

Brenda A. Wise

From: Monica Atiya <monica@atiya.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:05 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Proposed Maps: Comment

Thank you, Brenda, for your assistance.

Please file the below comments in relation to District 10 and District 12:

- > If ever there were two distinct communities of interest, it is the
- > Upper West Side and Upper East Side of Manhattan. Divided by more than
- > a massive manmade park, we are two unique communities with our own
- > story, character and local interests in common. Combining the two only
- > serves to pit one against the other. Please keep the east side and the
- > west side separated by 5th Ave as was intended by the original mapmakers.

If you would, please email me an email copy of the filing.

Best,

Monica S. Atiya

Zip Code: 10128

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Anthony Bango <anthonyjbango@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:04 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

The Capital Region Congressional District needs to stay as is so its unity can continue to best serve its constituents. Its economic growth over the past several years is largely due to its common interests and is one of the most compelling reasons not to change its configuration. There is strength in unity.

Thank you.

Anthony Bango

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From: Namasha Schelling <namasha.schelling@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:07 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Public comment to the court to advocate that Co-op City stay in NY-16

To whom it may concern,

I have seen the new congressional maps and am concerned that NY-16 no longer includes Co-op City and other parts of the Bronx. 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%, diluting 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 drops the Black voter population in NY-16 and splits these communities of interest.

Sincerely,

Namasha Schelling

She, Her, Hers
Pound Ridge, NY
917-946-5925

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From: Jerretha Jones <jerrethajones@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:09 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Fwd: New congressional map that diminish voters representation.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Hercules Jones <hjones15@aol.com>
Date: May 18, 2022 at 9:57:48 AM EDT
To: jerrethajones@gmail.com
Subject: **Fwd: New congressional map that diminish voters representation.**
Reply-To: Hercules Jones <hjones15@aol.com>

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From: Hercules Jones <hjones15@aol.com>
To: Bwise@nycourts.gov <Bwise@nycourts.gov>; Steuben_superior@nycourts.gov <Steuben_superior@nycourts.gov>; cervas@cmu.edu <cervas@cmu.edu>
Sent: Wed, May 18, 2022 9:51 am
Subject: New congressional map that diminish voters representation.

Subject: Redistricting map of new congressional district

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It is unreasonable and harmful to residents of the Bronx, NY-16 must retain the northeast Bronx communities of Co-Op City, Edenwald and Williamsbridge with lower Westchester county to insure people of color have a say in their representation.

The voting community must have representation, 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.

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Jerretha Jones

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From: Christian Rodriguez <christian.77@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:09 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Comments on Redistricting

To whom it may concern:

I wanted to express my grave doubts about the districts the special master has proposed. I currently find myself in an urban district with similar needs and experiences to my district neighbors. My new district in Queens would extend from Sunnyside/Woodside (where I reside) all the way into the suburbs past Flushing. I could not imagine a greater disparity within one district. How is one person supposed to represent these incredibly diverse needs/groups - not to mention all the neighborhoods in between with their very unique ethnic makeups and requirements.

I hope that these districts get revised once again, or at least that the status quo be maintained for the next elections.

Many thanks,
C. Rodriguez
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From: Kimberly Caldwell O'Connor <kimoconnornyc@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:11 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: UES and UWS districts

I write to object to the newly drawn map of congressional and senate districts. Lumping the Upper East and Upper West sides together is seriously wrong, disruptive, and insulting. These neighborhoods have nothing to do with each other. They are not even connected by subway. They have completely different personalities and concerns. I'm appalled that someone would think they should count as one district. They are practically rivals. As a voter from the UES, I object.

Kim O'Connor
155 E 76th

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From: MEREDITH WALKER <merjess@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:12 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep RVC WHOLE in SD9!

Here's my official request to keep Rockville Centre WHOLE in SD9.

Thank you,

Meredith Walker

15 South Lewis Place

Rockville Centre, NY 11570

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From: Rosa Rivera-McCutchen <rosaphd07@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:13 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise; STEUBEN_SUPERIOR; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: NYCD 16 - We MUST have a fair map!

