

Brenda A. Wise

From: Tory Messina <tory.messina@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:20 PM
To: cervas@cmu.edu; Brenda A. Wise
Subject: New proposed Congressional District 11 does not work for my neighborhood - Sunset Park

Dear Special Master,

I am a resident of Sunset Park, Brooklyn (zipcode 11220). Please do not include Sunset Park with other neighborhoods like Borough Park and Dyker Heights. We deserve to be with our neighbors who work with us already in Park Slope, Gowanus and Red Hook. For example as someone involved in our local public schools, I work with and have built relationships with parents in Park Slope because we are all part of District 15.

I note that our new proposed district is connecting my neighborhood to other areas with which we have NO on-going relationships, both because we are not actually connected by public transportation and shopping corridors and that we have similar housing and neighborhood design.

Please feel free to call me with questions or for further comments at tory.messina@gmail.com or 646-678-1364.

I repeat and emphasize some of the points made by one of my neighbors:

-Dyker Heights more closely resembles Brooklyn areas of D10, like Midwood and Borough Park and other areas with single family houses and yards. In fact, it is easier to get to Dyker Heights from those neighborhoods than it is to get there from all the other BK parts of D11. It is also very difficult to access Dyker Heights via public transportation (that is by design!) and it is even difficult to get to from Bay Ridge since the Gowanus Expressway separates the two neighborhoods and they are only accessible to each other by a single bridge. It's almost like Dyker Heights doesn't want to be part of the district!

-Park Slope, Sunset Park and Bay Ridge are linked by thoroughfares, bus lines, and subway lines. Sunset Park shares a school district with Park Slope, take their kids to doctors, go out to eat, go to movies, enjoy parks, etc all along these corridors of 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Avenues. It would be a disservice to folks in the district if they suddenly had to see one rep for school issues and a different rep for issues regarding their homes.

-While the buses, avenues, trains link Bay Ridge all the way to Atlantic Avenue, the special master can at least decide to include Park Slope up to 9th Street, which is a good border as Sunset Park and Bay Ridge are at least more connected to Park Slope via transportation and community ties than they are to Dyker Heights. At minimum the special master can include all of Sunset Park in the map, and remove all of or most of Dyker Heights.

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From: Katherine Collett <kcollett@hamilton.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:20 PM
To: cervas@cmu.edu; Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Comment regarding proposed State Senate map

Hello, I would like to submit a comment regarding the proposed State Senate districts 49 and 53. The Town of Kirkland and its Village of Clinton have been put in 49, but we are part of a larger community that is mostly in 53. It would make more sense for Kirkland to be in District 53 with New Hartford and Utica, where many from Kirkland shop and work (and vice versa), and with the towns of Hamilton, Morrisville, Cazenovia, and others, who, along with Utica, share the same college and university interests.

Please move the Town of Kirkland into State Senate District 53. Thank you for your attention.

Best,
Katherine Collett
Clinton, NY

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From: Theo Swanson <theodorswanson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:20 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Public Comment on Redistricting Maps

Hello,

My name is Theo Swanson, and I wanted to express my opinion on the new map proposals. I am deeply disturbed and extremely concerned by the new redrawing of the congressional district drawings.

This entire process has not prioritized the people, and the confusion around redistricting has weakened the institution of democracy as a result.

This proposed map targets historic Black representation and calls into question whether the protections under the Voting Rights Act are being respected. Bed Stuy is cut into 3 districts; Crown Heights is cut into 3; Fort Greene is cut into 4 districts—this diminishes the power of Black voters.

It is unfathomable that current Democratic members of congress must run against each other vying for seats such as Yvette Clark vs. Hakeem Jeffries, Carolyn Maloney (my representative) vs. Gerald Nadler, Mondaire Jones vs. Sean Patrick Maloney, etc.

The proposed maps prioritize the mechanical measures of compactness/not crossing county town lines over respecting rights of minority voters to have a say in who is their representative. The master has disregarded the vibrant communities of New York City, unfamiliar with the communities of interest—these drafted maps don't match the lived experience and expectations of voters on the ground. The current congressional map was drawn by a special master 10 years ago under the supervision of the Federal court, and is widely accepted as a fair non-partisan map which fairly represents the interests of various communities throughout the state.

I demand that you do not approve these map proposals as they currently stand.

Thank you,
Theo Swanson

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From: Jenny Geer <jennygeer77@gmail.com>
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To: cervas@cmu.edu; Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Comments on special master map for CD 16 (and overall)

Thank you for keeping the Westchester Sound Shore together, this is an important community of interest for many factors that I cited in earlier testimony to the IRC.

I am concerned about the fact that the map cuts out most of the Bronx portion, including a largely Black population in Co-op City, which has been united with Mount Vernon for many years and that shares many commonalities. The overall proposed district also has a significantly lower Black population, which will dilute the vote of this constituency.

Beyond CD 16, my impression is that the special master has opted to favor compactness at the expense of communities of interest. Others have spoken with great specificity about the repercussions of this approach throughout NY and especially in NYC. The maps look pretty, but when you look at the details, the fracturing of neighborhoods is injurious. Under the state Constitution the maps should maintain the core of existing districts, even if it means the resulting maps are less than perfect. In this case, it seems the master has thrown the baby out with the bath.

Thank you.

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From: EVA JENKINS <gmaedar9000@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:22 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise

Do not want these separations!!!

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From: Hardaway, Terry <thardaway@tbh.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:21 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; Cervas@cmu.edu
Cc: Terrinoni, Gary
Subject: The Brooklyn Hospital Center - Redistricting
Attachments: The Brooklyn Hospital Center Letter - Redistricting 5.18.2022..pdf

Good afternoon Judge McAllister and Special Master Cervas,

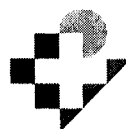
Kindly see attached letter from Mr. Gary G. Terrinoni, President and CEO of The Brooklyn Hospital Center.

Thank you.

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Gary G. Terrinoni
PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

May 18, 2022

Honorable Patrick McAllister
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Special Master Jonathan Cervas
Institute for Politics and Strategy
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Dear Judge McAllister and Special Master Cervas,

The Brooklyn Hospital Center finds the congressional district maps proposed yesterday by Special Master Cervasto to be unacceptable and in need of immediate redrawing. Located in the heart of Central Brooklyn, the Brooklyn Hospital has been represented by the 8th congressional district for as long as memory serves.

The separation of our hospital and the Central Brooklyn neighborhood from the rest of the 8th district, where most of our patients come from and reside, is a startling and unnecessary change. This move disempowers our hospital's ability to coalesce with patient communities from neighborhoods like Bedford-Stuyvesant and Clinton Hill to advocate for policies and programs in Congress that our safety-net hospital needs. More than 90% of our hospital's patients are people of color and they overwhelmingly use government insurance programs like Medicaid and Medicare.

Accordingly, the hospital has been partnering with Congressman, Hakeem Jeffries who has been representing us in the U.S. House of Representatives for almost a decade to navigate federal and state resources and regulations. We have a long-standing working relationship with the Congressman, who has assisted Brooklyn Hospital on numerous occasions. It is unfair to expect a 177-year-old independent, safety-net hospital to reestablish its advocacy and government relations strategies in the middle of a pandemic.

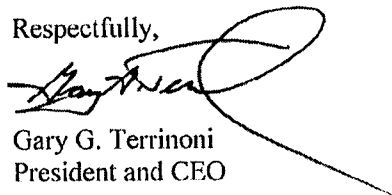


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For these reasons, the Brooklyn Hospital Center urges the Special Master to redraw maps in a way that maintains representation for the hospital and the Central Brooklyn community in the 8th congressional district. Fair representation in Congress is imperative for the continuation of our hospital.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary G. Terrinoni", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Gary G. Terrinoni
President and CEO

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From: pamela0523@optimum.net
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:22 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; Ceryas@CMU.edu; StubenSuperior@nycourts.gov
Subject: Redistricting of NE Bronx

Greetings,

I am sending this email to ensure that the Congressional redistricting of the Northeast section of the Bronx will not transpire. The current attempts to remap our congressional district will decrease our voting strength in the district. This will cause a future loss of the voting population for our community of color. This will marginalize our communities and decrease our ability to elect possible candidates who best represent our interests.

A Northeast Bronx Citizen,

P. Dowdy

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From: Joseph Silber <josephsilber@optonline.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:22 PM
To: cervas@cmu.edu
Cc: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Public Comment - Congressional Districts

Mr. Cervas,

I want to thank you for releasing a more contiguous map than the one implemented by the state legislature. As a Modern Orthodox Jew, I only request that you consider putting the communities of Borough Park and Midwood in the same congressional district. I am aware that they are in the same district on the State Senate level, but as communities of interest they deserve to be together on the federal level.

In addition, I vehemently reject the public comment submitted by the Jewish Community Relations Council of NY, an organization that I have tremendous respect for, as they are simply wrong and deceitful in presenting their statistics on this issue. The Jewish communities—and especially the Modern Orthodox communities—of the Upper East Side and Upper West Side are in fact much more similar than the JCRC presents, and their statistics are extremely misleading. As a Modern Orthodox Jew who graduated from the Ramaz Upper School on the Upper East Side, there is in fact much harmony between the schools, as many of my classmates were from the Upper West Side. Borough Park Orthodox Jews, on the other hand, has been neglected for years and has virtually nothing in common with the vast majority of secular Jews on the Upper West Side, and they have been gerrymandered together for too long. Borough Park instead belong with their neighbor and fellow community of interest, Midwood.

Hence, I **strongly support** your proposed Congressional District 12, as those are communities of interest and drawn in a compact shape, but **urge** you to tweak Congressional Districts 10 to include Borough Park and Midwood in the same district.

Thank you,
Joseph Silber
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From: Michael Rivadeneyra <mrivadeneyra@ymcanyc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:22 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR; Cervas@cmu.edu
Cc: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Bedford-Stuyvesant YMCA: Redistricting Testimony
Attachments: Bedford Stuyvesant YMCA_Reducing Testimony_5 18 2022.pdf

Dear Judge McAllister and Special Master Cervas,

On behalf of Sonia Atherly, Executive Director for the Bed-Stuy YMCA, please find attached her testimony in opposition to the proposed Congressional map that will divide the Bed-Stuy community.

Sincerely,
Michael

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May 17, 2022

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Special Master Jonathan Cervas
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Dear Judge McAllister and Special Master Cervas,

I write to express deep concerns with the newly proposed Congressional maps.

The YMCA has been serving the Bedford Stuyvesant community since 1888. In that long history the Y has strived to build and empower the community. As the Executive Director of the Bedford Stuyvesant YMCA, I continue in that tradition of community empowerment.

Bedford Stuyvesant has been gerrymandered, ignored, discriminated, and discounted in the past, but to see it happening now is unbelievable. We have long been a predominantly black community, and throughout history, we have fought to be able to organize and vote together in order to fight for our shared needs in our community.

In Bed-Stuy we don't just have a shared identity, but we have shared goals to better our community that are only possible for us to accomplish when we can speak with one voice, hold elected representatives accountable together, and act as a collective voting group. By splitting up Bed-Stuy so carelessly, our political impact has been diluted, and now with arbitrary divisions it is impossible for us to have a Congressional representative that can represent us successfully.

The gerrymandering of Bed-Stuy has a long dark history which we had expected not to be repeated again with such blatant disregard. In 1965, Bed-Stuy had been divided among 5 Congressional districts in order to break down our voting power and we sued to right this wrong. Once that injustice was corrected, in 1968 we were able to vote together and elect the first black woman to Congress to represent us, the Honorable Shirley Chisholm.

Our community is strongest when we are able to push for changes together, and that is how we achieved the representation we wanted in the past by voting together to get Shirley Chisholm elected, and it is how we should be allowed to continue. We have been represented in Congress for the last 10 years by one Congressional member, and that has allowed us to act politically to hold him accountable to our needs as we share the same unique goals in Bed-Stuy. Cutting up our neighborhood to destroy our political power and try to dilute our impact by gerrymandering us out of existence is the same attempt to make Bed-Stuy "politically impotent" that we saw in 1966 and this cannot stand.

