



Plandome Heights

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Supervisor Jon Kaiman and Members of the
Town of North Hempstead Council L.D.
220 Plandome Road
Manhasset, NY 11030

Dear Supervisor Kaiman and Councilwomen and Councilmen:

Residents of the Village of Plandome Heights have solicited signatures from Town of North Hempstead residents over the age of 18 on the enclosed petition entitled:

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

The 618 Petition signatures include:

- 375 residents of the Village of Plandome Heights, nearly all of the 326 households,
- 243 residents from outside Plandome Heights in each of the 6 Legislative Districts of the Town including residents from Greenvale, Carle Place, New Hyde Park, Roslyn Heights, Albertson, East Williston, Great Neck, Port Washington, Munsey Park, Plandome, Flower Hill, Plandome Manor, unincorporated Manhasset, Williston Park, Mineola,

The original signed Petitions are being hand delivered to the Town Clerk.

The Plan recommended to you by the Redistricting Committee would separate one of the smallest Villages in the Town from all of the other 4 Manhasset Villages and the Cow Neck peninsula, which is its "community of interests." However, if Plandome Heights is maintained in District 6 the total deviation would only be 8.2% and the 5% guideline would only be one-half percent (208 people) over the ideal range. We ask you to consider this input as you review the recommendation of the Redistricting Committee.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PLANDOME HEIGHTS

Kenneth C. Riscica
Mayor

Enclosure for Town Clerk:
Enclosure for All:

Summary page and actual Petition signatures
Form of Petition

**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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