

Jodi Wood

From: Lisa Dawes <twinmom22413@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 5:29 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: Important message

I'm writing this message in support of the court-appointed special master's drawing of New York's new Congressional and State Senate maps.

Many New Yorkers approve and are thankful that the previous attempt at gerrymandering was stopped.

Sincerely yours,

Lisa Dawes

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Jodi Wood

From: Valencia J <drvjohnson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 5:30 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Cc: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: New York's new Congressional and state Senate maps.

Hello,

I'm messaging in support of the court-appointed special master's drawing of New York's new Congressional and state Senate maps.

Many New Yorkers approve and are thankful that the previous attempt at gerrymandering was stopped.

Sincerely,
Valencia S. Johnson

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Jodi Wood

From: Eleanor Williams <elewil57@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 5:40 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Cc: Cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Co-Op City Redistricting

As you know, there is a law in place to prevent the effect of the redistricting of Co-op City from CD16 to CD14:

Vote Dilution

'Section 2 of the VRA, codified at 42 U.S.C, 1973 prohibits drawing election districts in ways that improperly dilute minorities' voting power.'

As a Co-Op City resident I urge you to rethink and redraw our district.

Thank you,
Eleanor Williams
140 Benchley Place #31A
Bronx, NY 10475

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Jodi Wood

From: Leonard Martello <elhamr@optonline.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 5:59 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: NY 16

I am writing to express real concern with the Special Master's redrawn district lines, which dilutes the voting power by removing Co-Op City, Edenwald and Williamsburg from Disstrict 16. It makes it difficult for people of color to elect candidates that best represent their needs.

Leonard Martello
Bedford Hills, NY
Len

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Jodi Wood

From: Andrea Harris <bonjourandrea@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 6:20 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: Approval of Special Master's Redistricting Map

To whom it may concern:

The court appointed special master's drawing of the redistricting map without legislator bias is absolutely appropriate. As a life long democrat, I believe in fairness and am grateful that the previous attempt at gerrymandering was stopped. Fair is fair.

Andrea Harris

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Jodi Wood

From: flotolli@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 6:51 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: Congressional District 16

The most recent proposed special master's map will decrease the Black and Brown voter population which will dilute the voting power of Black and Brown people in the New York 16th Congressional District.

This proposal makes it difficult to elect candidates that best represent our community interests. The redistricting map only serves to divide and diminish the Black and Brown voter population in New York's 16th Congressional District.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Court not further consider the current proposal to sub-divide the 16th Congressional District.

Respectfully yours

Florence Williams
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Bronx NY 10475
flotolli@aol.com

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Jodi Wood

From: loretta woodard <lorettaw2101@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:32 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR

As a homeowner of Coop City I oppose changes to District 16.

Loretta Woodard
100 Asch Loop
Bronx, NY 10475

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Jodi Wood

From: Linda Holley <lindadholley@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:33 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR; Linda Holley
Subject: Redistrictng on NY-16 District

I am a Co-op City resident.I OPPOSE the Special Masters plan to redistrict NY-16 district in the Northeast Bronx which currently includes Co-op City, lower westchester, Edenwald, Baychester and Williambridge
This redidtricting will effectively destroy Congressmen Bowman's NY-16 district and be detrimental to the residents in these areas.

Thank you.

Linda Holley resident

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Jodi Wood

From: Vered Berley <veredberley@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:43 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: Congressional and state senate redistricted maps are fair

Your honor,

I support the newly drawn congressional and state senate maps. They are fair and properly correct the previous skewed maps.

I appreciate that unfair gerrymandering was reversed.

Thank you.

All best,
Vered Berley

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Jodi Wood

From: Andy King <andyking1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:57 PM
Subject: Congressional Redistricting Map =Voter Suppression

Hi Special Master,

Thank you so much for everything you've already done for redistricting! However your proposal whatever the motivation is a clear and blatant activity in Black people voter suppression. I reside in the 16th Congressional District and the dissemination of our district dilutes to fullest the work we have done in our community to inspire and be a voting block to be respected.

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.

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

It is appalling for you to believe carving up a neighborhood in three parts three representatives is a good thing. We are demanding a fair map that displays ours as a community of interest. If you choose to disrupt other communities that your choice, but all black communities and neighborhoods of interest choose to take a pass on that agenda. Restore our District Now!

