

Brenda A. Wise

From: Kelly McMullen <kellymcmullen25@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:26 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Columbia County & Redistricting

Please do not pull Columbia County out of the consortium including Dutchess, Ulster and Green Counties. It is difficult enough to educate and keep people current with legislative and political issues that impact our lives. Dividing the map in the proposed manner will not help but hinder these efforts. Thank you.

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From: Lisa Di <lisadicapriosremodeling@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:26 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Amsterdam NY

I implore that the struggling City of Amsterdam to remain in New York States 20th district to help Amsterdam develop into a bedroom community and help Amsterdam become a solid member of the Capital Region.

I worked in Capital Region for 34 years. The perception that Amsterdam was on the "other side of the world" was very predominant in the minds of my coworkers. Amsterdam desperately needs the inclusiveness to the Capital Region.

Changing the district will push Amsterdam to the nether regions and to the back of lawmakers and the publics mind!

Keep Amsterdam in the 20th district!!

Thank you,
Lisa DiCaprio
40 Sanford Ave
Amsterdam, NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Ellen Haggerty <7wildirishrose@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:28 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise

Please be advised that I support the newly redrawn NYS voter district maps in order to provide a better distribution of fair representation of both the Democratic and Republican parties. The gerrymandered maps are completely unacceptable, regardless of favored party affiliation.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the representation of all New York State voters as the Empire State encompasses a vast majority of values and views that need to be uniquely addressed in each individual region.

Sincerely,
Ellen Haggerty

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From: Lisa Costello <lcostello@aimservicesinc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:29 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Resident of Saratoga Springs NY

As a resident of the city of Saratoga Springs, NY, I am strongly opposed to the draft Congressional map that would remove my community from a Congressional district centered in New York's Capital Region. Saratoga Springs strongly identifies with the greater Capital Region and has strong economic and transportation ties to communities like Schenectady, Albany, Troy, and Amsterdam. Many of our residents work and have families in these communities. Placing Saratoga Springs into a district that stretches to the Canadian border with communities that have much different needs than our own will ultimately be detrimental to our community. I urge you to include Saratoga Springs in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

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From: Renee Birnbaum <renee@choiceconnectionsny.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:28 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: re: draft Congressional map

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Thank you for your time.
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From: aconway9@verizon.net
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:29 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Amsterdam and Saratoga Springs

Albany, Amsterdam, Troy, Saratoga Springs, and Schenectady have always been part of one community. It has shared multiple resources and institutions for years. They need to be kept together in one district, District 20, so that they can speak with one voice.

Thank you for listening.

Anne Conway

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From: Kurt Krumperman <kkrump123@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:32 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NY 20th District

Dear Sir,

The Capital Region of New York clearly includes the city of Amsterdam and Saratoga Springs. It would do this region a complete disservice to have more than one member of Congress with distinctly different constituent issues. I believe your proposed district lines reflects the same partisan map drawing as the Democratic lines you were appointed to fix. Regions are regions precisely because of the geographic, economic and cultural ties. Don't mess with it. Thank you.

Kurt Krumperman
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We must learn to live together as brothers and sisters or we will perish together as fools.
Martin Luther King

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From: Marty Manjak <donnelabu@fastmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:32 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NYS re-apportionment: CD 20

Two whom it may concern:

The five urban areas of Albany, Amsterdam, Saratoga Springs, Schenectady, and Troy have extensive connections through a closely shared culture and history, as well as economic, educational, and transportation inter-dependencies. Putting these cities in different Congressional districts dilutes the representative voice that would advocate for these shared values and needs. Please keep these urban regions in the same congressional district.

Thank you.

Martin Manjak
Albany, NY

"It can't happen here," is an idiot's refrain.

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From: JoAnne Kiernan <tjawkiernan@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:39 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional Redistricting

Dear Justice McAlister,

My name is JoAnne Kiernan and I am a resident of Saratoga Springs and the proposed 21st congressional district. I applaud the inclusion of Saratoga Springs into the proposed 21st district by Special Master Cuevas and urge the Court to establish this district as proposed. Saratoga Springs has long been known as the "City in the Country" and has strong cultural and economic ties with our rural neighbors in Saratoga County, Washington County and Warren County. Glens Falls, a comparably sized city (also in the proposed 21st district) with shared issues and similar demographics is only 15 miles north on I-87. Under the 20th district as currently constituted, Saratoga Springs exists as a 5-mile protrusion to the extreme north of the existing 20th District, a relic of a partisan gerrymandering. It is important that Saratoga Springs residents be represented by a congressperson that can understand and respond to the unique combination of rural and small-city issues that face Saratoga Springs and similar municipalities in the proposed 21st District

Similarly, your separation of Saratoga Springs from the dense urban tri-city area encompassing Albany, Schenectady, Troy, and their suburbs is logical and commonsense. Saratoga Springs does not share the issues that face these urban areas and their suburbs.

In sum, I thank Special Master Cuevas for recognizing the above issues in the proposed congressional maps. I urge the Court to adopt the map of the 21st district as proposed by the Special Master.

Respectfully,

JoAnne Kiernan

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From: Barbara Heinzen <barbara@barbaraheinzen.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:44 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: New congressional districts

Hi -

As someone who lives on the border of Greene and Albany countries, I spend a lot of my time in the Capital District. Can you explain why you have chosen to divide the Capital district, rather than keeping it as one Congressional district?

Many thanks,

Barbara Heinzen

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From: Daniel L <djlawlr@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:45 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: NY Redistricting Feedback

Good morning,

I appreciate the important work needed for fair redistricting maps.

I hope and expect the maps will take into account the need for strong representation of New York's diverse Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

I echo the concerns of Rep Jeffries: "why was the historic Black community of Bedford Stuyvesant broken into pieces in the proposed map?"

I am curious why the Staten Island district prioritizes connections to Brooklyn and not Manhattan.

