



Plandome Heights

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Chairman John Riordan and Members of the
Temporary Redistricting Committee
220 Plandome Road
Manhasset, NY 11030

Dear Committee Members:

I write to oppose the proposal to separate Plandome Heights from Council District 6, thus breaking up the three "Plandomes" and dividing Manhasset further than it is.

I believe that the best plan would be for all of Manhasset to be together in one District. But short of that, it is inappropriate to separate Plandome Heights from the Manhasset Villages currently in District 6, namely the three Plandomes and Flower Hill (and, under Options 2 & 3, Munsey Park) as well as our neighbors on the "Cow Neck" peninsula.

First of all, we associate ourselves with the Cow Neck peninsula in our daily lives using commons streets, shopping, businesses, restaurants and parks. The three "Plandomes," for example, represent the entire waterfront, and the main gateway/evacuation route, on the west side of the peninsula. Further our small Village relies on cooperation with the Town and our neighboring Villages for our daily operations to supplement our limited resources. As an example, Plandome Heights and Plandome Manor banded together in 2009 as *founding members* of the Port Washington/Manhasset Office of Emergency Management, a core part of the emergency management plan that now covers the entire peninsula. We share the same school district, post office and zip code and our Mayor's meet each month to share opportunities, challenges, resources and relationships.

By separating our tiny Village (pop. 1,005) from its Manhasset neighbors in the Cow Neck peninsula, our different needs and concerns will surely be drowned out by mega-Villages on the Great Neck Peninsula where half the population is in Great Neck Village (pop. 9,538) and Great Neck Plaza/Thomaston (combined pop. 9,324). In short, *our community and concerns are different from District 4 and our voice would be an insignificant minority in that District.* In District 6 we have voice through the common community and associations built up over years of mutual need and support. It simply makes no sense to separate us from our Manhasset and Port community.

I urge you to reconsider your plan to separate Plandome Heights from the majority of the Villages in Manhasset.

Respectfully,
INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PLANDOME HEIGHTS

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cc: Hon. Barbara Donno, Mayor of Plandome Manor
Hon. Dina DeGiorgio, Councilwoman, District 6
Hon. Marion Endrizzi, President of Plandome Heights Civic Assn.
Trustees of the Village of Plandome Heights