

Re: ACRC Hearing
Patrick Noonan <ellocoalbany@icloud.com>
Thu 6/30/2022 10:24 AM
To:

- Volk, Larry <Larry.Volk@albanycountyny.gov>

Cc:

- Redistricting Commission <RedistrictingCommission@albanycountyny.gov>

Hi Larry,

Thank you for your email. I do not wish to speak but wanted to submit the following written statement for the record:

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Patrick Noonan, owner of El Loco Mexican Cafe located at 465 Madison Ave in Albany, as well as the Ben and Jerry's located at 467 Madison Ave, and formerly the owner of Debbies Kitchen located at 456 Madison Ave. I'd like to take this opportunity to go on record that I adamantly oppose this proposed redistricting.

I've owned properties on Madison Ave for 10 years now and served as the Lark Street BID Chairman for two separate terms over that same time period. In these capacities, I've had the opportunity to have a direct line of communication to one single representative who's job it is to provide business owners and residents with critical information and resources. This relationship allowed us to accomplish many critical agendas over the years and was especially critical during the last few years during COVID and everyone knew where to turn and ask for assistance.

The current district lines include all the vital parts of this portion of the city and is critical to that particular elected representatives understanding of how this neighborhood functions. By redrawing the district lines, you are hijacking the neighborhood and eliminating the natural cohesiveness and connectivity that has been a tremendous resource over the last 25-plus years. This move will also disenfranchise voters by robbing the voters right to support the candidate of their choice for whom they have already voted.

Recently passed legislation states that: "Districts shall not be drawn to discourage competition or for the purpose of favoring or disfavoring incumbents or other particular candidates or political parties. The maintenance of cores of existing districts, of preexisting political subdivisions including cities, villages, and towns, and of communities of interest shall also be considered. To the extent practicable, no villages, cities or towns except those having more than forty percent of a full ratio for each district shall be divided."

As a business owner, the last thing I would do would be to take a current staff members duties and then divide that same work among 2 or 3 other people. Passage of the new redistricting map would in fact disfavor incumbents and deteriorate the core of this existing district and others around the City.

If COVID has taught us anything, it's the need for more unity, and dividing a business improvement district and surrounding neighborhoods in half hurts the ability to work together. The City of Albany is on the cusp of greatness moving forward and adding more "cooks to the kitchen" would be a detrimental move to that progress.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Thank you Larry and please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Patrick Noonan
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Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 30, 2022, at 9:55 AM, Volk, Larry <Larry.Volk@albanycountyny.gov> wrote:

Good morning, Mr. Noonan. Did you wish to speak at the hearing or to submit a written statement? Written comments will be accepted until midnight tonight; spoken remarks can be made at the hearing or via Zoom.

Larry Volk
Chair, Albany County Redistricting Commission

From: Patrick Noonan <ellocoalbany@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2022 7:35 AM
To: Redistricting Commission <RedistrictingCommission@albanycountyny.gov>
Subject: ACRC Hearing

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Patrick Noonan, 465 Madison Ave., Albany, NY 12210. I do have access to Zoom but would like to submit a statement for the record in relation to the ACRC Hearing tonight.

Thank you and please contact me with any questions.

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