

Jodi Wood

From: Robert Thom <robert.a.f.thom@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:51 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: Support for Redistricting

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing you 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,
Robert Thom

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Jodi Wood

From: Maria Elena Christiansen <maria@netmsg.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:57 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: New York's new Congressional and Senate maps

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Sincerely,
Maria Elena Christiansen

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Jodi Wood

From: heysteff97 <heysteff97@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:58 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: Objection to Draft Congressional Plan

To Hon. Justice Patrick McAllister and Special Master Jonathan Cervas:
re: Objection to Draft Congressional Plan

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We respectfully request that the entire 56th Assembly District be included in the 8th Congressional District.

**Name: Stephanie Samuel
Address: 455A Macon Street, Brooklyn NY 11233**

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

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Jodi Wood

From: Maria Danzilo <mdanzilo@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 5:00 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: New District Lines

To Steuben Superior Court,

My name is Maria Danzilo. I am a candidate for New York State Senate. I was running in the previous district 30 and will now run in District 47.

I am writing to commend you on the work you have done in redrawing District lines. It is clear that you did so in a non-partisan way as required by the New York State constitution.

The lines in my Senate District are excellent as they finally unite the west side of Manhattan.

I do want to add on comment about new petitioning requirements. I do not think it is fair to the candidates who had to submit thousands of signatures to reduce the signature requirement as significantly as you have done. They should have same requirement as We had.

Thank you

Maria Danzilo

Sent from my iPhone

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Jodi Wood

From: Larry Sit <larrysit123@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 5:01 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
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From: Phyllis Tashlik <ptashlik@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:29 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: Latest Congressional map is faulty

Every New Yorker is disturbed by the results of the latest congressional map, which has not done right by our fellow Black New Yorkers. As a Bronxite, I urge you to carefully consider:

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

Phyllis Tashlik

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Jodi Wood

From: Stacey Chametznik <staceyc1@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:30 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: Support of Congressional and State Senate maps.

Your Honor,

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

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With Gratitude,

Stacey Chametznik

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Jodi Wood

From: Reza Chowdhury <RezaChowdhury@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:35 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: New 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.

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Sincerely,

Reza Chowdhury

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Jodi Wood

From: asyakleyn@optonline.net
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:38 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: new maps

Hi,

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,

Asya K.

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Jodi Wood

From: V K <queenian@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:40 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: New York's new Congressional and state Senate maps

I'm writing to you to express my support of the court-appointed special master's drawing of New York's new Congressional and stateSenate maps.

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Sincerely,

Windy Chan

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Jodi Wood

From: Craig L. Slutzkin <craig.slutzkin@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:42 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: appointed special master's drawing of New York's new Congressional and state Senate maps

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

My only request is that in Manhattan, sixth avenue between 14th Street and 22nd Street become the border between Senate 47 and 28 (meaning west of 6th Avenue goes to 47). That would make the line consistent with the neighborhood (Chelsea) and Community Board (4).

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

Craig L. Slutzkin
craig.slutzkin@outlook.com

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Jodi Wood

From: L Veltri <lveltri@veltrimanagement.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:44 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR; Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NY Congressional and State Maps

Good Afternoon,

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

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Sincerely,

Lucy Veltri
10023

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Honorable Patrick McAllister
Acting Supreme Court Justice
Steuben County Supreme & County Court
3 East Pulteney Square
Bath, New York 14810

Special Master Jonathan Cervas
Institute for Politics and Strategy
Carnegie Mellon University
Posner Hall 386
5000 Forbes Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213

May 18, 2022

Dear Judge McAllister and Special Master Cervas:

My name is Roger Gendron and I am the President of the New Hamilton Beach Civic Association in Hamilton Beach. On behalf of the community members of Howard Beach, Queens, we are writing to urge you to protect the future of our community and swiftly reconsider the proposed redistricting maps. The residents of Howard Beach are inextricably connected through proximity, common values, mutual challenges, and shared lived experiences.

In the wake of the devastation and aftermath of Hurricane Sandy in 2012 and Hurricane Ida in 2021, much of the Eighth Congressional District has become unified in our fight for a solution to address our communal needs. Following both natural disasters, neighborhoods in the southern end of the district, including Mill Basin, Bergen Beach, Marine Park, Plumb Beach, Manhattan Beach, Brighton Beach, Coney Island and Howard Beach all experienced severe flooding and water damage. Many of our homes became inhabitable following these severe storms and have only become more vulnerable as the effects of climate change worsen. Day by day, our coastal community is being rebuilt, but a great deal of work is still needed.

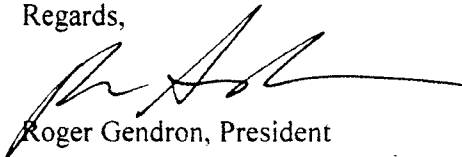
The residents and businesses of Howard Beach and Hamilton Beach form a "community of interest" with the Brooklyn neighborhoods, such as Canarsie and Mill Basin, located on the coast of Jamaica Bay. Rising sea levels due to climate change and the communities' mentioned above are in close proximity to Jamaica Bay which makes the entire area vulnerable to severe flooding. Consequently, these factors also create a common need for a very particular type of federal assistance: disaster relief and pre-disaster coastal storm risk mitigation.

