Independent Redistricting Commission

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Re: Keeping the Village of Tarrytown Whole and Respecting Its Communities of Interest

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Paul Rinaldi. I have lived in the Village of Tarrytown for 22 years and currently serve on the Village Board of Trustees. I respectfully ask that the Commission keep Tarrytown and the Town of Greenburgh within a single congressional district along with communities in both Westchester and Rockland Counties with which we share numerous interests and concerns including economic opportunities, growth and development, vehicular, pedestrian and cycling traffic, environmental issues. The Cuomo Bridge in particular has created new opportunities as well as challenges that are shared by the communities on each side of the bridge.

These Villages have overlapping school district boundaries. Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown share a school district. The southern part of Tarrytown is in the Irvington district. There are several examples in the Rivertown Villages.

Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow function administratively as separate entities with few overlapping services. However, we are really a united community. We share a school district where our children go to school in facilities in both Villages. Our needs as Villages may differ in some ways, but we are more aligned in our needs than different. If these villages were not represented in the same district I believe that, at best, it would create redundancies and inefficiencies. At worst, it will be harmful to our Villages’ interests.

Moving a portion of Tarrytown out of Greenburgh is very concerning. We partner with Greenburgh for many initiatives which benefit our citizens. As a Trustee, I am unsure how such a split would work administratively.

Redistricting should be considered based on the best interests of greatest number of citizens. Please consider the needs of the population of Tarrytown. We belong in a district representing our close neighbors and within the Town of Greenburgh

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Rinaldi, Ph.D.