Therefore, I urge the court to reconsider and reject the proposed division of the Bed-Stuy community.

Sincerely,



Sonia Atherly
Executive Director, Bedford Stuyvesant YMCA

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From: Daniel Silverman <dansilverman@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:23 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: REDISCTRICTING -- Greene County

Importance: High

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, 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.

Best Regards,

Dan Silverman

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From: Tristan Salley <rev.tsalley@gmail.com>
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To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Map for Westbury's Inclusion in CD-04
Attachments: district-data-6.csv; block-assignments-3.csv; precinct-assignments-3.csv; district-abstract-3.json; map-analytics-3.json; district-shapes-6.geojson; district-shapes-6.zip; map-archive.json; precinct-data-4.csv

May 18, 2022

Dr. Johnathan Cervas, Special Master, NYS Congressional Maps
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Dr. Cervas,

I am Reverend Salley. As a faith-based community leader, I am reaching out on behalf of my congregation of the Saint Paul AME Church representing the commonly aligned communities of Westbury, Hempstead, Uniondale, Roosevelt, Lakeview, (ect) as Senior Pastor where I have served for the past several years. The Saint Paul AME Church is filing a petition opposing the proposed New York Congressional districts, specifically the proposed lines of Congressional District 4.

Long Island's demographics have notably changed in past decades, to the point at which Nassau County's population is now just barely majority non-Hispanic white. This calls for a rethinking of its congressional districts.

We note that the Special Master's proposed map embraces this demographic reality, as it divides southwest Nassau County from Queens (in the Elmont and Valley Stream areas included in the current Fifth District). In this spirit, we urge consideration of additional remedies of a marginal but significant nature, remedies that are notably rooted in the Fourth District's historical composition.

Historically, in addition to portions of the Town of Hempstead, the Fourth Congressional District has included portions of the Town of North Hempstead, specifically majority-minority Westbury and New Cassel, in addition to Mineola. Our map continues this tradition, and we wish to highlight that Jericho Turnpike (particularly east of Northern State Parkway) rather than the town line represents a substantial dividing line by race, income, and population density. This may not be readily apparent considering Eisenhower Park's placement, yet any quick study of demographics (or view of Jericho Turnpike on GoogleMaps aerial view) confirms this social connectivity between Westbury/New Cassel and majority-minority communities located in the Town of Hempstead, such as Freeport, the Village of Hempstead, Valley Stream, and Elmont.

Some may contend that it is vital to maintain town boundaries in Nassau County. While this is one factor, the long-established social connectivity between Nassau County's communities of color -- who differ in lived experience and voting behavior from their white counterparts -- justifies consideration of an even more important one: the ability for minority voters to elect a candidate of their choice. As the Special Master's division of southwest Nassau County from Queens underscores this opportunity, the addition of Westbury and New Cassel further

enhances the ability of voters of color to elect a candidate of their choice. In addition, local legislative districts at the town and county level (such as Nassau County's Second Legislative District) share commonality with this representational theme (i.e. the Nassau County Second Legislative District contains the two majority-minority precincts in the Town of Oyster Bay's Hicksville), and are indeed mandated by litigation (*Jackson v Nassau County Board of Supervisors*, and even *Goosby v Town Board of Hempstead*).

For more specificity, our proposed district is majority-minority not only in composition (47.4% White, 23.7% Hispanic, 20.3% Black, and 8.7% Asian, versus the initial Special Master proposal, at 50.7% White, 22.1% Hispanic, 19.1% Black, and 8.2% Asian) but also in voting-age population (49.7% White, 21.8% Hispanic, 20.1% Black, and 8.4% Asian, versus the initial Special Master proposal, at 52.9% White, 20.3% Hispanic, 18.9% Black, and 7.8% Asian). This suggests a significant change from ten years ago, when our proposal was 58.2% White, 17.9% Hispanic, 19.6% Black, and 6.1% Asian in its voting-age population. Demographic trends suggest our proposed majority-minority district is becoming ever-more diverse.

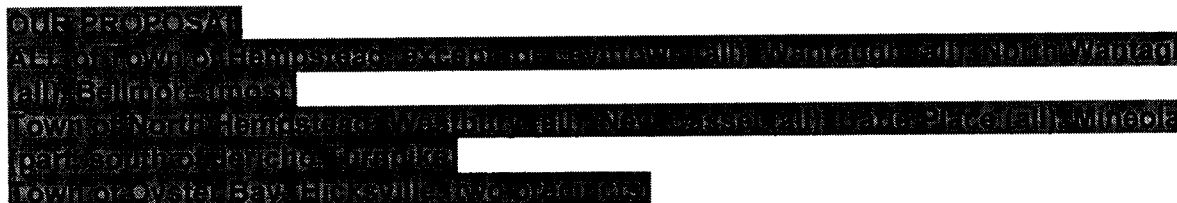
You may wonder how this impacts adjacent districts. Our recommendations maintain consistency with the Special Master's map. We noted the single split between Nassau and Suffolk Counties, in contrast to the current North Shore-South Shore divide. In order to add portions of the Town of North Hempstead to the Fourth, we have added portions of the Town of Hempstead culturally, politically, and demographically similar to adjacent sections of the Town of Oyster Bay, namely Seaford, Wantagh, and North Wantagh (compare to Massapequa and Massapequa Park on the Town of Oyster Bay side) in addition to Levittown as the Special Master had done.

In conclusion, we urge for the adoption of this proposed iteration of the Fourth Congressional District.

DISTRICT CONTENTS

INITIAL SPECIAL MASTER PROPOSAL

ALL of Town of Hempstead, except for Levittown (part) and Salisbury (part)



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From: Arlynne Miller <ARLYNNEMILLER@rcn.com>
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To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Objection to new State Senate district for Stuyvesant Town

Hello,

I understand that State Senate district lines are being redrawn for elected representatives due to the recent census. I live in Stuyvesant Town in Manhattan and I strongly object to the new district - the 59th - that is being created which lumps me in with people living in parts of Brooklyn and Queens. I have nothing in common with those areas and it makes no sense to put us together. Stuyvesant Town should be in a district with its geographic neighbors.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Arlynne Miller

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From: Jean Andrews <jeanandrews75@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:24 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NY Redistricting public comment

I hope I am in the correct place to make a comment on the proposed redistricting map for NY state congressional districts. I understand that today is the last day to make a public comment.

I am extremely unhappy with the proposed districts in Brooklyn. I am appalled that I would have to make a choice between my current congresswoman, Yvette Clark and the amazing Hakeem Jeffries. I am simply stunned that this version of the map will pit major advocates for our area against each other. We need them BOTH!!!

Similarly, I am shocked that Congressman Jerry Nadler and Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney would also have to be pitted against each other. There are several other congresspeople in the city and in Westchester County who similarly will have to run against each other and in so doing will force the people of the New York City region to lose powerful advocates. This map seems to me like something designed by the Federalist Society to destroy the Democratic majority in NYC, and I am having a very difficult time believing that the special master who did this has even the tiniest iota of knowledge of New York City. He clearly knows nothing of my neighborhood in Brooklyn.

PLEASE do NOT approve this map as it now stands!!!!

Thank you,

Jean Andrews
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From: MIGDALIA A PEREZ <tango61.m@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:25 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting 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 CD 14 :

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,
MigdaliaA Pérez
140 Erdman Place#21B
Bronx, NY 10475

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From: Sparrose Rose <sparrose@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:25 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: District Congressional Lines

Do not want these separations please in Co-op City. Thank you 🙏

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Don Blauweiss <don@blauweissadvertising.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:26 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Cc: Sean Maloney >
Subject: NYS redistricting maps

Dear Judge:

My Congressman is Sean Patrick Maloney. Sean is an outstanding representative. Until 2 years ago he help town hall meetings frequently in our district and during Covid he's held them by telephone. From my perspective he's on the right side of every issue. The possibility of losing him doesn't make sense because he is being paired in a face-off with Mondaire Jones, another excellent representative, albeit, not as senior as Sean. NYS shouldn't be faced with losing Mondaire either.

There must be a better way to correct or adjust New York's political redistricting without losing one of these excellent Congressmen.

Before I moved to Orange County Jerry Nadler was my representative in Westchester. Redistricting puts him in a similar face-off with Carolyn Maloney. Again, this would cause the lose of an excellent Congressperson.

Hopefully, fair redistricting can be accomplished without losing 2 of the 4 outstanding representatives in the process.

Thank you,
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From: Paula Galowitz <gpaula11@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:26 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Objections to Proposed Congressional and State Senate Maps

I submit my objections to the proposed Congressional and State Senate maps. I am a senior citizen who has lived in New York City my entire adult life and deeply cares about democracy and fair elections. I understand that there are time constraints but my first objection is that citizens like myself have less than two days to understand and comment on the proposed maps. That is not sufficient time.

Second, while the districts might have similar numbers in each one, they reflect no understanding of the communities in those districts. For example, the newly created 12th District of New York, where I live, combines large swaths of the east and west sides of Manhattan, which have very diverse communities. I would be happy to accompany the Court-designated Special Master Jonathan Cervas on a walking tour of this proposed District to show how this proposed District from around 14th Street to 110th Street makes no sense in any form, other than creating mostly straight lines.

Third, I agree with the statement of Representative Hakeem Jeffries that the proposed districts are "part of a vicious national pattern targeting districts represented by members of the Congressional Black Caucus" and that the "draft redistricting map viciously targets historic Black representation in NY, and places 4 Black members of Congress into the same district."

Fourth, I think the proposed lines violates the requirements of the New York State Constitution to keep communities of interest together and keep the cores of existing districts largely intact.

Fifth, I believe that the proposed map is unacceptable, unconscionable and unconstitutional.

The proposed redistricting maps should be rejected by the Court.

Submitted by Paula Galowitz
gpaula11@gmail.com

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Sparrose Rose <sparrose@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:26 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: District Congressional Lines

Do not want these separations please in Co-op City. Thank you 🙏

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Venitia Ford <vford40@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:27 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Cc: cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Redistricting Conerns

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As a Member of the historic Lakeview, NY 11570 community I am making a plea that Lakeview be kept in one district. We are a predominantly black community with a rich history that needs to be respected and maintained. I feel the newly drawn lines are intended to divide us and our votes. This will have catastrophic effects on our community during elections. I demand immediate action. Please reconsider the lines immediately!

Venitia Ifill
437 Lafayette Ave
Rockville Centre NY 11570

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Mary Schenk <maryschenk14@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:27 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

Dear Honorable Patrick McAllister and Special Master Jonathan Cervas

Jefferson County is a whole and should stay one under 1 congress district.

I understand that you may have more credentials then I in this field but as someone who lives on the ground here in Jefferson County I want to share my beliefs and make my voice heard. This idea to split Jefferson County is not a good one. Friends and families across this county live and commute throughout the county on a daily basis. People from Ellisburg to Cape Vincent commute to Fort Drum. Those from Antwerp or Alexandria bay work or leisure in Watertown. What you are doing is going to uproot the unity and bonds of this community and make work and life far more complicated than it should be.

Please leave Jefferson County as a whole in NY-21 where it is meant to be with the rest of the North Country.

-Mary Schenk

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Brenda A. Wise

From: John Peck <electjohndpeck@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:27 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NYS Congressional District Redistricting

Dear Hon. Justice McAllister
Special Master Cervas

I am writing to share my concerns for the newly redrawn maps for the 21st and 24th Congressional Districts and its impact on Jefferson County, of which I am County Legislator for District 7.

My legislative district in particular is torn asunder under this plan as well as my county. Jefferson County Legislative District 7 contains a portion of the Fort Drum military population and the town of Champion, where the village of West Carthage is located. As a legislative representative I will be tasked with networking with Congress Members in two different districts which may have completely different viewpoints and political desires from the needs of my constituents. While I am confident that I can work with whoever may get elected, in the polarized atmosphere of the political landscape today, attempting to work with other elected officials is seemingly more challenging than in recent years.

