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CMP promotes economic self-sufficiency and career advancement, with a strong track record in supporting the Asian immigrant population

Independent Re-Districting Commission Public Hearing  
Manhattan – Chinatown & Lower East Side  
February 7<sup>th</sup> 2023

Testimony by Hong Shing Lee, Chinatown Manpower Project

Dear Member of the Independent Re-Districting Commission, elected representatives, community partners, and members of the Chinatown and Lower East Side community,

My name is Hong Shing Lee, executive director of CMP – Chinatown Manpower Project, Inc.

Established in 1972, CMP has been serving the Chinatown and Lower East Side community for more than 50 years. We promote economic self-sufficiency and career advancement, providing ESL classes, work readiness, vocational training, job placement, and small business assistance to a predominately Asian American community.

For 5 decades, CMP responds to the growth and expansion of the Chinatown and Lower East Side community, and witnesses how electoral districts can impact the social and economic well beings of the community. The APA Voice's proposed State Assembly District Map (Attached) keeps this community in one district map. It preserves the demographic characteristics and functional integrity of the Asian American residents in the Chinatown and Lower East Side area. This not only helps to ensure that design and delivery of programs and services are most responsive to the population characters, but also helps policy makers to develop highly relevant, efficient, and effective legislations for a clear majority of constituents.

We urge you to consider and accept the Assembly District Map supported by the APA Voice.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our position.

Respectfully submitted,

Hong Shing Lee, LMSW  
Executive Director

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**Manhattan - Chinatown & Lower East Side**

<b>IRC Draft Map Voting Age Population</b>	<b>Black</b>		<b>Hispanic</b>		<b>Asian</b>		<b>White</b>		<b>Native</b>		<b>Pacific</b>	
	9,297	7.7%	17,370	14.5%	47,249	39.4%	46,910	39.1%	1,125	0.9%	334	0.3%