

Dear Commissioner Frazier,

I'm directing this to you because as an African American woman who spent time while growing up on Long Island, when you heard speaker after speaker talk about how Gordon Heights had been cracked and needed to be made whole again, at one point you said you were "emotional and impressed". I want to tell you about the woman who made all of us "emotional and impressed" too - which is why so many brought up Gordon Heights in their testimony.

Rabia Aziz turned 74 this year. As a committee person she's canvassed the streets of Gordon Heights for 40 odd years. Any candidate who wants the Black vote has to convince Rabia they're worth it, and believe me, she's a practical progressive but she's a hard sell. Gained from a lifetime of hard sells. As a young college student she protested along with her peers until their campus created a Black Studies Department. She had 8 kids, now all college grads. She cares about doing what's right and lives that in everything she does.

So when she stood before us to talk about what had happened to Gordon Heights and how we had to do something to fix it, everyone in that group either testified or submitted a comment. Rabia's been fighting for justice for longer than some of them have been alive.

Please do not fail her. Adding one ED to the other existing two should not be something the Commission cannot do, unless someone intentionally wants to keep Gordon Heights cracked. If you submit it as the 3 ED's together, uncracked, there is a greater likelihood the politicians in Albany will keep it uncracked. Please make sure it happens!

Please put Suffolk County Brookhaven Town ED's 137, 192, and 200 all together into AD 4. Please make Gordon Heights whole!

Thank you!

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