Despite these challenges, we are blessed that between the collective efforts of our affected neighbors, we have worked together to advocate and bring these issues to our local and federal leaders, demanding change as a united front. Given the documented success of our continued efforts, we implore you to understand that we cannot be isolated from our neighbors who share our concerns.

Howard Beach is a vital piece of the oceanfront region of New York's Eighth Congressional District. This area has unique needs which can't be adequately represented if torn apart. As it stands, we benefit so much from unified representation designed to uplift our community. Separating the communities in the southern end of NY-08 will cause our families to regress on the advancements that we have already made, creating greater financial instability and pressures for us all. Our communal obligations extend beyond the oceanfront section of the Eighth Congressional District and into Prospect Heights and Fort Greene. Howard Beach is an extension of these communities and represents a continuum of needs, shared goals and community development interests.

Separating our communities will create disarray and dampen our collective power to advocate for change. The future of our community depends on this proposed map. We strongly urge the commission to redraw a map that is reflective of the expressed concerns presented by community members, keeping Howard Beach unified with our neighbors along the coast, in Prospect Heights and in Fort Greene.

Regards,



Roger Gendron, President

Jodi Wood

From: WW Chin <wwchin345@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:49 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: I support the new maps.

Dear Sir:

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

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Sincerely,

Wai Wah Chin

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Jodi Wood

From: Gina Mignona <gina@bondandbari.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:54 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: Support for new voting maps NYC

!! URGENT !!

I'm messaging in support of the court-appointed special master's drawing of New York's new Congressional and state Senate maps. I am a devoted Democrat but believe this is a good step for NYC.

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

Sincerely,
Gina Newman

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Jodi Wood

From: Yiatin Chu <yiatin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:55 PM
To: bwise@nycourts.government; STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: I support the Special Masters Maps

I am writing to share my support for the Special Master's maps for congressional and senate districts. We must not allow gerrymandered political maps to bias our democracy for the next 10 years. Don't change the revised maps.

Yiatin Chu
162-50 14th Ave
Whitestone, NY 11357
NYC Queens

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From: Art Raevsky <artakra@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:59 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: I m for new maps.

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

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Sincerely,
Art Raevsky

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Jodi Wood

From: Stephanie Brooks <ovah4me@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:22 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: Redistricting Plan

**To Hon. Justice Patrick McAllister and Special Master Jonathan Cervas:
re: Objection to Draft Congressional Plan**

**I am a resident of the 56th Assembly District, residing at 491 Putnam Avenue
in Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, New York.**

**I strongly object to the draft Congressional redistricting plan recently proposed by the
Special Master.**

**In his plan, my community Bedford Stuyvesant is split between two congressional seats,
thereby cracking the Voting strength of the residents of this historic community.
Bedford Stuyvesant was the first community of black residents to elect a black person to
the political office over 60 years ago. It is a cohesive block of black voters with a history
of advocating for the voting rights of Black people and other civil and human rights.
Within the 56th Assembly District, we are a community of interest with common roots that
advocates for our collective needs and institutions. (Boys & Girls High School, Interfaith
Hospital, Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corp., Magnolia Earth Tree Center, etc.)**

**We respectfully request that the entire 56th Assembly District be included in the 8th
Congressional District.**

**Name: Stephanie Brooks
Address: 491 Putnam Avenue Brooklyn NY 11221**

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Jodi Wood

From: Summer <summer.m.ellis@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:28 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR; Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Support of new maps

To Whom It May Concern;

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

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Sincerely, Summer Ellis

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Jodi Wood

From: ruth sharma <ny-s@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:02 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 16- CO-OP CITY

Dear Sir or Madam;

The purpose of this email is to address the proposed redistricting of Co-op City in the Bronx from Congressional District 16 to Congressional District 14.

I have been a resident of Co-op City for nineteen years (19). I enjoy residing in my community. Our community will be disenfranchised if we are removed from Congressional District 16 to Congressional District 14. The Court must safeguard our Constitutional rights. Our community has an active, strong relationship with our Congressman and we do not need nor request to be moved into a different Congressional District. Our voices will not be adequately heard if our community is moved from Congressional District 16 to Congressional District 14. Co-op City is unique community with common interests with the current communities within District 16. We have issues in common with the current communities in Congressional District 16 and not with those in Queens. We need to remain in our current district to have the appropriate level of representation. It is stressful to think that our community is on the chopping block and we are in the line of fire to lose our voice. How can this be fair and equitable? Our community needs to be preserved and not split nor removed from our current district. I respectfully hope our collective concerns are heard and we remain in Congressional District 16 without any changes to the current communities. The proposed change would devastate our progress, hopes and dreams to maintain the level of representation we are accustomed to and maintain the quality of life we enjoy in our community. Please reconsider these life changing decisions, the viability of our community is in the balance.

