Joint Public Hearing 6/30/22 - Submission of Written Comments Justin S Miller <millerjustin@hotmail.com> Thu 6/30/2022 12:26 PM To:

- Redistricting Commission <RedistrictingCommission@albanycountyny.gov>;
- Jennifer Miller <jenn@larkhallalbany.com>

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this message as registration to submit written comments for consideration at today's Joint Public Hearing.

The statement below is submitted on behalf of Justin and Jennifer Miller, both residents of the City of Albany and owners of Lark Hall (351 Hudson Avenue, Albany).

We are writing to the committee today to express our concerns with respect to the proposed legislative district remapping that would split existing representation of the Lark Street corridor into 3 different districts. As owners of Lark Hall, we are acutely aware of the diverse and unique interests and communities that together make this neighborhood remarkable not only within the County, but within the Region and Upstate NY at large. Center Square and the Lark Street corridor have unique neighborhood, residential, commercial and development needs with respect to both representation and advocacy. Dividing the existing County Legislative District may disperse some voter demographic outward into adjacent districts, but the overall result will leave an important cultural enclave with disjointed County leadership and advocacy. These unique community interests are best served by a single County Legislator to effectively communicate and deliver constituent services.

We respectfully request that the committee please consider keeping the Lark Street corridor within a single legislative district.

We thank you for your time and consideration,

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