

October 15, 2012

Jonathan Ettricks  
N.Y.C. Districting Commissioner  
253 Broadway, 7th Floor  
New York, New York 10007

Dear Commissioner Ettricks,

Ms. Gerry C. Weiner gave us a copy of her August 20th and October 11th letters to you. Please honor her requests.

As President of South Canarsie Civic Assoc. Inc. Voice For All Canarsie which includes Ave D to the Canarsie Shoreline, Ralph Avenue to East 108th Street, we have not received any official written notification on Re-districting Meetings OPEN To the Canarsie Public at Large. We will celebrate our 20th year of public service this November 8th.

Steven Kaye, our Vice President, submitted written testimony care of Mercedes Narcisse at her October 4th hearing. The Canarsie Courier covered this meeting and reported Medgar Evers hearing Oct. 11. The same night the Canarsie Courier came out! This is insufficient notice to the public. It seems the Oct. 4th "hearing" was advocating

a Black Council District for Mercedes Narcisse to represent. Canarsie was labeled a Poverty Zone using Fresh Creek, Paerdegat Basin, Canarsie Parkland along Seaview Avenue acreage/income formula. We still do not know where the money went to improve Canarsie under the NDA, Neighborhood Development Area, Dept Youth and Community Services run by Councilman Fidler.

In truth Canarsians are united by God and country as evidenced by storefront churches, churches of all denominations and no denomination, mosque, synagogues, all races and nationalities. We're a working class, middle class, retired God fearing community that honors our veterans on Memorial Day with a PARADE yearly.

Most of Canarsie's 300 blocks from Flatlands Ave, Ralph Ave to E-108th are surrounded by Jamaica Bay, Fresh Creek, Paerdegat Basin. Canarsie's many reps only represent their blocks. The Medical Waste Transfer Station was fought and some elected reps would not help because it's not "their block" is UNACCEPTABLE. Canarsie has suffered as evidenced by corrupt elected officials serving jail time. Senator Kruger did not represent Canarsie but he did anyway damaging us in Rezoning law.

Please make every effort to foster integration, unite all Canarsie as advocated by Brooklyn's District Leader Hon. Frank Seddio a Canarsie by birth as I am.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Mary Anne Sillustro

cc: Canarsie Courier, Gerry, Hon. Seddio