

Good evening. My name is Frank Lachapelle, and I am a life-long resident and voter of City Council District 36, which comprised of Bed - Stuy and North Crown heights. In this district, my mother gave birth to me at Woodhull hospital, where I was raised in Tompkins NYCHA Housing, where I gained most of my early childhood public education, and now I currently have the opportunity to sit as a member at my local Community Board 3.

When my parents migrated from the Dominican Republic, they landed in Brooklyn, more specifically Bed-Stuy, as did many of my fellow neighbors. In this District, we've grown in culture, arts, and community. Once you step foot in the district, anyone from all walks of life will feel like they're at home. The residents of our community have stayed the same because of that home-like feeling, which ultimately laid down a rich history that's been shared for generations and generations to come.

I ask that we continue to leave the maps the same or similar to how it's been for the past decade. One word that comes to my mind is "relationships." We grow strong, unified, and caring for one another through relationships. Not only have we grown that relationship with each other, but we have also gained the relationship with our local representative, who is the champion for our district. It is in the best interest of the neighborhood that we continue to have this relationship by continuing to work together with the bond that we've built.

With that bond and with the potential of the maps remaining the same, we, as the Bed- Stuy and North Crown Heights family, can accomplish more for the present and the future. It is imperative

that the Districting Commission keep that in mind so that we can continue to build upon the culture, arts and community that we've worked very hard to obtain.