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.

This is UNACCEPTABLE and I respect you understand the ramifications on NYC communities if this should stand: And I know you don't that burden.

In the Spirit of What is Right,

Andy King

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Jodi Wood

From: Linda Holley <lindadholley@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:25 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Cc: Cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: redistricting on NY-16 District

I am a Co-op City resident. I am OPPOSED to the Special Masters plan to remap NY-16 district in the Northeast Bronx which currently includes Co-op City, lower Westchester, Edenwald, Baychester and Williambridge

This remapping will effectively destroy Congressman Bowman's NY-16 and be detrimental to the residents in these areas. We do not wish to allow district Ny16 to be remapped 14th district this would marginalize our communities ability to elect individuals which is supportive of people of color, and who best represent our interest

Please consider our request for maintenance of the 16th District and the composition thereof, before deciding against the people's voting rights.

Thank you
Linda Holley

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Jodi Wood

From: Linda Berk <lindaberk@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:43 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: Planned Redistricting of Co-op City from CD16 to CD14

As you know, there is a law in place to prevent the “Vote Dilution” effect of this planned redistricting of Co-op City from CD16 to CD14 :

“Section 2 of the VRA, codified at 42 U.S.C. § 1973 prohibits drawing election districts in ways that improperly dilute minorities’ voting power.”

As a Co-op City resident, I urge you to rethink and redraw our district.

Thank you

Linda Berk
100 Dreiser Loop Apt 10A
Bronx, NY 10475

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Jodi Wood

From: Cheryl Cohen <kailaamber@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:53 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: Redistributing

As you know, there is a law in place to prevent the effect of this redistricting of Co-op City from CD16 to CD14 : Vote Dilution.

'Section 2 of the VRA, codified at 42 U.S.C. § 1973 prohibits drawing election districts in ways that improperly dilute minorities' voting power.

As a Co-op City resident I urge you to rethink and redraw our district.

Thank you

Cheryl Cohen
120 Darrow Place
Bronx, NY 10475

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Jodi Wood

From: Juana Rosa Net <rosanet.juana67@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:01 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR

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'Section 2 of the VRA, codified at 42 U.S.C. § 1973 prohibits drawing election districts in ways that improperly dilute minorities' voting power.

As a Co-op City resident I urge you to rethink and redraw our district.

Thank you

Juana Rosa Net
3A Asch Loop
Bronx, NY 10475

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Jodi Wood

From: Nate Adams <nadams@bgcny.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:26 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: Re-mapping NY 16

Greetings:

The news of the redistricting of NY-16 is very disturbing to the District and the state of New York. Removing Co-op City, Edenwald and Baychester from the lower Westchester/Bronx area does not make geographical sense and only weakens the black voter population. This in return allows for decreased representation and support to come a dense area most aligned with similar challenges and demographics in this area.

The northeast Bronx's predominately Black community was divided into three congressional districts: Co-op City is now mapped into NY-14, Williamsbridge and Baychester into NY 15 and Edenwald maintaining NY 16 representation.

As a black man from lower Westchester, still in NY16, this move seems intentional to divide the black voting power in areas that share common, community interests. These communities have been impacted by multiple systems and the pandemic has helped highlight many of the underlining challenges each face. By splitting our district into 3 different districts and removing it from NY 16 puts many of our community members into a vulnerable position. We need a more favorable map that will continue to support the goals and needs of our black community.

We as members of NY 16 advise that you do not decide on this re-mapping. Please make a strong consideration into maintaining what currently exists in our district. We look forward to seeing this district maintained and continued to support the needs of our community.

Nate Adams III

Director of Operations

Email: nadams@bgcny.org

Phone: 914-235-3736



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Jodi Wood

From: Nacima V. <nadjeniba@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:56 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: The masks mandatory have to end now for preschoolers

As a working mother, I am shocked by the apathy of our elected officials and Department of Health appointed leadership who continue these policies in publicly funded pre-schools despite a lack of data to support them and the significant harm they instill.

The masks mandatory have to end now for preschoolers.

Regards

Nacima Djeniba..

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Jodi Wood

From: Alexcia Foster <alxc64@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:57 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: Redistricting

May 18, 2022

Dear Special Master Cervas,

As a member of the community, I am writing in opposition to your rough draft map of New York's 16th Congressional District. I find the map to be unfair and a bit racist.