In gratitude for your work,

Daniel

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From: CSimmons <cpsimmons@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:46 AM
To: cervas@cmu.edu; Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Comments on NY-7

Dear Justice McAllister and Special Master Cervas,

I am a resident of Congressional District NY-7. While the proposed map does keep the Carroll Gardens, Cobble Hill, and Gowanus area together, it excludes Red Hook which should also be included as we share a navigable superfund site (the Gowanus Canal), schools, libraries, a post office, recreational facilities, a community board, etc. Many residents in the adjoining neighborhoods frequently shop, dine, and attend performances in Red Hook, and vice versa. NY-7's representative has chosen Red Hook as her home.

NY-7 is a Latino plurality VRA district and much of the district, including my voting age child, will lose this vital representation as the proposed maps cut the current NY-7 in half while unnecessarily creating a new and unrepresented NY-10. NY-7 should be drawn to include Red Hook, Carroll Gardens, Gowanus, along with Sunset Park (which shares communities of interest with other NY-7 neighborhoods of Bushwick and the Manhattan Chinatown) which shares a school district (15). Sunset Park and its neighbors share communities of interest with the other NY-7 neighborhoods from Williamsburg and Bushwick to Manhattan's Lower East Side and Chinatown. These neighborhoods and their communities of interest should stay unified in the NY7 Congressional district.

Very truly yours,
Cynthia Simmons

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From: ccnolan@hvc.rr.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:49 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Cc: 'ccnolan@hvc.rr.com'
Subject: Draft Map for New York Congressional Districts

My name is Carol Nolan. I am a resident of Ulster County, NY and am writing on behalf of the Election Reform Committee of Ulster Activists (U-Act).

We have reviewed the proposed US House of Representatives district map. Although we would prefer Ulster County to be represented by a single member of congress, we understand that the splitting of Ulster County into CD18 and CD19 may have been necessary to balance populations among districts. However, we are gravely concerned about the split of the city of Kingston between the two districts. The residents of this small city use the same commercial establishments, municipal services and social and cultural institutions. They are governed by a single local governmental entity, and when they have concerns that require federal attention, they require a single legislative contact. Please correct this grave injustice to the residents of Kingston in the final map.

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From: Caroline Rothaug <cfrothaug@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:49 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional redistricting

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Caroline Rothaug
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From: Sharon Smith <sharonasmith7@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:50 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Gerry is still trying to "mander"!

Honorable McAllister:

Thank you for your time and effort in the considering of all New York State voters (regardless of party affiliation) being represented. The gerrymandered maps intended quite the reverse. Thank you so much for supporting the American values that were originally put forth and protected by our Constitution.

Sincerely,

Sharon Smith

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From: Anne Kirschmann <annekir@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:50 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional Redistricting

Re: Congressional District 21

As a resident of the city of Saratoga Springs, NY, we are strongly opposed to the draft Congressional map that would remove our community from a Congressional district centered in New York's Capital Region. Saratoga Springs strongly identifies with the greater Capital Region and has strong economic and transportation ties to communities like Schenectady, Albany, Troy, and Amsterdam. Many of our residents work and have families in these communities. Placing Saratoga Springs into a district that stretches to the Canadian border with communities that have much different needs than our own will ultimately be detrimental to our community. We urge you to include Saratoga Springs in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

Anne and Peter Kirschmann

10 Larkspur Drive

Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

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From: Dr. Katherine Corbett <kcorbett@imlcs.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:51 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Redistricting of the Lakeview Community

Good Morning,

It has come to my attention that there is a plan to redistrict the Lakeview community. I am a forty-seven year homeowner/resident of Lakeview. I am also a thirty-four year pastor of New Life Christian Center, a church serving Nassau County and Lakeview in particular. I am also the second vice president of the Long Island Conference of Clergy. It is very disturbing to be informed that in spite of the negative impact of the redistricting of Lakeview that it is still being considered. It is not acceptable that the representation of the community is being cut in spite of its consistent willingness to work to improve the quality of life in this community. On behalf of my family, neighbors, and faith community, I am strongly appealing that you do not change the districting of the Lakeview community.

Respectfully,

Dr. Katherine Corbett

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From: Joyce Hackett <joycehackett67@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:53 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NYS Voter map

Re: Support for redrawn NYS voter district maps

Dear Honorable McAllister:

Please be advised that I support the newly redrawn NYS voter district maps in order to provide a better distribution of fair representation of both the Democratic and Republican parties. The gerrymandered maps are completely unacceptable, regardless of favored party affiliation.

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Sincerely,
Joyce M Hackett

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From: Susan Polos <suz.polos@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:54 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: New maps are unfair to Black voters!

The new Congressional maps have NY-16 no longer including Co-op City and other parts of the Bronx. This map cuts out the historically Black Co-op City, and it removes Jamaal Bowman's middle school CASA from the district. Overall these new maps equate to a 17% drop in total Black population in the district. This directly dilutes the voting power of communities of color, further strengthening the power of white and wealthy communities in the suburbs.

A fairer map would ensure that NY-16 retains the northeast Bronx communities of Co-Op City, Edenwald and Williamsbridge with lower Westchester. The special master's proposed map decreases the Black voter population by about 17%, this dilutes the voting power of Black people in NY-16, further marginalizing them and making it difficult for them to elect candidates that best represent their interests.

Thank you,

Susan Polos
2 Ashby Place
Katonah, NY 10536

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From: Kate Williams <katelwilliams@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:54 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: District 19

Columbia County is very important to remain a part of this district, as we share many services with them. Greene County does not have a hospital, a community college and Twin County Recovery from addiction, Columbia- Greene Humane Society, and many many more. It does not make sense to have two different Congressman or woman to serve these counties as so much is shared between them.

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From: Alesha Carrero <aleshacarrero122616@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:54 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in ny 20

As a resident of the city of Amsterdam, NY, I am strongly opposed to the draft Congressional map that would remove my community from a Congressional district centered in New York's Capital Region.

