

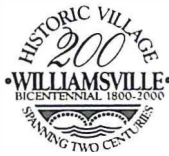
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Steuben County Supreme Court
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Dr. Jonathan Cervas
Special Master Steuben County Supreme Court
Court 3 East Pulteney Square
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Dear Judge McAllister and Dr. Cervas,

I am writing to you today as both the Mayor of the Village Williamsville and a resident of the Town of Amherst. The Village of Williamsville is a historic village centrally located in the Town of Amherst.

I am particularly concerned with previously proposed maps which created a Senate District (63) which incorporated the Town of Amherst with the City of Buffalo. I urge you to reject this prospect when drafting new legislative lines.

The Town of Amherst is a large suburban town with its own unique identity. Like many other large suburban communities, it also faces many unique challenges. Whether it be land use issues, traffic, mass transit or agricultural interests it is critical that Amherst have an independent voice working to ensure its voice is heard. I believe that by incorporating a town the size of Amherst into a predominately urban Senate district would only serve to dilute the voice of the region's largest suburban community.

With that, I believe that a town the size of Amherst should anchor to an independent district that incorporates and respects the unique perspective of Western New York suburban communities. I strongly believe that the current Senate District 61 is far more effective in representing the views of the Village of Williamsville and Town of Amherst.

In addition, the current 61st District has a long history of shared representation, across many levels of government. Within this history lies the greatest understanding of both our strengths and weaknesses. This invaluable knowledge gives us the ability to better serve and represent our constituents as we move forward in good faith and governance.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Kind regards,

Deborah Rogers
Mayor, Village of Williamsville