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To whom it may concern,

My name is Lennin Reyes. I am a resident of the Morrisania section of The Bronx. I am emailing the NYC Districting Commission to present my proposed City Council maps for 2023. They are on the link below.

Among the highlights:

MANHATTAN

-My new 8th Council District is now entirely based in Manhattan, centering around East Harlem. Despite its Latino voting age population falling from over 50 percent to 36 percent, District 8 remains majority-minority when combined with the 22.3 percent black voting age population. As a domino effect, it allows for the Southern Bronx waterfront to be in one Council District, the 17th.

THE BRONX

-Council District 15 is based around Community Boards 3 and 6, which include Morrisania, West Farms and East Tremont. Both have similar Hispanic (mostly Puerto Rican and Dominican) and African-American populations (58.8 percent Hispanic VAP and 32.7 non-hispanic black VAP). Due to the population decline among African Americans in the South Bronx, the current District 16 will not be able to elect an African-American councilmember. Making matters worse, the gerrymander of said district hurts the chances to maximize the voting strength of Dominicans in the Western Bronx (thus explaining Districts 14 and 16 now being based west of Webster Avenue).

QUEENS

-Districts 24 and 32 are drawn to maximize the voting strength of South Asians in Queens. The 24th centers around Hillside and Jamaica Avenues from the Van Wyck Expressway to the City Line. The 32nd centers around the Indo Caribbean and Guyanese communities of South Ozone Park and Richmond Hill.

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