First, it would cut off a predominately black Bronx neighborhood of Co-op City, with the wealthiest county in New York. Taking away much-needed resources that the Black community needs and has historically shared.

Secondly, With the changes in the map, the Black population would have less representation by pinning two black Congressmen against each other.

Your maps further isolate the Bronx and take away resources from a community in need. For those reasons, I strongly urge you to incorporate Co-op City back into New York's 16th Congressional District in the final draft of your map.

Yours Truly,

Alexcia Foster

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Jodi Wood

From: Meena Sharpe-Hicks <sharpehealth@aim.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:57 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: Retaining the 16 th Congressional district

As a co-op city resident, I'm against the remapping of the 16th district.

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Jodi Wood

From: alanhicksalanh@aim.com <alanhicksalanh@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 12:01 AM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: Redistricting of 16th congressional district

As a Co-op City resident, I am opposed to the remapping of the 16th congressional district.

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Jodi Wood

From: Lucas Liu <lmliu@panix.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 8:30 AM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: I support the new congressional and state senate district maps

I am writing in support of the new district maps. I live in NYC, and would like the citizens to have the power to truly vote for their representatives. Having some of the most ridiculous districts that use one street to connect 2 voting blocks and then cross a park or a bridge to cross a river is absurd and takes away the power of the voters.

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Regards,
Lucas

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Jodi Wood

From: Elizabeth Jordan <jordanelizabeth2@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 8:40 AM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: District Maps

To whom it may concern,

It is imperative that NY-16 retains the northeast Bronx communities of Co-op City, Edenwald and Williamsbridge with lower Westchester. The special master's proposed map will decrease the Black voter population by about 17% and thus dilute the voting power of African Americans in NY-16.

The proposed map has the northeast Bronx's predominantly Black community divided into three congressional districts: Co-op City is now being mapped into NY-14, Williamsbridge and Baychester into NY-15 and only Edenwald is being kept in NY-16.

As a resident of New Rochelle, which is part of NY-16 this proposed map not only directly drops the Black voter population in NY-16 but it also splits these communities of interest. As was stated numerous times in the public forums held last fall, Southern Westchester shares a great deal of commonality with these communities. By removing Co-Op City, Baychester and Williamsbridge from NY-16 not only does it not help the Black community it puts our Black community in an extremely vulnerable position. The African American needs and **DESERVES** a fairer map.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Jordan
New Rochelle, NY

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Jodi Wood

From: sandy greenbaum <sandygreenbaum@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 5:05 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: Support redistributing

I am messaging in support of the new redistricting plan.
Ruth Sandra Greenbaum

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Brenda A. Wise

From: David Berger <db@bergerfink.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 6:00 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise

My name is David Berger, 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 apart 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. The district you redrew takes South East Queens and goes through Jamaica into Kew Gardens, and Kew Gardens Hills a flagrant disregard of this community's advocacy.

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
David Berger

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Barry Weinberg <barryjweinberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 3:29 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Public Comment on the Special Master NY Senate Maps as Regards West Harlem

To whom it may concern:

I am deeply troubled by the proposed New York State Senate redistricting maps as released yesterday, May 16, 2022, by the court-appointed Special Master Jonathan Cervas. What concerns me is the proposed impact of my home community of West Harlem.

