

Memo

To: Special Master Roanne Mann
From: Bronx County
Date: February 28, 2012
Re: Redistricting in the Bronx

For your consideration, we have supplied the accompanying maps with the understanding that they represent our best case scenario for redistricting Congressional lines that impact our county. The following is the supportive criteria that was considered while composing each map.

Congressional District 14

Congressional District 14 would be comprised primarily of residents in New York County. In the Bronx, the district would contain parts of the Northwest Bronx that are in many ways viewed as an extension of New York County. The residents of this district are primarily latino, mainly with ancestry in the Dominican Republic. The sections of the Bronx represented in this map are a natural extension of the territory comprised in the Manhattan portion of the district. It is comprised of a growing latino demographic that will only increase over the next 10 years, according to trends.

Congressional District 15

Congressional District 15 was developed as an identified community of interest. Many of the residents of the northern section of the district (northeast Bronx and Mount Vernon) are former residents or the descendants of residents from the New York County portion of the district. It seeks to link the remaining African Americans in New York County with their brethren in the Bronx and Southern Westchester, respecting the community of interest principle – composing close to a 50% African American district.

Congressional District 16

Congressional District 16 due is wholly contained in the Bronx. This District contains parts of former CD 7 represented by Rep. Joseph Crowley. The district includes a major part of the district currently represented by Rep. Jose Serrano. Close to sixty (60) percent of the residents of the district are of Latin descent, and the communities contained are seamless in their integration and continuity. The Bronx should maintain a district that is wholly within its borders and District 16 fits that criteria. This district represents a community of interest as its residents share a milieu of services, infrastructure and living standards.

