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I believe that my district, Council District 6, should extend northward to include Manhattan Valley. It should run from the Hudson River to CPW up through 110th St. I do not see the logic of splitting the neighborhood between W 97th & 110th Streets between two council members (by splitting this area along Broadway).

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TESTIMONY OF MARC A. LANDIS PRESENTED TO THE MANHATTAN PUBLIC HEARING OF THE NEW YORK CITY DISTRICTING COMMISSION OCTOBER 4, 2012

My name is Marc Landis, and I am an elected Democratic District Leader on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. I serve as the chairperson of the New York County Democratic County Committee and the co-chair of its Campaigns and Elections Committee. I am also a candidate for City Council, residing in what is currently District 6. I testified at your last Manhattan Public Hearing on August 16, 2012 and thank you for the opportunity to appear before you again today.

At the August 16 hearing, I called upon you to shift the current District 6 a few blocks further north, so as to establish a compact, concise Upper West Side district that runs from West 57th Street or West 59th Street up to West 100th Street. In fact, you moved the northern boundary to West 97th Street east of Amsterdam Avenue, properly integrating the residents of Central Park Gardens, Tower West, and the Westgate complex now known as Stonehenge into a district with the rest of the Upper West Side neighbors, and with nearby access to constituent services.

However, your proposal only reaches West 97th Street east of Amsterdam Avenue, thereby omitting the residents of the two "superblocks" located between West 97th and West 100th Streets, Amsterdam Avenue to Central Park West – instead, they were divided between two other districts. Park West Village is a singular community, encompassing a classic Upper West Side mix of rent-stabilized tenants, condominium owners and luxury rentals, senior citizen and young families. By any reasonable logic, the residents of Park West Village and Columbus Square should be included in District 6. I have attached a proposed map which shows how this can be done.

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In the hopefully unlikely event that this Commission does not see fit to include the two Park West Village "superblocks" in District 6, then I call upon you to keep Park West Village in a single district, rather than splitting it between two districts.

This evening, I am accompanied by a number of residents of Park West Village, led by Maggi Peyton, the president of the Park West Village Tenants Association, who are here representing many of their neighbors in supporting the inclusion of both superblocks into District 6. My colleagues Joan Paylo and Nick Prigo, the Democratic District Leaders who represent this area, are also strong supporters of this effort, and I thank them for spending the time to participate in tonight's hearing.

I thank you for taking the time to consider my testimony, and urge you to ensure that our Upper West Side neighborhoods will be fairly represented once your work is completed.

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