

**PETITION TO TOWN BOARD OF TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD  
TO KEEP PLANDOME HEIGHTS IN DISTRICT 6 WITH OTHER MANHASSET VILLAGES**

THE UNDERSIGNED, residents of the TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD, do hereby PETITION THE TOWN BOARD as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town Board-appointed Temporary Redistricting Committee (the "Committee") has recommended a Redistricting Plan to respond to 2010 census population changes (the "Plan"), that would move the 1,005 residents of the Village of Plandome Heights from District 6 (Manhasset Villages and Port Washington) to District 4 (Great Neck and unincorporated Manhasset), and

WHEREAS, the Plan adheres to the "10%/5%" safe harbor for re-districting under applicable laws, while ignoring important governmental interests served by keeping Plandome Heights in District 6, and

WHEREAS, redistricting plans may diverge from the 10%/5% safe harbor in order to promote government interests like compactness, community of interest and preserving cores of prior districts, and

WHEREAS, if District 6 retains Plandome Heights, its population will deviate by 5.55% from the "ideal" sized District, which amounts to only 208 people above the ideal, an insignificant number in a Town of 226,322 people. Furthermore, the 10% prong of the safe harbor will be satisfied because the total population deviation between District 6, with the largest number of residents, and District 1, with the smallest number, would be only 8.2%, and

WHEREAS, Plandome Heights and the other Manhasset villages share an historical sense of community, geographic proximity, a main access road to the entire District, resources including physical space and human resources, the entire waterfront on the western edge of the peninsula, a school district, an informal, collaborative "Mayors Counsel" and a peninsula-wide emergency preparedness plan and organization, while it has no such commonality of interests with any village within District 4, and

WHEREAS, Plandome Heights' residents presented their concerns to the Committee when that advisory board solicited community input, but it ignored those concerns to recommend a Plan that would sever Plandome Heights from its community of shared interests and move it to District 4, advancing the interests of no Town residents,

NOW, THEREFORE, we petition the Town Board, our elected representatives, to consider the concerns and promote the best interests of the residents of the Village of Plandome Heights, and to maintain Plandome Heights in District 6 together with the other incorporated Villages of Manhasset.

By signing I confirm that I am at least 18 years old and a Town of North Hempstead resident:

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