West Harlem is located on the west side of Upper Manhattan, between roughly W 110th Street and W 155th Street, from the Hudson River in the west to the base of the bluffs that set it apart from Central Harlem. These bluffs are the basis for Morningside Park (bounded on the east by Morningside Ave), St. Nicholas Park (bounded on the east by St. Nicholas Ave), and Jackie Robinson Park (bounded on the east by Bradhurst Ave). The physical separation of West Harlem from Central Harlem is important: only three streets connect the two neighborhoods (W 125th Street, W 126th Street, W 141st Street, and W 145th Street), and of those all but W 125th Street and W 126th Street run at a steep gradient. This partial isolation of the neighborhood from the central and eastern portions of Upper Manhattan has led to a unique cultural blend, heavy on activism, small businesses, small homeownership through limited-income apartment cooperatives, and constant immigration. In contrast to Central Harlem and East Harlem, West Harlem has never had a stable ethnic composition. Since it was developed with the creation of the subway system, it has been home to Jewish, Italian, Irish, Black Americans from the South, Black West Indian, Puerto Rican, Cuban, and Dominican waves of immigrants, none of whom have ever made up an overwhelming majority in the neighborhood. It has recently become home to increasing communities of West African, Chinese, Mexican, Salvadorean, and other Central American immigrants and their families. Its geography also presents particular challenges: when COVID vaccines were first rolled out by the City and were in short supply, the majority of sites in Upper Manhattan were located in Central Harlem and East Harlem. Many elderly, disabled, or immunocompromised individuals in West Harlem were unable to navigate the steep gradients to get to those sites, and as a result our local Community Board (an all-volunteer City board of 50 members to give representation to neighborhoods), Manhattan Community Board 9, of which I serve as Chair, had to work with the Governor's office to set up pop-up sites until vaccines became more broadly available. Our neighborhood's vaccination rates lagged those of our neighbors with better access for over a year.

In contrast to the difficulty traveling east-west, West Harlem is easily connected to the Upper West Side to the south and Washington Heights to the north by four or five avenues running unimpeded north-south and five subway lines (the 1 and the A/B/C/D) running north-south, as well as several bus lines. Historically, we have shared a State Senate district, albeit contorted by gerrymander, with these neighborhoods on the west side of Upper .

The maps adopted by the legislature in February of this year preserved that connectivity and community of interest but removed the gerrymander found in previous maps. Finally, we had a sensible, demarcating line indicating where the west side Senate District (formerly 31, then 33 in the 2022 Legislature maps, now 31 again in the special master maps) began: Amsterdam Avenue. With few exceptions, Amsterdam Avenue was the clear boundary between the new District 33 and District 32, which mainly covers Central Harlem.

The maps proposed by Special Master Cervas undoes this fix. Instead, it carves the west side into three separate districts (31, 30, and 47), and it creates a new inter-county district with the Bronx. This map may make sense from 30,000 feet up looking purely at racial composition, but it ignores the ways in which the west side is a distinctive and deeply interconnected community. Many families, especially Dominican and other Latino immigrant communities, span West Harlem, Washington Heights, Inwood, and Manhattan Valley on the Upper West Side. Their school districts are

Manhattan school districts, they are represented by Manhattan Community Boards, and their New York City Councilmembers are Manhattan Councilmembers. In contrast, creating a Bronx/Washington Heights district brings the number of intercounty districts in Manhattan to three (31, 29, and 59), splitting Manhattan's voting interests by combining them with communities that may have entirely different concerns.

On a broader note, while I cannot speak to the totality of the Senate maps as drawn by Mr. Cervas, I should not have to. I believe that a truly democratic process allows citizens to participate in identifying communities of interest that they know best: their own. The process of the special master, on the other hand, has been significantly more opaque and resistant to participation than that of either the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission or that of the State Legislature. At least with the Legislature, citizens have local representatives that they can give feedback to by showing up to their local offices, calling their phone lines, or otherwise contactin them. The IRC had an excellent web portal announcing dates and ways to participate in hearings, forms for specific feedback, and education for the public. In contrast to the Legislature and the IRC, the special master did not have a website I could find, and I only found out about this email address by seeing a screenshot of a letter that was tweeted by a reporter. To my knowledge, there was no opportunity for public testimony aside from traveling in-person to Bath, NY, roughly 7 hours away by car from the overwhelming majority of the state's population. While I am sure Mr. Cervas' academic credentials are excellent, district lines drawn in less than a month by a Pittsburgh-based academic with minimal public input is several orders of magnitude less democratic and community-focused than either of the other two processes. I do not expect Mr. Cervas' to know the nuances of my community's geography based on flat maps and Census data: he shouldn't have to, because there should be a process by which the public can share *our* knowledge of our communities.

That being said, I hope that my letter is taken in the spirit of public engagement and feedback, and I hope the Court will adjust the proposed Senate maps so that the Bronx portion of Senate District 31 is removed and the west side of Upper Manhattan is reunited into one district.

Thank you for your consideration,

Barry Weinberg
Chair
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Brenda A. Wise

From: Judith Fenlon <judithfenlon@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 2:12 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the capital Region Together

I currently live in Schenectady County and I would very much like to see Amsterdam and Saratoga Springs kept in the 20th Congressional District.