Amsterdam strongly identifies with the greater Capital Region and has strong economic and transportation ties to communities like Schenectady, Albany, Troy, and Saratoga Springs. Many of our residents, myself included work and have families in these communities, and just this month it was announced that the Capital District Transportation Authority would be expanding its service into Amsterdam.

Placing Amsterdam into a district that stretches to the Canadian border with communities that have much different needs than our own will ultimately be detrimental to our community. I urge you to include Amsterdam in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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From: afrid424 <afrid424@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:55 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NYS Senate Maps

My name is Arlene Frid, I am submitting this testimony in protest of the new maps that were released for the New York Senate. The Jewish communities of Kew Gardens Hills and Hillcrest were heavily involved in asking the Independent Redistricting Commission to keep these neighborhoods together. Furthermore, Pomonok Houses, and Electchester cooperative have always been part of our district, they are our neighbors, and many of our families originate from these public housing entities.

In the state legislatures plan, they took into account our testimony and made a district that combined most of the Jewish community in Central Queens. Kew Gardens Hills has been gerrymandered into a South East Queens State Senate District. Pomonok, Electchester and Hillcrest has been split off into a Flushing centered district. This is splitting our communities up. Communities of interest must be together in one district.

We ask that in your final draft you put the neighborhoods of Kew Gardens Hills, Pomonok, Electchester, and Hillcrest into the district you drew of central Queens with Forest Hills, Rego Park, Middle Village, and Glendale. Please remove Ozone Park and Richmond Hill as they are not the same communities of interest as we are to the neighborhoods mentioned above.

Sincerely,
Arlene Frid
Sent from my Galaxy

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From: Lucy Frank <lkfrank1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:55 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Columbia County & Redistricting

I am a voter from Taghkanic, in Columbia County, writing to urge you to keep Columbia County in the mid-Hudson Valley region.

Columbia County should be part of a contiguous Congressional district of adjoining Mid-Hudson Valley counties when redistricted. We are neither urban nor suburban--we belong as a unified Columbia County community with neighboring counties--Dutchess, Rensselaer, Ulster and Greene.

Please preserve Columbia County as a unified community of interest with our neighboring counties. We share similar agricultural, historic, artistic and economic challenges and opportunities with Dutchess, Ulster, Rensselaer, and Greene Counties as part of a Mid-Hudson Valley Region. 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.

Thank you.

Lucy Frank

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From: Nancy Lauter <nancylauter@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:57 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

I am angry and appalled by the damage done to Jerry Nadler's district. My representation has been compromised.
300 Central Park West 10024

Sent from my iPhone

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Grace Frisone <gracefrisone@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:59 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: redistricting - Saratoga Springs

As a resident of the city of Saratoga Springs, NY, I am strongly opposed to the draft Congressional map that would remove my community from a Congressional district centered in New York's Capital Region. Saratoga Springs strongly identifies with the greater Capital Region and has strong economic and transportation ties to communities like Schenectady, Albany, Troy, and Amsterdam. Many of our residents work and have families in these communities. Placing Saratoga Springs into a district that stretches to the Canadian border with communities that have much different needs than our own will ultimately be detrimental to our community. I urge you to include Saratoga Springs in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

Grace Frisone

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From: nathanstange@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:00 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting - Rockville Centre

My understanding is that the current draft map would split Rockville Centre between two State Senate Districts. This would create a enormous difficulty for RVC residents in getting their concerns heard and needs addressed in any kind of unified manner. I urge you keep RVC in a single district.

Nathan Stange
Rockville Centre

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From: Trever Holland <trever.holland@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:02 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise; Cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: New CD 7th and 10th NYC

Dear Special Master,

My name is Trever Holland and I am the President of Tenants United Fighting For the Lower East Side (TUFF-LES). TUFF-LES is a resident-centric group of concerned resident leaders who live along the Two Bridges Waterfront section of the Lower East Side, NYC (previously 7th CD now proposed 10th CD). We established ourselves to ensure that our voices would be heard in the 7th Congressional District.

We now feel the need to speak out again regarding the proposal to draw new lines which would effectively strip our voices in this low-income neighborhood of immigrants and people of color. Our communities have been united in the same Congressional District NY 7 for 30 years. We are neighborhoods that are culturally linked, and a proposed Congressional map that separates the Lower East Side from North Brooklyn and South Brooklyn shows disregard for our communities and right to vote for fair and equitable representation.

Our neighborhoods are built on the backs of Latino, Jewish and AAPI communities who have established bonds that go back for decades. This is a natural bond as we all share some of the difficulties typical in large cities including hate crimes, pressure from developers and a desperate lack of resources. Keeping these majority-minority districts continues to be one of the most effective methods of ensuring that communities of color have the ability to elect officials of choice.

We ask now that you reconsider the NY 7th district lines to more fairly reflect our special neighborhoods. At this exact moment, we technically have no representation at all because our neighborhood has been moved into the new 10th district. Please take a look, not just of geographical lines, but more importantly at the cultural and social lines that have existed for decades.

Thank you for your consideration.
Trever Holland
President
TUFF-LES

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE Smartphone

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Dee Burkins <burkinsdl@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:04 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional District Map for NY 20

Dear Sir/Madame:

I am writing to ask the Special Master to please reconsider the draft NY 20 Map that was recently released and to revise it for the purpose of keeping the Capital District Region of NY together. With the map released as is, Saratoga Springs and Amsterdam have been removed from NY 20. The Capital District Region has historically included the cities of Albany, Troy, Schenectady, Saratoga Springs and Amsterdam. We are tied together transportation wise with the CDTA and the SUNY Systems, as well as each community having the same sorts of issues and culture. If the cities of Saratoga Springs and Amsterdam are removed from our NY 20 district, this will diminish our capability to be able to speak for the Capital District Region with a unified voice.