Thank you
Ruth Sharma

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

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Jodi Wood

From: Funnya Gleason <fanya.gleason@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:02 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: New Congressional and State Senate Maps

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

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

Sincerely,
Funnya Gleason
Yorktown Heights, NY

Sent from my iPhone

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Jodi Wood

From: MIGDALIA A PEREZ <tango61.m@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:05 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: Co-op City

As you know there is a law in place to prevent the effect of this redistricting of Co-op City from CD 16 to CD14 : Vote Dilution 'Section 2 of the VRA, codified at 42 USC€ 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,
MigdaliaA Perez
140 Erdman Place#21B
Bronx, NY 10475

Sent from my iPhone

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Jodi Wood

From: MG <martineg.newyork@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:06 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: Hon. Patrick F. McAllister

Good afternoon, Judge McAllister. First allow me to express my appreciation for the staff person who answered the phone and shared this email address with me. Her kindness and professionalism are to be commended. I have advised others not to call but to send their own emails regarding the district maps released two days ago.

Regarding the draft district maps...

I am a resident of Chester, NY. As you know one of the quirks of residing in Chester is the experience of being split away from different parts of the community across odd lines for the purpose of property taxes. To illustrate my point, my neighbors and I pay property taxes to WARWICK. Our lived experiences are in Chester, but the value of our homes go to benefit Warwick. This deal of splitting residents in far flung communities for the purpose of capturing property taxes is truly senseless and yet there is nothing that can be done about it.

The draft district map released on Monday is a repeat of the same thing. The only difference is that YOU can do something about that today.

Due to the way the map is drawn, Chester is worse off in being able to effect its right to have representation in Congress. The new map lumps Chester in with far too many larger communities that have economic and environmental issues that would lead to our disenfranchisement. Just looking at the map you can see that both the 18th and 19th districts are too vast and cram together too many communities with divergent needs that should be addressed by the policies and resources of the federal government within lines of strange confinement-- almost ensuring no needs will ever get met. (I believe the 21st district is ridiculously large.) Consider the issues of wetlands, well water protection, hunting, loss of land for mega developments with no infrastructure investments, lake and pond protection from dumping, decline in local farming, sudden growth of deed theft scams... all of these issues need to be addressed to preserve our community. We need to be drawn into a map with communities who have the same or similar needs.

Please send the draft map back and have the Special Master re-draw it. My request is to redraw lines of the 18th and 19th... maybe the 17th, too, and add another proper district among them. There should be respect for obvious breaks between communities and commonalities of population size and needs that doesn't lead to disenfranchisement, choking off of the ability of residents to get their issues addressed by their government. Chester + Warwick + Goshen + Middletown + Monroe + Tuxedo + Woodbury + Wallkill + Blooming Grove ... and Monticello should be a stand alone district. If that is not large enough then add Highlands, Cornwall, and New Windsor.

The new draft map punishes towns like Chester and obscures our existence. That can not be good for New York.

Your time and attention are appreciated.

Kind regards,
Martine Guerrier

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Jodi Wood

From: ruth sharma <ny-s@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:06 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 16- CO-OP CITY

Please see attached letter.

Sent from Mail for Windows

From: ruth sharma
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:01 PM
To: Steuben_Superior@nycourts.gov
Subject: CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 16- CO-OP CITY

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Ruth Sharma
2400 Hunter Ave Apt 15C
Bronx, NY 10475

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Jodi Wood

From: hoding <hoding@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:10 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: STOP THE gerrymandering of the corrupt LEFT!!

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

----- Original message -----

From: hoding <hoding@aol.com>
Date: 5/18/22 3:15 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: steubensuperior@nycourts.gov
Subject: STOP THE gerrymandering of the corrupt LEFT!!

I am grateful to support the Court Appointed Special Master's drawing of the NY Congressional and Senate Map!

We must maintain a sound Election Process and hold 1 day In-person w legal I.D. Election.

Roger Ho
Staten Island

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

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Jodi Wood

From: charleen croom <charleencroom@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:10 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: Fwd: URGENT! VIDA's Response To Redistricting

----- Forwarded message -----

From: VIDA <Vanguard.Democrats@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, May 18, 2022 at 1:06 PM
Subject: URGENT! VIDA's Response To Redistricting
To: Charleen <charleencroom@gmail.com>

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Dear VIDA Member,

New redistricting lines were drafted and released on Monday. The newest and most important change is the division of the voters in Bedford Stuyvesant. We urge you to read more on this change

Then, to use the direct statement below in response to the Judge and Jonathan Cervas who drew the new congressional maps.

We ask that you join VIDA in using your voice by emailing your statement before **5 PM today** as the lines will become final **Friday**.

Email to the following addresses:

Steuben_superior@nycourts.gov

Bwise@nycourts.gov

Cervas@cmu.edu

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Name:

Address:





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Brooklyn, NY

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From: Alyssa sherman <alyssaconcept@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:16 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Cc: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: New York's new maps

I'm messaging in support of the court-vappointed special master's drawing of New York's new Congressional and state Senate maps. And yes I'm a democrat.

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

Sincerely,

Alyssa Sherman,
Manhattan, 10022

Sent from my iPhone

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Jodi Wood

From: Monica Bitar <bitarmonica@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:18 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR; Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Support for new congressional and state senate maps

To Whom It May Concern;

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

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Sincerely,
Monica Bitar

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Jodi Wood

From: Patrick Brophy <patrickbrophy@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:06 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: Support for Special Master District Maps

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

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Sincerely,

Patrick Brophy
Astoria, NY

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From: Grace Stieber <grace.stieber@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:06 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: New Congressional state senate maps

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,

Grace

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Grace Stieber

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Jodi Wood

From: Margaret Nichols <magsnyc@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:07 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: 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.