Good morning,

I'm writing to express concerns with the Special Master's proposed Congressional map that eliminates the northeast Bronx communities of Edenwald, Williamsbridge and Co-Op City from lower Westchester. The proposed map decreases the Black voter population by roughly 17% in CD-16. This is unacceptable. As an Afro-Latina who resides in the district, I am deeply concerned by the dilution of the Black vote. Moreover, breaking up these three communities in the northeast Bronx, which comprise an important concentration of the Black voters in the borough, will have a harmful impact on these communities of interest.

I am an associate professor of school and district leadership at CUNY Lehman College where a significant number of my students, who are educators seeking their leadership credentials, work in schools that are located in what is currently NYCD16. Specifically, they work in schools located in Wakefield, Edenwald and Co-Op City, as well as in Mt. Vernon, Yonkers, New Rochelle and Mamaroneck. My 20 plus years of experience as an education researcher and practitioner has taught me that the educational justice issues that face the schools in the North Bronx are actually mirrored in their Southern Westchester counterparts.

The special master's proposed map divides these northern Bronx and southern Westchester communities, which have a number of common interests, including in the area of education. The proposed map greatly weakens any elected leader's leverage in advocating on behalf of the schools that have common needs. In terms of demographics and resource needs, the schools in Edenwald, Co-Op City and Williamsbridge. This is especially true for students who have special needs, children who are newcomers and emergent English language learners, as well as other historically marginalized student groups. When these communities are together, as they currently are, their voices cannot be diluted and, as result, advocacy around educational justice issues can have a profound impact.

As I travel back and forth visiting schools on either side of that Northern Bronx/Southern Westchester divide and listen to my students who are working in these areas, I am reminded by the common interests. It is critically important that these communities be kept whole.

Sincerely,
Rosa L. Rivera-McCutchen, PhD
Associate Professor
Graduate Leadership Programs
Lehman College

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From: Kathy Childs Gordon <kcg12477@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:14 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: redistricting

The proposed plan is extremely disappointing. Where is the protection of communities of interest?

In my neighborhood (I live in Saugerties) splitting the city of Kingston is particularly egregious.

Sincerely,
Kathy Gordon

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From: Jamar <jamar@nycap.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:17 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam, NY in the Capital Region District; NY 20!!

As registered voters and residents of the city of Amsterdam, New York, we are opposed to the Congressional draft that would take Amsterdam out of the Capital Region.

Amsterdam connects its identity with that of the Capital Region. We are set to receive very needed services from Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) and we are now to be a part of the Capital Region United Way. It makes no sense to connect us to a region that we do not have commonality with.

Many of our residents have jobs in the Capital Region. Many students who have and still do graduate from high school attend colleges in Albany. Relationships continue to be forged with the Capital Region and it is a great boon for us. As we hope the mutuality of this also helps the Capital Region. Placing us in an area without this commonality would be detrimental to us.

We urge you to keep us in the 20th Congressional District for the sake of this community's present and future!! Thank you. MaryAnn and James Louison

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From: Etti Tokayer <ettitokayer11@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:20 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: New District Maps

Hi,
My name is Etti Tokayer. 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.

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Sincerely,
Etti Tokayer

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From: Eva Santiago <evas598@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:20 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: please don't remove our district for those reasons we need all the black votes. Thank you

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From: Macartney Morris <mac.morris@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:22 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: New York Voter Comment on Disastrous Special Master Maps

Your Honor—

There are no words for the egregiousness of the new maps designed by the “special master”. The simplest may be: right wing coup. In a state that is OVERWHELMINGLY Democratic, conservative judges have appointed an out of state lackey to do their bidding to prop up the NYS Republican Party. Few things could be more antithetical to “democracy” and the “rule of law”. For the sake of “competition”, unelected, unaccountable figures have interfered in elections, dividing communities of interest and causing chaos and last minute mayhem. This is the last gasp of a decaying, rotten patriarchal order and will forever be a dark stain on this state’s history and a pock mark on your legacy. The legislature was voted in by the people and their maps have far more legitimacy and constitutional muster than the maps from an unelected single person appointed by unelected conservative judges. Truly disgraceful and shameful.

Sincerely,
Macartney Morris
35-54 80th Street #51
Jackson Heights, NY 11372

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Macartney Morris
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From: Meghan Keegan <meghan4albany@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:22 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

To Whom It May Concern,

The proposed maps for NY's 20th district strays away from historical lines and splits apart a district with many shared services that rely on federal advocacy. How this is less gerrymandered than the previous maps is mind boggling. The drawing of new lines is supposed to preserve, to the extent possible, existing districts and communities. We wish to remain a cohesive district with one congressional representative.

