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Dennis M. Walcott, Chair
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 4th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Good afternoon, Commissioner Walcott,

That communities of interest remain together is critical in this redistricting process. The Upper East Side of Manhattan Community District 8 is a strong community of interest. It has been only 2 City Council Districts, all in the same Congressional District. The neighborhood shares many common interests.

The East 60s should not be separated from the rest of the East side. While a dividing avenue-line is necessary because CB8 is so large, that’s fine and is as should be it because both districts keep communities of interest together

The East 60s shares the same mid-block zoning - R8B. And St. Catherine’s Park is a gathering zone for the whole neighborhood, which is home to many hospitals and where many of the hospital staff in District 5 work.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns.

Sincerely

M Barry Schneider
President

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