Presentation made before the NYC Districting Commission on October 9, 2012 at New Dorp High School concerning the proposed new Council Districts on Staten Island.

My name is Edward Malone and I have been a resident of the Westerleigh community for the past 43 years. In addition I am the Treasurer of the Westerleigh Improvement Society. The Society has represented the Westerleigh community since 1893. The community we represent comprises the area bounded on the East by Manor Rd., the West by Willowbrook Rd., the South by Victory Blvd. and the North by Forest Ave.

In an editorial dated September 17, 2012 the Staten Island Advance referring to the new proposed 50 CD District stated: “with Oakwood Beach, all of Westerleigh, and Todt Hill being included in the revised map.” With all due respect to the Advance, even though the proposed boundaries of the 50 CD now include most of Westerleigh, not all of the community that we represent is included. As it now stands a small area south of Forest Ave. and west of Manor Rd still remains in the 49 CD.

I believe that moving this area north to Forest Ave. and including all the area as stated that the Westerleigh Improvement Society serves will facilitate the services that the Society provides to the entire Westerleigh community. In addition I believe that this change will not affect the demographics and will only shift a small portion of the population from the 49 CD to the 50 CD.

Whatever the outcome of your deliberations, we the members of the Westerleigh Improvement Society appreciate the hard work done by the Commission to have the residents of Staten Island properly represented before the City Council.