My name is Susan Castagna. I vote in the 17th District in the Town of Smithtown. I would like to draw your attention to the redistricting of Gordon Heights. Gordon Heights is a predominantly African American community, a legal community of interest, with a deep history. As a result of the 2011 redistricting, Gordon Heights has 3 ED’s, two are in Assembly District 4 (EDs 137 and 200), and one is in Assembly District 3 (ED 192).

This spilt between Assembly Districts forces the community to appeal to two different sets of Assembly people for resources and needs. This naturally results in their voices being diluted when appealing. To correct this wrongful dilution of the community’s voice, Gordon Heights should be fully reunited into Assembly District 4.