Thank you.

Judith Fenlon
Niskayuna, NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Josh Lipsman <joshlipsman@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:45 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Special Master

Dear Jonathan Cervas,

As a resident and taxpayer of Greene County, NY, I am very upset about the newly defined redistricting map. Separating Columbia and Greene Counties is very inefficient, and neglects the history of our twin counties working together. Currently we share a hospital, community college, mental health resources, addiction recovery resources, and Cornell Cooperative Extension, to name a few. We are already a low income and high addiction county, historically in the low ranking numbers of the state in poverty. Though we are rapidly growing due to the increased influx into the Hudson Valley of Upstate NY, of which Greene County is a vital part. Please reconsider this map.

Greene County is also included in the description of the Capital Region - <https://esd.ny.gov/regionaloverviews/capital/insideregion.html> - which includes Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren, and Washington Counties. Multiple organizations exemplify this connection, including ACE Collective - Alliance for the Creative Economy (ACE), a project of the Center for Economic Growth (CEG). ACE is dedicated to promoting and growing the Creative Industries in the 8-county Capital Region - <https://www.upstatecreative.org>.

Our economic, social and tourist interaction with our longstanding partner, Columbia County, is exemplified by the name of our local Community College, Columbia-Greene Community College. This partnership is further emphasized by how many organizations are shared by the "Twin Counties", Columbia County and Greene County.

While we are divided by the Hudson River, we share the responsibility for the estuaries and other environmental aspects of the shores of the Hudson River.

Separating Greene County from Columbia County, the Hudson River, and Capital Region, in any capacity, is unthinkable for Greene County residents. This is a community element, as well as something distinguished in many publications, now and throughout the past. The Hudson Valley is a part of the Catskill Mountains, which is the heart of Greene County.

We understand that this process to redraw maps has had to happen quickly, please do not discount the vital relationship between Columbia and Greene County, nor our relationship to the Hudson Valley and the Capital Region. This is our home.

Best Regards,
Josh Lipsman
Athens, NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Erica L Rothstein <erica.rothstein@nyu.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:11 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Fwd:

Erica

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From: Erica L Rothstein <erica.rothstein@nyu.edu>
Date: Mon, May 16, 2022, 6:42 PM
Subject:
To: <cervas@cmu.edu>

Dear Mr. Cervas,

I am sooo disappointed that you included the Woodruff Ave. to Parkside Ave. block in the Park Slope district but not my building at 25 Parade Place, Brooklyn 11226. That district reaches into Crown Heights when my street makes for a more contiguous district.

I hope you can reconsider the district lines for Parade Place, which should be in the same district as the other streets surrounding the Parade Grounds.

Thank you,
Erica Rothstein
25 Parade Place
Brooklyn, NY 11226

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Theo Chino <theo@theochino.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:38 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Comment on the maps.

Your honor,

Perfect!

Regards,
Theo Chino
Co-founder RepMyBlock

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Mary Murfitt <marym@hammertown.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:40 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Columbia County & Redistricting

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to the draft Congressional map released earlier this week. I am a resident of Columbia County, and the proposed changes would have disastrous consequences for our county. If allowed to stand, Columbia County would be separated from both the Capital District and the Mid-Hudson Valley regions, as well as its county neighbors to the north and south. The proposed map groups our county with Southern Tier and Finger Lakes counties, with which it has no commonality or relationship. This is unprecedented and would result in a poor outcome for our county when it comes to identity, representation, and allocation of resources.

Columbia County is located along the Hudson River in the Mid-Hudson Valley, and the Department of Economic Development has placed Columbia County in the Capital District. Under the proposed map, Columbia County would be isolated from both regions and be the only county in CD19 on the east side of the Hudson River. Columbia County should be part of a contiguous district of adjoining Mid-Hudson Valley counties. Based on current 2020 Census data, the combined populations of Columbia, Dutchess, Rensselaer, Ulster, and Greene Counties would be 748,393 people, which is within the range of +/- 10 percent of the average congressional district.

Columbia County has been excised from its peers and placed in a congressional district that shares little in common administratively. Our judicial, assembly, and senate districts have little, if any, overlap with other counties included in the proposed CD19. Effective government requires coordination and collaboration. The proposed map diminishes Columbia County's political power.

