



January 18, 2022

David Imamura, Chair
Jack Martins, Vice-Chair
Honorable Members of the New York State
Independent Redistricting Commission
250 Broadway, 22nd Floor
New York, New York 10007

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair and Honorable Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in your process of obtaining public input on the redistricting plans for New York State. We ask that this correspondence be made part of the official record.

The currently proposed congressional redistricting plan splits the Town of Mamaroneck and the Village of Mamaroneck into two separate congressional districts (NY14 and NY16), and separates the Sound Shore communities who have long shared congressional representation.

The Town of Mamaroneck, Village of Mamaroneck and Village of Larchmont are joined in their opposition to the proposed congressional redistricting plan for our municipalities.

It is important not only to understand the close working relationship and governmental interconnectedness that exists within our tri-municipal boundaries, but the fact that all of the Village of Larchmont and the majority of the Village of Mamaroneck lie within the Town of Mamaroneck. The Town of Mamaroneck and the Villages of Larchmont and Mamaroneck have a long history of sharing municipal services, such as EMS, library, community counseling, sanitation, recreation, capital improvement contracts and equipment, as well as sharing a school district. We hold regular quarterly meetings to discuss local issues and plan for joint solutions. We have often presented our shared needs to our congressional representatives as a tri-municipal entity in order to best represent our constituents and secure federal support.

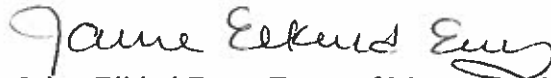
Our primary concern with the proposed plan is the separation into two congressional districts. This partitioning of both the Town of Mamaroneck and the Village of Mamaroneck into two districts will make it more difficult for local officials to interface with the federal government to meet the needs of our constituents, it dilutes our voices and makes it harder to get attention for the issues that matter specifically to our community, such as flooding. It will also create confusion among our residents when seeking constituent services.

Secondarily, since the Town and both Villages are within the Long Island watershed, all of our stormwater flows into Long Island Sound, and our sanitary sewers flow into either the New Rochelle or Mamaroneck Valley treatment plants. Separating the Sound Shore communities into two congressional districts would undercut potential regional solutions and inter-municipal cooperative agreements to comprehensively address stormwater and sanitary sewer issues and regional flooding. These common interests and the need to work together to address shared environmental matters that impact the Long Island Sound mean that, to be successful, all such joint efforts often involve federal monies and common representation.

In summation, the proposal disregards the common goals, shared identity and long-standing collaborative efforts in many areas of mutual concern among the Town of Mamaroneck and Villages of Mamaroneck and Larchmont. It also disregards the areas of mutual concern for the municipalities of the Sound Shore District. All of the Sound Shore communities deserve to have a single voice to represent their collective, unique and mutual interests.

The Town of Mamaroneck, Village of Mamaroneck, and Village of Larchmont therefore strongly oppose the proposed change in the boundaries of the 16th Congressional District and urge the Commission to reconsider such proposal.

Sincerely,



Jaine Elkind Eney, Town of Mamaroneck Supervisor



Tom Murphy, Village of Mamaroneck Mayor



Lorraine Walsh, Village of Larchmont Mayor

cc: New York State Assemblyman Steve Otis
New York State Senator Shelley Mayer