

**Alvin Doyle**  
272 First Avenue, Apt. 11H  
New York, New York 10009  
H: 212-228-7583 / C: 646-235-7075

My name is Al Doyle and I live in Stuyvesant Town/Peter Cooper Village. For 23 years I served as Chair of the Stuyvesant Town/Peter Cooper Village Tenants Association, and I continue to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Tenants Association. Stuyvesant Town/Peter Cooper Village runs from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Street, from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to the East River. My community is part of the East Side of Manhattan and should continue to be in a district with the rest of the East Side, particularly Community Boards 6 and 8.

Stuyvesant Town/Peter Cooper Village itself is located in Community Board 6. If our congressional district is separated from the rest of the East Side, it will be harder for us to receive attention for the community concerns we care about.

We have many of the same concerns as the rest of the East Side – from the need to improve transportation to the need for better resiliency as a result of climate change. We want to work with our community to make sure the Second Avenue Subway comes down to 14<sup>th</sup> Street as we have been promised. We worked with our neighbors to get ferry service that serves our community, with a ferry line that runs along the East Side with stops at 20<sup>th</sup> Street, 34<sup>th</sup> Street and 90<sup>th</sup> Street.

We worked with our neighbors to fight to save Mt. Sinai Beth Israel Hospital, a victory that we celebrated this summer. Additionally, during the Bush Administration, we joined with our neighbors to fight to make sure that the Veterans Hospital would stay open. Both fights would have been much harder if we were not in the same Congressional district as the rest of our Community Board. In addition, many residents in our community work in the East Side medical corridor, and we want to remain in a district with the institutions that make up the corridor. By bringing those institutions together in one district, we know the member of Congress will have to develop expertise on the federal policies that impact the medical industry and the residents of Stuyvesant Town/Peter Cooper Village want our member of Congress to have that expertise.

One of our toughest fights as a community was our effort to retain affordable housing at Stuyvesant Town/Peter Cooper Village when the owner wanted to make the entire complex market rate. Our complex was built by Metropolitan Life to provide affordable housing. When they sold the complex, the new owner moved aggressively to move to market rate. One of the reasons we succeeded in getting a commitment that preserved affordable housing until 2035 is that our member of Congress had expertise on financial services as a result of her membership on the Financial Services Committee. She was able to get a commitment from the parent organization to Fannie Mae, which is critical for providing liquidity in the mortgage market, that no mortgage would be financed without the approval of the Stuyvesant Town/Peter Cooper Village Tenants Association. That forced our complex's owners to work with us and gave us a seat at the table.

Please keep Stuyvesant Town/Peter Cooper Village in a district with the rest of Community Boards 6 and 8. Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

November 14, 2021