Therefore, I am requesting that you kindly include the cities of Amsterdam and Saratoga Springs in the NY 20 Congressional District.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Dianne "Dee" Burkins
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From: Kyle Jackson <knjackson500@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:06 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Lakeview District lines

Please reconsider the redrawn lines within Lakeview. The new redistricting will be catastrophic for the neighborhood.

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From: James Tenney <jim10e@optonline.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:07 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu
Cc: jim10e@optimum.net
Subject: Fwd: Please keep Rockville Centre in one senatorial district

Good day! As a resident of Rockville Centre, I write to request that you use your efforts to change the New York State Senatorial map so that a single State Senator represent the Rockville Centre community.

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> Coming from Brooklyn decades ago, I was the President of a civic organization that fought coterminality, a means of redistricting under Mayor Koch, which split the Midwood community (and three others) in half effecting a range of municipal services. That effort failed based on political considerations and services diminished while community integrity dissipated.

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> Now the proposed legislative map will do the same to Rockville Centre. We face numerous challenges including Sunrise Highway physically dividing the community. Nevertheless, we have largely the same boundaries for the Village and the RVC Unified School District. These two public entities need a single State Senator to focus on our needs.

> RVC remains an anchor on the South Shore providing a wealth of restaurants, entertainment facilities, diverse clothing and banking institutions in addition to numerous religious institutions which draw participants from all over. At the same time, RVC constantly needs commitment from the State for funding for its schools, electric power facilities, water facilities, roads, etc.

The overriding public interest in legislative districting should be to give communities fair representation in the Legislature. The current map does not meet that standard.

> Accordingly, because a single State Senator is essential for Rockville Centre to focus on its legitimate needs for funding, community services, cohesion and identity, I ask that you change the proposed Senatorial map.

> Respectfully submitted,

> James P Tenney

> Jim10e@optonline.net

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> Sent from my iPhone

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From: Teresa Davis Wilkinson <tdaviswilkinson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:07 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting Lakeview

As a Member of the historic Lakeview, NY (11552) community I am making a plea that Lakeview be kept in one district. We are a predominantly black community with a rich history that needs to be respected and maintained. I feel the newly drawn lines are intended to divide us and our votes. This will have catastrophic effects on our community during elections. I demand immediate action. Please reconsider the lines immediately!

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From: Peg Odell <pegodell5@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:10 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Otsego County hurt by redistricting

Dear Justice McAllister,

I am very disappointed as a resident of Otsego County that where I live is now a part of the 21st district instead of the 19th. The County is split in two, and our ability to be properly represented is significantly diluted. Please consider keeping counties together. We have boundaries already, why not follow the county borders whenever possible instead of circuitous, contrived districts that only serve to divide people and benefit incumbents.

Sincerely,

Margaret Odell
Cooperstown, NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: sfwwatson890@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:11 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting Lakeview Community

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a resident of Lakeview and I oppose the redistricting of Lakeview/Rockville Center. This move would divide our community and affect the strong representation we currently have that fights for the communities best interest. Do not destroy the heritage this community was built on and what it represents for the black and brown residents.

Redistricting is not what the community wants nor needs. The residents of Lakeview oppose this move. Kindly reconsider your position on redistricting Lakeview/Rockville Center.

Sincerely,

Sheila Williams-Watson

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Mike Torelli <torellimike7@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:11 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NYS Senate Redistricting Testimony
Attachments: NYS Redistricting Letter 5-18-22.docx

Dear bwise@nycourts.gov,

Please accept this testimony from me on behalf of my family in consideration for the upcoming final decision on NYS Senate District redistricting.

Thank you.

Regards,

Michael Torelli

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To: Hon. Patrick McCallister

May 18, 2022

Dr. Jonathan Cervas

I write to you today to submit written testimony on behalf of my family that reside in both the Town of Newburgh and Town of New Windsor, in Orange County, NY and to participate in NY's newly implemented independent redistricting process and the effects redistricting will have on our communities.

Specifically, we believe that both the Town of Newburgh and Town of New Windsor should be in the same NYS Senate District for the following reasons:

- Both Towns share the same school district
- Both Towns share major infrastructure assets, like the Hudson River, NYS Thruway/I-87, New York Stewart International Airport, NYS Rt. 9W & NYC Aqueducts.
- Both Towns have inter-municipal agreements and share water & sewer infrastructure, also with the City of Newburgh.
- Both Towns share the same watershed area.
- There is a natural divide amongst these two Towns with the adjoining Town of Montgomery with the Stewart State Forest, therefore no residential connection going west in the center of this area.

For the above reasons, we believe that when considering redistricting, that the Town of Newburgh and Town of New Windsor should be together in one NYS Senate District and the Town of Montgomery should be in another, with the remainder of Orange County municipalities.

Thank you for considering the needs of our community.

Regards,

Michael Torelli – on behalf of the Torelli Family

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Robbie Brown <wfd205@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:13 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Special Master Letter In Regards to Senate District 39 and Senate District 42
Attachments: LETTER 2022-05-17 Redistricting Special Master Testimony REVISED.docx.pdf

Dr Cervas,

Please find attached my letter in regards to the proposed maps for Senate District 39 and Senate District 42. Thank you for your time and consideration

Robbie Brown
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Montgomery, NY 12549
(845)275-7582

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May 17, 2022

Dr. Jonathan Cervas
Special Master
New York State Redistricting

Dear Dr. Cervas,

I write to you as a registered voter in the State of New York and a lifelong resident of the Town of Montgomery in Orange County. I am deeply involved in my community through politics, government, philanthropy, and volunteerism. I have observed the redistricting process with great interest, and I was excited by your appointment to serve as Special Master during the final stages. Your work nationwide is well-regarded for good reason.

