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1 212 676 3090 tel. nyc.gov/districting Dear Board Members of Manhattan Community Board 8,

Thank you for your letter dated July 25, 2022, regarding the preliminary City Council plan released by the NYC Districting Commission. The Commission's mission to draw the City Council districts following the decennial census is an iterative and public process that seeks the input of communities across the city of New York.

Before the preliminary plan was released, the Commission held public hearings in all five boroughs—more than 500 people testified in person or by zoom. With the preliminary plan released to the public for inspection and comment, the Commission continues to solicit and review incoming public testimony as it prepares for the next round of public hearings to be held in August across the five boroughs. The Manhattan public hearing will take place on August 22, 2022 from 5:30-9:00 pm at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, 515 Malcolm X Boulevard.

We appreciate the Community Board's resolution and testimony on how your community was impacted by the preliminary plan, specifically Districts 4, 5, and 26, as well as your proposed revisions to the preliminary plan. Your concerns and input will be considered as the Commission enters the next stage of the districting process to revise the preliminary plan.

Sincerely,

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