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RE: NYC COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 27, QUEENS COUNTY, NEW YORK CITY  
KEEP THE SOUTHEASTERN BORDER 121ST AVENUE AS SUBMITTED TO THE  
CITY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Dear Mr. Etricks,

On October 10, 2012, I along with approximately forty community members of the Cambria Heights, residents of the 27th City Council District and surrounding communities, urged the Commissioners to keep the Cambria Heights community together.

As mandated by the New York City Charter, the “[d]istrict lines shall keep intact neighborhoods and communities with established ties of common interest and association.” City of New York Charter § 52 (1)(c).

We vehemently opposed the New York City Districting Commission’s proposed plan to divide the neighborhood of Cambria Heights into two separate city council districts. We believe it is a grave mistake to divide Cambria Heights because the divide will adversely impact our cohesion, services and sense of community. We argued that, 121<sup>st</sup> Avenue is the natural border of the neighborhood and 27<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District. At the time, the Commission’s proposed map created a border that would split the neighborhood. The proposed new lines would alter and divide our community which shares many common elements.

After the October hearing through the beginning of November, members of the Cambria Heights and surrounding communities submitted 2,175 petition signatures and 842 letters in opposition of splitting the Cambria Heights neighborhood.

On November 15, 2012, the Commission submitted to the NYC Council a map that keeps our neighborhood and city council district intact.

We strongly urge the Commission to submit to the New York City Council, a map reflecting the 27th District as previously submitted on November 15, 2012.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** Harry Lauture <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 15, 2013 11:12 PM  
**To:** Hearings  
**Subject:** RE: Followup to my testimony at the Queens January 14, 2013 public hearings

Dear members of the commission,

I am sending this email to provide additional information regarding my request mentioned at the hearing. Again, I want to thank you for providing me the opportunity to speak and withdrawing the line separating the community of Cambria Heights.

As stated in my testimony, the residents of Cambria Heights and the Cambria Heights Civic Association are requesting to include the homes located between Springfield Blvd and Francis Lewis Blvd, on south side of 121st ave to be included in Council district 27. Presently, the homes mentioned are in Council district 31, but they have the zip code of 11411. The zip code of Cambria Heights is 11411.

I urge the commission to take our request into serious consideration. The current excluded residents need to join their fellow community members of Cambria Heights to maintain the sense of community. They share the same problems and concerns as the other residents of Cambria Heights. Moreover, many of the excluded residents are members of our association despite belonging to another council district.

In closing, we want all residents of Cambria Heights in one district. We do not want to exclude any home with the 11411 zip code. We all have a common interest in our community.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
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