

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Upper East Siders are flocking to the polls! Early voting for the second primary is currently underway for the New York State Senate and Congressional races. Please don't forget to cast your vote absentee or inperson, during early voting or on primary day, August 23.

Take the time to make your voting plan. Call our office if you are unsure of the location of your poll site. You can also use the <u>Board of Elections website</u> <u>poll-site look-up page</u> to check if your early voting site has changed. <u>Lookup your sample ballot here.</u>

On August 22 at 5:30 pm at the Schomburg Center, the New York City Districting Commission will have a Manhattan Public Hearing to gain constituent feedback on the proposed City Council Maps. It is critical that residents of the Upper East Side make their voices heard and participate through written or oral testimony. You can submit written testimony <u>here</u> or sign up to give oral testimony virtually or in person <u>here</u>.

Remeber to reach out to our community office if we can be of assistance.

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Sincerely,

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Assembly Member Rebecca Sewright and Governor Kathy Hochul discuss public safety on the Upper East Side.



Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, and NOW Founder Eleanor Smeal speak at Reproductive Rights Forum at Hunter College's Eleanor Roosevelt House.



Do you live in Manhattan or Queens?

New district lines for New York City's 51 Council Districts are being

considered for adoption, and big changes might be coming to local government for the Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island.

An independent Districting Commission, composed of 15 members appointed by the Mayor and City Council, convenes after each census to ensure that council districts reflect demographic changes and ensure that each Council Member represents roughly the same number of people.

Last month the Districting Commission released the first draft of the proposed maps, where 55 blocks on the Upper East Side and Sutton Place, plus Roosevelt Island, would be moved from Manhattan Council District 5 to Queens Council District 26. Nearly 50,000 Manhattan residents would be represented by a Council Member whose district is primarily in Queens. Manhattan residents would represent only 27% of the total population of the new District 26, and therefore would be disadvantaged during important decision making and budgeting processes.

The Districting Commission must follow a series of criteria per the NYC Charter. This draft violates four of them by (1) proposing a very oddly shaped district; (2) proposing a district that is not compact; (3) proposing an extreme crossover between boroughs; and (4) failing to keep neighborhoods and communities of interest intact. Manhattan and Queens residents may hold vastly different positions on important matters of public policy. How will a Council Member balance these divergent interests?

The proposed boundaries could significantly impact the provision of municipal services and diminish the political voice of thousands of Manhattan's residents. The Districting Commission is holding a series of public hearings to receive public testimony of the preliminary plan for all Council Districts. We urge you to submit testimony opposing this plan, and to testify (in person or virtually) at the August 22nd hearing.

> New York City Districting Commission Manhattan Public Hearing

Monday, August 22nd 5:30 pm Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture 515 Malcolm Blvd., Harlem





IF YOU LIVE IN THE 76TH DISTRICT, YOU WILL BE ASSIGNED TO ONE OF THESE VOTING SITES:

- PS 169 110 EAST 88TH STREET
- ROBERT WAGNER MIDDLE SCHOOL- 225 EAST 75 STREET
- ELEANOR ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL 411 EAST 76 ST
- PS 217 645 MAIN STREET, ROOSEVELT ISLAND

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Rebecca Seawright ASSEMBLYMEMBER

NO-COST THURSDAY **PPE** GIVEAWAY





12:00PM-2:00PM

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EVERY OTHER TUESDAY AT 3:30 PM ATTORNEYS FROM THE LAW OFFICES OF GRIMBLE & LOGUIDICE, LLC WILL PROVIDE ADVICE ON HOUSING-RELATED MATTERS AT NO-COST FOR CONSTITUENTS OF THE 76TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

DUE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS, A VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY WILL HOST A ONE -ON-ONE PHONE SESSION WITH ATTENDEES.

RSVP REQUIRED: CALL: 212-288-4607 EMAIL: SEAWRIGHTR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV

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NYC Summer Streets

This Saturday August 8/20 from 7 am – 1 pm: is the last weekend of <u>NYC</u> <u>Summer Streets</u>. Everyone is invited to play, run, walk, and bike on Park Avenue and feeder streets, from the Brooklyn Bridge to East Harlem. Public art installations, performances and activities will be along the route. <u>Check out the activities, art and performances happening during</u> <u>Summer Streets 2022</u>. On August 6, Citi Bike will be offering free day passes. Use the code SUMMER22 in the Citi Bike app to receive unlimited 30-minute rides on a classic Citi Bike for 24 hours.

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