Columbia, Dutchess, Rensselaer, Ulster, and Greene Counties have a common history, developing major agricultural and industrial centers because of their proximity to the Hudson River. There is no such common history with counties located in the middle and western portions of New York State.

The five County Seat Cities of Hudson, Poughkeepsie, Troy, Kingston, and Catskill had a similar rise as major industrial cities that suffered steep economic declines in the first half of the 20th century but are now experiencing a great resurgence. These small to medium-sized cities have diverse racial, ethnic, religious, cultural, socio-economic, and gender/sexual orientation populations. These cities have higher poverty levels than the surrounding countryside and have similar challenges to meet the need for infrastructure, broadband, workforce housing, and healthcare throughout the counties. Columbia County should be in a congressional district with its neighbors who face the same challenges and concerns.

Our proximity to New York City has created a rich, year-round arts community, with many artists, painters, dancers, musicians, actors, galleries, and antique stores that all create a destination for tourism. There is a significant and growing population of New York City dual homeowners. Newer residents are starting local small businesses, adding to the economic diversity in our county. Columbia County is also home to many exurban communities of Albany, not Ithaca or Binghamton. Columbia County is tethered economically, culturally and socially to its neighbors to the north and south. The proposed map ignores these connections, and in doing so, denied our county of effective representation.

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

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Very truly yours,

Mary Murfitt
Ancramdale, NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Alice Newton <an2113@columbia.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:57 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Special Master ...maps

Importance: High

Dear Jonathan Cervas,

My husband and I moved up to Palenville, NY, in March 2018. We both work for Columbia University but we already have Palenville as our primary address. We'll be retiring this year.

I am very unhappy about the newly defined redistricting map. We very much believe our communities are centered on the Hudson River and the Capital District. This new mapping idea separates Columbia and Greene Counties. It neglects the history of our twin counties working together. Currently we share a hospital, community college, mental health resources, addiction recovery resources, and Cornell Cooperative Extension, to name a few. We are already a low income and high addiction county, historically in the low ranking numbers of the state in poverty. Though we are rapidly growing due to the increased influx into the Hudson Valley of Upstate NY, of which Greene County is a vital part. Please reconsider this map.

Greene County is also included in the description of the Capital Region - <https://esd.ny.gov/regionaloverviews/capital/insideregion.html> - which includes Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren, and Washington Counties. Multiple organizations exemplify this connection, including ACE Collective - Alliance for the Creative Economy (ACE), a project of the Center for Economic Growth (CEG). ACE is dedicated to promoting and growing the Creative Industries in the 8-county Capital Region - <https://www.upstatecreative.org>.

Our economic, social and tourist interaction with our longstanding partner, Columbia County, is exemplified by the name of our local Community College, Columbia-Greene Community College. This partnership is further emphasized by how many organizations are shared by the "Twin Counties", Columbia County and Greene County.

While we are divided by the Hudson River, we share the responsibility for the estuaries and other environmental aspects of the shores of the Hudson River, even though we may not be on the same side of the Hudson.

Separating Greene County from Columbia County, the Hudson River, and Capital Region, in any capacity, is *unthinkable* for Greene County residents. This is a community element, as well as something distinguished in many publications, now and throughout the past. The Hudson Valley is a part of the Catskill Mountains, which is the *heart* of Greene County.

We understand that this process to redraw maps has had to happen quickly, please do not discount the vital relationship between Columbia and Greene County, nor our relationship to the Hudson Valley and the Capital Region. This is our home.

Sincerely,

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Manon Slome <manon@nolongerempty.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 12:00 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Columbia County & Redistricting

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to the draft Congressional map released earlier this week. I am a resident of Columbia County, and the proposed changes would have disastrous consequences for our county. If allowed to stand, Columbia County would be separated from both the Capital District and the Mid-Hudson Valley regions, as well as its county neighbors to the north and south. The proposed map groups our county with Southern Tier and Finger Lakes counties, with which it has no commonality or relationship. This is unprecedented and would result in a poor outcome for our county when it comes to identity, representation, and allocation of resources.

