

Statement of Holly McCall, New Castle Resident

My husband and I have lived in New Castle since 2015 and are raising our children here. I'd like to voice my concerns on a couple of redistricting issues.

First off, I firmly believe that New Castle should remain in what is presently called the 93rd Assembly District. This particular assembly district has contained most of the present municipalities for decades. And it makes sense. New Castle has much in common with the other municipalities in this district, especially the ones in the northern part of the district. We have shared services with neighboring towns, such as water districts and public transportation.

New Castle and Mount Kisco not only border each other, but are dependent on each other. My children's activities alone bring me between the two communities multiple times a day. These communities have much overlap in terms of parks, shopping, houses of worship, events and other elements which tie the communities together. This is more rare in the northern part of the district given how spread out the towns are.

As I understand, for the first time the redistricting process allows for splitting towns. While existing proposed maps do not split New Castle, I'd like to state that splitting up New Castle into different districts would not benefit our municipality. Although New Castle is a bit oddly shaped and stretches far out to the west, New Castle is still one community, and I would be concerned that if parts of New Castle are separated into a different district those who live there will feel disconnected from the community as a whole.

Thank you.