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Dear NYC Districting Commission

Roxanne Delgado, Founder of Friends of Pelham Parkway, a social and environmental justice group founded in 2017. One of the only groups founded by a woman of color in community board 11. Pelham Parkway was in congressional district 14th, but the North side was moved to the 15th. Pelham Parkway was moved into the 33rd senatorial district from the 34th. Pelham Parkway is in city council district 13 where Latinos make up at least 40 percent of the district and the black and brown community is the majority, yet we are the SILENT majority

As I stated Friends of Pelham Parkway is the only group in community board 11 founded by a woman of color because of the systematic discrimination that originates from Bronx community board 11 run by certain members of the Morris Park Community Association. This goes beyond race, but these members are proud right winger Trump supporters and running the show despite the fact the district is overwhelmingly democrats.

This board intentionally did not inform the community of a planned homeless shelter in Bronx Park East yet are quite proactive when a facility that they find undesirable is planned to be located in Morris Park or pockets of segregated areas in District 13. The Bronx Times covered community board 11 targeted a black women owned business Kirvens who was constantly targeted by board members till she did a press rally with the now current Mayor Eric Adams. Pelham Parkway NYCHA is in District 13 and in community board 11 yet the board does not discuss them in meetings. In fact, the Board has a history of standing against affordable housing.

the Previous and current borough 's office refuses to address the systematic discrimination within the staff and the executive board of Bronx community board 11 As well as Most of the community groups in district 13 have boards that are NOT reflective of the demographics of the district which has disempower people of color. They don't want us to lead but to follow. In fact, the community board has often shut down women of color in meetings including myself.

Therefore, I recommend Morris Park to be moved into neighboring city council district 15 or 18 so the silent majority can finally speak and be heard

Thank you
Roxanne Delgado

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