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CMP promotes economic selfsufficiency 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 7th 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.

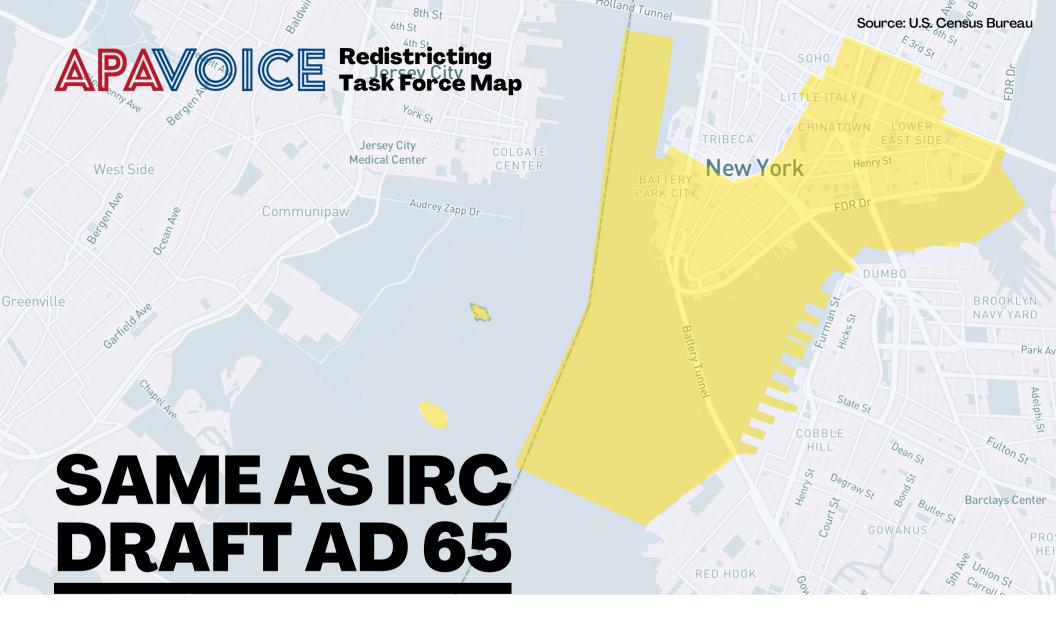
For 5 decades, CMP responds to the growth and expansion of the Chinatown and Lower East Side community, and witnesses how electoral districts can impact the social and economic well beings of the community. The APA Voice's proposed State Assembly District Map (Attached) keeps this community in one district 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



Manhattan - Chinatown & Lower East Side

 IRC Draft Map
 Black
 Hispanic
 Asian
 White
 Native
 Pacific

 Voting Age Population
 9,297
 7.7%
 17,370
 14.5%
 47,249
 39.4%
 46,910
 39.1%
 1,125
 0.9%
 334
 0.3%