You, better than most, understand that redistricting is an imperfect process that hopes to answer the all-important question of who will represent us in government. Because of that, there will always be critics who think it could have been done better and skeptics who think it could have been done fairer. I will do my best not to be one of those and just present the facts. As a citizen and voter who is thoroughly engaged in the democratic process, I have just one small suggestion that I would like to make. My suggestion will be limited to your state Senate map and focused on an area of the state that I know well: my hometown of Montgomery in Orange County.

Simply put, the Town of Montgomery, currently in your proposed Senate District 39 (SD 39), should be in your proposed Senate District 42 (SD 42). This can easily be accomplished by swapping it with the Town of New Windsor, which is in SD 42. Not only does this make sense for a variety of human and community interest reasons, but it also makes sense for technical reasons too. And while I'm sure you will hear from many individuals and groups arguing for 'this' change or 'that,' many of those changes could have unintended consequences and create a domino effect that calls the entire map into question. This suggested change will not, as it is a simple and practical one-for-one swap supported by data and fact.

First, on geography, the Town of Montgomery (Montgomery) is a rural, landlocked town in northern Orange County bordering the northern, rural, landlocked towns of Crawford and Wallkill which are both in SD 42. The Town of New Windsor (New Windsor) is a suburban town on the Hudson River in eastern Orange County bordering the suburban and urban Town and City of Newburgh which are both on the Hudson River in eastern Orange County and in SD 39. Additionally, New Windsor shares a Hudson River border with southern Dutchess County which is also in SD 39, and from there, SD 39 continues up and down the Hudson River in either direction to similar small metro areas, making that the geographic focal point of that district.

Next, on services, Montgomery shares emergency services with our neighboring town of Crawford, most critically our volunteer fire and ambulance departments which are the first responders in this area. Meanwhile, New Windsor is part of the Newburgh metro area, and the three municipalities share services such as water and sewer infrastructure and conservation initiatives along the Hudson River.

Further, on industry, Stewart International Airport is a commercial airport and military base situated in both the towns of Newburgh (SD 39) and New Windsor. Splitting its representation between two districts makes little sense given the complexity of its issues. On the other hand, Montgomery has a large and thriving agricultural sector whose farms are in cooperatives with farms in the towns of Crawford, Goshen, Wallkill, and Warwick, all of which are in SD 42. The Wallkill River flows through the heart of Montgomery and into those towns, bringing with it its own set of complicated issues, especially for our farmers and departments of public works.

Lastly, on schools, the Newburgh City School District is split between the Town and City of Newburgh (SD 39) and the Town of New Windsor, while the Valley Central School District is concentrated in the towns of Montgomery, Crawford, Hamptonburgh, and Wallkill (SD 42).

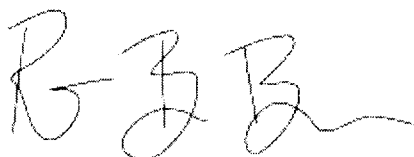
As demonstrated by these facts, some of the most important aspects of our lives will have representation in state government that is made more difficult and complicated by the current proposed district lines. From where our food is grown and the education of our children to critical public services and basic geography and community character, my suggested swap of the towns of Montgomery and New Windsor in your proposed state Senate map would correct this error in what is an otherwise sterling map.

As if that were not enough evidence, statistically and mathematically, this swap also makes sense because it will have nearly no impact on the size, compactness, or competitiveness of the districts, and in fact, it could improve those metrics. Roughly, Montgomery's population is 23,000 and New Windsor's is 26,000. As proposed by you, SD 42 is underpopulated by -1.3%, and SD 39 is underpopulated by -2.2%, per the CUNY Graduate Center. This swap would essentially flip those numbers to -2.4% in SD 42 and -1% SD 39, with both remaining within your map's overall deviation of 4.97%.

Also, both towns are in the competitive 45-55% range as defined by Dave's Redistricting and based on its Composite 2016-2020 data. Swapping them will not alter the competitiveness of SD 42 and SD 39, which are both squarely within the same range. And while I do not have a tool to measure compactness myself, both districts pass the "eye test" after the swap, and even look more compact given the nature of their geographies, which I've discussed (see Addendum).

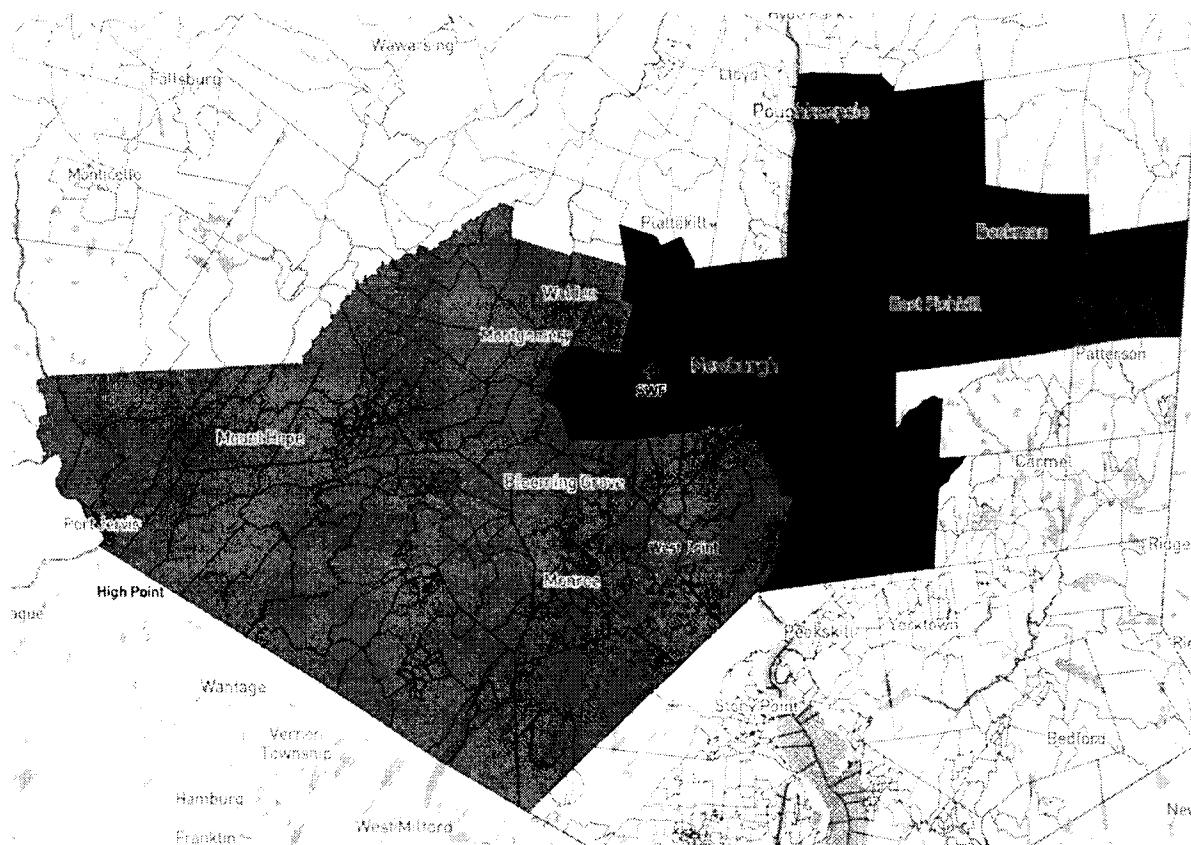
In closing, if the goal of redistricting is ultimately better, fairer representation in government — that checks the boxes of independent metrics, please consider making this simple change.

