

Brenda A. Wise

From: pincusw@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:26 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Kew Gardens Hills resident who is UNHAPPY with the new maps

To Whom It May Concern

My name is Wendy Pincus. I am submitting this testimony in protest of the new maps that were released for the New York Senate. The Jewish communities of Kew Gardens Hills and Hillcrest were heavily involved in asking the Independent Redistricting Commission to keep these neighborhoods together. Furthermore, Pomonok Houses, and Electchester cooperative have always been part of our district, they are our neighbors, and many of our families originate from these public housing entities. In the state legislatures plan, they took into account our testimony and made a district that combined most of the Jewish community in Central Queens. Kew Gardens Hills has been gerrymandered into a South East Queens State Senate District. Pomonok, Electchester and Hillcrest has been split off into a Flushing centered district. This is splitting our communities up. Communities of interest must be together in one district. We ask that in your final draft you put the neighborhoods of Kew Gardens Hills, Pomonok, Electchester, and Hillcrest into the district you drew of central Queens with Forest Hills, Rego Park, Middle Village, and Glendale. Please remove Ozone Park and Richmond Hill as they are not the same communities of interest as we are to the neighborhoods mentioned above.

Sincerely

Wendy Pincus
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From: Allison Fine <afine2007@gmail.com>
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To: Brenda A. Wise; STEUBEN_SUPERIOR; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Redistricting comments

To Justice McAllister and Special Master Cervas,

Thank you for your work on the redistricting effort. However, I want to submit my comments on ways that the proposed Congressional districts poorly service the citizens of Westchester County. In particular:

- The Rivertowns of Westchester County, a community that includes the towns of Greenburgh, Mount Pleasant, Ossining, Cortlandt, and the villages and unincorporated areas therein, as well as the city of Peekskill, is a community of interest owing to its common exposure to the Hudson River floodplain and its shared infrastructure, which includes the Hudson Metro North Line, Route 9, and the Old Croton Aqueduct. A Village Consortium of Hastings-on-Hudson, Dobbs Ferry, Irvington, Tarrytown, and Sleepy Hollow that comes together to pursue improvements to public safety and transit use around the Mario Cuomo Bridge and Route 9 needs to be kept together in any Congressional district.
- The Town of Greenburgh and City of White Plains are inextricably intertwined communities and should not be in separate congressional districts.
- Dutchess County is not connected to Westchester County socially, politically or economically and should not be included in CD 17.

Thank you again for your service and I hope you will take my comments into consideration in the final maps.

Allison

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May 17, 2022

Honorable Patrick F. McAllister
Supreme Court, Steuben County
3 East Pulteney Square
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Dear Justice McAllister and Dr. Jonathan Cervas,

I am writing to submit suggestions on the recently proposed special master plan. While the map does a much better job at representing the state of New York than the struck down map, I believe there are ways it can be improved further, and as a resident of New York I simply want to see the fairest districts possible. There is an overview of any changes that were made to a district below, along with a map for easy viewing. My goal was not to radically alter the proposed districts, and most were left entirely the same. Instead, I attempted to simply make them more compact and respect communities of interest in a better manner. The main focuses of this map were the districts of Western Upstate New York and Brooklyn. This edited map also ranked more compact and had a better splitting and proportionality score using the analytics of the Dave's Redistricting Application site.

View Map: <https://www.davesredistricting.org/join/dd2f6ab6-691a-4918-a0fb-c228a99c354e>

District 8

This district takes in some of the population of the 9th district after it loses some of its own population to the reconfigured 11th district.

District 9

This district takes in Windsor Terrace and Kensington to make up for the population loss created by the changes regarding the 11th and 8th districts.

District 10

The Manhattan portion of this district goes unchanged, however the Brooklyn portion takes in Red Hook and Sunset Park as the 11th district sheds them. To account for this, the 10th district also sheds some population on its eastern side.

District 11

The Staten Island/Brooklyn based 11th district is changed to remain more in line with its current iteration. Staten Island has traditionally been placed with South Brooklyn, as they are a relatively strong community of interest. Placing Staten Island in with North Brooklyn, and communities such as Red Hook and Sunset Park, is a somewhat abrupt change that does not represent any of these areas in a good way. Given this, those areas are removed from the 11th district and New Utrecht and Bensonhurst are placed into the 11th. This also importantly reduces splitting of the South Brooklyn Asian population, who are split 3-4 times on the current proposal.

This suggestion is particularly important to me as this is my home district, and I have grown familiar with the communities here and believe that it would be a mistake to alter the way last decade's map drew the 11th district in any major way.

District 20

A very small change was made to this district by placing the city of Saratoga Springs back into the 20th district, reconnecting it with Albany as it currently is. Saratoga Springs has close ties to the Capital Region and placing them in with a largely rural district does not serve the community here as well.

District 21

The district picks up some towns that were previously located in the 20th district to account for the removal of Saratoga Springs. No other changes were made.

