

## Comments on Congressional Maps in Southern Westchester/Sound Shore - Jan 15, 2021

- **The proposed maps split both the Village and Town of Mamaroneck into two pieces.** As a resident of the Town of Mamaroneck, under the current proposal I would be separated from my Town and stuck in the no-mans-land that connects the Northern Sound Shore with Yonkers. The shape of this map is a telltale sign of gerrymandering and violates the Commission's stated principle of keeping communities of interest and municipalities together.
- **The division of the Sound Shore community into two pieces** will make it extremely difficult to get attention for Sound Shore environmental and other concerns because of the divided attention of two representatives instead of one, and the smaller portion we will represent in the district of each.
- **The map also splits off 4 communities (Larchmont, Mamaroneck, Pelham and a sizable part of New Rochelle)** into a district with the Bronx and Queens and separate from Westchester County. This virtually ensures that the needs of the small Westchester portion of the district will not be met. Westchester and NYC have more differences than similarities (schools, transportation, government), including in those communities, and that's why my earlier testimony to the Commission included a request that the two regions be kept separate.
- **Westchester County would be divided among 3 districts instead of two,** which will fracture the attention of our reps and reduce the political clout of our county in D.C.

Please redraw this portion of the maps to do the following:

- **Keep Larchmont/Mamaroneck together, including Town and Villages**
- **Keep the Sound Shore together especially for environmental reasons**
- **Keep our small Sound Shore communities separate from a huge NYC area where we will get little attention**
- **Reduce the number of Westchester districts to 2 not 3**

Thank you.