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Sincerely,
Margaret Nichols
94 Waverly Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11205

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Jodi Wood

From: Donna <chiudonna8@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:07 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: New York Maps

To Whom It May Concern

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

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Sincerely,

Donna Chiu

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Jodi Wood

From: J Hahn <jhahn.choko@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:09 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: SUPPORT for the Special Master's drawing of the NY maps

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to express support of the court-appointed Special Master's drawing of New York's new Congressional and State Senate maps.

Even though I'm a Democrat, I'm frustrated with the party's overreach, and personally thankful that the previous egregious attempt at gerrymandering was stopped. The new maps are fair.

Sincerely,

Jean Hahn

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Jodi Wood

From: Brian Robinson <brian.j.robinson@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:11 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: I Support the New Political District Lines

Hello,

I wanted to express my support for the newly drawn NY state political districts. They seem fair and do not provide a major advantage to any party in particular.

I am a resident of NY state.

All Best,

Brian Robinson

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Jodi Wood

From: Lexi Kasper <lexikasper@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:10 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: I SUPPORT NEW CONGRESSIONAL MAPS

Hello,

I am a NY State resident living in Kings County. 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.

If the old map is reinstated, it will be a stain on New York's voting process and a sign that political polarization is here to stay in New York. We need a FAIR election.

Sincerely,
Alexandra Kasper

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Jodi Wood

From: Nikos <nipapage@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:11 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: Redistricting

Your honor,

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,
Nikos Papageorgiou

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Brenda A. Wise

From: koconnell@landmarkapp.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:02 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Cc: cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Congressional maps in Westchester County and surrounding areas

Good afternoon,

While I am grateful that lower Westchester is no longer tied to most of Long Island, the new maps seem to deliberately tangle candidates (Democrats) from the same party into the same district, and gerrymander other districts in favor of an easy win (Republicans). This does not solve the problem – it just changes the problem.

Now that the congressional primaries have been postponed until August there is time to try again to get it right – with no gerrymander and no deliberate destruction of long held boundaries. This is what is required if you are to have confidence from the public and credibility for the electorate.

Sincerely,
Kinnan O'Connell
81 Willow Avenue
Larchmont, NY 10538

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Brenda A. Wise

From: hellocarol@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:02 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Syracuse representation

I am writing to state that I am opposed to the reduction of senatorial representation in Syracuse, NY., from 2 to 1.
Carol Terry
17 Nursery Lane
Syracuse, NY 13210

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Brenda A. Wise

From: rgordon1@nycap.rr.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:02 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Draft map for NY Congressional Districts

To Whom It May Concern,

I am in favor of keeping the communities of Albany, Amsterdam, Saratoga Springs, Schenectady, and Troy in the 20th Congressional District.

This is imperative to have a cohesive region. There are many shared services and considerations for actions that effect the all of these areas. It's important to consider the results of programs and legislation as a whole for the this region.

Lois Gordon
Albany, NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Jeannie Giordano <jeanniegiordano@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:02 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Districts

Hello,

I am writing to express that I do not believe that Manhattan should be added to the new district, 59th. Manhattan should be able to be in a district with its geographic neighbors.

Best,
Jeannie Giordano
Manhattan resident

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Brenda A. Wise

From: fenton@nycap.rr.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:03 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional Redistricting - Don't mix Saratoga Springs with the Adirondacks

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.

Richard Fenton
23 Lefferts St
Saratoga Springs

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Rose Newnham <rosemarynewnham@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:03 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting of Stuytown area

To whom it may concern:

I'm writing to object to the redistricting of the Stuytown neighborhood or Manhattan with parts of Queens and Brooklyn. This is a nonsensical proposal, as our neighborhood concerns are not equivalent and these areas are different boroughs/different worlds with specific histories and present priorities.

Hoping there is still time to reevaluate this idea so that stuytown May stick with its geographic neighbors.

Best

Rose Newnham

Registered voter

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Town of Poughkeepsie

Supervisor Jon J. Baisley

jbaisley@townofpoughkeepsie-ny.gov

1 Overocker Road
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

845-485-3607 Phone
845-485-3701 Fax

May 18, 2022

Dear Special Master Jonathan Cervas:

My name is Jon J. Baisley and I am the Supervisor of the Town of Poughkeepsie in Dutchess County. I am elected to this seat representing the voters of the 41st Senate District.

Dutchess County is a community that functions successfully given its unique demographic, cultural diversity and economically driven citizens.

I appreciate your willingness to accept my comments and recommendations regarding re-districting.

The Town of Poughkeepsie is the largest municipality in Dutchess County. The leaders of the Town of Poughkeepsie believe that it is in the best interest of its citizens to have Dutchess County remain consistent, whole and held together. Municipalities to the South are distinctly different than of those to the North side. Our statistical data and the particular groups of citizens within it, example a thriving and progressive community. Dutchess County's needs are best met in keeping the Dutchess County faction intact. Several municipalities in Dutchess County share services, working seamlessly as an undivided group, jointly sharing community values, goals, economies and interests.