Sincerely,

Meghan E. Keegan
23 Fleetwood Ave
Albany, NY 12208

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From: Meredith Wisner <meredith.wisner@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:23 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: CORRECTION to my submission: Legal Issue with CD17

Dear Justice McAllister,

My apologies. I omitted the first line of our submission. Please see below:

Sincerely,

Rockland United

The preliminary map of New York's 17th Congressional District violates the contiguity requirement of the New York State Constitution.

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/>

On Wed, May 18, 2022 at 9:24 AM Meredith Wisner <meredith.wisner@gmail.com> wrote:

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From: Ashley Stegner <ashley.stegner1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:24 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional Re-Districting for Kingston, NY

Good morning,

The new re-districting for Kingston, NY in Ulster County is splitting our city literally in two, while also splitting our county into separate districts. This will create more confusion regarding the voting process, and will disenfranchise more voters, resulting in less say from the citizens--the very people who are guaranteed a voice in our government.

Please consider adjusting these districting lines so that all of Kingston can be in a single Congressional District, resulting in less confusion, more voter turnout, and more of the people's voice in our government.

Thank you,

Ashley L. Stegner
B.A. in Historical Studies, Bard College
Class of 2012
M.A.T., Adolescent Social Studies Ed., SUNY New Paltz
Class of 2013
A.G.C., Special Education for Content Teacher, SUNY Albany
Class of 2018
Special Education Teacher, Kingston City School District

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From: Matt Suter <suter.matt@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:24 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: AGAINST Gerrymandering Gowanus's Future - District 10

To Whom it May Concern,

As a resident of Carroll Gardens and neighbor to Gowanus I am adamantly opposed to the plan of the Special Master to separate Gowanus from Red Hook and instead join us to a district in Lower Manhattan (Congress 10). This is a blatant move to influence decision making around the fate of the Gowanus neighborhood with regard to rezoning and future development. I am opposed to the rezoning and stand with Representative Velazquez against this illegal rezoning maneuver by the city. I am eagerly awaiting the result of the article 78 filed against the rezoning as it is literally a "swiss cheese" proposal, riddled with holes with regard to environmental conditions and the welfare of the existing community. The EIS for the rezoning addressed none of these issues adequately. This corresponding gerrymandering of districts in favor of developers' interests must not be allowed.

Sincerely,
Matt Suter

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From: Ashley Dittus <adit@co.ulster.ny.us>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:23 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Fw: Public Comment for May 18 Redistricting Hearing
Attachments: Ulster Commissioners Public Comment on proposed CD FINAL.doc

Resending our comments since we do not see them on the published document list.

From: Ashley Dittus
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 1:07 PM
To: bwise@nycourts.gov <bwise@nycourts.gov>
Cc: elections <elections@co.ulster.ny.us>
Subject: Public Comment for May 18 Redistricting Hearing

Please find attached below and as a word document the public comment of the Commissioners of the Ulster County Board of Elections, respectfully submitted for the hearing to take place tomorrow, May 18, 2022.

MEMO

To: Hon. Patrick McAllister
Special Master Jonathan Cervas

From: Ashley Dittus, Commissioner
John P. Quigley, Commissioner

Re: Proposed House of Representative District Map, Public Comment

Date: May 17, 2022

Upon reviewing the proposed map of the redistricted New York House of Representatives map, we implore you to consider the needs of the residents of the City of Kingston, Ulster County's largest municipality, and only city. Crafting fair districts for elections is critical, but we must also be mindful of a functional, responsive government. It is vital that citizens know who their representatives are. It is vital for citizens to know who to call for help in times of need or crisis. When a small city is divided – especially by jagged, irregular lines – it makes government harder to access and it distances people from their government unnecessarily. Keeping the City of Kingston unified, in either district, is more important than one district having a few thousand more people in it than the other.

