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New York State Independent Redistricting Commission – Bronx County Public Hearing
Tuesday, January 31, 2023 @ 4:00pm
Hostos Community College

Name	Organization	Testimony
Brian Hunt	Enterprise Association of Steamfitters	Maintain 2022 AD 85 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction projects – MTA stations, etc. • Need single representative
Eric Rivera?		Maintain 2022 AD 85 – Keep Hunts Point Peninsula with Longwood together in AD 85 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing the lines would create further confusion for voters • Draft would remove a large community of interest in the Hunts Point Peninsula from its Longwood neighbors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have had same representative for decades • Many partnerships between communities • Hunts Point & Longwood Coalition • Healthcare, transportation • Coming new Metro North station that will affect the communities • Need single representative
Martin Munoz		Maintain 2022 AD 78 – Keep Dennis Lane Apartments in AD 78 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft removes Dennis Lane Apartments (Crotona Ave.) from AD 78 • They finally have a relationship with an assemblymember, removing them from the district would be unjust • St. Barnabas and Lehman would also be removed
Ignacio Aracena?	Student	Maintain 2022 AD 78 – Keep Lehman College and St. Barnabas in AD 78
Chantel Jackson	Assemblymember – AD 79	Keep Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church (including entire block) in 2022 AD 79 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft removes Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church (1488 Hoe Ave.) from AD 79 • This church is a staple in AD 79 • Housing developed around the church • Make sure people are fed, have coats, etc.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have longstanding relationship with Assemblymember • New assemblymember wouldn't be as familiar with the church • She's working on grants right now and wouldn't be able to give them to the church if removed from AD 79 • District with some of the lowest earning people in The Bronx
Natasha Phillips		Maintain 2022 AD 78 – Keep Lehman College and St. Barnabas in AD 78
Michael Gee?	Resident of Dennis Lane Apartments	Maintain 2022 AD 78 – Keep Dennis Lane Apartments in AD 78 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have relationship with Assemblymember
Kenneth Burgos	Assemblymember – AD 85	Maintain 2022 AD 85 – Keep Rikers Island, Hunts Point, Longwood, and maintain northern border at Lacombe Ave. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current lines keep a lot of communities of interest together • Rikers Island should stay within The Bronx – has historically been in a Bronx district and Bronx DA office is there • Northern border of AD 85 should be Lacombe Ave. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western portion of Lacombe Ave. begins the Castle Hill Housing Projects – have always been in AD 87 • Eastern portion of Lacombe Ave has always been a sort of unofficial homeowners' association – a lot of homeowners – draft lines break them up • Hunts Point & Longwood community = community of interest – should be in AD 85 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunts Point Longwood Coalition – has had tremendous impact
Yvette Adolphus		Maintain 2022 AD 78 – Keep Lehman College and St. Barnabas in AD 78
Susan Schatz?	Employee at Dennis Lane	Maintain 2022 AD 78 – Keep Dennis Lane Apartments in AD 78 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harmful to change the representative • Senior citizens and disabled people used to have to walk up a hill to vote

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Manuel Perez	Resident of Dennis Lane	Maintain 2022 AD 78 – Keep Dennis Lane Apartments, St. Barnabas, Lehman College in AD 78
Sandra Smalls	Resident of Dennis Lane Retired from St. Barnabas Hospital	Maintain 2022 AD 78 – Keep Dennis Lane Apartments, St. Barnabas in AD 78 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also have senior citizen building • Mentioned lack of notice for the hearing
Eddie Cuesta	Dominicanos USA (DUSA)	Maintain 2022 AD 86 – Keep Fordham Landing in AD 86 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dominican community in Northern Manhattan and West Bronx • Several important housing projects where communities have been negotiating for affordable housing (Fordham Landing development project) Keep Kingsbridge Armory in 2022 AD 78 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kingsbridge Armory – community has been working to develop • Harmful to voter turnout in Latino community if lines are shifted dramatically
Mr. Eagleton		Maintain 2022 AD 77 - Grand Concourse, Claremont, Mt Hope <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lot of development in the area • Don't split these areas
Dawn Carter		Keep Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church in 2022 AD 79 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Echoed Chantel Jackson's testimony • Important part of the community • Serves as a symbol for Black representation • Housing, food drives, clothing, and other outreach programs
Deborah Meyers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AD 77 – doesn't feel community is represented well • Has to go into other communities for services that are not available in AD 77 • Issues with housing, education, youth services, parks, transportation, churches, jobs for youth
Gene Edwards	Male District Leader, AD 79	Keep Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church in 2022 AD 79 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The church has been a longstanding staple in the Black community • Important Black history has come out of AD 79 • Has served the Black community for over 75 years
Sean Kidd		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AD 78

