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**The City of New York  
Community Board 8 Manhattan  
Voting Reform Task Force  
Tuesday, June 14, 2022 4:00pm  
*This meeting was conducted via Zoom***

**MINUTES**

**CB8 Members in Attendance:** Gayle Baron, Michelle Birnbaum, Anthony Cohn, Lindsey Cormack, Paul Krikler, Addeson Levy, Peggy Price, Rita Popper, Lynne Stron-Shinozaki, Marco Tamayo, and Shari Weiner.

**1. Presentation on 2022 Primary Election dates**

Co-Chair Shari Weiner updated the committee on the two upcoming primary elections. The primary elections for Governor, Lt. Governor, State Assembly, Judges, and party positions will be held on June 28, 2022. The primary elections for US House of Representatives and NY State Senate will be held on August 23, 2022.

**2. NYC City Council Redistricting**

**a. Discussion on Roosevelt Island City Council District - Lynne Strong-Shinozaki**

Lynne shared information about Roosevelt Island and the committee agreed it should remain in a Manhattan Council District.

**b. Review of NYC Districting Commission's June 7 proposed map for City Council District 4 and 5.**

Dan Kaminsky of Citizen Union shared resources for the discussion. The following resolution was proposed.

**WHEREAS**, the New York City Districting Commission (the "Commission") is in the process of redrawing City Council district boundaries to reflect population and demographic changes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission is seeking public input into the redistricting process from different stakeholders which include Community Board; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council District 4 ("District 4") and City Council District 5 ("District 5") are within the boundaries of Community Board 8-Manhattan ("CB8M"); and

**WHEREAS**, CB8M Voting Reform Taskforce has been studying the criteria set forth for city council redistricting and has determined that the current configuration of District 4 and District 5 conform to the Commission criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, District 4 and District 5 have diverse demographics with white, Asian, Hispanic, black and other residents; and

**WHEREAS**, CB8M believes the current configuration of District 4 and District 5 are appropriate and should be changed as little as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, Roosevelt Island was created to be part of Manhattan and historically has always been considered and treated as part of the Borough of Manhattan, and it should remain in Manhattan's City Council District 5.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that CB8M has determined that the current configuration of District 4 and District 5 conform to the districting criteria being used by the Commission and their boundaries, therefore, should be kept intact as much as possible; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Roosevelt Island is historically an integral part of Manhattan and, therefore, should remain in Manhattan's District 5; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that CB8M acknowledges that District 4 and District 5 must experience population loss to bring them to the "Ideal Population" and recommend that this be in the following manner:

1. For District 4 remove blocks from midtown and add those to City Council District 2.
2. For District 5 removed blocks from the norther part of the district and add those to City Council District 8.

This resolution was approved by a vote of 8-0-0-0

**Yes:** Weiner, Cohn, Baron, Strong-Shinozaki, Tamayo, Price, Krikler, and Popper

**3. Old Business – None**

**4. New Business - None**

Respectfully submitted,

**Anthony Cohn and Shari Weiner, Co-Chairs**