As bipartisan Commissioners of the Board of Elections, we are responsible for the logistical application of these district boundaries once adopted. If the current map stands, we will have voters who reside within the same Ward (Ward 3) be divided into two Congressional Districts. These voters have traditionally been voting in the same poll site, with the same ballot, as far back as the historical record provides. We have also observed on the proposed map, households divided in half on proposed boundary lines within Wards 3 and 4. We request, with urgency, that in your capacity as steward of this process, that an adjustment to these lines is made before the map is adopted to make the affected Wards, if not the City of Kingston whole. Thus, creating a unified City of Kingston,

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From: yonah kopstick <yonah101@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:27 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

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Sincerely

Yonah

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From: Meilani Montgomery <meilani_montgomery@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:27 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting of Lakeview, NY - PLEASE DONT DIVIDE US! Lakeview strong Lakeview United as One !

Good Morning,

To whom this may concern:

My name is Meilani Montgomery and I Live in Lakeview, NY since I was born in 1997. I moved from Lafayette Ave. to Pinelake Drive in 2003.

After the house fire (February 2003) we had in Lakeview on Lafayette (do you remember it?) , my father unexpectedly died in August 2003 and My became a single mom raised 3 of her own yet 4 kids in our house on Pinelake Drive. This community of Lakeview helped us to adapt the changes we went through. It was the Union of the community and those elected officials that helped us stay grounded amongst all of the hurdles we faced.

I ask that you reconsider the redistricting of the lines. We are African Americans that are already fighting everyday for our voice. We are already undervalued, do not limit us even more! Did you see what just happened in Buffalo, NY ?? Innocent African Americans lives gone because of senseless act !

I am the current NAACP Lakeview Branch 2nd Vice President. And a community advocate which includes our Lakeview Association group that was just founded .

We recently had a clean up at the Lakeview train tracks, paint night and the holiday annual Tree lighting as a community and with Legislator Siela Bynoe , St.

Paul AME Church and Lakeview Public Library. Every year we also have our Annual Lakeview Day. And have our annual Back Pack Giveaway Drive.

We are small community that is better together and we are United and we are better than being separated. We had to ask our officials multiple times to redo and update Harold Walker park and they are finally doing that.

Today before 5pm , you will see multiple residents of Lakeview voicing their concerns and I am one of the many residents of Lakeview that DEEPLY care about our Union! Please reconsider your decision.

If needed,
You can call me at 516-643-0368 anytime.

Thank You,
Meilani L. Montgomery

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From: Nichole Saland <outlook_D3D544CD85093084@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:27 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Columbia County

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.

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From: revtriplej@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:28 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional Districting in Ulster County

Dear Supreme Court Justice McAllister:

As someone who grew up and has lived in Kingston, I feel that the court plan to split Kingston between the 18th and 19th congressional districts is confusing to the voter and counter-productive to the efficiency and fairness of our elections and our representation as a community. I hope and trust you will find some way to correct this bizarre decision in a timely fashion.

James Alley

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From: Sebastian Heath <sebastian.heath@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:29 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: NYS Congressional District 10

Hello,

I live in what will be the new New York State Congressional District 10 as drawn by the Special Master. As drawn, the new boundaries put me in the same district with lower Manhattan and cuts me off from the Red Hook neighborhood of Brooklyn. That does not take account of the inherent common interest that I have with the residents of Red Hook. My voice is thereby diluted. Please adjust the district to better respect community affiliation and boundaries.

Respectfully,

Sebastian Heath.
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Brenda A. Wise

From: Angelica Radacinski <a.radacinski@gmail.com>
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Subject: PLEASE MAINTAIN THE PARK SLOPE COMMUNITY - NO CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

Your Honor,

I hope that you and yours have remained safe and healthy during these difficult times.

I am asking for your help and understanding in directing attention to a matter that will deeply impact my home, my neighborhood - regarding a particular section of the state Senate district maps drafted by Special Master Professor Jonathan Cervas, Cced. Specifically, my concern is over the southwest corner of the proposed Senate District 25 that is bordered by a triangular formation by Flatbush Avenue, Warren Street/Prospect Place, and 4th Avenue in Brooklyn.

I have lived in the Park Slope Community for over 30 years, my family being here for over 50, and have seen the harm that comes with such change as redistricting our beloved neighborhood, specifically the Northwestern tip of Park Slope. We have already fallen victim to having our neighborhood overdeveloped, our only reliable/fully accessible supermarket being demolished (Key Food on 5th Avenue) to build a housing complex that will not service the immediate/long standing community, Mom & Pop shops disappearing due to insane rents, and neighbors who are pushed out because they can't sustain the impact of developers + high taxes.

