

HELL'S KITCHEN NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION

BLOCK ASSOCIATIONS:

29 STREET NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
WEST 36TH STREET BLOCK ASSOCIATION
WEST 44TH STREET BETTER BLOCK ASSOCIATION
WEST 47TH /48TH STREETS BLOCK ASSOCIATION
HK 49-54TH BLOCK ALLIANCE
WEST 55TH STREET BLOCK ASSOCIATION
HELL'S KITCHEN BLOCK ASSOCIATION

ORGANIZATIONS:

CLINTON HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COMPANY
GARMENT DISTRICT ALLIANCE
HARTLEY HOUSE
HUDSON YARDS/HELL'S KITCHEN ALLIANCE
MANHATTAN PLAZA TENANT ASSOCIATION
PARC VENDOME COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

CO-OPS & CONDO ASSOCIATIONS:

455-7-9 WEST 35TH STREET HDFC
DYLAN HOUSE COOPERATIVE, W 36TH ST.
315 WEST 36TH STREET CONDO ASSOCIATION
348 WEST 36TH STREET CO-OP
360 OWNERS CORP CO-OP
CROSS ROADS OWNERS CO-OP, W 36TH ST.

BUSINESSES:

ELLIS BARBERSHOP INC, W 36TH ST
ESPOSITO MEAT MARKET, 9TH AVE.
HOUNDS TOOTH PUB, 8TH AVE.
INTERNATIONAL GROCERY, 9TH AVE.
HY-36 CROWNE PLAZA, W 36TH ST.
LUCO INTENATIONAL INC, W 39TH ST.
MISS BLISS NAIL & SPA, W 36TH ST.
SEA BREEZE FISH MARKET, 9TH AVE.
STILE'S FARMERS MARKET, 9TH AVE.
STITCH BAR & LOUNGE, W 37TH ST.
TAVOLA, 9TH AVE.
VITO'S SLICES & ICES, 9TH AVE.

December 29th, 2021

Independent Redistricting Commission
250 Broadway, 22nd Floor
New York, NY 10007

Re: Redistricting Maps

Dear Chair and Commissioners:

The Hell's Kitchen Neighborhood Coalition represents the Block Associations and organizations in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood of Manhattan, New York. We want to make the following observations and requests on the Committee's preliminary redistricting maps.

Our small and close-knit neighborhood is currently split in both the New York State Senate and Assembly maps, which has proven legislatively unproductive for neighborhood residents. As we understand, the Commission's wish to keep neighborhood areas intact within single districts when new district lines are drawn. We hope this will be rectified.

According to the latest redistricting maps, our Hell's Kitchen community is, once again, split between districts. We request for the community of Hell's Kitchen to be kept whole to easily coordinate with city agencies and our representatives on the provision of services within our boundaries – this request is not unreasonable considering our neighborhood is only 30 blocks north to south.

One other aspect of this map that is important is that the entirety of Hudson River Park north of West 14th Street is contained in a single Assembly district.

There is value and necessity in keeping our neighborhood lines cohesive and recognize Hell's Kitchen as a longstanding Community of Interest.

Thank you,

Hell's Kitchen Neighborhood Coalition