Sincerely,



Robert B Brown
6D Springhouse Lane
Montgomery, NY 12549

ADDENDUM



Brenda A. Wise

From: donald goldschein <drgoldschein@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:15 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: New Maps for Kew Gardens Hills

My name is Donald Goldschein, I am submitting this testimony in protest of the new maps that were released for the New York Senate. The Jewish communities of Kew Gardens Hills and Hillcrest were heavily involved in asking the Independent Redistricting Commission to keep these neighborhoods together. Furthermore, Pomonok Houses, and Electchester cooperative have always been part of our district, they are our neighbors, and many of our families originate from these public housing entities.

In the state legislatures plan, they took into account our testimony and made a district that combined most of the Jewish community in Central Queens. Kew Gardens Hills has been gerrymandered into a South East Queens State Senate District. Pomonok, Electchester and Hillcrest has been split off into a Flushing centered district. This is splitting our communities up. Communities of interest must be together in one district.

We ask that in your final draft you put the neighborhoods of Kew Gardens Hills, Pomonok, Electchester, and Hillcrest into the district you drew of central Queens with Forest Hills, Rego Park, Middle Village, and Glendale. Please remove Ozone Park and Richmond Hill as they are not the same communities of interest as we are to the neighborhoods mentioned above.

Sincerely
Sincerely

Donald Goldschein

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Brenda A. Wise

From: ELizabet Frei <emaryfrei@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:17 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting Map

The new map dilutes the voting power of people of color by 17%. This is New York. Are we joining our southern neighbors in reducing representation of non-white people? Seriously, I am a democrat who found the legislature's map distasteful but this corrective measure is even worse.

Elizabeth Frei

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Robert Jacobs <bobjacobs511@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:17 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: keeping the Capital Region in the same congressional district

To the Special Master determining redistricting.

While I was not happy with the original plan for redistricting proposed by the NYS legislature, the proposal to break up the Capital Region into separate congressional districts is a mistake. I have lived in this area since 1987. I lived in Saratoga Springs for almost 20 years, but before that lived in Albany. I now live in Delmar just south of Albany. I have also worked in Saratoga, Albany County and Troy. I have friends and family all over the Capital Region. This is really one area with a common culture and common interests. It makes no sense to break this region up into two or more congressional districts. That sounds even worse than the original plan proposed by the state legislature. Please make the Capital Region one congressional district.

Thanks for your consideration,

Bob Jacobs
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Delmar, NY 12054

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Brenda A. Wise

From: captainascot@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:23 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional map change

To whom it may concern,

I am a lifelong Flushing/Bayside resident and very alarmed of the intended changes in the new congressional mapping. I am opposed to any re-design of this district and imploring you to keep Bayside as part of Congressional District 6 instead of District 3. (ie. 26th Avenue on the north, Northern Blvd. on the south, Bell Blvd. on the east, and at least Utopia on the west should remain part of CD6 as it is part of the same Community Board 11, same 111th Police Precinct, and same school District 26.) Please reconsider and allow our current congressional leaders to maintain their existing districts. My community would suffer greatly without their continued and educated leadership.

Thank you so much for your attention to this matter as well as all you do for our community.

Roger Bow
29-19 210 Place
Bayside, NY 11360

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Patricia Shepard <pattiwagon@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:24 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Don't saddle Saratoga springs to the north country

As a resident of the city of Saratoga Springs, NY, I am strongly opposed to the draft Congressional map that would remove my community from a Congressional district centered in New York's Capital Region. Saratoga Springs strongly identifies with the greater Capital Region and has strong economic and transportation ties to communities like Schenectady, Albany, Troy, and Amsterdam. Many of our residents work and have families in these communities. Placing Saratoga Springs into a district that stretches to the Canadian border with communities that have much different needs than our own will ultimately be detrimental to our community. I urge you to include Saratoga Springs in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Patricia Shepard

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Meredith Wisner <meredith.wisner@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:25 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Legal Issue with CD17

The Constitution of the State of New York requires that every congressional district be contiguous. NY Const., art. III, § 4, [c] [3] ("Each district shall consist of contiguous territory.").

Under settled New York State precedent, "contiguous" means "territory touching, adjoining and connected, as distinguished from territory separated by other territory." *Matter of Sherill v. O'Brien*, 188 N.Y. 185, 207 (1907).