To imagine tying in decision makers who have no handle or familiarity on who/what our immediate community is composed of, who may move forward with harmful choices that leave us with no say in decisions that impact the immediate community that we live in and of who represents us/our immediate community concerns - is alarming. This is a true attempt to disassemble the rights and well being of a unified community and our representation.

Respectfully, Your Honor, the idea and map of what is proposed to take blocks of the Park Slope community and congressionally redistrict them, is a clear indication of there being no substance in understanding: why different neighborhood have different needs/different needs in representation, the impact that this decision would have on our actual community or why this would impact us individually as citizens, tax payers and so on. It makes absolutely no sense, as to why they would separate us out (a handful of blocks) from our community of impact, if we indeed would still be living in what is considered Park Slope. Brooklyn.

We have worked hard to sustain the ingredients of what makes our neighborhood Park Slope, Brooklyn, an actual neighborhood. We have spent substantial amounts of money, tax dollars, time, effort, blood, sweat and truly, tears, to improve this district, to take care of one another, to provide basic rights and opportunities to one another as Park Slopers. This change would literally wipe the identity and congressional rights of a community, of a district, of families (including my own) that identify Park Slope as their home and long-serving district that we have devoted ourselves to/have been represented by.

It has been brought to my attention that a solution is to move the area of Park Slope bordered by Flatbush Avenue, Warren Street/Prospect Place, and 4th Avenue from the proposed Senate District 25 into the proposed Senate District

26 where it will undoubtedly be able to can unify its voice with the residents of Boerum Hill to the west. This can simply be done by moving the border that divides Senate Districts 25 and 26 to Flatbush Avenue in order to coincide with the district lines for Assembly District 52.

PLEASE, I ask you to consider being on the right side of maintaining NYC communities and reconsider this change, so that we can remain in both the State Senate and Congressional Districts as Park Slope, Brooklyn. Please keep the Northwestern Part of our community connected to Park Slope and do not redistrict it.

This is OUR Park Slope: <https://www.brooklynpaper.com/bergen-street-steps-ahead-as-artist-turns-stoops-into-gallery-space/>

Respectfully,

Park Slope Community Member Impacted By Said Proposed Decision, Bergen Street
Angelica Radacinski

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Rebecca Rosen <rrosen2@nycap.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:32 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

The Capital Region historically has been kept together in the same Congressional District for good reason – the communities and cities of Albany, Amsterdam, Saratoga Springs, Schenectady, and Troy have deep roots binding us together. We share common services, history and interests. The ‘Special Master’s’ final map gerrymanders the 20th Congressional District, destroying our shared future and ruining the Capital Region’s ability to speak with a unified voice in Washington DC.

I am wholeheartedly in support of maintaining the Capital Region Congressional District in its current recognizable and intelligent. State.

Thank you

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From: Sarah Rose McAteer <srmcateer@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:32 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Cc: cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Opposition to NY State Redistricting Proposal

I oppose the proposed changes to the congressional redistricting for NY State. One proposed redrawing should not be the final map, and although Mr. Cervas is court appointed and a postdoctoral fellow at Carnegie Mellon University, what qualifies him to make these decisions on the boundaries? Why wasn't an independent commission established by the court?

I understand that the court-appointed "special master" tasked with redrawing the state's 26 congressional districts released his proposed lines simplifying a since-thrown-out, Democrat-drawn map that was ruled to have been unconstitutionally gerrymandered.

But his proposal makes major changes to the previous iteration, removing the Long Island Sound district that would have connected Nassau and Westchester counties via a tiny strip of the Bronx, among other changes. It also disregards where incumbents live: Some saw their home addresses lumped under the same district, including longtime Democratic Reps. Jerry Nadler and Carolyn Maloney of Manhattan – setting up a high-profile primary in the proposed 12th district.

These changes will affect fair elections for years to come as well as funding for services in those districts such as schools and infrastructure.

Please take into consideration the changes and their impact on our state. And try again.

Thank you,

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From: Annmarie Cipollo <acipollo@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:34 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Saratoga Springs 20th CD

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 long-standing 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 and is a departure from precedent. I urge you to include Saratoga Springs in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

Thank you,

Annmarie Cipollo

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Peggy Sharkey <peggysharkey@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:36 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.

Margaret Sharkey

47 North Street

Saratoga Springs, NY

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