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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Gale Brewer, and I represent the 6<sup>th</sup> Council District which runs on the southern side from West 54<sup>th</sup> Street west of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, to just above Columbus Circle and the Time Warner Center/Deutsche Bank Center over to Central Park West at 59<sup>th</sup> Street and up the West Side from the Hudson River to Central Park. The northern boundary is on 96 Street (southern side) from Central Park to Broadway; and then from West 96 Street to 108<sup>th</sup> Street and a small part of West 109<sup>th</sup> Street on the west side of Broadway over to Riverside Park and the Hudson River. There were in 2010 168,441 people with a deviation of 4.81% (7731 people); and now, according to the 2020 Census, there are 181,437 people with a deviation of 5.1% (8806 persons) over the ideal population of 172,631 people.

It is my understanding that with a 5% deviation, a District can include 177,000 people. As the former Manhattan Borough President, constituents call me and my staff from all over the Borough, and we can handle a District of 177,000 or more!

I was in the City Council previously from 2002 to 2013 representing the 6<sup>th</sup> Council District which ran from West 54<sup>th</sup> Street to West 96<sup>th</sup> Street from the Hudson River to Central Park.

Central Park is included in the 6<sup>th</sup> Council District currently, and I urge the Commission to continue its inclusion in this one district.

This is the district that makes the most sense for the following reasons:

1. The Upper West Side is considered to include the area from West 96 Street to West 59<sup>th</sup> Street, Park to River.
2. In that area is the entirety of Lincoln Center, including the main campus and Jazz at Lincoln Center which is located at Columbus Circle. (Currently the Time Warner Center/Deutsche Bank Center is in the 3 CD).
3. Because the population in Washington Hts has decreased, the Council Districts in northern Manhattan have to be shifted southward. I am happy to expand the 6<sup>th</sup> Council District into the West 50's, and it is important to keep Harborview, a NYCHA development on West 55 Street, in the 6<sup>th</sup> Council District because it is

managed by the Management Office of Amsterdam Houses, located on West 64<sup>th</sup> Street which is in the 6<sup>th</sup> Council District.

4. People on the Upper West Side are the most active in current affairs compared to any other District in New York City. In the 2021 Primary Election, voters in the 6<sup>th</sup> Council District voted in numbers that were nearly twice the turnout of the highest-turnout district in the Bronx, and they voted in the highest turnout in Manhattan by far (almost 11,000 more voters than the second-highest voting district). See below for a sampling.
5. In summary, a District that goes from West 96<sup>th</sup> Street to West 55<sup>th</sup> or West 54<sup>th</sup> Street from Central Park over to the Hudson River is one that represents a compact, contiguous District. Below Central Park, the area in the West 50's should run from Broadway over to the Hudson River.

I am happy to represent the current District, one that I represented previously, or a combination of both. However, I know that the area has to have a maximum number of people – 177,000. I hope I have outlined an area that people who live on the Upper West Side will feel represents their geographic interests.

#### Primary Election 2021 Turnout NYC

##### Manhattan

Dist 10 9,583  
Dist 9 25,627  
Dist 8 11,722  
Dist 7 23,192  
Dist 6 39,399  
Dist 5 25,436  
Dist 4 no primary in 2021; 13,000 in 2017  
Dist 3 28,558  
Dist 2 21,342  
Dist 1 21,834

##### BX

Dist 18 21,610  
Dist 17 9,049  
Dist 16 10,112  
Dist 15 8,205  
Dist 14 9,385  
Dist 13 9,960  
Dist 12 17,399  
Dist 11 17,008

##### Queens (and the Bronx as the District includes Rikers Is which is in the BX)

Dist 22 16,240