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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan

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Dennis M. Walcott, Chair
New York City Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 4th Floor
New York, NY 10007

RE: NYC Districting Commission's Map for City Council District 4 and 5

Dear Chair Walcott,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on June 15, 2022, the board **APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 36 in favor, 4 opposed, 3 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS, the New York City Districting Commission (the "Commission") is in the process of redrawing City Council district boundaries to reflect population and demographic changes; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is seeking public input into the redistricting process from different stakeholders which include Community Board; and

WHEREAS, City Council District 4 ("District 4") and City Council District 5 ("District 5") are within the boundaries of Community Board 8 Manhattan ("CB8M"); and

WHEREAS, CB8M Voting Reform Taskforce has been studying the criteria set forth for city council redistricting and has determined that the current configuration of District 4 and District 5 conform to the Commission criteria; and

WHEREAS, District 4 and District 5 have diverse demographics with white, Asian, Hispanic, black and other residents; and

WHEREAS, CB8M believes the current configuration of District 4 and District 5 are appropriate and should be changed as little as possible; and

WHEREAS, Roosevelt Island was created to be part of Manhattan and historically has always been considered and treated as part of the Borough of Manhattan, and it should remain in Manhattan's City Council District 5.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CB8M has determined that the current configuration of District 4 and District 5 conform to the districting criteria being used by the Commission and their boundaries, therefore, should be kept intact as much as possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Roosevelt Island is historically an integral part of Manhattan and, therefore, should remain in Manhattan's District 5; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CB8M acknowledges that District 4 and District 5 must experience population loss to bring them to the "Ideal Population" and recommend that this be in the following manner:

1. For District 4 remove blocks from the southern part of the district and add those to City Council District 2.

2. For District 5 remove blocks from the norther part of the district and add those to City Council District 8.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

Russell Squire *Anthony Cohn and Sharon Weiner*

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Co-Chairs, Voting Reform Task Force

cc: Honorable Eric Adams, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 12th Congressional District Representative
Honorable Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District
Honorable José M. Serrano, NYS Senator, 29th Senatorial District
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76th Assembly District
Honorable Julie Menin, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District