



To: New York State Independent Redistricting Commission
From: New Immigrant Community Empowerment
Date: January 21, 2022
Subject: Concerns About Current Redistricting Plans

Dear New York State Independent Redistricting Commission,

I am writing to you today in my capacity as interim Executive Director of New Immigrant Community Empowerment, a nonprofit organization, based out of Jackson Heights in Queens, dedicated to improving the lives of vulnerable and precarious immigrant workers in New York, with a focus on day laborers, domestic workers, and newly arrived immigrants. Our work revolves around providing an extensive set of services, community organizing and leadership development programs to the diverse immigrant community in and around Jackson Heights.

I am writing to you to express concern about the redistricting of Jackson Heights and parts of Woodside, Queens from New York Congressional District 14. Our 15,000 rank-and-file members, and community leaders have felt amply represented by Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, and would like to continue to have a leader that can act as a champion for immigrant communities on a national scale. In addition to the Congresswoman's longtime and continuing commitment to the fight for immigration reform, her staff has provided indispensable resources to educate our community on the political struggles happening every day throughout the country. Additionally, Team AOC has provided us with ample opportunities to strengthen our relationships and networks with organizations and elected officials not only in New York City, but throughout the country.

Because of the above mentioned concerns, I, in representation of our diverse immigrant community, encourage the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission to take into consideration the fundamental role that Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez has served our community both on a local and national level when deciding whether or not to approve the final redistricted map of NY-14.

Thank you for your consideration and I hope that the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission will fight to maintain the democratic representation of our immigrant community in and near the Jackson Heights area.

Sincerely,

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