Best Regards,

Jon. J. Baisley
Supervisor, Town of Poughkeepsie

Brenda A. Wise

From: John Bartimole <johnbartimole@bartimole.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:04 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: 23rd Congressional District

Dear Justice McAllister and Special Master Cervas:

I am urging you to excise Erie County from the proposed 23rd Congressional District and restore the district to its original, rural nature. Bringing that slice of Erie County into this district is not beneficial for those residents or our rural citizens. As a former member of the now-disbanded Berger Commission, I know how important rural personality is to the healthcare in our areas. This redistricting, as proposed, will dilute the impact of Congressional influence on our rural areas.

Howard T. Howlett

Former member (appointment secured by former Congressman, the late Amo's Houghton)

Berger Commission

Sent from Smallbiz Yahoo Mail for iPad

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Ramond Lin <ramondlin542@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:04 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: State Senate Map Comments- Upstate NY

To whom it may concern,

I am dissatisfied with combining the town of Colonie and the city of Troy with communities in Washington Counties. I strongly advise the special master to continue with the Legislature plans in this area, which combines secondary cities in the Capital district. This district includes a large bedroom community to the Capital Region, as well as being strongly connected communities.

In Buffalo, I am most dissatisfied with moving Niagara Falls into Niagara County. This is another clear example of oppositional voting by a minority group. While my expertise in Western NY is not the best, the NAACP was not amused separating Niagara Falls with Buffalo, and this is something I echo.

From,
Ramond

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Reynolds, Lucian (CB) <LReynolds@cb.nyc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:04 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Re: Manhattan Community Board 1 Comment on Inclusion of Manhattan Islands in a Manhattan District
Attachments: 5.18.2022_Governors Island Redistricting Issue_Cervas.pdf

Please also accept a letter to Jonathan Cervas, Special Master.

Kind regards,

Lucian Reynolds (He/Him)
District Manager
Manhattan Community Board 1
212/602-6300

May 18, 2022

Jonathan Cervas, Special Master

RE: The New 27th District of the New York State Senate and the Inclusion of Governors Island, Ellis Island, and Liberty Island

Mr. Cervas:

The jurisdiction of Governors Island, Ellis Island and Liberty Island are unambiguously within the purview of Manhattan Community Board 1 (CB 1), the 1st City Council District, and New York County District of the Manhattan Borough President. These three islands have long relied on Manhattan Community District 1 for land use and review. Community Board 1 also serves as the official planning board for matters pertaining to the alcoholic beverage control laws in the eyes of the State Liquor Authority. CB 1 relies on our relationships with our New York State delegation of elected officials to make this process fair, efficient, and duly protective of those constituents who are represented in our district. Issues surrounding the security of New Yorkers and visitors when visiting the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island are also statutorily put before Manhattan Community Board 1.

The Governors Island Trust Board of Directors has a seat set aside for a member of Manhattan Community Board 1. With the imminent redevelopment of Governors Island, the introduction of millions of square feet of new space, the transition to make the Island open to the public all year and the zoning change to allow commercial and mixed-uses, it is more important than ever to keep jurisdictional boundaries consistent. Community Boards provide the most local level of engagement with constituents, and this proposed revision to redistrict the three islands into the 26th Senate District sets the stage for catastrophic civic failure.

To not include the islands in the new 27th District of the New York State Senate would disenfranchise the residents who are charged with managing these processes by not having the state senator who represents the islands be accountable to those same voters who are tasked with oversight. The 27th District also largely aligns with the new 10th Congressional District, which does include the islands and thus keeps the community whole. Keeping the islands in the new 26th Senate District would cause harm to the administrative checks and balances to ensure that these islands are serving the public interests above all else. I implore you to restore these islands to the new 27th district that coincides with the municipal administrative areas that are responsible for these public places in the name of good governance and community cohesion.

Sincerely,



Tammy Meltzer, Chairperson

From: Reynolds, Lucian (CB) <LReynolds@cb.nyc.gov>
Date: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 2:57 PM
To: bwise@nycourts.gov <bwise@nycourts.gov>
Subject: Manhattan Community Board 1 Comment on Inclusion of Manhattan Islands in a Manhattan District

Greetings,

Please find attached a letter requestion the inclusion of Governors Island, Ellis Island, and Liberty Island within the 27th New York State Senate District. I will paste the text of the letter below.

Kind regards,

Lucian Reynolds (He/Him)
District Manager
Manhattan Community Board 1
212/602-6300

May 18, 2022

Hon. Patrick F. McCallister

RE: The New 27th District of the New York State Senate and the Inclusion of Governors Island, Ellis Island, and Liberty Island

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Meltzer", followed by a vertical line.