Columbia County is located along the Hudson River in the Mid-Hudson Valley, and the Department of Economic Development has placed Columbia County in the Capital District. Under the proposed map, Columbia County would be isolated from both regions and be the only county in CD19 on the east side of the Hudson River. Columbia County should be part of a contiguous district of adjoining Mid-Hudson Valley counties. Based on current 2020 Census data, the combined populations of Columbia, Dutchess, Rensselaer, Ulster, and Greene Counties would be 748,393 people, which is within the range of +/- 10 percent of the average congressional district.

Columbia County has been excised from its peers and placed in a congressional district that shares little in common administratively. Our judicial, assembly, and senate districts have little, if any, overlap with other counties included in the proposed CD19. Effective government requires coordination and collaboration. The proposed map diminishes Columbia County's political power.

Columbia, Dutchess, Rensselaer, Ulster, and Greene Counties have a common history, developing major agricultural and industrial centers because of their proximity to the Hudson River. There is no such common history with counties located in the middle and western portions of New York State.

The five County Seat Cities of Hudson, Poughkeepsie, Troy, Kingston, and Catskill had a similar rise as major industrial cities that suffered steep economic declines in the first half of the 20th century but are now experiencing a great resurgence. These small to medium sized cities have diverse racial, ethnic, religious, cultural, socio-economic, and gender/sexual orientation populations. These cities have higher poverty levels than the surrounding countryside and have similar challenges to meet the need for infrastructure, broadband, workforce housing, and healthcare throughout the counties. Columbia County should be in a congressional district with its neighbors who face the same challenges and concerns.

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From: Debbie Stoller <action@campaignnow.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 12:22 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; Cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Do Not Cut Congressional District NY-7 In Half

Dear Justice McAllister and Special Master Cervas,

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Sincerely,

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From: Winslow Dennis <action@campaignnow.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 1:42 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; Cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: winslowproducer@gmail.com

Dear Justice McAllister and Special Master Cervas,

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From: Elizabeth Dierker <action@campaignnow.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 1:48 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; Cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Protect Congressional District NY-7

Dear Justice McAllister and Special Master Cervas,

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Given the fragmentation of my own community in Williamsburg and the devastating repercussions that political maneuvering by the wealthy and powerful has had on it, I would like to voice support for the Gowanus community and its goal in keeping the area of Red Hook and its significantly diverse population as part of their congressional district.

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From: Maria Hodermarsky <action@campaignnow.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 5:38 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; Cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: mh51@nyu.edu

Dear Justice McAllister and Special Master Cervas,

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From: Ethan Jones <action@campaignnow.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 5:38 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; Cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: mayorofnelson@gmail.com

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Dear Justice McAllister and Special Master Cervas,

Dear Justice McAllister and Special Master Cervas,

I am a resident of the current Congressional District NY-7.

NY-11 should be a waterfront district running from the southern end of Staten Island through the Brooklyn harbor frontage through Red Hook and including the entire Gowanus Canal area on both sides. The Canal area is involved in complicated and compelling federal Superfund and federal Clean Water Act and other environmental issues. It shouldn't be split between two districts and its inclusion in NY-11, which is already a de facto waterfront district, makes the most sense. The area should have a member of Congress for whom these federal water related issues are a main priority and will demand that the member personally possess and/or develop expertise and full command of these important issues and form a staff with strong capability on them.

Sincerely,

Ethan Jones
149 Nelson Street, Brooklyn, 11231

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From: Maryann Young <action@campaignnow.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:32 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; Cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Protect Congressional District NY-7

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From: Anthony Nicolau <action@campaignnow.co>
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To: Brenda A. Wise; Cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: anthonymicolau@hotmail.com

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From: Barry Graubart <barry@graubart.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:59 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: concern about NY redistricting

I'm writing to express my concern around the latest proposed maps for Congressional redistricting.

In particular, I am concerned about how this will likely impact the racial makeup of Congressional representatives in New York. From my reading of the maps, there are two districts in which two current House members, both of whom are Black, will now be residing in a single district:

- Rep Mondaire Jones (currently NY CD17) resides in what would be CD16, currently represented by Rep Jamaal Bowman.
- Hakeem Jeffries (currently NY CD8) and Yvette Clark (NY CD9) would also be in the same district.