A district violates the Constitution's contiguity requirement if it is "divided by water" and it is "necessary to travel through an adjoining district to keep within the boundaries of the challenged district." *Matter of Schneider v. Rockefeller*, 31 N.Y.2d 420, 430 (1972).

That is the fatal flaw here. Not only does the Hudson River sever the district's Rockland County communities from its communities in Westchester, Putnam, and Dutchess Counties. But in addition, no bridge connects the two sides of this divided district.

Under the preliminary map, the Rockland County side of the Mario Cuomo (Tappan Zee) Bridge is within NY-17, but the Westchester County side of the Bridge is within NY-16. And while the Westchester side of the Bear Mountain Bridge is within NY-17, the Orange County side of the Bridge is within NY-18. As a result, residents cannot travel between the Rockland portion of the proposed district and the Westchester portion of the proposed district without leaving NY-17 and traversing NY-16 or NY-18.

For that reason, under the preliminary map, New York's 17th Congressional District is unconstitutionally discontinuous. This violation of the State Constitution must be remedied.

The remedy is to unite the town of Greenburgh within New York's 17th Congressional District.

The most compact way to remedy this unconstitutional map—and the only way that respects the impacted communities of interest—is to include both sides of the Mario Cuomo (Tappan Zee) Bridge within New York's 17th Congressional District.

This remedy has four compelling strengths. First, it would maintain or improve the compactness of the proposed district. Second, this solution would avoid splitting any additional counties. Third, this approach would preserve the number of competitive districts in the state. And finally, it would require the least change from the district proposed in the preliminary map.

Signed, Steering Committee, Rockland United <https://rocklandunited.org/>

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Cassie Orlan <csorlan17@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:28 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Comments on Electoral Maps

For Congressional District 20, the capital region has been split in a way that is dividing up communities of interest. Historically, the capital region has been kept together, and the area has shared interests and services like CDTA. Saratoga Springs and Schenectady County are important parts of the region that should be kept together with the likes of Albany and Troy.

2. Fix the numbers in the Senate. It is totally confusing to have SD #59 be in Brooklyn and it's not necessary.

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Robert Dennison <radennison@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:27 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Objection to redistricting maps - City of Kingston NY

We strongly object to the City of Kingston redistricting proposed by your map. Cutting the City in two congressional districts dilutes the City voice and representation in Washington. The proposed cut line also separates the affluent portion of the City from the less prosperous sections of the City where there is a greater concentration of people of color. As voting citizens of Kingston this configuration will lead to confusion and discourage participation in government. Please reconsider and revise the map to keep Kingston whole.

Robert and Lynn Dennison.

122 Wilson Ave
Kingston, NY 12401

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Loretta Martin <lillymax@nycap.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:29 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: No Elise Stefanik for me

As a resident of the city of Saratoga Springs, NY, I am strongly opposed to the draft Congressional map that would remove my community from a Congressional district centered in New York's Capital Region. Saratoga Springs strongly identifies with the greater Capital Region and has strong economic and transportation ties to communities like Schenectady, Albany, Troy, and Amsterdam. Many of our residents work and have families in these communities. Placing Saratoga Springs into a district that stretches to the Canadian border with communities that have much different needs than our own will ultimately be detrimental to our community. I urge you to include Saratoga Springs in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

Laurie Martin

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Danielle Dubno-Hammer <danielledubno@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:30 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Redistricting in SD9 - Rockville Centre

Good morning,

I am a lifelong resident of Rockville Centre. I understand that the newly drafted redistricting maps for Congress and Senate split my village in two. This is a problem for many reasons. This split will compromise the voices of RVC residents by literally dividing them. We will have trouble getting attention and focus from our elected officials. We have important issues that require unified representation, relating to our taxes and schools, for example. These issues require one Senator who can advocate for our concerns. If we are split in two, we will no longer have effective representation. Please keep Rockville Centre WHOLE in SD9.

Thank you,

Danielle Dubno-Hammer
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Rockville Centre, NY 11570
516-242-9554

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Jennifer Armstrong <jarmstrong003@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:30 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Concerns on Revised Draft NYS Congressional District Map

Judge McAllister,

Please do not approve the map as is. It shows the City of Kingston as divided between the 18th and 19th districts. I am concerned that this will confuse and disenfranchise voters and ultimately result in lower voter turnout in the only city in Ulster County. We should be encouraging citizens to vote, not burying them in complications resulting from arbitrarily drawn lines.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Armstrong
17 New Street
Kingston, New York

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Jodi Wood

From: Teresa Greshaw <teresagreshaw@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:29 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: Against Remapping the 16th Congressional District
Attachments: Against Remapping the 16th Congressional District

Dear Sir,

My name is Teresa N. Greshaw. I have resided in Co-op City for the past 24 years. I respectfully request that the Northeast Bronx district which consists of Co-op City, Edenwald, Williamsbridge, and lower Westchester be retained in the 16th Congressional District. The voting Population of our communities of color must not be diluted.

Sincerely,

Teresa N. Greshaw-

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Jodi Wood

From: MaryAnn Carr <maryanncarr_99@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:05 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: CD-16

o NY-16 must retain the northeast Bronx communities of Co-Op City, Edenwald and Williamsbridge with lower Westchester

o The special master's proposed map decreases the Black voter population by about 17%, this dilutes the voting power of Black people in NY-16, further marginalizing them and making it difficult for them to elect candidates that best represent their interests.

o The northeast Bronx's predominantly Black community was splintered into three congressional districts: Co-Op City is mapped into NY-14, Williamsbridge and Baychester into NY-15 and Edenwald kept in NY-16. This directly dropped the Black voter population in NY-16 and split these communities of interest.

Sincerely,

MaryAnn Carr

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Jodi Wood

From: Natalie Polvere <polverenatalie@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:41 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Cc: Natalie Polvere
Subject: Redistricting of New York's CD-16
Attachments: Redistricting of New York CD-16.pdf

Honorable Patrick F. McAllister
Steuben County Supreme Court
Bath, New York 14810

I am writing to comment on the proposed map of Congressional District 16 released yesterday by Special Master Jonathan Cervas.