Fort Drum is an integral part of our county and community. It is a major employer and economic contributor to the region. A potential Congress member from as far away as Niagara County would have little understanding of the nuances and magnitude of the economic impact Fort Drum has on Jefferson County and the region.

Jefferson County is also a rural county with the agricultural sector ranking as the next highest economic contributor to the region. I ask that you would sincerely examine the needs of rural counties as you finalize the map and not let them become subjects of more populous urban counties.

I respectfully request that Jefferson County remain one whole county within one Congressional District.

Sincerely Yours,

John D. Peck
Jefferson County Legislator, District 7
23892 County Route 47
Carthage, NY 13619
315.408.1731

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Brenda A. Wise

From: pattersonleola2@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:28 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Splitting counties.

Dear Judge McAllister and Special Master Jonathan Cervas, I would like to bring an issue to your attention. That issue is the splitting of Jefferson County. The residents of Jefferson county do not want their county divided into two Congressional districts. I don't know if you are familiar with our area ,but the members of this county consider themselves to be proud members of the North Country. To remove Jefferson county from the North Country is to remove it from where it belongs. My friends and family all work in the North Country and we take camping trips there with the family as well. This decision will break the unity of Jefferson county. Half the county will now be in a district that stretches all the way into Erie county. We don't have any cohesion or relationships with the people of Erie county. Furthermore, and more importantly, the economy of Jefferson county is tied in with the North Country. It's not dependent on western New York and in this plan the county would be represented by someone who will be looking out for the interests of western New York, not the North Country. As a proud member of the North Country I beg that you reconsider your decision and keep Jefferson County whole and in its rightful place in the North Country Sent from

Leola Patterson

my iPhone

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Richelle Blue <richelleblue1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:28 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Lakeview Resident

My name is Richelle A.Blue, my family and I reside at 457 Locust Court, Rockville Centre, NY 11570. Although my address is Rockville Centre, I am a Lakeview resident.

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 thrive. We don't need to be divided to further decrease resources in our community. We are raising two wonderful children who deserve every resource available. The fact that there is an obvious agenda against this community is not right and will not be tolerated. It's sad that in 2022 there is still an agenda to destroy black communities.

Sent from my MetroPCS 4G LTE Android Device

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Hon. Patrick F. McAllister
Acting Supreme Court Justice
3 East Pulteney Square
Bath, NY 14810
RE: Index No. E2022-0116CV

Harkenrider, et al. v. Hochul, et al.

May 18, 2022

Dear Justice McAllister,

I'm writing in opposition to the current redistricting plan that will split my community and zip code into 3 different State Senate Districts. Hamilton Beach, Old Howard Beach, New Howard Beach and Lindenwood collectively are known as Howard Beach. We are currently in Senate District-15, and we're represented by State Senator Joseph Addabbo. The new redistricting maps will haphazardly split our neighborhood and place them in 3 newly proposed Senate Districts:

- Proposed SD-19 would include New Howard Beach and a portion of Lindenwood
- Proposed SD-15 would include a larger portion of Lindenwood
- Proposed SD-10 would include Hamilton Beach, Old Howard Beach, and portions of New Howard Beach and Lindenwood

It is in the best interest of the people and community that we keep this "community of interest" intact so to ensure that the shared needs and concerns of all the stakeholders who live in our community of Howard Beach, have a united voice. As an example, in 2012 the Howard Beach community was significantly impacted by Superstorm Sandy, one of the deadliest and costliest natural disasters in our nation's history. In the immediate aftermath, our neighborhood looked to our representatives in government for help. Our representatives understood immediately what our community needed. They understood unique needs and secured aid to help families and businesses recover and rebuild. I couldn't imagine having had to deal with 3 different state Senators to get our community the help they needed.

The unintended consequence with the proposed splitting of our community is that voters will become more disenchanted at the politics involved. Not with the issues regarding the redistricting of our tight knit community but in politics in general which will then result in lower turnouts for elections ultimately taking away their voices of who should represent them.

For the reasons set forth above, I strongly urge the new districts be drawn to keep the entire 11414 Zip Code in the same Senate District, in a similar configuration to the current lines, and that we should be given the opportunity to continue being represented by someone who knows the community that they have served for over 20 years. The most efficient way to keep this vital community together, given the Special Master's proposed maps, would be to expand State Senate District 15 southward to encompass all of zip code 11414/Howard Beach within State Senate District 15.

Best Regards,

Sign:

Print:

Address

Angela Vitucci
Angela Vitucci
159-29 82st, Howard Beach, NY 11414

Brenda A. Wise

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.

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

Sincerely, Summer Ellis

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Veronica Neff <verneff14@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:28 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Jefferson County

Judge Patrick McAllister & Special Master Jonathan Cervas,

I am taking this opportunity to ensure that my voice on this issue is heard.
It would be a great tragedy if Jefferson County were to be split into two and be taken out of the North Country. This area has an amazing sense of community and togetherness and the current lines are threatening to break those bonds. Tying half of Jefferson County to western New York will have tons of negative implications. I don't want to see Jefferson County pulled from the North Country; it's where we belong.
Please reconsider this decision and keep all of Jefferson County in the 21st district with the rest of the North Country.

Veronica Neff
24411 State Rte 971V, Felts Mills, NY 13638

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Bonnie Bernstein <bonnierbernstein@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:29 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: New zoning.

Dear sirs.

The proposed change on zoning of our neighborhood (Stuyvesant Town, Peter Cooper Village) makes absolutely no sense. Manhattan gas it's own unique needs which differ greatly from the needs of Brooklyn and queens. I strongly object to this gerrymandering.!!

Do not make this change. It does everyone a disservice!!

Thank you,

Bonnie bernstein

Peter cooper village

New York

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Phyllis Tashlik <ptashlik@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:29 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Latest congressional map is faulty

To the Court:

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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Brenda A. Wise

From: Syd Griffin <griffi66@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:29 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: TIM HARKENRIDER et al v. GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL et al

Hello,

My name is Syd Griffin, I am a resident of NY State. I am writing to comment on the bee political districting maps required by the Judge in the Steuben County Court. Please forgive me if I have some of these details wrong.

While I respect the Judge's authority, the ruling regarding district maps is wildly inappropriate. While the original maps submitted for new district lines may have been objectionable to some, they were based on sound reasoning of maintaining continuity of constituencies. And they reflected the decidedly Democratic majority of voters in NY State.

To throw those maps out wholesale and demand new ones in such a short time span as necessitated by upcoming primary elections is wrong. There are surely more equitable ways to adjudicate this disagreement of opinions.

Sincerely,

Syd Griffin
Hampton Bays, NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: pattersonleola2@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:29 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Don't divide Jefferson County

Dear Honorable Patrick McAllister and Master Cervas I would like to ask you to please reconsider the current congressional maps which has divided Jefferson County into two different areas. Jefferson County is a member of the North Country and people around here are proud of that fact. People from Jefferson travel all over the North Country everyday commuting from work to home and to visit relatives etc. Jefferson must remain a member of the North Country. To cut it up like this and put half the county with western New York is not going to benefit this county and will without a doubt hurt representation. It will also start to break the bonds between the halves of Jefferson County. They will drift apart and this community will never be the same. You need to keep Jefferson County in the North Country and NY-21 in order to ensure the best for our residents! Please keep us together and don't divide Jefferson!

Leola Patterson
Sent from my iPhone

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Michael <mtunik@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:29 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: STUYVESANT PETER COOPER REDISTRICTING

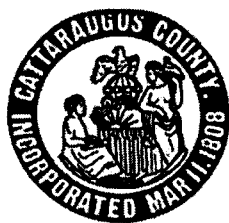
I have lived in ST PCV for 40 years.
Placing PCV ST in the 59th district makes no sense.

Being lumped in a district across a river, with very different problems makes no sense to me.

Please dont change the district for PCV ST.

Thank you.
Michael Tunik, MD

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May 18, 2022

By E-Filing

Hon. Patrick F. McAllister
Special Master Dr. Jonathan Cervas
Supreme Court, Steuben County
3 East Puteney Square
Bath, NY 14810

Dear Justice McAllister:

I am writing to you regarding the redistricting process of New York State. NYS 23rd Congressional District has historically been in effect for many decades. Please remove Erie County and counties like Cattaraugus County be added to the district which are similar communities of interest.

It is my hope that the court will appreciate the fact that the current maps have accomplished this well and as little change as possible would be the best outcome. A southern tier district is essential to the region. There has been a longstanding precedent in historical New York State maps that have demonstrated this in previous redistricting processes. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Howard V. VanRensselaer
Chairman

HVV/dkg

Brenda A. Wise

From: Lara Kulpa <larakulpa@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:30 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY20 - Don't Undo Our Progress

As a resident of the city of Hagaman, NY, adjacent to the City of and established in the Town of Amsterdam, I am writing to let you know that my opposition to the draft Congressional map that would remove my community from a Congressional district centered in New York's Capital region is **STRONG**.

Amsterdam has been working hard to build, maintain, and strengthen our existing economic and transportation ties to Capital District cities like Schenectady, Albany, Troy, and Saratoga. The majority of our residents work in and have families in these cities and communities, and just a few weeks ago, CDTA announced they would be expanding transportation service into Amsterdam because of these ties to Capital District cities. What reason would they have had to do this if it weren't for our strong economic connections?

NY20 has supported the growth of our city, and enabled us to achieve goals that meet our needs for our residents. Placing us into a district that stretches to Canada, full of communities vastly different than our own is ultimately going to kill any and all growth and progress we've made in our history. Even the western half of Montgomery County with its sleepy little towns and vast rural areas has enormously different needs than anything on the eastern half – they'd do just fine to be included in NY21. But please, sir... not us. Not Amsterdam nor a 10 mile radius of it. There's no other way to stress the importance of keeping Capital Region communities together for a unified voice in Congress

To bust up everything NY20 has worked for, to disconnect us from the communities, municipalities, law enforcement, funding, growth, representation on a federal level, and everything that connects us in such a harmonious way with other cities in this region would be a crime against everyone who lives here.

We are a strong, proud city that has risen above some of the biggest struggles that even smaller cities can have, thanks to NY20. We have been working on raising a community that offers hope, promise, growth, and a joyous place to live – and work. Taking that away from us by equating us to farm country will be catastrophic to say the least. While we appreciate farms and farmers, we simply have different needs than they do, and need to be seen for what progress has been made in cities like Troy and Schenectady, and is coming along here!

If your goal is to drive our passion, motivation, and achievement down the drain, and further alienate people from their rights to live somewhere that's flourishing as a city should, then go ahead and ignore this email.

However, I strongly and passionately urge you to include Amsterdam in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps. Our city cannot afford to lose all that we've worked so hard to achieve.

Sincerely,
Lara Kulpa

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Brenda Levin <brenda.levin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:30 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Cc: Brenda Levin
Subject: The Redistricting of NY State Congressional Districts

"Keeping communities of interest together is an important principle in redistricting."

The Special Master violated the Communities of Interest principle when drawing the Congressional districts.

His districts should be denied.

Thank you for your consideration

Brenda Levin
12th Congressional District

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Ryan, Regina <reginaryan@reginaryanbooks.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:30 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: the redistricting maps of NYS

Dear Your Honor -

I want to express my dismay at the way the election districts in my area - the upper west side of New York City have been drawn. We have had a coherent district for many years and now we are to be thrown in with the east side of NYC - a totally different kind of place with little in common with the west side. Plus it pits two very good, long-serving congresspersons against each other. It appears, almost as if this was a Republican plan to diminish the Democratic voice in the Congress and elsewhere.

I strongly object to his new map.