This would have the likely result of elimination of two Black House members from the NY Congressional delegation. While I have no way of knowing whether the Special Master specifically intended to make the delegation more white, that seems the likely outcome of these changes.

Beyond that, it seems that these new maps do not at all align to the will of the people in New York. In district after district, voters will no longer have the ability to vote for the officials whom they have previously elected. While I understand that some of that may be inevitable in the redistricting process, these new maps seem to show zero deference to the voting history of New Yorkers. You could have easily made the proposed maps fairer by moving small numbers of voters from one district to an adjacent one. Instead, this appears to be a science project, with no regard for the will of the voter.

I remain dumbfounded how an undemocratic process like this can be used to overcome the will of the people.

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From: Kenneth Baer <action@campaignnow.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:58 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; Cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: hungryhiker@aol.com

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From: Barrin Bonet <action@campaignnow.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:42 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; Cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Protect Congressional District NY-7

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From: Subway Set-Ups <subwaysetups@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:15 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: New district lines?

Why is Stuyvesant town in the east village being grouped with Brooklyn and Queens for our state senate district?! This is so wrong.

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Michael Thompson <action@campaignnow.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:02 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; Cervas@cmu.edu
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From: Stephen Sollins <action@campaignnow.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:58 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; Cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Protect Congressional District NY-7

Dear Justice McAllister and Special Master Cervas,

I live on the edge between Gowanus and Boerum Hill in Congressional District NY-7 and I work in Gowanus. 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.

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From: Marisa Beutel <action@campaignnow.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:52 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; Cervas@cmu.edu
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Honorable Richard C. David
45 Court Street
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May 18, 2022

Hon. Patrick F. McAllister
Steuben County Supreme & County Court
3 East Pulteney Square
Bath, NY 14810

Dr. Jonathan Cervas, Special Master
Posner Hall 386, 5000 Forbes Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Dear Judge McAllister & Dr. Cervas:

I'm writing to add my voice and input regarding the recently released maps for the New York State Senate.

For the last 8 years I served as Mayor of the City of Binghamton, and President of the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) for 2020-2021, which provided me with a unique perspective of not only the Southern Tier, but many communities and regions across New York State.

I'd like to first applaud you for attempting to redraw the maps in a fair and equitable way. Much as in the case of public service, it's difficult to make everyone happy.

I'd like to respectfully request that Broome County not be split into two senate districts. For the last 80-plus years, Broome County has remained intact and in one senate district as it's the most populous county in the Southern Tier. Both Tompkins County (which has historically been split into three senate districts) and Cortland County have significantly less population than Broome.

In addition, Tompkins County is in the Finger Lakes Region, not the Southern Tier. In fact the Southern Tier has in essence been eliminated with one voice and would now have three

different Senators. From a good governance and effective representation standpoint, please restore Broome County to one senate district only.

In addition, Broome County has historically been coupled with Tioga County. Tioga County is now in another senate district. My concern here is Broome and Tioga Counties share BT BOCES, which is a long standing educational institution that's serves thousands and is part of the foundation of the Southern Tier.

The Democratic maps that were rightfully thrown out gerrymandered the Southern Tier Region compared to the boundaries that have been in place for decades. The map that was released earlier this week is very similar to the map that the Courts rejected. While Monday's proposal may have drastically changed senate districts across the state, that was not the case in the Southern Tier. I would respectfully request you review the current Southern Tier boundaries that have existed for decades, which accurately portray the Southern Tier Region, and adjust accordingly.

Lastly, this current proposal does not contain communities with common interests. The interests of Ithaca in the Finger Lakes are vastly different compared to Binghamton in the Southern Tier. In addition, the sheer number of educational institutions, Cornell University, Ithaca College, SUNY Cortland, Tompkins Cortland Community College, Binghamton University, SUNY Broome Community College and part of the BT BOCES Region, which are all important educational institutions and economic drivers, should have more than one Senator representing them. There should be as much advocacy of these core institutions as possible.

In the interest of transparency and full disclosure, I am a candidate for the NYS Senate and have a vested interest in these decisions. That said as former Binghamton Mayor, NYCOM President and someone who has represented a portion of the Southern Tier in a significant leadership position, I wanted to make sure I shared my thoughts to ensure whomever the representative is can effectively do the job, and ensure the Southern Tier Region, and its residents, are represented to the fullest extent possible.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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