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had questions regarding the process
Michael Blake		<p>Keep Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church in 2022 AD 79</p> <p>Maintain 2022 map but if change must be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boundary should go to Grand Concourse – 158th to 163rd and south to 149th St. • The draft would create a scenario where a Black person could not win • Removing St. Barnabas from AD 78 would have a substantial impact from a federal context
Beverley Smith		<p>Maintain 2022 AD 77</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing a large portion of the Concourse from 159th to 166th would negatively impact the district • Removal of many businesses • Highbridge, Concourse area has been through a lot • Yankee Stadium should be returned to AD 77 bc the district gets all of the traffic issues from the stadium
Diane Brockington		<p>Maintain 2022 AD 77</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harmful to change representative • Concern re bus stops
Rowshon Sarker		<p>Supports draft AD 87 – unites Bangladeshi community in Parkchester and Westchester Square</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black, Latino, and largest Bangladeshi community • Parkchester and Westchester Square – Bangladeshi community • Starling Ave. – Bangladeshi small businesses • Draft unites Parkchester and Westchester Square
Menat Talukdar?		<p>Supports draft AD 87 – unites Bangladeshi community in Parkchester and Westchester Square</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mosque, grocery shops, and community is together in the draft
Lippy Akdar?		<p>Supports draft AD 87 – unites Bangladeshi community in Parkchester and Westchester Square</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bangladeshi groceries, doctors, schools, cultural institutions, festivals are in the area
Lewis Bokundo?		<p>Maintain 2022 AD 86 - Do not remove section of the waterfront from Kingsbridge Rd. to 207th St. bridge from AD 86</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connected to Northern Manhattan

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large Latino population • This land is important to the district and small businesses
Meladas Flores?		<p>Maintain 2022 AD 85</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing lines would create more confusion
Emmanuel Martinez		<p>Maintain 2022 AD 86</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re density and population - Take into account new asylum seekers - affects resources
Mark Glogowski		<p>Counties should be represented in the Assembly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrangement of Assembly districts does not work • Issues with Orleans County and Monroe County – the county concerns are not being addressed
Julia Cruz	<p>Social Worker at ArchCare (services for seniors)</p> <p>Community Board 2</p>	<p>Maintain 2022 AD 85 – Keep Hunts Point Peninsula with Longwood together in AD 85</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seniors are confused when lines change • The area has been through a lot
Al de Castro		<p>Maintain AD 83 – keep community of interest together – Wakefield, Edenwald, Williamsbridge, Eastchester, Olinville</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only majority Black Assembly district in The Bronx • Special master plan split community into three different congressional districts
Maria Forbes		<p>Maintain 2022 AD 77</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need more notice for hearing • Don't remove portion of the Grand Concourse running from 159th to 166th St. – Local businesses, important area to the character of AD 77 • 169th St. should not be a dividing line • 166th St. should not split Grant Ave. – cohesive residential community • Don't divide Claremont community • Don't divide Mt Hope community
Joel Rivera		<p>Maintain 2022 AD 85 - Keep Hunts Point Peninsula with Longwood (community of interest) together in AD 85</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current lines keep a lot of communities of interest together • Changing lines would create further confusion • Draft would remove a large community of interest in the Hunts Point Peninsula from its Longwood neighbors

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Stephen Toledo		<p>Maintain 2022 AD 85 - Keep Hunts Point residential area united with Longwood in AD 85</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current lines keep a lot of communities of interest together • Changing lines would create further confusion • Draft would remove a large community of interest in the Hunts Point residential area from its Longwood neighbors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coming new Metro North station that will affect the communities • Need single representative