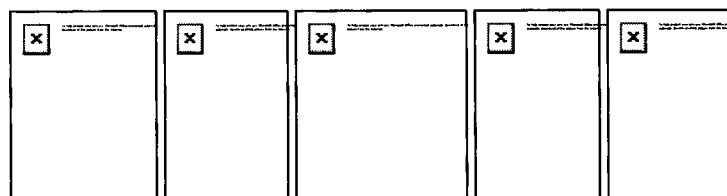
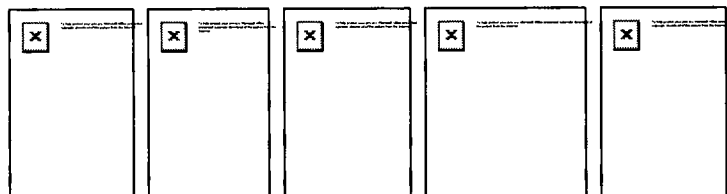
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Brenda A. Wise

From: Margaret M. Seiler <mcgseiler@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:32 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: URGENT: Proposed District Maps

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Please do not break up the city of Kingston!

Please keep Ulster County whole!

We are a community. Breaking us up will be detrimental to our citizens, particularly minorities.

Thank you so much,

Margaret Seiler

Ulster County Democratic Committee

Denning NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Diane K. Graham <dkgraham@cattco.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:32 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Letter to Judge McAllister
Attachments: Klancer McAllister Letter 5-22.pdf

Hi Brenda,

Here's a letter from Legislator Richard Klancer for Judge McAllister to consider. Thank you.

Diane

Diane Graham
Assistant to the Legislature
Cattaraugus County
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Little Valley, New York 14755
716-938-2386

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Sincerely,

Richard L. Klancer
Legislator

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Deb Samuels <dsammy1969@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:32 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: comments on the Special Master plan for NYS election districts - SUPPORT

Dear Jonathan Cervas,

As a resident and taxpayer of Greene County, NY and a lifetime registered Democrat, I am IN SUPPORT of the newly defined redistricting map. Greene County should be paired with its mountain neighbors, not with Columbia County or the lower Hudson region. The existing districts are ridiculous and I think the Special Master plan makes more sense.

Greene and Columbia counties are separated by the river and toll bridges. They do not operate as a single economic region but instead as two. Historically Greene county has been allied more with its neighboring counties to the west, including many extended families.

Please chalk this up as one vote for the new district maps.

Best Regards,
Debra Samuels

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Leah Zavulunov <lzavulunov@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:32 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NYS Senate Maps Public Comment

My name is Lilian zavulunov, 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 legislature's 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 have 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,

Lilian zavulunov

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Stacey Chametznik <staceyc1@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:33 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Support of Congressional and State Senate 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.

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

With Gratitude,

Stacey Chametznik

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Gayle Lennon <gayle14559@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:33 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: New State Senate District

Hello

I live in Stuyvesant Town. I learned today that my district is going to be combined with parts of Brooklyn and Queens to create a new district, the 59th.

This makes absolutely no sense. Brad Hoylman, who has represented us wonderfully for years, will no longer be our state senator. How could you do this? It seems very random and makes no sense. I urge you to reconsider your decision.

Thank you.
Gayle Lennon

Sent from my iPhone

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Megan Barrett <meganbarrett.2@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:33 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise

Dear Judge Patrick McAllister and Special Master Jonathan Cervas Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I hope after reading this you might reconsider your decision to cut half of Jefferson County out of the North Country.

Jefferson County has developed into a community that is very tightly knit. Each day people leave their homes and travel to work across the county and into the North Country. This proposal threatens to shred the sense of community we have worked so hard to foster in. I don't want to see this great community destroyed by people who don't know what it's like to live here. I urge you to reconsider this decision. We want to be a part of the North Country not just some of Jefferson county but all of us together.

Please reconsider your decision. It would bring joy to our community to be able to stay as one in the 21st congressional district. Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Jaia Orient <anahatamail@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:33 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Columbia County redistricting

To Whom It May Concern,

Please preserve Columbia County as a unified community of interest with our neighboring counties. We share similar agricultural, historic, artistic and economic challenges and opportunities with Dutchess, Ulster, Rensselaer, and Greene Counties as part of a Mid-Hudson Valley Region. Dividing Columbia County or separating us from this region would impact the residents who want to share our rich heritage and build for the future.

Best,
Jaia Orient
Germantown Resident

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Skylar Bader <skylar@indivisibleli.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:33 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Comments on Redistricting

Dear sirs,

Attached please find my comments for the redistricting process. I don't know how taking the maps from one political party and putting them in the hands of a single individual whose politics I know nothing about is somehow more fair. I'd rather have a map whose biases I know than one I don't created by a single person who doesn't answer to anyone. Multiple people working together by necessity involves compromises, even in gerrymandering. A single person alone is not required to answer to or compromise with anyone, or even to have to articulate their own thought process. That is far less democratic and open to transparency and accountability than anything the Democrats may have done.

I caution you to not replace new gerrymandering with the old gerrymandering. The old maps have been built around dividing the political power of marginalized groups, primarily racial but also economic. The new maps were not great, but they did happen to address a lot of the historical injustice of the older maps, which yes, does happen to statistically favor Democrats. That doesn't mean it's more "fair" if we lessen that "advantage" when the lack of a strong voice for these communities was a real problem that really must be addressed and fixed.

White middle class voters like myself have been given an unfair advantage through these maps for generations, and communities of color and poorer communities deserve the voice they've been denied for so long even if that comes at a cost to my voice. My voice has been artificially and wrongly made louder for...forever. Making my political voice normal-sounding is only fair even though some other white voters will view any diminution of their voice as taking away their right. It was not our right - we took that louder political voice by political and even physical force, and that must end *now.*

Another 10 years of justice delayed is justice denied yet again. If the new-new maps are going to be any fairer and more accurate, they must take the history of BOTH map sets into account and correct the failures of the old maps instead of acting as though the old maps were fine. They were not.

I know you're not doing the Assembly maps, but in case you do end up doing them as this litigation continues, you must, must, must change the fact that the Election Districts have multiple identical designations. There is no reasonable reason for why I (under the new maps) live in one of the TWO "21st Election Districts of the 19th Assembly District." Or why there are some election districts in *triplicate.* It has allowed the political parties and their surrogates at the Board of Elections to disqualify so many people from running for the governing body of the county political parties because newcomers to politics don't know that the identical election districts exist and thus must be listed on petitions as "the 21st Election District of the 19th Assembly District of the Town of Hempstead," in my case. This system is broken and irrational and is used as a weapon to make sure civic-minded people on Long Island can't join the County Committee.

Be well,
Skylar Bader
Co-Lead, Indivisible Nassau County
Long Island

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Emma Travers <travers4nyc@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:34 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting and Rockville Centre

Good afternoon,

I'd like to express my opposition to the new districting map which cuts my home town of Rockville Centre in two. Please keep us as one whole community and allow us to be represented in Albany by one Senator.

Thank you.

Emma Travers

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Holly G <hgendron1218@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:33 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Proposed Congressional & State Senate Maps
Attachments: Senate Redistricting Plan Letter.pdf

See attached letter. Thank you.

Regards,

Alice Gendron
(718) 344-1397

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Hon. Patrick F. McAllister
Acting Supreme Court Justice
3 East Pulteney Square
Bath, NY 14810
RE: Index No. E2022-0116CV

Harkenrider, et al. v. Hochul, et al.

May 18, 2022

Dear Justice McAllister,

I'm writing in opposition to the current redistricting plan that will split my community and zip code into 3 different State Senate Districts. Hamilton Beach, Old Howard Beach, New Howard Beach and Lindenwood collectively are known as Howard Beach. We are currently in Senate District-15, and we're represented by State Senator Joseph Addabbo. The new redistricting maps will haphazardly split our neighborhood and place them in 3 newly proposed Senate Districts:

- Proposed SD-19 would include New Howard Beach and a portion of Lindenwood
- Proposed SD-15 would include a larger portion of Lindenwood
- Proposed SD-10 would include Hamilton Beach, Old Howard Beach, and portions of New Howard Beach and Lindenwood

It is in the best interest of the people and community that we keep this "community of interest" intact so to ensure that the shared needs and concerns of all the stakeholders who live in our community of Howard Beach, have a united voice. As an example, in 2012 the Howard Beach community was significantly impacted by Superstorm Sandy, one of the deadliest and costliest natural disasters in our nation's history. In the immediate aftermath, our neighborhood looked to our representatives in government for help. Our representatives understood immediately what our community needed. They understood unique needs and secured aid to help families and businesses recover and rebuild. I couldn't imagine having had to deal with 3 different state Senators to get our community the help they needed.

The unintended consequence with the proposed splitting of our community is that voters will become more disenchanted at the politics involved. Not with the issues regarding the redistricting of our tight knit community but in politics in general which will then result in lower turnouts for elections ultimately taking away their voices of who should represent them.

For the reasons set forth above, I strongly urge the new districts be drawn to keep the entire 11414 Zip Code in the same Senate District, in a similar configuration to the current lines, and that we should be given the opportunity to continue being represented by someone who knows the community that they have served for over 20 years. The most efficient way to keep this vital community together, given the Special Master's proposed maps, would be to expand State Senate District 15 southward to encompass all of zip code 11414/Howard Beach within State Senate District 15.

Best Regards,

Sign:



Print:

Alice M. Gendron

Address

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Howard Beach, NY 11414

Brenda A. Wise

From: DANIEL TAI <danieltai2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:33 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: redistricting MISTAKE!

KEEP STUY TOWN WITH Brad Hoylman

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May 18, 2022

New York Courts

To Whom It May Concern,

I write to express my deep concern and opposition of the proposed lines drawn for Senate District 31. I am founder and the Executive Director of a community-based organization aimed at educating tenants about their rights and empowering them to use and connect them to resources that prevent their displacement. The majority of our services are utilized by tenants living in the Inwood, Washington Heights, West Harlem and Morningside Heights sections of Manhattan. The organization works very closely with a cross section of providers delivering services in these neighborhoods. With decades of organizing and supporting residents in these neighborhoods, I have a deep knowledge of the ecosystem that involves social behaviors around housing and food insecurity, small retail shopping, education, healthcare and civic engagement.

I first want to address the idea that the proposed map solves the issue of connecting community groups of shared interest. West Harlem has a large number of Latinos, predominantly Dominicans, and a growing number of Mexicans, who will now be separated by the special master's proposed lines. It is a detriment to communities of shared interest to sever West Harlem and Morningside Heights from its more northern west neighborhoods, Washington Heights and Inwood. For decades, the communities and residents living in these areas have engaged in shared civic participation. The diversity in these neighborhoods has contributed to shared civic engagements that have improved the quality of life of the thousands of tenants that my organization serves.

There are many businesses who cater to these neighborhoods because of the ease of vertical transportation and shared ties to religious institutions, schools, medical services, and community-based organizations. What happens in West Harlem and Morningside Heights impacts Washington Heights and Inwood and vice versa. This was made evident in responses to land use processes, small business engagement, tenant organizing and education policies.

The hyper local school board in the district covers schools as far north as West 220th street and as far south as 130th Street. A high number of families from Inwood, Washington Heights, and West Harlem apply to enroll their children to attend High School on the Upper West Side. Similarly, many graduating high school seniors from these neighborhoods looking for a public higher education option apply and enrolled in overwhelming numbers to the City College of New York which sits in West Harlem and serves as a hub for community and civic engagement. Columbia University which sits in Morningside Heights on 112th Street and Broadway is so tied to Washington Heights and Inwood, that it has special scholarships for low income students residing in these zip codes.

Another connecting point for these neighborhoods is healthcare. Columbia University is also affiliated with NY Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital which sits on 168th Street, while its sister hospital Allen Pavillion Hospital is located on 219th Street. Both of which serve as medical training sites for Columbia students in the science research, medical, and nursing fields. While the Washington Heights hospital is an international destination for world renowned healthcare, its clinics and emergency rooms are utilized by residents living in the aforementioned neighborhoods.

Community based organizations with physical locations in West Harlem, are awarded grants and contracts that address a wide range of social service needs to residents and communities residing in Washington Heights and Inwood because the needs and typography are so similar. This has also played out with the rise in gun violence. Community groups, including violence interrupters, organically connect with each other to jointly combat the trends impacting public safety.

