

From: [Submissions](#)
To: [Patrick Cameron](#)
Subject: FW: NYS Assembly Map
Date: Friday, March 31, 2023 9:44:54 AM

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From: Sylvan Klein <sylvanklein@live.com>
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 8:28 AM
To: Submissions <submissions@nyirc.gov>
Subject: NYS Assembly Map

Roosevelt Island postal code, school district, Borough President, State Senator, NYC City Councilmember are ALL in MANHATTAN.

Our NYS Assemblymember should also be from MANHATTAN.

Sylvan Klein
Roosevelt Island

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Submissions](#)
To: [Patrick Cameron](#)
Subject: FW: Re New 44AD
Date: Friday, March 31, 2023 1:38:34 PM

From: mambrosio2@aol.com <mambrosio2@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 11:24 AM
To: Submissions <submissions@nyirc.gov>
Subject: Re New 44AD

I reside at 19 Terrace Place in Windsor Terrace. Your new map puts my area into a new district with Sunset Park which is separated from us by 400 acres of Greenwood Cemetery. This makes no sense!

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On Friday, March 31, 2023, 11:12 AM, New York State Independent Redistricting Commission <submissions@nyirc.gov> wrote:

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New York State Independent Redistricting Commission

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From: [Submissions](#)
To: [Patrick Cameron](#)
Subject: FW: Upper East Side redistricting plans and R14 Zoning
Date: Friday, March 31, 2023 1:47:24 PM

From: Karen Blatt <blattk@nyirc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 3:35 PM
To: Submissions <submissions@nyirc.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Upper East Side redistricting plans and R14 Zoning

Begin forwarded message:

From: D Crary <dcrary125@gmail.com>
Date: March 29, 2023 at 3:22:29 PM EDT
To: Karen Blatt <blattk@nyirc.gov>, Douglas Breakell <breakelld@nyirc.gov>
Subject: Upper East Side redistricting plans and R14 Zoning

Dear Madam and Sir,

I am opposed to the massive Lenox Hill Building addition that is proposed to their building on Lexington Avenue. The building would overshadow the neighborhood and does not fit into the Historic Preservation Area's zoning designation. In addition, the entrance for ambulances and truck deliveries will severely impact the sidewalks and traffic on both Lexington (which involves a bus lane) and 76th street. This has not been thought out properly. The developers have taken advantage of every loop hole to make this project larger than what is necessary.

Also I am totally against revoking the R14 zoning. By doing this, in the densest area of not only NYC or NYS but of the whole USA, would increase the density of the Upper East Side and the Upper West Side to a point of breaking. At the moment, mass transportation (whether bus or subway) is packed to unsafe levels especially at rush hours. The sidewalks are also very busy. Have you looked into the question of whether or not there will be enough water available in the future if there is a massive increase of population? These areas are the most expensive areas in the city to build and as such is not a place to build affordable housing using tax payers' taxes. The Zoning laws are to protect the neighborhoods, keep the neighborhoods as they currently are, protect the safety of the areas, and to conserve the area. The Zoning laws are not supposed to be part of any taxation to the residents of the city. There are many areas of the city to build where there is plenty of room within the current R14 zoning or where this restriction is not in effect. Affordable Housing should have

nothing to do with zoning laws, should not be put in the densest part of the city, and should not have any part in taxation of its residents. In order for developers to build anywhere in the city under its current zoning laws, they should include affordable housing as a requirement to get a permit to build in any borough without zoning favors. The city should not cave into their requests.

Sincerely yours,

Dianne Crary

From: [Marjorie Salas](#)
To: [Karen Blatt](#); [Miranda Goodwin-Raab](#); [Douglas Breakell](#); [Patrick Cameron](#)
Cc: jm_short@ymail.com
Subject: Opposition to the State proposal for Redistricting Roosevelt Island
Date: Friday, March 31, 2023 10:58:59 AM

Dear Members of the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission

Thank you for considering Roosevelt Island's needs when determining the redistricting map for New York State's Assembly. I strongly oppose the current proposal which removes Roosevelt Island from Manhattan's District 76 and places it in Queens District 36.

New York State's redistricting rules require:

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Our Manhattan Island's contiguous territory is Manhattan, not Queens.

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Roosevelt Island is being severed from long established communities of interest. Our political subdivision is not being respected.

