

To Whom It May Concern:

I was surprised and concerned to see it proposed that my neighborhood be moved out of the 14th legislative district.

Our residence, lies within the area located between Route 9 and Van Rensselaer Boulevard, bounded on the north by Route 378 and on the south by Northern Boulevard.

As a former poll watcher at the Menands Fire House and as one who for many years has carried election petitions in the district, I understand the close ties that exist between this area and Menands. It's a feeling of community and cohesion built up over many years. Splitting us off into a new district would rupture a productive community relationship to no good purpose.

If an area has to be split off, a better choice would seem to be the area to the north of 378 and east of Route 9. That area is not contiguous with Menands and would be much less impacted by the proposed alteration.

Menands is one of the Capital Region's fastest growing communities, which itself has a direct impact on our section of Loudonville. In fact, the closest contiguous neighborhoods south of Patroon Place and nearby streets are located in Menands, on the west side of Van Rensselaer Boulevard.

Given that Menands is a neighbor connected to and important to Loudonville, and given the long history of our shared community, I respectfully ask that the proposed change be withdrawn and that we remain in the 14th legislative district.

Respectfully,

Sara W.