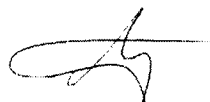
The premise for the special master's lines for SD 31, ignores the Jewish communities that live in Inwood, Washington Heights, down to the Upper Westside. Yeshiva University, YM&YWHHA on Nagle Ave., and Jewish Community Center of Washington Heights, are home for social and education services to the strong contingency of Jewish residents in Inwood and Washington Heights, while providing social services and space for a cross pollination of different cultures that is supportive, promotes understanding across racial, ethnic, and religious lines, and culminates in rallies for shared social causes on a very wide range of issues. More egregiously, the lines ignore the Black history cemented in the neighborhoods of Washington Heights and Inwood that enjoins it to the areas of Sugar Hill and Harlem. The site of the assassination of Malcolm X now and state cultural and education center sits in Washington Heights while the African burial site is in Inwood, to name a few.

Lastly and most dear to me is the tenant empowerment activities across the neighborhoods. PA'LANTE Harlem has set up tenant clinics in West Harlem and Washington Heights, each time successfully drawing residents from the immediate areas in addition to Inwood and Morningside Heights. The organization's client roster and caseloads also reflect the same demographics and needs. As a Latina who for years has been operating a community-based organization to a majority of Latino tenants, I strongly believe that the senate district lines need to revert to the compact lines drafted by the state legislature. It ensures that the majority of registered voters are Latino, it recognizes, the Black voters, and allows for a diversity of westside neighborhoods to work together for the betterment of the whole.

I can stress enough the important role that transportation and traveling patterns have on how Manhattan residents living on the west side engage in their communities and obtain services. We travel up and down on the major business and subway stations.

I hope that my comments are received with the seriousness with which the situation merits and that despite time constraints, edits to the maps are made in accordance with doing what's right for the New Yorkers impacted.

Sincerely,



Elsia Vásquez
Founder, Executive Director

Brenda A. Wise

From: Kleo Devi <kleodevi57@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:35 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: 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,

Kleo

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Brenda A. Wise

From: James Labate <jlabate2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:35 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional & District Maps

Sir,

It appears that the proposed re-districting is simply following a "tidy cartographic" logic. I am a professional cartographer who has mapped all manner of subject matter for decades. This approach might appear logical graphically, but it's a mistake.

In addition, given the nearness of the election date this is a train wreck in the making.

I strongly suggest you keep the districts as they were before all this back and forth started and leave the re-districting for the next cycle.

Very Respectfully,
James Labate

Cold Spring, NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Kelly Quist-Demars <kquist3@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:35 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY 20

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

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Brenda A. Wise

From: RB G <gluberb@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:35 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Opposition to new Maps

Hello Ms/Mr Wise,

As a 27 year resident of Manhattan and native New Yorker, I am concerned and confused by the new Congressional and NY Senate maps released. The proximity to Primary Day for voters cannot be understated. Dramatic changes such as these is a disservice to the public, voter participation and civility in our society.

Donors have contributed to campaigns, candidates have charted their strategies and the public is inundated with other shocking political news and economic struggles. Furthermore, we are still in a pandemic, and COVID makes even the simplest things more complicated, especially for those of us living in densely populated cities. Is now the time to completely upend our New York State congressional maps?

I am deeply concerned about the rights and concerns of minorities (POC, Jews, LatinX, AAPI), who voices will be diluted as their communities are carved apart into different and distinct districts. Is that not a violation of the NY state Constitution?

Professor Cervas seemed to apply an academic and mechanical approach to "fixing" NY's meandering district lines, without any sensitivity to the sociological needs of communities within large urban areas. It really stings. How he was granted such broad authority to change the lives of so many in our city, state, as well as potentially, national politics, is truly astounding.

Thank you
Rachel Glube

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Brenda A. Wise

From: MICHAEL SAIA <michaelsaia@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:36 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.

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

Counties as part of the Mid-Hudson Valley region. Dividing Columbia County, or separating us from the Mid-Hudson Valley region, would seriously impact the residents who want to build for the future and be fairly represented in Congress. It would be a gross miscarriage of justice that will have long-term adverse consequences for our residents and our region if these district lines are allowed to stand. We urge you to correct this grave mistake.

Very truly yours,
Michael Saia

michael saia // film editor
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Brenda A. Wise

From: Leah Zavulunov <lzavulunov@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:36 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NYS Senate maps public comment

My name is Rafael zavulunov, 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 legislature's 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 have 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,
Rafael zavulunov

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Amee Peterson <ameepeterson0201@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:36 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Cc: johnpeter@quigley.email; Matt Dunn; Kelleigh McKenzie; jsmith1972@icloud.com
Subject: City of Kingston, NY vis a vis Congressional Districts 18 and 19

May 18, 2022

Hon. Patrick F. McAllister:

We write with great concern your decision to not only divide the City of Kingston, but to carve up two (2) wards as well as election districts between Congressional District 18 and Congressional District 19.

The result of this arrangement would be confusion, chaos and the disempowerment of individual voters and the City of Kingston.

We take great pride in assisting candidates who take the time and energy from their personal lives to serve the public. Likewise, we work hard to be sure that the people of our community receive the best representation they can get. That is why we volunteer our time as officers of our respective political parties.

Regrettably, the newly drawn congressional lines seem to serve none of these goals. Again, we find not only is the City of Kingston – New York's first capital – inexplicably separated for the first time in its history by a congressional boundary, but this very boundary cuts across neighborhoods. We cannot fathom how the people for whom we work would be served by these district lines.

We predict a great deal of unnecessary confusion and chaos as we all try to navigate political boundaries that not only have no rhyme or reason but threaten to disenfranchise our voters. As we strive to achieve more voter participation, this proposal is more likely to do the opposite.

For the good of the people, we urge you to reconsider and place our city into one congressional district.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration.

Very truly yours,

John Peter Quigley, Chair, City of Kingston Republican Committee
Matthew T. Dunn, Co-Chair, City of Kingston Democratic Committee
Amee L. Peterson, Co-Chair, City of Kingston Democratic Committee

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Hon. Patrick F. McAllister

Acting Supreme Court Justice

3 East Pulteney Square

Bath, NY 14810

RE: Index No. E2022-0116CV

Harkenrider, et al. v. Hochul, et al.

May 17, 2022

Dear Justice McAllister,

My name is Roger Gendron and I am the President of the New Hamilton Beach Civic Association in Hamilton Beach. I'm writing regarding the current redistricting plan that will split my community and zip code into 3 different State Senate Districts. The 11414 Zip Code encompasses Hamilton Beach, Old Howard Beach, New Howard Beach and Lindenwood. Together we are collectively known as Howard Beach. We are currently in Senate District-15, and we're represented by State Senator Joseph Addabbo. The new redistricting maps will haphazardly split our neighborhood and place them in 3 newly proposed Senate Districts:

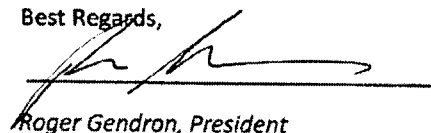
- Hamilton Beach, Old Howard Beach, and a small portion of New Howard Beach and Lindenwood would be in proposed SD-10
- New Howard Beach and a small portion of Lindenwood would be in proposed SD-19
- The remaining portion of Lindenwood would be in proposed SD-15

This splitting of Howard Beach does not take into consideration the closeness of our community. Most recently, in 2012, the entire Howard Beach community was significantly impacted by Superstorm Sandy, one of the deadliest and costliest natural disasters in our nation's history. In the immediate aftermath, our neighborhood looked to our representatives in government on the Federal, State and City levels, to speak for our urgent & unique needs and secured aid to help families and businesses recover and rebuild.

It is best interest of the people and community that we keep this "community of interest" intact so to ensure that the shared needs and concerns of all the stakeholders who live in our community of Howard Beach, have a united voice. The unintended consequence here is that voters will become more disenchanted at the politics involved in not just the redistricting of our tight knit community but in politics in general.

For the reasons set forth above, I strongly urge the new districts be drawn to keep the entire 11414 Zip Code in the same Senate District, in a similar configuration to the current lines, and that we should be given the opportunity to continue being represented by someone who knows the community that they have served for over 20 years. The most efficient way to keep this vital community together, given the Special Master's proposed maps, would be to expand State Senate District 15 southward so as to encompass all of zip code 11414/Howard Beach within State Senate District 15.

Best Regards,



Roger Gendron, President

The New Hamilton Beach Civic Association



To whom it may concern:

I am deeply troubled by the proposed New York State Senate redistricting maps as released on, May 16, 2022, by the court-appointed Special Master Jonathan Cervas.

I am the Executive Director of the Alliance for Quality Education, a grassroots organization that has been dedicated to the fight for education justice. AQE was born out of a lawsuit, because the state was criminally underfunding our public schools. It took us thirty years to win that fight - because the legislature and past Governors sidelined public education, costing generations of young people their constitutional right to build a strong future. To say it plainly, our democratic process means everything to us and to the work we do. Having representatives who will fight for our communities, and having district lines that allow the voices of communities to be heard, is essential to the future of public education. Furthermore, if we want young people to get involved, to engage and to respect the civic process, we need to give them a reason to. When that process is co opted, or removed from any public input or scrutiny, there is no reason for any of us, young or old, to respect our democracy.

The process of the special master 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 contacting 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.

I urge the courts to reject the NYS Senate maps drawn by Special Master Cervas and adopt the maps that were proposed by the state legislature in February 2022.

Jasmine Gripper
Executive Director
Alliance for Quality Education

Brenda A. Wise

From: Jeffrey C Slade <jeff@cragsmoor.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:37 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

It is outrageous that Ulster County should be divided between two congressional districts, separating north from south. This should not be happening. It is gerrymandering.

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From: Cheryl Parisi <cheryllparisi@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:38 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu
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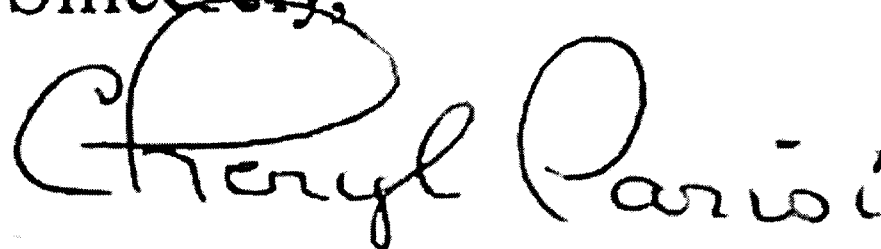
From: Cheryl Parisi <cheryllparisi@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, May 18, 2022 at 4:33 PM
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To: <cheryllparisi@gmail.com>

Dear Honorable Justice McAllister,
Please consider our concerns for SD5 and SD6 in our attached letter.
Thank you,
Cheryl Parisi
Trustee
Village of Farmingdale

District - District 8. This change
village. This change could easily
north to the natural barrier of Qua
Farmingdale and Bethpage State
Bethpage Road, which is the east

We thank you in advance for your

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl Parisi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning of the first name.

Cheryl Parisi

Trustee

Village of Farmingdale

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Todd Galloway <toddgalloway@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:37 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: ATT: Redistricting Map, Greene County

Dear Cervas,

I am a full time tax paying resident in Jewett located in Greene County. I've seen the proposed redistricting that Greene County will be separated from Columbia County, the Hudson Valley and the Capital Region in the newly proposed redistricting map. I urge you to reconsider this map.

Greene County has a direct relationship with Columbia County, the Hudson Valley and the Capital Region - environmentally, culturally, financially and economically, especially with tourism and new positive growth - and we share many services, organizations and institutions. To remove us from our community where we are currently and historically defined and have deep relations would not make sense.

I urge you to please reconsider this map and seek additional community input.

Thanks,
Todd

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Diane K. Graham <dkgraham@cattco.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:38 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Letter to J McAllister
Attachments: J McAllister-Higgins 5-2022.pdf

Brenda,

I have attached a letter for Judge McAllister for consideration from Legislator Frank Higgins. Thank you.