District 23

The 23rd district is adjusted to help make the 26th district more compact as presented below. The district picks up Niagara county and sheds some others to make up for this difference. This is the largest change made on the map.

District 24

To account for this district no longer stretching into Erie county, the district now takes in Steuben, Schulyer, Chemung, and some of Allegany county. Otherwise, it largely remains similar.

District 25

The 25th district now takes in nearby towns in Wayne county as opposed to stretching far across Orleans county. This is a stronger community of interest and makes the district more compact as well.

District 26

The 26th district was altered to remain entirely within Erie county. Not only does this make the district much more compact, but it also results in one less split of Erie county and keeps the outer communities of Buffalo with the city.

Thank you for your work on the proposed map and any consideration of these suggestions for your final map.

Sincerely,

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Gina DeRossi <ginamderossi@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:31 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY 20

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

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

Placing Amsterdam into a district that stretches to the Canadian border with communities that have much different needs than our own will ultimately be detrimental to our community.

I urge you to include Amsterdam in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

Thank you,
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From: Jennifer Swart <jlswart2003@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:34 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY 20

To Whom it may concern;

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.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Swart
City of Amsterdam resident

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Shelly <shellyaos@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:35 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting Errors

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

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Sincerely,

Rochelle Greenfield

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From: Eric Tepper <etepper@gtdlaw.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:35 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Cc: patriciamlane@gmail.com
Subject: City of Saratoga Springs 20th Congressional District

Dear Special Master Wise:

My wife and I reside in the City of Saratoga Springs and I practice law in Glenville and throughout the Capital Region. I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the draft Congressional map which would remove Saratoga Springs from a Congressional district centered in New York's Capital Region. Saratoga Springs strongly identifies with the greater Capital Region and is an integral part of the entire region. Many if not most of our residents work and have families in the Capital Region. Placing the City of 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 consideration.

Respectfully,

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July 23, 2021

My name is and Peter Morley and I am a resident of the 12th Congressional District and a health care advocate. In 2007, I was permanently disabled from an accident. In 2011, I survived kidney cancer and fought my way into remission after losing part of my right kidney. In 2013, I was diagnosed with Lupus, which causes me severe fatigue and most days it's a struggle to get out of bed. I manage over 10 pre-existing conditions, take 38 medications, and self-inject myself with weekly biologic infusions to slow the progression of my disease. All of my treatments were in the 12th Congressional district: my spinal surgeries were at Beth Israel (which no longer exists); my kidney cancer surgery was at Memorial Sloan Kettering, I had two pituitary tumors removed at New York Presbyterian, my primary physician is affiliated with NYU and my rheumatologist and coordinated doctors are in residence at the Hospital For Special Surgery and New York Presbyterian/Weill-Cornell.

I am so grateful and appreciative that Manhattan's East Side is at the epicenter of the New York medical establishment whose world class excellence attracts doctors and patients from New York City, the nation, and the world. The 12th Congressional district incorporates many of New York City's hospitals including several teaching hospitals, specialty hospitals, and public hospitals.

It is not an accident that so many excellent hospitals are located in such a small area. They are able to share talent, ideas and perspectives. It is natural that so many medical institutions located near one another should have one member of Congress who can become intimately familiar with their concerns.

Because of the concentration of hospitals, the East Side of Manhattan also has a dense concentration of doctors who work and reside on the East Side. Doctors often are affiliated with several hospitals. New Yorkers who work in the hospital industry have shared interests and shared concerns, particularly when it comes to the federal programs that fund or regulate the medical industry. It helps to have one representative who truly understands those interests.

Our hospitals remain the best because of the extraordinary research they do. They attract truly talented doctors and scientists, who are able to make great strides in medical research. It helps to have a member of Congress who understands the importance of increasing the amount of federal research dollars available. For individuals living with rare diseases or chronic illnesses, the ability for this research to garner federal funding can be a life and death situation.

Many members of Congress have an industry that dominates their community -- for some it is agriculture, for others defense, for others the auto industry. Those members of Congress are necessarily well-informed about the issues that affect that industry. An informed member is a better partner. The 12th Congressional District has many important industries, but the concentration of hospitals, doctors and medical researchers in our area ensures that medicine is a primary concern to the representative of this district.

I urge and implore you as a health care advocate and as a patient with complex chronic illnesses to keep all of the hospitals on Manhattan's East Side in the same Congressional District.

Sincerely,
Peter Morley

Brenda A. Wise

From: Pam Abrams <pamabrams.2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:39 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional districting

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

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From: Daniel Reilly <daniel.r.reilly@gmail.com>
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To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Re-districting appeal

Special Master:

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I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Regards,

Daniel R. Reilly, MD

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From: Linda Wagner <linda.m.wag@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:39 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
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Thank you,
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From: Michelle Szpilzinger <mszpilzinger@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:48 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting Proposal

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Sara Szpilzinger,

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

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Thank you,

Sara

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From: M. Pacht <momandshop@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:47 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Queens redistricting

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

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Sincerely
Marjorie Pacht

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