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Bay Ridge 43rd Council District

Dear Commissioners:

The Towers of Bay Ridge are a State of New York Mitchell-Llama Housing Co-op complex with 811 apartments on 65th Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenue and between 3rd and 4th Avenue in Brooklyn. They were built in 1972. At that time they were in the 43rd Council District. In 1981 they were redistricted into the 38th Council District.

I would like to ask the Commissioners to move the boundary line two blocks, from Wakeman Place back to 65th Street, and return the Towers to the 43rd Council District.

Bay Ridge is a Naturally Occurring Retirement Community NORC with many seniors who have lived here all their lives and would like to remain in this community for the rest of their lives. The seniors who live in the Towers and many other seniors in the neighborhood avail themselves of the services provided by the Bay Ridge Community Center on Ovington Avenue and 4th Avenue, Seniors on the Move bus service, and many of the other senior services and health and medical facilities available in the Bay Ridge area.

During the last 40 years the shareholders of the Towers have patronized every business in Bay Ridge. They visit all the doctors and lawyers. Their children attend the Bay Ridge schools. Their seniors are members of the senior center and veterans' chapters. They have accounts in all the banks. They are members of all the Bay Ridge community organizations. They worship in all the churches. All the stores know our refrigerator, stove and air conditioner requirements and our floor and window dressing requirements. The shareholders frequent all the stores on 86th street, 3rd Avenue and 5th Avenue. They should be in the same district and be represented by the same council member that represents all the businesses in which are located all the Bay Ridge shopping areas.

The Towers have always been an integral part of Bay Ridge and should be included in the 43rd Council District. Above Wakeman Place is the Belt Parkway 65th Street entrance and exit ramps surrounded by a grassy area. There are no structures involved other than the Towers of Bay Ridge in my redistricting request. Please move the boundary line from Wakeman Place to 65th Street so the Towers of Bay Ridge would be back in the 43rd Council District.

Thank you,

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cc: Council Member Vincent Gentile, 43rd Council District