The City Charter of New York City recognizes Roosevelt Island as a Manhattan community.

The Constitution of New York State specifically provides two State legislators for each district, a Senator and an Assembly Member. Roosevelt Island, a Manhattan community, has a unique form of local governance. We are governed by an unelected, State appointed Public Benefit Corporation, the Roosevelt Island Operating Corp (RIOC). All of our local services are administered by RIOC, not by New York City. The Board of Directors for RIOC is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Governor of NY. Because of this unique relationship with the State of NY, in which our residents do not have a voting voice in their local government, it is imperative that we, a Manhattan community, have the combined efforts of both of our Manhattan based representatives, working together on our behalf, to provide us with responsive and fair dealing by RIOC.

Many of our children go to public and private schools in Manhattan, not Queens. PS/IS 217, the only public school in our community, is only available on a limited basis to children through the 8th grade. Confirmed by the school's principal, Mandana Beckman, the school can only accommodate 33 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Therefore, the vast majority of our public, middle school children attend District 2 schools in Manhattan. The mandated DOE District 2 school, which has the highest volume of Roosevelt Island middle schoolers, is Robert S. Wagner Middle School, located in the 76th AD. In addition, PS/IS 217 can only accommodate 15 of our 3K children, and 36 PreK2 children. The majority of our early learners, who PS/IS 217 cannot accommodate, attend DOE District 2 schools in the 76th AD. Our District 76 Assembly Members have all had long, established relationships with schools in our required school district. We need to retain this invaluable Manhattan "community of interest."

The housing quarters for the staff of Cornell Weill Hospital and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in District 76, are located on Roosevelt Island. Also, a significant portion of our population work at other nearby Manhattan hospitals in District 76. Many of our residents are actively engaged with religious institutions in Manhattan. Most of our working population commute to Manhattan for employment every workday.

Our tramway is operated by the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC) to link residents with Manhattan destinations. All maintenance, repairs, and capital improvements must be made by this state agency by connecting with mainstream Manhattan authorities. It is not part of the MTA system. Our tramway is a vital transportation link that is used each day by commuters in order to get to work, and by school children, most of whom attend school in mainland Manhattan. It has no connection to Queens and is of no consequence to a Queens Assembly Member.

Please consider Roosevelt Island's unique needs when determining the redistricting map for New York State's

Assembly. Again, I strongly oppose the current proposal which removes Roosevelt Island from Manhattan's District 76.

Sincerely,
Marjorie Weis
415 Main Street NY NY 10044

From: [hoay tan](#)
To: [Joyce Short](#)
Cc: [Patrick Cameron](#); [Miranda Goodwin-Raab](#); [Douglas Breakell](#); [Karen Blatt](#)
Subject: FW: Comment Sent
Date: Friday, March 31, 2023 8:59:49 PM
Attachments: [Redistricting Letter 3.31.pdf](#)

Dear all,

Please find the attached my comment on why I strongly oppose to remove Roosevelt island from Manhattan district76 to Queens District 36.

Best Regards,
Hoay Ming

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [New York State Independent Redistricting Commission](#)
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 8:55 PM
To: hoay_ming@hotmail.com
Subject: Comment Sent

[New York State Independent Redistricting Commission](#)

Thank you for submitting your written comment. Public participation is paramount to this process and we look forward to reviewing your written comments.

Body: I strongly oppose the proposal to remove Roosevelt Island from Manhattan District 76 to Queen District 36. May of our children in Roosevelt Island goes to school in District 2 Manhattan and our tramway that link residents from the island to Manhattan where the repairs, maintenance and improvement must be made by Manhattan authorities as it has no consequence to a Queen Assembly member.

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From: [Collina, David](#)
To: [Karen Blatt](#); [Douglas Breakell](#); [Miranda Goodwin-Raab](#); [Patrick Cameron](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to the State proposal for Redistricting Roosevelt Island
Date: Friday, March 31, 2023 4:33:06 PM

Dear Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for your service and for considering Roosevelt Island's needs when determining the redistricting map for New York State's Assembly. I strongly oppose the current proposal which removes Roosevelt Island from Manhattan's District 76 and places it in Queens District 36.