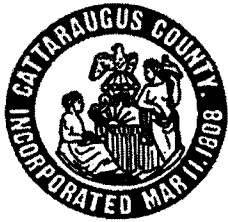
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May 18, 2022

By E-Filing

Hon. Patrick F. McAllister
Special Master Dr. Jonathan Cervas
Supreme Court, Steuben County
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Bath, NY 14810

Dear Justice McAllister:

I am writing to you regarding the redistricting process of New York State. NYS 23rd Congressional District has historically been in effect for many decades. Please remove Erie County and include similar communities of interest.

A southern tier district is essential to the region. There has been a longstanding precedent in historical New York State maps that have demonstrated this in previous redistricting processes. I appreciate your consideration with this change.

Sincerely,

Frank H. Higgins
Legislator

FHH/dkg

Brenda A. Wise

From: Susan Rowley <susanrowley78@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:38 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting the Southern Tier

Dear Justice McAllister and Special Master Cervas:

I am the Town Clerk in the Town of Carroll, Chautauqua County, and as an elected official in my town, I am very concerned about the newly drafted redistricting map for the 23 Congressional District.

I am emailing you today to request that you please remove Erie County from the proposed 23 Congressional District and restore the traditional Southern Tier District. Erie County is not compatible with rural communities in the Southern Tier. Our little corner of Chautauqua County is very rich in farmland, Amish communities, small businesses and is completely different from the urban life of Erie County. Our community is so much different in Erie County in so many ways, and I am convinced that combining our districts would be very detrimental to our county in so many ways.

I thank you for reconsidering, and I am counting on you to keep the 23 Congressional District the same as it has been, for the sake of all who live here.

Thank you,

Susan J Rowley
Carroll Town Clerk

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Brenda A. Wise

From: angela hodes <mrs_hodges@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:39 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Lakeview Redistricting

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 remain together in a district that will serve their best interest.

Angela Hodges
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Brenda A. Wise

From: Dale Stern <dale_stern@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:40 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Please reject latest proposed maps

I got a warning that the email I just sent to this address was rejected. My apologies if in fact 2 emails go through.

In brief, the maps proposed by the court-appointed expert ignore neighborhoods and, if they go into effect, disenfranchise communities of interest. This goes against the state redistricting law and should be rejected.

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Brenda A. Wise

From: troach@whiteplainsny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:40 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

Good Afternoon,

As the Mayor of White Plains, NY I am emailing with an urgent request that you change the redistricting of White Plains from the preliminary map, where it is within NY-16, and connect it to the rest of the town of Greenburgh and NY-17 as together, they form a community of interest. This is clearly stated, and supported by numerous IRC testimonials, which you can view here:

<https://iapps.courts.state.ny.us/nyscef/ViewDocument?docIndex=ctAdXuhSGd3fwCxreFz67Q==> Sent from my iPhone

Thank you for your consideration,
Thomas M Roach
Mayor City of White Plains

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Tim Scherbatskoy <tscherba@together.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:40 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional District Map

As a resident 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.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Tim Scherbatskoy
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Saratoga Spring, NY 12866

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Maria Pusateri <mariapusateri@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:41 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

To Whom It May Concern,

I urge you to ensure that the spirit and word of the New York State constitution are upheld in the decision about redistricting for New York State congressional districts. The constitution declares that all minorities and all people of the state have a right to a voice that should be guaranteed by their choice of congressional leader. Redistricting lines should take into consideration first and foremost the will of the people and not that of politicians and people in power. Please do your job and ensure that our constitutional guidelines are upheld. Fair redistricting!

Regards,

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Sent from my iPad

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May 18, 2022

Hon. Justice Patrick McAllister
Special Master Jonathan Cervas
Dear Justice McAllister & Special Master Cervas:

I am writing to you in an effort to point out to you some of my community's concerns about the draft State Senate District maps that were released on Monday, May 16, 2022. It is my understanding that they are to be finalized on May 20, 2022. I am and have been a registered voter at the above address since 1966. I have experienced the negative impact reapportionment can have on a community when its representation is diluted by dividing communities at various times during the years since. Residents of Howard Beach have been split between different Congressional Districts and different State Senate Districts at various times.

Although I am writing this letter as an individual and am expressing my own views, I do believe most of my neighbors in Howard Beach would agree with the points I am expressing. To put that statement into a context for you I am the Chairperson of NYC Queens Community Board 10. I have chaired that Board since 1990. I have been an active community resident in Howard Beach for over a half century and have served in various capacities in many community organizations all throughout that time on a myriad of civic concerns and issues. I have considerable experience in gathering then understanding and evaluating the views and opinions of my 25,000+ neighbors.

The version of the maps that I have been able to view online are very difficult to read from a geographical perspective although there is considerable information with them from a demographic perspective. My comments that follow are based on geography and how geography creates communities of interest and defines communities beyond their racial, ethnic, religious, partisan, and other demographic indicators.

I am respectfully requesting that you look at the map for State Senate District 15 that was in effect following the 2010 Census until now and the proposed map for Senate District 15 released yesterday and make some changes to it that will undo what will cause a disservice to the people who reside in the geographical area defined by the postal geographical zip code area known as 11414. This zip code area is located in Southwest Queens and encompasses in full the NYC Queens community known as Howard Beach. **Specifically, I request that you return all of the census blocks located within Census Tracts 62.01, 62.02, 884, and 892 that now appear to be being removed from SD 15 to it** so that our entire community is kept intact and whole in the same district with communities to our north with which we have shared interests and community connections.

All of NYC is, in a general sense, a collection of communities each with their own identities and shared interests. While community boundaries may not be always legally defined within NYC as they are in the rest of the state, all NYC residents also live in individual geographical communities with shared interests.

In NYS there appear to be 1,782 zip code geographies, about 1,580 of them are outside of NYC. About 200 of them are within NYC. All of the zip codes outside of NYC are identified by their community post office names. That is not the case within NYC. In NYC, mail going to anywhere in New York County is addressed to Manhattan, NY zip code whatever. Mail going to Bronx County is addressed to Bronx, NY zipcode whatever. Kings County and Richmond County mail addresses follow suit addressed to Brooklyn, NY and Staten Island, NY.

That is not the case in Queens County. Here in Queens our people identify their communities by their individual community names for the purposes of addresses and mail. That is how we in Queens identify our neighborhoods. Historically, from the time zip codes first came in to use there have been some pitched community battles over the ensuing years with the Post Office anytime any efforts were made to alter how we identify where we live and define our neighborhoods. The chart below shows how the Queens zip codes identify our communities.

Zip Code	City	County	Population	Zip Code	City	County	Population
11368	Corona	Queens County	112068	11101	Long Island City	Queens County	31366
11385	Ridgewood	Queens County	107796	11417	Ozone Park	Queens County	31321
11373	Elmhurst	Queens County	94437	11423	Hollis	Queens County	30104
11377	Woodside	Queens County	83825	11102	Astoria	Queens County	29747
11355	Flushing	Queens County	80987	11414	Howard Beach	Queens County	28313
11375	Forest Hills	Queens County	73034	11429	Queens Village	Queens County	27454
11691	Far Rockaway	Queens County	68543	11361	Bayside	Queens County	27201
11434	Jamaica	Queens County	64304	11416	Ozone Park	Queens County	26744
11432	Jamaica	Queens County	64299	11104	Sunnyside	Queens County	25114
11372	Jackson Heights	Queens County	62854	11427	Queens Village	Queens County	24560
11435	Jamaica	Queens County	59605	11356	College Point	Queens County	23494
11354	Flushing	Queens County	53684	11692	Arverne	Queens County	22074
11419	South Richmond Hill	Queens County	48369	11694	Rockaway Park	Queens County	21202
11420	South Ozone Park	Queens County	47470	11411	Cambria Heights	Queens County	20719
11365	Fresh Meadows	Queens County	44738	11426	Bellerose	Queens County	20524
11374	Rego Park	Queens County	43507	11436	Jamaica	Queens County	19167
11413	Springfield Gardens	Queens County	41650	11360	Bayside	Queens County	18954
11421	Woodhaven	Queens County	41251	11415	Kew Gardens	Queens County	18091
11367	Flushing	Queens County	41207	11428	Queens Village	Queens County	18836
11357	Whitestone	Queens County	39407	11362	Little Neck	Queens County	18343
11378	Maspeth	Queens County	38524	11004	Glen Oaks	Queens County	15059
11418	Richmond Hill	Queens County	38405	11366	Fresh Meadows	Queens County	14360
11379	Middle Village	Queens County	37991	11693	Far Rockaway	Queens County	12944
11417	Saint Albans	Queens County	37857	11363	Little Neck	Queens County	7096
11106	Astoria	Queens County	37690	11109	Long Island City	Queens County	5980
11433	Jamaica	Queens County	37021	11697	Breezy Point	Queens County	3674
11105	Astoria	Queens County	36983	11005	Floral Park	Queens County	1759
11358	Flushing	Queens County	36515	11430	Jamaica	Queens County	206
11364	Oakland Gardens	Queens County	36215	11451	Jamaica	Queens County	no pop
11109	Astoria	Queens County	35995	11425	Jamaica	Queens County	no pop
11422	Rosedale	Queens County	32761	11424	Jamaica	Queens County	no pop
11370	East Elmhurst	Queens County	31580	11371	Flushing	Queens County	no pop
11369	East Elmhurst	Queens County	31481	11359	Bayside	Queens County	no pop
				11351	Flushing	Queens County	no pop



The chart below shows the Queens zip code community names. Howard Beach 11414 has some very clear geographic boundaries that clearly define our community. If you were to look at a

larger map of our zip code you would see that our eastern boundary is a rail line (that continues on to our north in a virtually straight line) and to the east of that rail line in Howard Beach is JFK Airport. The airport's western boundary is that same rail line. That rail line and the airport separate us geographically from other southern Queens communities to the east. Our southern boundary is the north shore of Jamaica Bay. Our western boundary is the Queens/Kings County line. Between our western boundary and any populated Brooklyn neighborhood located in Brooklyn zip codes 11239 and 11236 are many hundreds of acres of land that formerly were landfills and are now essentially undeveloped parkland. Some are part of Brooklyn's Shirley Chisholm State Park and some are under federal jurisdiction as part of Gateway National Recreation area. Our northern boundary is an arterial highway. Within those boundaries

there are roadways and waterways. We are a peninsula of sorts.

Our unique geography shapes who and what we are as a community. We are a "town" with a population that the 2020 Census shows to be 27,320 living in about 11,400 housing units. In a sense, we are insular because our geography tends to separate us from areas near us, especially to the east, west, and south. Our unique geography strengthens our ties with each other within our community as all of our community institutions function in a much more "small town" manner than other neighborhoods. There are similarities from that perspective between our "town" here in NYC and other towns and villages in the rest of the state. I wonder how many, if any, of the 40 non-NYC zip code areas in NYS that have populations ranging between 25,000-30,000 residents are similarly chopped up to be put into 3 different senate districts.

We are much more connected to the areas to our north with the 2 Ozone Park zip codes (11417 and 11416) and the Woodhaven zip code (11421). We share the same eastern boundary with the majority of both Ozone Park zip codes (rail line) and with the majority of Woodhaven (11421) (rail line) Only a small part of Ozone Park and Woodhaven is located east of the rail line and those portions are more connected in a community sense to areas to the east. We also share the same western boundary with the 3 zip codes to our north.. North of Woodhaven 11421 is the Forest Park corridor which forms a geographical boundary between the northern segment of the 15th Senate District and the southern segment of it.

Those 2 segments (northern SD15 and southern SD15) combined make a sensible and workable political district that is diverse. Putting all of 11414 back in that district is also sensible and workable for whomever represents it. The housing stock is similar, the people in all of those areas share community ties within organizations, schools, police precincts, sports groups etc.

All 4 zip codes, 11414, 11417, 11416, and 11421, are in the same school district, 11414 and 11417 are unified within the same Assembly District, and 11416 and 11421 are unified together in another Assembly District.

