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One issue I had was receiving my absentee ballot. I purposely requested my absentee ballot on the very last day that NYC allows you to online because I thought there was no way that they could have it mailed out in time. When I didn't receive my ballot until June 24th, I saw that I was proven correct. I was still able to vote in-person on the 23rd (woo!), but I think NYC severely misled voters by allowing them to request an absentee ballot up until the 16th (I believe that was the deadline). It seems almost obvious that the turnaround time between the 16th and the 23rd isn't realistic.

A second issue that I learned of was polling places not giving out local elections ballots!!! As alarmed by many voters of Paperboy Prince in District 7, poll workers did not provide the second page, which prevented voters before 7:30am to vote for congressional candidates. It wasn't until Paperboy showed up and demanded they provide that part of the ballot that the poll workers even realized there was one!! I think it needs to be severely investigated as to how this occurred.

One last thing I was wondering is if you could help me out with understanding the NYC congressional districts. I've done a lot of research and can't seem to find exactly why our districts are shaped the way they are. It seems so odd that the congressional candidate would represent Bushwick, the Lower East Side, and Park Slope at the same time? The only thing I have been able to learn about is gerrymandering. Are there any resources you can provide me with that explain why NYC was outlined this way?

Thank you so much for your time in reading my message. The work you do is vital and appreciated. Voter suppression is a very real thing here in America and I hope that we can work together collectively to combat it. I run an Instagram page (@electionconnection <<https://www.instagram.com/electionconnection/>>) that helps inform NYC voters, so any information you provide will be put to good use!

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