

Montgomery County's Redistricting Commission made an error in dividing Kemp Mill along Arcola Ave, and placing it into 2 different districts. Kemp Mill is the Washington area's largest Orthodox Jewish community. The homes, shopping center, and religious and educational institutions on the west side of Arcola – proposed for **District 6** – are an integral part of the lives of Kemp Mill residents living in what is proposed for District 5, east of Arcola. That said, once reunited, Kemp Mill should be in **District 6**, not District 5 that extends to the eastern border of the county.

1. Most of Kemp Mill's K-12 students attend the Berman Hebrew Academy in **District 6** / Aspen Hill, which includes another Orthodox Jewish community. With 70% of Berman students in Kemp Mill, we have vested interests in each other's communities.

2. Wheaton's commercial area (including Costco) and its development, as well as Glenmont's, are in **District 6**, and very much affect us. The Wheaton mall is the closest mall; the Wheaton Post Office the closest post office.

3. As a community of common interests, the underlying premise of district boundaries, we are also connected to other institutions in **District 6**: the Yeshiva of Greater Washington Middle School, Har Tzeon, Ashreinu, Charles E. Smith JDS Upper School, Moti's Market, Max's, Al Ha'Esh, Siena's Pizza, and 4 other kosher restaurants. Kemp Millers use District 6's medical services at Holy Cross, Medical Park Dr., and Georgia and Dennis. We turn to businesses and services in **District 6** far more than those in *District 5*, further east, *which contain no Jewish institutions or businesses*.

3. Our community has been working with the 4th Police District that roughly overlaps with **District 6**, and will be accountable to it.

The current district map is a clear error that will dilute the voice of our distinct community. I respectfully request your consideration as part of this redistricting process.

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