
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From: George May <gwmay2001@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:02 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Special Master - Redistricting Congressional Districts

Dear Special Master.

My name is George May, the preliminary map you have released is a work in progress, and is promising overall, but needs to be modified in several areas. I have lived in NYC for 20 years and know this city's cultural diversity, demographics, and politics. I live in New York's 8th congressional district and I agree that this district should be based only in Brooklyn, it should lose its portions of Queens and parts of Northwest Brooklyn. I am glad that it has added and maintained its diverse mixed communities in Southern Brooklyn, like Coney Island, and added more of Gerritsen Beach, Sheepshead Bay, and Gravesend. However, the community of Bedford- Stuyvesant should be mostly within the 8th district, and keep the Black community together, it's okay to spread voters, but it would be nice to have more of Bed Stuyvasent in the district.

I do agree with the concept of how you redrew NY-10, it fixes the gerrymandered design and connects Northern and Central Brooklyn with Lower Manhattan.

Finally, NY-11 should become even more competitive, and if possible could take in communities in Brooklyn and/or Manhattan. Both boroughs serve the needs of Staten Islanders. Communities in Brooklyn, like Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights, Fort Hamilton, Sunset Park, Red Hook, and Gowanus have issues that can relate to Staten Island. the same can be said for communities in Lower Manhattan on the East and Westside.

This Draft has received mixed responses from both political parties and everyday New Yorkers who have concerns. I hope you make the appropriate changes for the final congressional Map coming out on Friday, I look forward to seeing the final result.

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From: bkoepicust@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:01 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Comments on Congressional and Senate maps

To: Justice Patrick McAllister

I have a summer cabin on Sixth Lake in the Hamilton County Town of Inlet, and I sent testimony to the Independent Redistricting Commission requesting that the Town of Inlet be put into the same Congressional, Senate and Assembly Districts as the Town of Webb in Herkimer County. The reason for that request is that the Town of Inlet and the Town of Webb have a combined Central School and Police Department. I think that it is important that both places have the same representatives advocating for their needs. I am pleased to see that the Special Master's Senate and Congressional maps keep both Towns in the same District, and request that you not change that section of these maps.

However, I live in Saratoga Springs for most of the year, so I am upset that you have put Saratoga Springs in the North Country District 21. I had advocated for including all of Saratoga County with the Capital District. The County is a member of the Capital District Regional Planning Commission, the Capital District Transportation Authority, our hospitals are all linked to Albany Medical Center or St. Peter's in Albany, and many of our people work in state government or other Capital District corporations. So, it only makes sense to include us with the Capital District Congressional District. And I don't think the County should be split into two Congressional Districts.

Barb Thomas

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From: Alfred Carbonella <ajcarbo@hotmail.com>
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To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: New York-11 Redistricting

To whomever it may concern

As a lifelong resident of Staten Island I kindly ask you to reconsider putting Sunset Park and Red Hook into NY-11, these areas have nothing in common with Staten Island, it would make much more sense to keep something similar to the current borders which include neighborhoods we have far more in common with like Bensonhurst, Bath Beach, and New Utrecht

Sincerely A.J Carbonerra

Sent from my iPad

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Please preserve Columbia County as a unified community of interest with our neighboring counties. Dividing Columbia County or separating us from this region would impact the residents who want to share our rich heritage and build for the future.

Columbia County is located along the Hudson River in the Mid-Hudson Valley, and should be part of a contiguous district of adjoining Mid-Hudson Valley counties when redistricted. The counties of Columbia, Dutchess, Rensselaer, Ulster and Greene in the Mid-Hudson Valley have a common history, sharing similar agricultural, historic, artistic and economic challenges.

I respectfully request your consideration of these distinctive characteristics and binding relationships when you engage in the current redistricting process.

Sincerely,

Barbara Gentile

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Christine Heeg <ceheeg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 6:34 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Bay Ridge Brooklyn Senatorial Districts

I am stunned that anyone would slice and dice my neighborhood into 3 Senatorial Districts.

We are a great neighborhood and do not deserve to be stripped of our civil rights.

Please do not allow this to happen.

Christine Heeg

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From: Jennifer Laga <jennifer.laga@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 6:23 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redrawn NYS voter district maps

Dear Honorable McAllister:

I support the newly redrawn NYS voter district maps, providing better distribution of fair representation of both Democratic and Republican parties.

Thank you for your consideration of the representation of all New York State voters.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Okal

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Paul Adler, Esq. <pauladler1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:27 PM
To: cervas@cmu.edu; Brenda A. Wise
Cc: Nicole Nikki Hines; NAACP New York State Conference; wilbur27401@gmail.com
Subject: Observations and Objections to the Special Master Maps (NY17)

To: Special Master Cervas

I am writing as the **Civic Engagement Chair for the Nyack Branch of the NAACP** in connection with the proposed new map for NY-17.

- Nyack/Haverstraw (underserved minority communities in Rockland) have been part of the 17th Congressional District, which was represented for years by Nita Lowey and is now represented by Mondaire Jones, the first openly Gay African-American member of Congress. Mr. Jones is the first Rocklander to represent the District since 1964 when John Dow was then elected. The current district consists of Rockland and southern Westchester.
- As part of the redistricting by the NY Democrats, the district was changed to exclude part of Westchester, and add areas from Orange and Sullivan County which are on the same side of the Hudson River.
- That the proposed new map was ruled unconstitutional by a NYS Supreme Court Judge, a ruling affirmed by the NYS Court of Appeals.
- Now the Special master has come up with new maps, which creates a THIRD version of NY 17, which now includes Rockland but takes away southern Westchester and adds some northern Westchester, Putnam, and Dutchess county areas. There is no commonality to this proposed district given the wide geography involved.
- This new district does NOT include White Plains, where Mr. Jones currently resides.
- The new 17th includes approximately 70% of the old 17th, but the connection with Putnam and Dutchess only serves to help exclude minorities from winning the new district.
- We urge the Special Master to consider changing the maps, and meet with the members of the local and state representatives of the NAACP, the nation's oldest civil rights organization. Getting a minority perspective might help in better understanding the unique needs of communities of color who have finally been able to elect an African American to Congress outside the City of New York.

Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to provide you with an additional perspective.

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Dear Judge McAllister, / Dear Dr. Cervas,

At every step of the redistricting process that New York recently undertook, the community of Elmont has shown up to speak out and make our voice heard about our desire to be united within one State Senate District, so we were all shocked and upset to see that the recently announced lines drawn by the Special Master leave our community divided once again.

For decades, the Elmont community was divided among different State Senate districts as a means of diluting our voice and power as a majority-minority community. Ten years ago, we made our voices heard in the last redistricting cycle to have our community united and were left divided still. This year, as I mentioned, we showed up again in an attempt to undo this historic injustice perpetrated upon our community, and I'm writing to you today in the hopes that you will hear our voice and make this situation right so that we don't have to wait another 10 years to have our community united.

Here on Long Island, what we consider to be our communities often coincides with the boundaries of our school districts, and Elmont is no different. What is unique about Elmont, however, is that while most districts on Long Island are designed to perpetuate racial segregation, our kids attend a Central High School District, the Sewanhaka Central High School District, which connects our community to our neighbors in Floral Park, Stewart Manor, New Hyde Park, Garden City Park, Bellerose, and Franklin Square, giving our kids an opportunity to attend schools with a diverse population.

It would be wrong to slice our community in half and dilute our voice for another 10 years. I am asking you to reconsider the decision to divide Elmont at Hempstead Turnpike, and respectfully request that the boundaries of the Elmont Union Free School District and the Sewanhaka Central High School District be included in the 7th Senate District, so as to unite Elmont once and for all, and give us the voice that was robbed from us for generations.

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From: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:19 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: FW: redistricting plan

From: Pierre Gagne <pgagne125@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:17 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR <STEUBEN_SUPERIOR@nycourts.gov>
Subject: redistricting plan

Dear Sir or Madame,

My name is Pierre Gagne. I am a citizen of Yonkers, which is currently in the 16th Congressional District. I am also a veteran who travelled to Bath to testify before the Special Master.

Currently, the 16th Congressional District includes citizens from Coop City and other Bronx neighborhoods.

What makes the 16th Congressional District strong is how, even though we have different counties in this district, we also are built from communities who have similar concerns, issues and daily struggles. These daily struggles include, affordable housing, equitable education, and proper investment in the infrastructure to name a few. These neighborhoods need a singular voice who will fight for them.

For this reason I am imploring you to keep Coop City part of the 16th Congressional District. We, the people struggling to get by in this state, need a singular voice to speak for those of us whose voices have been consistently ignored. Please do not weaken our voice now by separating us.

Thank you,

Pierre Gagne

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From: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:19 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: FW: Comment regarding NYS Congressional maps

From: Elaine <etb51364@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:11 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR <STEUBEN_SUPERIOR@nycourts.gov>
Subject: Comment regarding NYS Congressional maps

Justice McAllister:

Please accept on the proposed NYS Congressional district maps that were released May 16. As residents of lower Westchester and CD 17, we believe it is extremely important for all of the Rivertowns to continue to be in that district. This is just too much upheaval for the residents of NY State. A village consortium consists of Hastings-on-Hudson, Dobbs Ferry, Irvington, Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow that comes together to pursue improvements to public safety, infrastructure, affordable housing and transit use around the Mario Cuomo Bridge and Rt. 9

In addition, Greenburgh and White Plains are inextricably intertwined and dependent communities and should NOT be in separate congressional districts. It also makes CD 17 a more equitable district with a diverse population. Dutchess and Putnam counties are not connected to Westchester County in anyway including socially, politically or economically and should not be included in CD 17. The 17th Congressional district should be restored closely to what it presently is.

The constituency of CD 17 worked hard to elect its Congress men/women, and we should be able to still be represented by them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Elaine Trader
Edward Trader

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Honorable Patrick McAllister
Justice, New York State Supreme Court
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Jonathan Cervas
Special Master for Redistricting
May 17, 2022

Gentlemen:

Let me add my voice in opposition to the latest iteration for the Congressional district (s) that include Jefferson County.

For purpose of introduction, my name is Jeffrey Graham. I was Mayor of the City of Watertown for 20 years ending in 2015 and have before and after been a local business owner and involved in community affairs and local politics. I believe I have a firm grasp of this area and its people.

Jefferson County has always shared a community of interest with other North Country counties like St Lawrence and Lewis along with the Adirondack Region. There are economic and cultural ties and overlaying this is the Tenth Mountain Division at Fort Drum which is deeply involved in surrounding communities and counties.

Indeed, regional affiliations were at the heart of the state's economic development regions created a decade ago by then Governor Andrew M. Cuomo. These regional councils have further strengthened ties between contiguous counties.

The current proposal to divorce Jefferson County from its traditional North Country district would place Watertown and Fort Drum at the rump end of a district based in Western New York. The new 24th stands out in contrast to the compactness shown in districts surrounding major upstate cities.

I urge the reconsolidation of Jefferson County in a district where it can share its future with like counties.

I understand the difficulty in making maps that fit many criteria, but I ask the proposed 24th District be pushed west and some accommodation be made for Watertown and Fort Drum.

Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,

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