It makes no sense to remove almost all of 11414 from SD15. It makes no sense to place parts of one community of 27,000 people into 3 different Senate Districts without any understanding of the impact on the people who live in those pieces that have been divided one from another.

I offer the following information to help you understand what I mean. Next month our Howard Beach community comprised of all of 11414 will be celebrating our community's 125th Anniversary. It is geography that has shaped us since our community's very beginnings.

The origins of Howard Beach can be traced to four key 19th century ingredients that converged in 1897.

1. The attractiveness of Hawtree Creek and its environs.
2. Construction of the Long Island Railroad line across the creek and Jamaica Bay to Rockaway.
3. The arrival of William J. Howard, the founder and namesake of Howard Beach.
4. The incorporation of Queens towns and villages into NYC.

Howard Beach is a middle class suburban neighborhood in Southwestern Queens. Howard Beach was established in the 1890's by William J. Howard. Howard was a Brooklyn glove manufacturer who had goat farms in Queens. He formed the Howard Estates Development Company in 1909, and by 1914 Howard transformed a farm into a small neighborhood (on land presently part of the airport). That area was east of present-day Crossbay Blvd. and Shellbank Basin and Hawtree Basin. East of Hawtree Basin was Hamilton Beach, a current-day small subsection of Howard Beach which had its beginnings also as a fishing community.

Mr. Howard operated a 150 acre goat farm on meadow land near current-day Aqueduct Racetrack/Resorts World Casino. In 1897, he bought more land west of what today is the rail line and filled it in. The following year he built 18 cottages and opened a hotel near the water, which he operated until it was destroyed by fire in October 1907. He gradually bought more land and formed the Howard Estates Development Company in 1909. He then dredged and with the material dredged to create Shellbank Basin and Cross Bay Blvd. filled the land until he was able to accumulate 500 acres by 1914. He laid out several streets, water mains and gas mains, and built houses.

The Long Island Rail Road established a station named Ramblersville in 1905 and a Post Office by the same name opened soon thereafter. A casino, beach, and fishing pier were added in 1915 and the name of the neighborhood was changed to Howard Beach on April 6, 1916.

Entity Details	
ENTITY NAME: HOWARD BEACH ASSOCIATION, INC.	DOS ID: 13515
FOREIGN LEGAL NAME:	FICTITIOUS NAME:
ENTITY TYPE: DOMESTIC NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION	DURATION DATE/LATEST DATE OF DISSOLUTION:
SECTION OF LAW:	ENTITY STATUS: ACTIVE
DATE OF INITIAL DOS FILING: 02/08/1916	REASON FOR STATUS:
EFFECTIVE DATE INITIAL FILING: 02/08/1916	INACTIVE DATE:
FOREIGN FORMATION DATE:	STATEMENT STATUS: NOT REQUIRED
COUNTY: NEW YORK	NEXT STATEMENT DUE DATE:
JURISDICTION: NEW YORK, UNITED STATES	NFP CATEGORY: NON-CHARITABLE

On February 8, 1916 this corporation was formed. To my understanding from records of it I have seen and read, it was formed to manage some of the aspects of Howard Estates which was at its inception a private community. After that ended the organization morphed into the community's civic

association. It functioned as such until the mid 1990s when it ceased meeting as there were other organizations all involved in the same public civic activity. I am the last person who served as its elected president. I was its president from the mid 1970s until the mid 1990s.

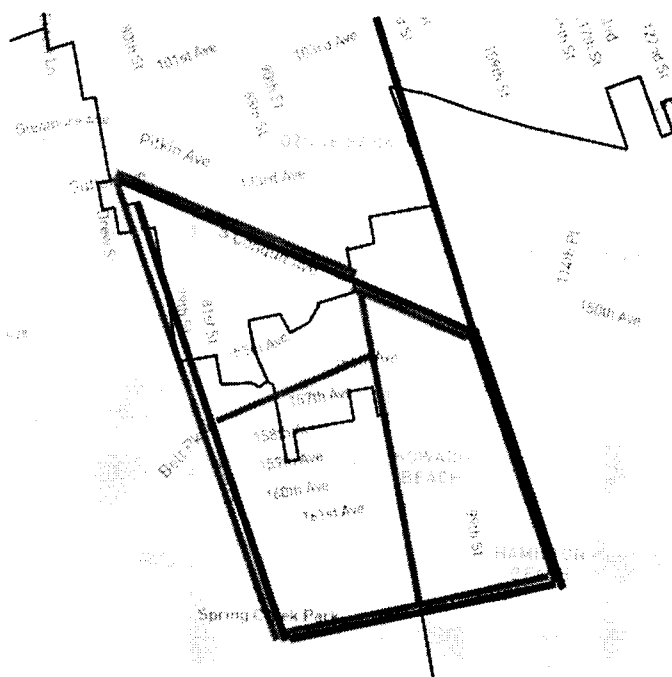
Howard Beach's development continued through the early 1900s, but was limited to the areas east of Cross Bay Boulevard near the LIRR station that is today a subway station. Collectively, that area and Hamilton Beach are commonly referred to as "old" Howard Beach. The rest of what is today's Howard Beach consisted mostly of empty marsh land.

After World War II, Queens went through a major suburban building boom leading to the marsh land west of Cross Bay Boulevard to be filled in. This led to the development of many more homes. This area is now known collectively as "new" Howard Beach." In the early 1950s, farm land to its north was developed with the building of more homes. The area continued to be developed through the 1960s and 1970s as Cross Bay Boulevard became the area's main shopping district.

The distinctions between "Hamilton", "Old" or "New", or Lindenwood within our should lead no one to conclude Howard Beach as a whole is not one community with a shared history, shared interests and a strong sense of community identity. Those distinctions are in their essence nothing more than our community vernacular to tell each other and those from other neighborhoods where our home is geographically located.

There are 3 public schools and 1 parochial school in Howard Beach along with various pre-schools. There are children in each of them from all parts of the community. There are 2 Catholic Parishes that serve us. Parts of their geographies crisscross the whole area. There are 3 Jewish congregations and they all have congregants from all parts of the community as do the 2 Protestant churches located with our community. Currently we have a small but growing Muslim population served by mosques in neighboring Ozone Park. It would not surprise me that sometime in the near future our faith community will grow to accomodate it here.

I mention our homes, schools and churches as they are together one of the major factors that unite all of us in Howard Beach as one community with one very major shared interest to stay as a whole zip code within the same borough, the same state legislative districts, and the same NYC council district. Virtually all of the zip code 11414 area was devastated in 2012 by Superstorm Sandy. Almost all of our homes, all of our schools, and churches and most importantly about 20,000 of our people were severely impacted. There are numerous needs still unmet as we work together as a community with our representatives on all of the necessary resiliency efforts to insure our community's very existence in the future. Chopping our community up in a manner that requires us to deal on very complicated matters with additional public offices and officials will complicate further our efforts. Chopping our community up between districts impacted us badly on many less serious issues in the years before 2012 when a prior redistricting put portions of it in different districts and even different boroughs. We do understand that the size of Congressional Districts may at times neccessitate that. However, the size of a State Senate district in our view does not neccessitate chopping up our community. In the case of the proposed SD15 even the nature of that chopping shows no regard for our community and our people's sense of history, place, and community and our needs.



This is what the special master's map has generated for us. The red line is the outline of zip code 11414. The blue line just represents the rail line as it goes north of us. The 3 polygons outlined in green show how our community situated fully within a single zip code with a population of less than 30,000 people is chopped up to be in 3 different State Senate districts, 1 which is in a different county.

It is unconscionable and wrong, I respectfully ask that you do not approve the proposed SD15 unless adjustments are made that keep all of our community intact and within the 15th SD together with the communities to our north with which we have long-standing ties and numerous shared interests rather than to put most of our people into differing districts to our east and west where we have not shared interests or community ties and where there are significant geographical barriers.

I urge you to ensure that all blocks and block groups within the following 31 Census Tracts all located in Queens that have all been in SD15 for the last decade remain in SD15. The

4 tract numbers in red are the 4 populated Howard Beach tracts.

Tracts 12, 44.01, 62.02, 884, 6, 18, 40.02, 2, 4, 14, 16, 8, 10, 20, 22, 30, 32, 34, 36, 50, 38, 40.01, 42, 52, 54, 58, 62.01, 86, 88, 641.01, 892.01.



northern segment of SD15.

I realize this letter is lengthy and I urge you most strongly to consider favorably the various points I have tried to make as sufficient grounds to alter what is proposed to be the new SD15 to include all of Howard Beach 11414 into it.

Very truly yours,
Betty Braton

Betty Braton

The map below depicts them and clearly shows they are geographically compact and contiguous. Any look at the collective demographic data for them will show that it is a diverse area in keeping with the overall diversity found in Queens and it would comprise a very sensible southern segment for SD15.

The total Population of the census blocks shown within these 31 Tracts is approximately 113,700
White 25.7% Black 7.7%
Asian 19.8% Hispanic 43.5%
All Other 6.3%

Total Minority Population 74.3%
Approximately 38.5 thousand housing units
46.5% of which are 1 & 2 family homes

59.2% of which are 4 family or less units with the majority of the total housing units having been constructed pre-1950

All are within 4 zip codes (Howard Beach 11414; Ozone Park 11417; Ozone Park North 11416; Woodhaven 11421)

The northern boundary is the Forest Park corridor, the eastern boundary is the rail line, the southern boundary is the north shore of Jamaica Bay, and the western boundary is the Queens/Kings County line.

Any population adjustments necessary would be possible by reexamining the outlying edges of the

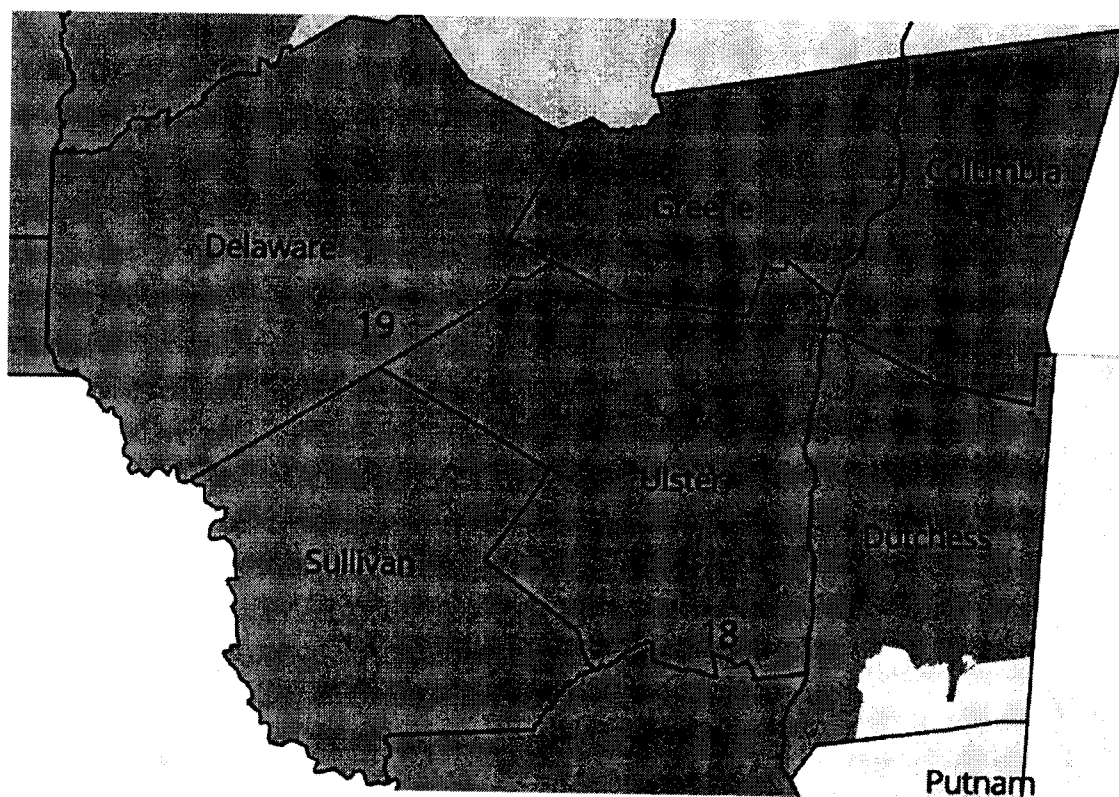
Brenda A. Wise

From: Tricia Bowen <tricia.bowen@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:42 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Ulster County Whole

Two concerns about this new map:

1. Ulster County is the heart of the Hudson Valley and should not be dissected and have our representation in congress diluted.
2. Why are we always fracturing minority communities? Is anyone awake out there? Stop doing this.