I am a resident of CD 16 in New York – a diverse district which cuts across race and class in southern Westchester County and the northern Bronx of New York City. CD16's residents range from middle- and upper-middle class suburban neighborhoods to high-density, moderate- to low-income city neighborhoods. It is, in many respects, the kind of diverse constituency that one would like to see across the state.

The original redistricting efforts by the NYS-appointed Commission requested and incorporated input from residents all over New York. The proposed map of CD16 by the appointed Special Master did not take such feedback into account. For CD16, the result is a district that no longer includes the northeast Bronx communities of Williamsburg, Edenwald, or Co-Op City with lower Westchester. The map proposed by Special Master Cervas decreases the Black voter population by 17%, diluting the voting power of Black people in NYCD16.

The northeast Bronx communities of Edenwald, Co-Op City, and Williamsbridge – predominantly Black communities and previously part of NYCD16 should not be divided among three different congressional districts! The voting power of Black people in NYCD16 is diminished by this proposed map.

For these reasons, I oppose the map offered by the Special Master. Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

Natalie Polvere
Yonkers, New York 10710

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Jodi Wood

From: Holly Malekian <hollybeach3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:33 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: Westchester Redistricting

Dear Justice McAllister,

The Rivertowns of Westchester County, including the towns of Greenburgh, Mount Pleasant, Ossining, Cortlandt, as well as the city of Peekskill, is a community of interest owing to its common exposure to the Hudson River floodplain and its shared infrastructure, which includes the Hudson Metro North Line, Route 9, and the Old Croton Aqueduct. A Village Consortium consists of Hastings-on-Hudson, Dobbs Ferry, Irvington, Tarrytown, and Sleepy Hollow that comes together to pursue improvements to public safety and transit use around the Mario Cuomo Bridge and Route 9, not to mention sharing best practices around sustainability issues.

Greenburgh and White Plains are inextricably intertwined communities and should not be in separate congressional districts.

Dutchess County is not connected to Westchester County socially, politically or economically and should not be included in CD 17.

Please keep these congressional districts separate!

Thank you,
Holly Malekian
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522

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Jodi Wood

From: Neysa Lewis <juwan97@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:27 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: NY - 16 Map

Please do not dilute the voting power of communities of color! Please consider the following before you all finalize the map:

- NY-16 must retain the northeast Bronx communities of Co-Op City, Edenwald and Williamsbridge with lower Westchester.
- The special master's proposed map decreases the Black voter population by about 17%, this dilutes the voting power of Black people in NY-16, further marginalizing them and making it difficult for them to elect candidates that best represent their interests.
- The northeast Bronx's predominantly Black community was splintered into three congressional districts: Co-Op City is mapped into NY-14, Williamsbridge and Baychester into NY-15 and Edenwald kept in NY-16. This directly dropped the Black voter population in NY-16 and split these communities of interest.

Respectfully,
A Concerned Citizen

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Jodi Wood

From: Sherri Yancey <yancey62@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:26 PM
To: steuben-superior@nycourts.gov; STEUBEN_SUPERIOR; 0 Sherri Yancey Cell
Subject: Fwd:

May 17, 2022

Dear B Wise New York Courts:

Thank you so much for everything you've already done for our campaign and for redistricting!

We really need your help in this final opportunity to make a difference in the map that will govern NY-16 for the next decade.

The bottomline is much of the northeast Bronx was removed from NY-16 and the Black voter population dropped by 17%. This directly dilutes the voting power of communities of color, further strengthening the power of white and wealthy communities in the suburbs.

We the people do not want our beautiful Northeast Bronx civil rights to vote in our own Black communities. We have been voting in the community for many years with no redistricting.

The main point is that the Northeast Bronx needs to be retained with lower Westchester and the Black voter population cannot be diluted.

We the people of Northeast Bronx are asking for a fairer map for the NY-16. You must retain the Northeast Bronx Communities of Co-Op City, Edenwald, and Williamsbridge with very little Westchester.

The special master's proposed map decreases the Black voter population by about 17%., This dilutes the voting power of Black people in NY-16, further marginalizing them and making it difficult for them to elect candidates that best represent their interests. This can to happen in our own Northeast Bronx

Communities. Do not move or relocate or redistrict our Northeast Bronx land. We the people have our rights to our own Bronx neighborhoods. Stop Stop breaking up our districts.

The northeast Bronx's predominantly Black community was splintered into three congressional districts: Co-Op City is mapped into NY-14, Williamsbridge and Baychester. No redistrsring our Northeast Bronx. We need the on going funding in our communities. God Bless You.

Sincerely Yours,

Sherri L.Yancey Northeast Bronx Community Resident

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Jodi Wood

From: Gerald Cohen <geraldc914@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:13 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: NY-16 redistricting

Dear Justice McAllister:

I am writing you about the proposed map for NY-16 which drops much of the Northeast Bronx. These proposed new lines directly dilutes the voting power of communities of color, further strengthening the power of white and wealthy communities in the suburbs.

NY-16 must retain the northeast Bronx communities of Co-Op City, Edenwald and Williamsbridge with lower Westchester.

The special master's proposed map decreases the Black voter population by about 17%, this dilutes the voting power of Black people in NY-16, further marginalizing them and making it difficult for them to elect candidates that best represent their interests.

The northeast Bronx's predominantly Black community was splintered into three congressional districts: Co-Op City is mapped into NY-14, Williamsbridge and Baychester into NY-15 and Edenwald kept in NY-16. This directly dropped the Black voter population in NY-16 and splits these communities of interest.

This is a serious flaw in the plans for redistricting. Please restore these disenfranchised communities.

Thank you.

Gerald Cohen
Yonkers

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