Tammy Meltzer, Chairperson

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**The City of New York****Manhattan Community Board 1****Tammy Meltzer** CHAIRPERSON | **Lucian Reynolds** DISTRICT MANAGER

May 18, 2022

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1 Centre Street, Room 2202 North, New York, NY 10007-1209

Tel. (212) 669-7970

Email: man01@cb.nyc.govWebsite: <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/manhattanchb1/index.page>

Brenda A. Wise

From: Harrison Manin <harrisonmanin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:05 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Maps Public Comment

Per state law, protecting communities of interest must be the priority, not compactness that in this instance demonstrates either shocking unfamiliarity with NY neighborhoods or deliberately abuses county and subdivisional boundaries that do not reflect community realities. For example, separating Mount Vernon and Yonkers from the Bronx, and cutting the Asian community in sunset park three or four ways. And much more.

The most judicious correction with limited time is to start with the 2012-2020 maps that went through a similar process but thru federal intervention before Shelby and Abbott decisions—thus has a considerable amount in common with NY state constitution re: protection of communities of interest like racial minorities. Then remove one district while ensuring that the new map (1) protects communities of interest, and (2) leans on the 2012-2020 map, a federally approved design, as an accountability measure to ensure that communities of interest are protected to greatest possible extent.

The Master's decision to put his own stamp on the map and throw past maps out the window is incredibly inappropriate particularly since the confusion will be more injurious to communities of interest.

Thank you for receiving my comment.

Sincerely,

Harry Manin

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Harry Manin
917-715-5799

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Natalie Borneo <nattyb184@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:06 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Utter Concern on Detrimental Redistricting Efforts In Lakeview NY

As a concerned community member, I am asking that you provide consideration to keeping the Lakeview community united in SD-6. Lakeview is a historic and predominately African American community that has been considerable overlooked and undervalued. In order to continue to provide resources and assistance, Lakeview needs to

Sincerely,
Natalie Borneo

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Catherine Hummel <katnikparos@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:07 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise

Why has Stuyvesant Town been added to a new district? We are put in with parts of Brooklyn and Queens. Why not let us stay the way we were.

Catherine Hummel
281 Avenue C, Apt. 11 C
New York, New York 10009

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Brenda A. Wise

From: rtg50@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:07 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

Dear Special Master --

I am very concerned to learn that the Capital District's Congressional District, District 20, could be split up in the new redistricting plan. This would be tremendously unfair to the residents of the Capital District who have, historically understood District 20 to include the cities of Amsterdam, Schenectady, Albany, Troy and Saratoga Springs. The media uses this configuration of municipalities when referring to the Capital District, as do the residents of this area.

It is a compact district, not gerrymandered, which comports with the Special Master's guidelines.

Please keep Congressional District 20, the Capital District, intact with the 5 municipalities which have historically been part of the district.

Respectfully,

Roger T. Gray
224 Jay Street
Albany, NY 12210

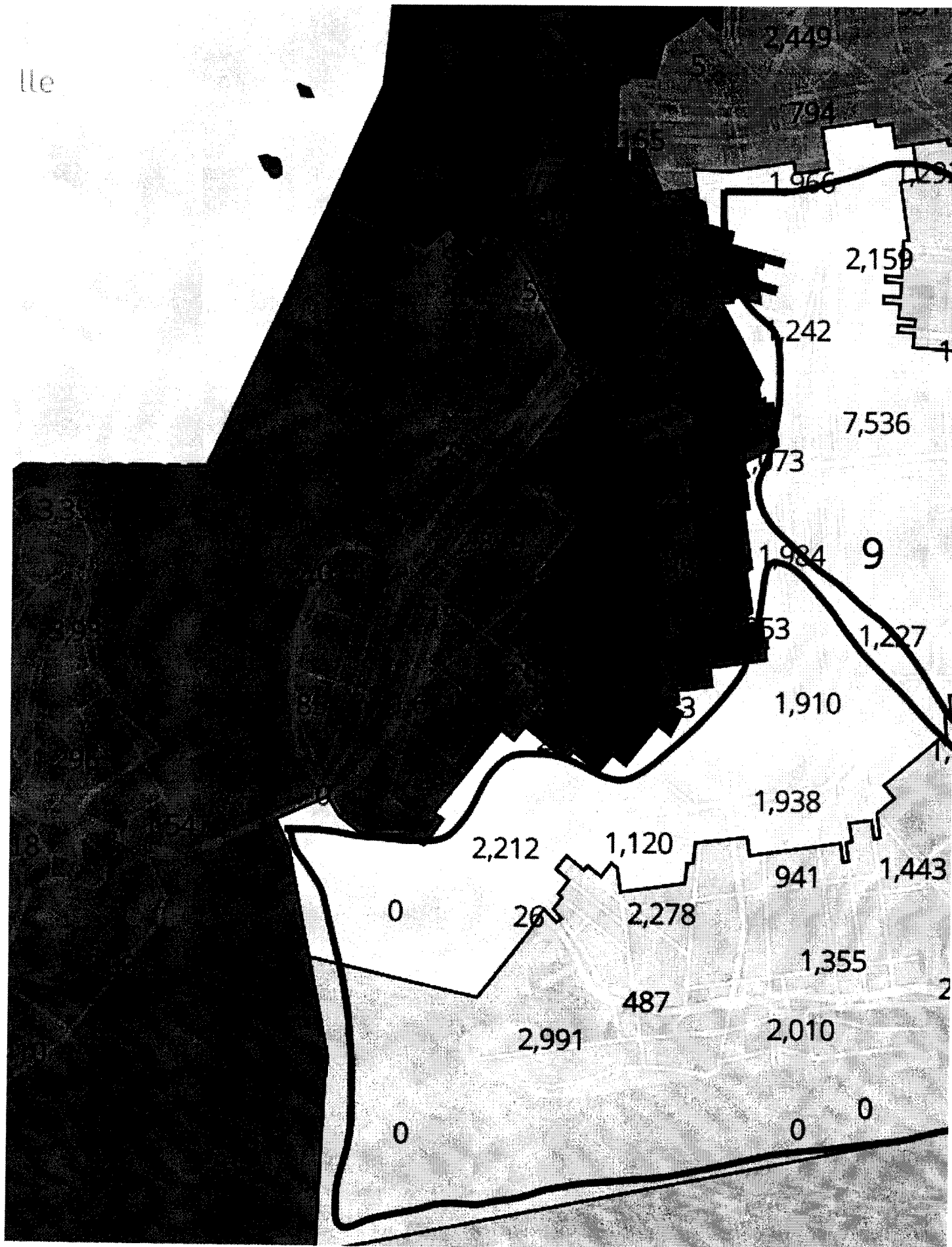
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Brenda A. Wise