Keep Ulster County whole. Keep Kingston whole.



--Tricia

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May 18, 2022

Honorable Patrick McAllister
Acting Supreme Court Justice
Steuben County Supreme & County Court
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Special Master Jonathan Cervas
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Dear Judge McAllister and Special Master Cervas,

As residents of the Fort Greene neighborhood in Brooklyn, NY, we write to express our disappointment with the new draft map released by the Steuben County Judicial Overseer and Special Master. We wish to remain in the 8th congressional district, where our interests have been well represented in the U.S. House of Representatives for many years.

The Court in Steuben County, which is more than 250 miles from our neighborhood, should have taken into account the comprehensive testimony of Brooklyn residents, civic leaders and stakeholders who made clear that the communities of interest that presently constitute the 8th and 9th congressional districts should be kept together, as was the case in maps submitted by good government groups like Common Cause, civil rights groups like the Unity Coalition and even the Independent Redistricting Commission.

This draft map dilutes the Black population in the 8th and 9th congressional districts in a manner wildly inconsistent with the constitutional mandate that communities of color should be put into position to elect the candidate of their choice. The 8th district, as it is currently drawn, allows Fort Greene to join forces with other predominantly black neighborhoods like Clinton Hill, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Ocean Hill, Brownsville, East New York and Canarsie. Together, these communities, along with our neighbors on the coastline of Jamaica Bay, have been able to speak with a unified voice to advocate for our common interests, issues and needs. The goal of the redistricting process is to ensure that we have political maps that amplify the voice of every community and authentically reflect the needs of our people. To accomplish this, communities must be bound together in accordance with their shared interests.

For decades, the predominantly African-American neighborhoods of Fort Greene and Clinton Hill have been linked together as one “community of interest” within what is currently the 8th congressional district. They are served by the same community board, the same police precincts, the same school district, the same bus and subway lines, the same firehouses and the

same central commercial corridors on Fulton Street and Myrtle Avenue. The civic, professional, spiritual and commercial life in these communities revolves around these shared institutions, transportation hubs and commercial centers.

This “community of interest” is also deeply connected with the historically African-American community of Bedford-Stuyvesant. These three neighborhoods are all linked by Fulton Street, the center for commerce in the community. The people in these communities’ access downtown Brooklyn, the transportation hub of the Barclays Center and Manhattan through the A and C subway lines. School District 13 includes the neighborhoods of Fort Greene, Clinton Hill, Prospect Heights and Bedford-Stuyvesant. It is evident that these communities are inextricably tied together.

The district also encompasses Ocean-Hill Brownsville, East New York and Canarsie in south east Brooklyn. These are also predominantly working-class Black neighborhoods, traditionally protected by the Voting Rights Act. They continue to have shared needs such as access to the same bus and subway lines and other public services such as fire departments and hospitals. In addition, all of these neighborhoods share two of the primary issues that currently face working class families across Brooklyn: access to well maintained and affordable housing and public safety concerns related to policing and rising gun violence. As “communities of interest,” these six neighborhoods have benefited from existing within the same congressional district for approximately five decades. Falling in the same congressional district enhances their efficacy and allows their shared priorities to be communicated to elected officials and for those officials to effectively advocate to meet those common needs at the local, state and federal level. Preserving this connectivity would not only fulfill the legal objective of preserving “communities of interest” and continuity of representation, but also provide these neighborhoods with the leverage they need to continue to address historic inequities, close the wealth gap and grow their economic base.

The 8th district also includes the southern coast of Brooklyn, including Mill Basin, Brighton Beach and Coney Island. These neighborhoods contain significant concentrations of public housing in Brooklyn and will continue to benefit from remaining within the current lines of the 8th district along with other communities of interest where the issue of underfunded public housing is such a critical need. The 8th district contains one of the largest concentrations of public housing in the country, and NYCHA developments have a long and unfortunate history of being underfunded and neglected by officials that do not represent these families in their communities. The residents of these developments should remain within the current 8th congressional district as one unified community of interest in order to have efficacy and a seat at the table. There is currently legislation pending in the Congress that could potentially provide significant funding to NYCHA to address the backlog of maintenance in public housing developments. It is now more critical than ever that this community remains together and the voices of these constituents are heard in the most effective way possible. Maintaining the current lines of the NY-08 from Fort Greene to Coney Island is the best way to achieve this result.

Finally, as you go through the process of making a final recommendation, I exhort this commission to make sure you are listening to the voices of the community, including local organizations and faith leaders as well as educators and activists. These are the people doing the

work, day-in and day-out to nurture and grow our communities. Their judgment is sound, their intentions are righteous, their motivations are true. If you listen to these voices, they will tell you what should already be readily apparent: the neighborhoods of the NY-08 must remain intact and in a similar configuration to the current lines.

Thank you in advance for attention to this matter.

Sincerely

Nancy Pascal

Marilyn D. Mosley

Duke Saunders

Brenda A. Wise

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.

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

Sincerely,

Lucy Veltri
10023

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Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:44 PM
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Subject: NYS Congressional Redistricting Maps
Attachments: Congressional Redistricting Letter.pdf

Please find attached my letter in opposition of the proposed NY Congressional Maps

Regards,

Roger Gendron, President
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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.

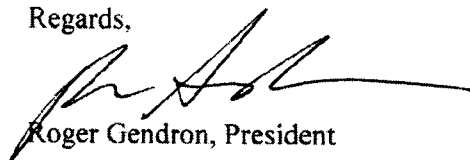
The residents and businesses of Howard Beach and Hamilton Beach form a "community of interest" with the Brooklyn neighborhoods, such as Canarsie and Mill Basin, located on the coast of Jamaica Bay. Rising sea levels due to climate change and the communities' mentioned above are in close proximity to 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

Brenda A. Wise

From: Tanya Marquette <tamarque@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:45 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: redistricting commentary

Having watched the calls for districting changes I am very bothered by what is proposed in many cases.

Generally I am seeing districts that have cohesive populations being split. This can only bode ill for towns and cities that rely on coherent policies. Thus, Gardiner is being split for no good reason as is Kingston. I am sure there are many other examples.

Over the past few years we have heard the GOP directly call for changes in order to promote their hegemony. However, I see the Dems also playing politics by splitting districts with liberal representation and working to destroy the kind of representation that the public has supported for years. Both of these issues mean the people will lose and this should not be supported.

We also know that the census is not correct with many people of color and poor people not counted. This will also cause unfair apportioning. A good deal of this problem is due to artificially cutting the census collection short.

It is very troubling that a process that was supposed to be non-partisan very clearly is not.

Please do not continue this political fiasco

Tanya Marquette

Gardiner, NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Chandra Robinson <cdrob717@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:45 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Lake view redistricting

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

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Brenda A. Wise

From: CHARLES LITOW <cglitow44@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:45 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting for PCV & Stuytown

To Whom It May Concern:

The currently planned election district is creating disorganization and havoc for those of us who have decades of political history and effective tenant representation with our current representatives.

I strongly recommend delay and additional review for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Charles G. Litow

Sent from my iPhone

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Brenda A. Wise

From: MG <martineg.newyork@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:45 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NY Special Master Cervas - Regarding the draft district maps

Good afternoon.

I am a resident of Chester, NY.

The draft district maps for Congress and NYS Senate released on Monday will effectively cut off the ability of my town to have its needs and concerns addressed by any elected representative.

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 equal representation in Congress. The new Congressional 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 draft map it is obvious 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 broad district lines of strange confinement--almost ensuring no needs will ever get met.

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.

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 should definitely be one Congressional district. If that is not large enough for population requirements of district lines then add Florida and draw it up to Monticello.

I would argue the NYS Senate map lines should be the same as what I suggest above, but also include Highlands, Cornwall, and New Windsor. Maintain the integrity of communities by keeping the Route 32 side of the county with the Rte. 17 district since the two are culturally connected.

The map you draw should be drawn to address population sizes and community commonalities. The new draft map released on Monday punishes towns like Chester and obscures our existence. That can not be good for New York. That should not be your legacy.

Your time and attention are appreciated.

Kind regards,
Martine Guerrier

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Brenda A. Wise

From: NAACP Lakeview Branch <NAACPLakeview@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:45 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu
Cc: Hazel Dukes; naacp@nysnaacp.org; Tracey Edwards; Tracey Edwards; Sheila Wells; Lisa Ortiz
Subject: Lakeview/Rockville Centre Redistricting State Senate Lines (URGENT) Response Requested
Attachments: NAACP Redistricting 5.18-combined_1.pdf
Importance: High

Good Afternoon,

I send the attached letter on behalf of the Lakeview NAACP, Lakeview Civic Association and many outraged concerned Residents of Lakeview. It is appalling what is currently on the table splitting our neighborhoods Senate districts.

In 2022 is disgraceful that Lakeview/Rockville Center is faced with another egregious act towards the Black Community. This letter should go officially on the record to show the residents of Lakeview will not tolerate, and demand to stay unified under our current Senate District.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience to discuss.

Concerned Residents,

Sheila Wilson- Wells
Lakeview NAACP 1st Vice President
516-670-2170 (cell)

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May 18, 2022

To Whom it May Concern,

For over six decades, The NAACP- Lakeview Branch has been a staple within this hamlet that includes parts of Rockville Centre and West Hempstead, New York. Members of our organization and the community at large are appalled by the redistricting maps released on May 16, 2022. The new lines have divided our small and predominantly Black community into different districts. Such actions directly affect the power of our votes during elections. In a time when racism and white supremacy ideals are being exposed to bring about a more just society, we feel these new district lines speak directly to the racism and gerrymandering that was fought against during the civil rights movement.

The NAACP-Lakeview Branch has worked tirelessly to ensure that equity and access is maintained for families in Lakeview. We are absolutely shocked to see that the new Senate map has been made to divide Lakeview between SD-6 and SD-9.

Lakeview is a small yet historically significant Black community. The NAACP, Churches and Civic Associations were at the forefront of the civil rights movement on Long Island. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke in Lakeview in 1965, and our community led the fight for school desegregation on Long Island. In the spirit of that same quest for equality, we demand that Lakeview not be neglected. The new map will dilute our votes and essentially silence our black votes!

The entire Lakeview community should be represented in SD-6 as it has been traditionally to ensure that our votes and voices will not be silenced or suppressed during elections.

Again, Lakeview is made up of parts of Rockville Centre and West Hempstead. Both communities combined represent a beautiful representation of Black and Latino families. The new redistricting lines divide our already small community. We are asking to remain as one in SD-6.

Rockville Centre, also has a substantial African American population North of Sunrise Highway, but those voters were also left out of SD-6. Rockville Centre and Lakeview not only share a zip code, but these communities are closely intertwined. Lakeview residents do most of their shopping in Rockville Centre, and numerous civic organizations, community groups, and churches serve both communities, including the MLK Community Center in Rockville Centre. Including all of Rockville Centre in SD-6 will increase our community's clout and will be helpful to African American voters in both Rockville Centre and Lakeview.

Concerned Residents,

Lakeview NAACP-
Doris Hicks, Branch President

Sheila Wells

Sheila Wilson- Wells, 1st Vice President (516)-670-2170

Stephanie Chase, Lakeview NAACP Civic Association Chair

Lisa Ortiz, Lakeview Civic Association (516) 754-7926

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Mission Statement - The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights for all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.

Please see the below 60 list of residents who sign in support of this letter.

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