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- a. Our Manhattan Island's contiguous territory is Manhattan, not Queens.
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In addition, I am concerned about the impact this will have on our school district. Many of the children in our community - mine will soon as well - go to public and private schools in Manhattan, not Queens. PS/IS 217, the only public school in our community, is only available on a limited basis to children through the 8th grade. Confirmed by the school's principal, Mandana Beckman, the school can only accommodate 33 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Therefore, the vast majority of our public, middle school children attend District 2 schools in Manhattan. The mandated DOE District 2 school, which has the highest volume of Roosevelt Island middle schoolers, is Robert S. Wagner Middle School, located in the 76th AD. In addition, PS/IS 217 can only accommodate 15 of our 3K children, and 36 PreK2 children. The majority of our early learners, who PS/IS 217 cannot accommodate, attend DOE District 2 schools in

the 76th AD. Our District 76 Assembly Members have all had long, established relationships with schools in our required school district. We need to retain this invaluable Manhattan “community of interest.”

Thank you for your service and for taking the time to read my concerns.

Best regards,

David Collina Fonseca
531 Main Street #1127
New York NY 10044

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From: [Linda Becker](#)
To: [Karen Blatt](#); [Douglas Breakell](#); [Miranda Goodwin-Raab](#); [Patrick Cameron](#)
Cc: [Governor.Hochul@exec.ny.gov](#); [district5@council.nyc.gov](#); [mark.levine@manhattanbp.nyc.gov](#); [AssemblymemberRebeccaSeawright](#)
Subject: Keep ROOSEVELT ISLAND part of MANHATTAN
Date: Friday, March 31, 2023 3:33:52 PM

This letter was submitted through the Commission website.

To: Members of the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission

The City Charter of New York City recognizes Roosevelt Island as a Manhattan community. I strongly oppose the proposal which removes Roosevelt Island from Manhattan's District 76 and places it in Queens District 36.

There are many reasons why Roosevelt Island should NOT become part of Queens. I'm sure you are aware of those reasons. Please do not ignore them. I will restate some reasons that are important to me.

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Political Representation: Roosevelt Island has long established relationships with our district 76 representatives who work with our NY State governing body, RIOC to protect residents' interests. Queens political representatives have no experience working with RIOC. It is imperative that we, a Manhattan community, have the combined efforts of both of our Manhattan based representatives, working together on our behalf, to provide us with responsive and fair dealing by RIOC.

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Roosevelt Island Residents' established ties with Manhattan Communities, Employment, Schools and Churches, (NOT places located in Queens!) We have many UN officials, UN staff, and their families living on Roosevelt Island due to our easy access and proximity to the United Nations. Housing specified for the staff of Manhattan's Weill Cornell Presbyterian Hospital and Memorial Sloan Kettering are located on Roosevelt Island. Additional RI residents commute to work at other Manhattan District 76 hospitals: Hospital for Special Surgery, Lenox Hill/Norwell Health and Mount Sinai. Many of our residents are actively engaged with religious institutions in Manhattan. Most RI workers commute to Manhattan for employment every workday.

Please consider my statements and keep my home on Roosevelt Island part of Manhattan.

Thank you, Linda Becker
531 Main Street, Apt 207
NY NY 10044

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3-Our first responders for emergencies and crimes are NY State Peace Officers employed by the Public Safety Department (PSD), under the unelected management of the Roosevelt Island Operating Corp. They are not employed by the NY Police Department, (NYPD). Since our local policing is managed by RIOC, and operates outside the control of NYPD, we need the combined efforts of our Manhattan legislators to assure proper law enforcement and intervene on the community’s behalf when the need arises.

Mukhayyo B.
575 Main Street

From: [Olga Lyudovyk](#)
To: jm_short@ymail.com
Cc: [Karen Blatt](#); [Douglas Breakell](#); [Miranda Goodwin-Raab](#); [Patrick Cameron](#)
Subject: Opposition to the State proposal for Redistricting Roosevelt Island
Date: Friday, March 31, 2023 2:40:08 PM
Attachments: [RI letter opposing redistricting signed by Olga Lyudovyk.pdf](#)

Dear Joice, Karen, Douglas, Miranda and Patrick,

I am a concerned resident of Roosevelt Island strongly opposed to the current proposal which removes Roosevelt Island from Manhattan's District 76 and places it in Queens District 36.

I submitted my letter online to the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission and I am sending you a copy of the letter for your record.

Thank you for your consideration and for helping us maintain our Manhattan representation.

Best regards,
Olga Lyudovyk
405 Main St, New York, NY 10044