From: Sasha Malchik <sashamalchik@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:06 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Comment on proposed NY redistricting maps from a Brooklyn voter

Hello,

I think nearly all congressional districts are well thought out and I support the maps, with just one exception - I think it makes more sense for the two proposed districts in Brooklyn (8 and 9) to be divided approximately like this:



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Jodi Wood

From: Allen Lin <allenlin.ae@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:18 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: SUPPORT OF REDISTRICTING

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,
Allen Lin

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Jodi Wood

From: Jerry Lo <jerryvlo@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:20 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: New York's new Congressional and state Senate maps.

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Sincerely,
Jerry Lo

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Jodi Wood

From: yifang chen <yifangchen@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:20 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: support of the court-appointed special master's drawing

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Sincerely,

Yi Fang Chen

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Jodi Wood

From: Erica Gerson <ericarachel@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:20 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: In Support of the Redistricting

I am writing to express my support for the new redistricting plan. It is clear even from cursory visual inspection of the map, particularly when looking at NYC, that neighborhoods are far better preserved and that more New Yorkers can expect to have their viewpoints and priorities represented by their elected officials. I am sure many old-timers and Democrats are up in arms, which just goes to show that they know the new maps are making a difference in how people will be represented. I urge the State to stick with this new plan.

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Jodi Wood

From: Zhuang6688 <zhuang6688@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:29 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR@NYCOURTS.GOV

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

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Sincerely,

Sent from my iPhone

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Jodi Wood

From: Rimma Doubinskaia <128cps9990@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:30 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: Rezoning

Dear judge, I am totally agree and satisfied with the new zoning map. Thank you.

Rimma D.

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Jodi Wood

From: Maud Maron <maudmaron@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:30 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: I support the new maps.

I'm writing 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,
Maud Maron

Sent from my iPhone

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Jodi Wood

From: Rimma Doubinskaia <dourim128@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:33 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: New zoning,

Dear Judge,
I am totally agree with the new zoning map

Thanks, Tina

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Jodi Wood

From: Michael Wesslock <mawesslock@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 1:27 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: Redistricting NYC

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

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Sincerely,

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Jodi Wood

From: Janek Klawe <jklawe@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:38 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: in support of the new congressional maps

Hi,

I'm writing to express my support of the new congressional maps drawn by special master Cervas.

Thank you,
Janek Klawe

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Jodi Wood

From: Jacole Mills <jacole.mills@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:42 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: No Redistricting for District 16

To whom it May Concern,

Please do not allow the redistricting of NY-16! This will take away the voting power of the people of color within my district. We need to be effectively represented by our leaders. The chances of that happening if the redistricting occurs will be greatly diminished. Redistricting poses the following implications:

- NY - 16 must retain the northeast Bronx communities of CO-OP City, Edenwald and Williamsbrige with lower Westchester County. This African American community is purposely being cracked in order to reduce their voting power. This is unfair and should not be permitted
- The special master's proposed map decreased the Black voter population by nearly 20%; this dilutes the voting power of Black residents of NY-16, further marginalizing us and making it difficult for us to elect candidates that best represent our interests. These communities are now well represented by our CHOSEN candidate.
- The Northeast Bronx's predominantly Black community was splintered into three congressional districts: Co-op City is mapped into NY-14, Williamsbrige 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.

Please do not allow blatant attempts to silence the people of color and further tip the scales against our favor. Instead I ask that you consider that NY-16 should not be splintered like many other areas have been across this country as a way to take away the power of our vote. This is an attempt to change the face of the elected officials around us, thereby reducing the power of our community as it is today. Please include these concerns as you deliberate on redrawing the district lines.

Thank you for your role in ensuring the fair representation of all Americans.

Sincerely,

Jacole E Mills

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Brenda A. Wise

From: William B Cook <saratogacook@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:08 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

I am writing to urge you to keep the capital district cities together in one cohesive congressional district.

