

Brenda A. Wise

From: Lisa Steinberg <queens613@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:49 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Queens re-districting

My name is Lisa Steinberg , 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 for taking the time to hear my appeal and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
Lisa Steinberg

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From: mitch51663 <mitch51663@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:55 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

Hi,
My name is Meshulam Lisker, 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
Meshulam Lisker

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S9, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

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From: Rosemarie <threeson93@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:57 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NY3

The new congressional map for NY-3 negatively impacts my town of Syosset, and my specific neighborhood, and I'd like to see it reconfigured, please.

All of the town of Syosset was originally in NY3.

On the current map, a chunk of the town was moved to NY2. Not only was a chunk moved, but the change resulted in my development being split- in fact it is split right down my street!!

We already have to deal with a split Nassau county legislative district so, as a civic leader, I am quite familiar with the difficulties that presents when trying to get our local Nassau county issues addressed.

I am quite certain that further dividing our town, and indeed, especially our specific neighborhood will not enhance our ability to access services, obtain advocacy on issues or provide better representation to our citizens.

Please, I implore you, review and reconsider this map, and do not split our town into two congressional districts! That move will hurt, not hinder our representation in congress !!!!

Thank you,

Rosemarie Rosenblum
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Syosset, NY 11791

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From: Glen Ganaway <gmganaway@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:00 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cerva@cmu.edu
Subject: Carving Up Bay Ridge

Justice McAllister Special Master Cervas;

It has come to my attention that your committee is attempting to once again silence as many Black, Brown, poor and working progressives in our district. We've watched this committee do the bidding of the most destructive forces in Brooklyn and we would like you to take an inventory and a good look at where you're headed with this.

Diversity is a strength in Brooklyn. And you're diluting us. that will not end well. It never does. We make better decisions when all are at the table. Please consider doing the right thing.

Democratic committee Member
Glen Morton Ganaway
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*To Know Peace Teach Peace
To Harm One is to Harm All*

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From: Douglas Rushkoff <rushkoff@rushkoff.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:00 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: redistricting request

Dear Justice McAllister,

Right now, according to the proposed map, much of the northeast Bronx will be removed from NY-16 and the Black voter population dropped by 17%. This directly dilutes the voting power of communities of color, further strengthening the power of white and wealthy communities in the suburbs.

Please revise the maps you just released yesterday so they better address the following:

- NY-16 must retain the northeast Bronx communities of Co-Op City, Edenwald and Williamsbridge with lower Westchester
- The special master's proposed map decreases the Black voter population by about 17%, this dilutes the voting power of Black people in NY-16, further marginalizing them and making it difficult for them to elect candidates that best represent their interests.
- The northeast Bronx's predominantly Black community was splintered into three congressional districts: Co-Op City is mapped into NY-14, Williamsbridge and Baychester into NY-15 and Edenwald kept in NY-16. This directly dropped the Black voter population in NY-16 and splits these communities of interest.

I value being in a district that bridges race and class.

Thank you,

Douglas Rushkoff

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Hastings on Hudson, NY 10706

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From: Beth Klopott <bkhhistory@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:03 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

I am strongly opposed to the draft Congressional map that 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 has strong economic and transportation ties to communities like Schenectady, Albany, Troy and Amsterdam. Many of the 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.

Beth Klopott

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From: Patrick Nelson <pfnelson12@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:07 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Comment on Draft Maps

Your Honor and Special Master,

I write with a simple comment to ask that the final maps maintain the connection between the City of Mechanicville and the Town of Stillwater (both in Saratoga County) on the final maps.

Our communities are as closely connected as any two communities of interest in the state. We share the same grocery store where the store is in the town, but the parking lot is in the city. Our two schools share one of the oldest and most storied sports rivalries in the state in football and yet we also share a lacrosse program where players from both schools play together on the same team. Countless families span across the town/city line. There are even homes technically in the Town of Stillwater that can only be accessed by driving down dead end streets in the City of Mechanicville. What happens to one municipality politically, economically, or otherwise directly affects the other.

Thanks for your consideration,

Patrick Nelson

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From: Sheila Schulman <sheilaschulman@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:07 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Rezoning on vleigh in kgh

My name is Sheila Schulman--, 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

Sheila Schulman
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From: Shlomo Boehm <shlomo.boehm@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:07 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting Queens New York

To whom it may concern,

My name is Shlomo Boehm. I live in Kew Gardens Hills, New York in the 11367 zip code. I am submitting this testimony in protest of the new maps that were released for the New York State Senate. The Jewish communities of Kew Gardens Hills and Hillcrest were heavily involved in explaining to the Independent Redistricting Commission the importance and propriety of maintaining these neighborhoods in a unified district. Furthermore, Pomonok Houses, and Electchester Cooperative have historically been part of our district. They are our neighbors, and many of our families originate from these public housing entities.

The State Legislature’s plan properly took into account our testimony and mapped a district that combined most of the Jewish community in Central Queens. That map appropriately providing a voice to our community that is so desperately in need of a voice, particularly in this time of increased anti-Semitism. The district you redrew takes South East Queens and goes through Jamaica into Kew Gardens, and Kew Gardens Hills a flagrant disregard of this community's advocacy.

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Thank you for your consideration,
Shlomo Boehm

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From: Timothy Forte <timothyforte@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:08 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY20

Good afternoon,

As a life long resident, homeowner, and community member of Amsterdam, NY I am writing to implore you that we must remain in NY20. Our city's identity and future prosperity are directly connected to NY's capital region.

Timothy Forte

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From: Michela Riccio <michelaalbertariccio@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:08 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise

Hello my name is michela riccio. I am writing because of my profound opposition to the draft redistricting that would remove Amsterdam from its connection to the capital district region as a result.

While I am an informed citizen. I am not politically motivated. Instead I am a lifelong Amsterdam resident whose progenitors settled here in Amsterdam in early 1900. My children sisters and grandchildren live here and will continue to live here. We cherish our connections to the capital district for reasons too numerous too list.

We are so grateful that very recently cdta is expanding their bus service to include Amsterdam. This will be a game changer for so many including me!

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to speak with me in person about this issue the connection between Amsterdam and the Capital district region must be maintained and developed as much as possible. I'm certain of this.

Thanks in advance for any consideration of my request. I will follow this matter very closely.

Michela Riccio
309 Guy Park Avenue Amsterdam NY 12010

Phone 518-705-9468

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