

Date: October 23, 2012

To: NYC Districting Commission

253 Broadway, 7th Floor, NY, NY 10007

From: NoHo Neighborhood Association Steering Committee

Re: Opposition to proposal to change NoHo's City Council District

The steering committee of the NoHo Neighborhood Association is opposed to the proposal to move the core area of NoHo from City Council District 1 to District 2,

NoHo should not be severed from SoHo. The two neighborhoods are "communities of interest" as defined by the NYC Charter, Section 52 ©.

NoHo and SoHo are the same neighborhood as defined by zoning put in place forty years ago. The unique zoning is the M1-5B Zoning District and permits Joint Living Work Quarters for Artists (JLWQA) under State legislation.

Both are historic landmark districts with a similar history and architectural heritage, including cast-iron architecture. Both have a predominance of loft buildings occupied by artists.

Residents of NoHo and SoHo share the same concerns and have a similar demographic. This community of interests does not exist between NoHo and any neighborhood of District 2. We respectfully request that the commission maintain NoHo's place in District 1 with its sister community of SoHo.

Sincerely,

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