Socially, culturally and commercially Amsterdam is an integral part of New York state's capital region. In fact Amsterdam has been a part of this congressional district regardless of any redistricting for decades. As is the case with Amsterdam, Saratoga Springs is also a city that is inextricably tied to the NYS capital region. Saratoga Springs focus is southward to the capital region, not northward to rural northern New York.

Both Amsterdam and Saratoga Springs are commuter bedroom communities whose citizens commute southward and eastward to the capital region for work. As a result, the lives of these citizens are directly impacted by decisions and activities in Albany, Schenectady, and Troy. We need a member of Congress who will speak with one voice for our regional community.

I am one of those citizens. I live in between Amsterdam and Saratoga Springs. For almost 50 years I have commuted to Schenectady. Business activity, traffic, law enforcement and cultural events in the capital region affect me directly whether I am commuting to Albany for work via Interstate 87 or to Schenectady via local and state roads. When we seek entertainment: dinner, movies or other events we look to the capital region; Saratoga Springs, Amsterdam, Schenectady, Albany and Troy. the purpose of establishing a congressional district has to take into account and prioritize the need to retain a cohesive community of shared interests, needs, purpose and values.

The capital region works together as a team to address the needs of the business, education, and cultural communities, its citizens and its environment. The region needs one voice representing its interests in the House of Representatives.

Thank you

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William B. Cook

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Brenda A. Wise

From: mazzak@optonline.net
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:08 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional Maps-Public Comment

Hello,

My comment on the US House Congressional maps:

It isn't right that the City of Kingston is cut in 2. This diminishes the voting power of the people of Kingston.

Please do not certify these maps on Friday. Instead keep the old maps. It is too close to election day for you to be making changes.

Kathleen Mazza

Beacon, NY

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From: Raymond Tippit <nycrtippit@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:08 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Objection to Redistricting of Lower Manhattan

To whom it may concern,

I have major objections to the proposed congressional redistricting of Lower Manhattan. The proposal would group my current district with parts of Brooklyn and Queens that have completely different sociological issues! Additionally, we are separated geographically by a major river and also economically by completely different concerns.

Who drew these new congressional boundaries? Coco the Gorilla?

Please put a stop to this nonsense!

Sincerely,
Raymond Tippit

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Carol Septimus <cseptimus@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:08 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Queens Redistricting

My name is Carol Septimus, 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

Carol Septimus

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From: Jose Gustavo Rivera <gustavorivera01@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:08 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: My comments Re: Special Master's maps

To whom it may concern,

There are few areas in New York where the Census found deep concentrations of Latino New Yorkers like the Bronx. In fact, Bronx county is the only county in the State of New York where the majority of residents are Latino, at 54.8%. That's nearly double the proportion of Latinos in Queens and more than double the proportion in New York county.

Bronx county has the most census tracts with a majority of Latino residents. The Special Master's maps draw Senate district lines that split up this majority Latino population into four different Senate districts, one of which crosses county lines, effectively diluting Latino political power. The proposed Senate District 32 encompasses Belmont, a neighborhood with growing Latino population, and couples it with the census tracts in the East Bronx where there is a minority of Latinos compared to other ethnicities. While the Latino community works to organize for better representation, considering that a Latino has never held a statewide elected position, it is detrimental to our progress to divide Latino communities in the one borough where we have a plurality. By grouping the west side of the Bronx with neighborhoods in Upper Manhattan and the Bronx in District 31, Bronx Latinos will compete with the needs of a more diverse and rapidly gentrifying Manhattan neighborhood and be disconnected from their neighbors to their east in their own borough. Splitting up the communities in the West Bronx where eviction rates are the highest, incomes are the lowest, and many constituents face additional hurdles due to their immigration status will only disenfranchise my neighbors further.

In census tracts across the West Bronx where Latino residents are the most common and make up at least 50% and often more than 70% of residents, state senate lines for proposed districts 31, 32, 33 and 34 by the special master carve up these neighborhoods. In each Senate district, Latino neighborhoods are divvied up and grouped with neighborhoods that have less than 50% Latino representation, forcing Latino New Yorkers to compete with their non Latino counterparts amidst a political landscape where they are already underrepresented across city and state leadership positions. While these Senate districts are not as distinguishable by partisan lean, they are dramatically different when considering low-income Latinos and communities of color are rapidly growing in the West Bronx as one of the only places to find rent-regulated apartments for working class families, largely immigrants. Grouping this community with neighborhoods that have more resources will impede the West Bronx neighborhoods from adequate representation to address our needs. We should not concentrate the electoral power of middle-income constituents in Senate District 31 while effectively disenfranchising low-income Bronxites in University Heights and Kingsbridge Heights who deserve to see their electoral power grow.

I am profoundly disappointed that the Special Master's draft maps are so deeply disrespectful to the power we're building for Latinos in New York and for the power the Bronx has been building for all of the communities we represent. These proposals as they currently stand would have a negative impact on the future of the neighborhoods I serve. The Bronx is vast, diverse, and must be empowered.

Therefore, it is in the interest of our State that the core of our current districts remain intact or close to their current form. Our borough deserves a redistricting proposal that strengthens community representation, not one that cedes our power.

Respectfully submitted,