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Thank you for your time today. I'm here as a resident of the 49th City Council District on the North Shore of Staten Island.

After the NYS Assembly redistricting, it is clear that it is more important than ever to protect the communities; collective power for the North Shore of SI.

Echoing what my former councilwoman Debi Rose said, our district is one of the most diverse districts in NYC, and certainly the most diverse district on SI.

We have different needs from the rest of the borough when it comes to things such as housing, transportation, and economics. We need a representative and a voice that can advocate for the North Shore's specific needs.

If this district is split with another borough, or even bleeds into mid-island more, I am concerned that community members will not get the support and representation deserved and needed.

Thanks for listening. I hope my recommendations are taken into consideration.

Ashley Owen