

Hearings

From: Adrian Fung [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2012 1:08 PM
To: Hearings
Cc: baysidehillscivic [REDACTED]
Subject: Opposition to Redistricting of Bayside Hills

To whom it may concern,

As a residence in Bayside Hills, I am strongly against to the proposed City Council redistricting shows a line slashing through the heart of Bayside Hills, dividing our historic neighborhood in half. The northern half would be in district 19 and the southern half in district 23. The community of Bayside Hills must remain as it was originally intended, one whole district, and definitely not a divided one. I am proud to be a residence of Bayside Hills.

Regards,

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A Fung

Hearings

From: a h [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2012 6:45 PM
To: Hearings
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Redistricting Problem

Dear Commissioners,

Many years ago there was a concept called *co-terminality* introduced into City Services that I feel should be extended to political "districts", namely that neighborhoods would be kept intact.

I and my family have lived in the Bayside Hills neighborhood for 38 years. During that time our civic association has picked up the slack that was left by a city in financial trouble when back in 1975 we began mowing the malls that are woven through our neighborhood, a practice that we continue until today.

I urge you not to destroy our beautiful community by artificially splitting us up. We are an ethnically diverse neighborhood that has common interests. To split us for political gain will turn us against both parties and every incumbent elected official.

Bayside Hills belongs in one City Council District, one Assembly District, one State Senate District and one Congressional District.

If your group does not have the authority to ensure that our communities wishes are fulfilled and we are left whole, please let me know who I need to contact.

Respectfully,
Alexander Hagan

[REDACTED]
Bayside Hills NY, 11364

Hearings

From: Saunders Anita [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2012 10:26 AM
To: Hearings
Subject: Opposition of Redistricting Bayside Hills

Dear Redistricting Committee:

With regards to the proposed 19th and 24th council districts, I am very much opposed to the idea. The community of Bayside Hills must remain as it was originally intended, one whole district, and definitely not a divided one.

It is difficult enough to get legislation passed to serve our needs, and splitting us up in this proposed fashion would be totally unfair to us.

In addition, the slightest hint of pandering to certain ethnic groups is something our wonderful neighborhood definitely does not want or need. Indeed what's going on here is surely more than just a slight hint.

Considering this opposition has the support of City Councilmen Mark Weprin and Dan Halloran, neighboring community boards, civic associations including the umbrella organization Queens Civic Congress, I strongly urge you to reconsider the two district plan for Bayside Hills.

As of now, at least two members of the Bayside Hills Civic Association Board of Directors plan to appear at your Wednesday, October 10th hearing at LaGuardia Community College protesting the redistricting of Bayside Hills.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Anita E. Saunders

Community Superintendent District 26

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Hearings

From: Brenda Goldstein [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2012 12:39 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: redistricting

Commissioners, Bayside Hills should not be split in half for this redistricting project. We have the diversity and balance needed to remain intact. I go on record as strongly opposed to the redistricting. No wonder people exit the city as much as they do since even our own officials cannot support us. Brenda Lavin

Hearings

From: Bruce Benedict [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2012 3:13 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: redistricting in Bayside Hills

I am a Bayside Hills resident for 30 years and I am STRONGLY opposed to any effort to redistrict Bayside Hills. Our neighborhood is strong and should remain that way. Political opportunists have no right to weaken Bayside Hills for their own benefit!!

Hearings

From: C Realmuto [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2012 9:28 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: Opposed to Split

Dear Council Members,

With regards to the proposed 19th and 24th council districts, we are very much opposed to the idea.

The community of Bayside Hills must remain as it was originally intended, one whole district, and definitely not a divided one.

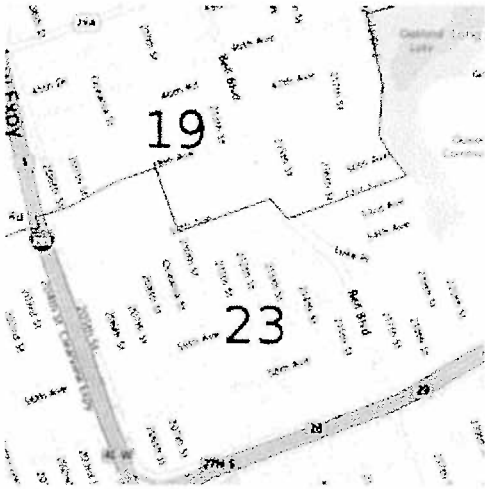
We do not want Bayside Hills to be split between two districts.

Sincerely,

Carol and Richard Realmuto
Bayside Hills Civic Association Members

Hearings

From: Ms. Papadatos [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2012 3:03 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: Redistricting of Bayside Hills



Dear Redistricting Committee:

Bayside Hills is a neighborhood in Queens whose boundaries are 211 Street on the west, Springfield Boulevard on the east, 48 Avenue on the North and the Long Island Expressway on the South

The proposed redistricting map splits the neighborhood into the proposed 19th and 24th council districts. See the included map.

The Queens Civic Congress is proposing that all of Bayside Hills be included in one district.

This proposal would be more sensible and serve the needs of all the residents of Bayside Hills who have the same interests in and for their neighborhood.

Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Carole Papadatos
[REDACTED]
Bayside Hills, NY 11364
718 [REDACTED]

Hearings

From: Talbott, Cristin [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2012 9:24 AM
To: Hearings
Subject: Bayside Hills redistricting

I am a resident of Bayside Hills and strongly oppose the proposed redistricting and would appreciate it if you would take my opposition into consideration when voting.

Cristin Talbott
[REDACTED]
Bayside Hills, NY 11364

Hearings

From: George Robles [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2012 6:27 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: Bayside Hills

To the Redistricting Committee,

as a current resident of Bayside Hills, I consider it an insult to the families and our community to have our Hills divided in two. What purpose does it serve but to only support your own goals. Leave our community alone.

George Robles
[REDACTED]

Hearings

From: Janet McCreesh <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2012 9:58 AM
To: Hearings
Cc: Sandi Viviani
Subject: Queens City Council Redistricting

On behalf of the Broadway- Flushing Homeowners Association, we would like to express our support for the proposed council district lines that are being pursued by the North Flushing Civic Association and Mitchell-Linden Civic Association. We agree with those associations that Mitchell-Linden would be better served in District 20, as they are a relatively dense cooperative apartment complex, and North Flushing would be better served in District 19, as North Flushing is our immediate neighbor to the west and has the same zoning (R2A) and issues that we all do in the greater North Flushing neighborhood which stretches from Union Street to Francis Lewis Boulevard.

Janet McCreesh
Viviani
President
Broadway-Flushing Homeowner's Association

Sandi
Zoning Chair
Broadway-Flushing Homeowner's Association

Hearings

From: jmorcone [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2012 6:27 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: Redistributing of Bayside Hills

Sent from my iPad

Dear Sir or Madam:

As a lifelong resident of Bayside Hills, I am writing to ask you to reconsider the plan to redistrict this area. Our community is a distinctive area with common issues and problems. It appears recently that many of the government agencies have little understanding of the needs of the communities of Queens, especially the Bayside area. We did not become the community that we are because of the lack of knowledge that has been exhibited by government agencies such as the Board of Standard and Appeals, Election Committees, etc. The success of District 26 in education, high real estate values are the result of a community working together for the common good.

It is sad but I think that everyone involved in this decision needs to be reminded of the definition of the word, "community" - a group of people with a common interest and values living in a defined geographic area. Splitting our community politically works against this. This concept is not difficult to understand. It is basic civics. Any first, second or third grader can tell you this from their elementary Social Studies classes.

Please reconsider this decision.

sincerely,
Jeanne Morcone

Hearings

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2012 8:40 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: Redistricting of council districts 19 and 24

Dear Redistricting Committee:

I am writing in reference to the proposed 19th and 24th council districts which splits the community of Bayside Hills in half. I understand the problems of trying to set boundaries in creating equal districts. However, community has a Bayside Hills Civic Association that has actively been involved in the neighbor for over 50 years. One of the many community projects we do is to maintain all the malls in the streets which will now be split into two districts

We pride ourselves on our community and doing the best we can to serve, maintain and improve our neighborhood. Our schools are some of the best in the city. PS 203 is a Blue Ribbon School and we feel we help to support and enhance student performance.

I sincerely believe a better attempt has to be made to maintain the whole community under one district. I hope you will reconsider this redistricting.

Yours truly,
Jo-Ann Skutch
[REDACTED]
Bayside Hills, Ny

Hearings

From: johncfalco [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2012 6:30 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: redistricting

I have been a home owner in Bayside Hills for over 33 years. I am greatly opposed to the splitting of Bayside Hills into two different districts.

Bayside Hills is one of the premier neighborhoods in all of Queens. To divide it into two districts would make it very difficult to protect both districts and keep the integrity of Bayside Hills.

Thank you for your support in keeping Bayside Hills as one district,

John Falco

Hearings

From: Karen [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2012 1:30 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: Bayside Hills, Queens

Please do not split Bayside Hills into 2 districts. What is the purpose of this? Who is it benefitting & who is profiting? Just leave it alone as it is. Thank you, Karen Hussey [REDACTED] Bayside Hills, NY 11364

Hearings

From: Karen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2012 10:45 AM
To: Hearings
Subject: Bayside Hills redistricting

Hi Please leave Bayside Hills alone!! The whole county of Queens is being destroyed daily by peolpe who dont care & dont even get it. Im sick of it! As someone who was born & lived all her life in Queens Im disgusted, shocked & sad! Im not sure who this redistricting will benefit - but Im sure someone is pushing this for selfish political reasons. Please leave somethings alone! Thanks, A single Mom homeowner who pays TONS of taxes & votes! Karen Hussey [REDACTED]
Bayside Hills, NY 11364

Hearings

From: MB powers <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2012 5:54 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: Redistributing bayside

Please do not redo strict bayside. I a longtime resident and voter and this plan would NOT help bayside in any way. Please use your legislative abilities in some other way. Do not fix what is not broken!

M Powers

Sent from my iPhone

Hearings

From: mary41 frances [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2012 7:26 PM
To: Hearings
Cc: Bayside Hills Civic Association
Subject: Opposition to Redistricting/Splitting of Bayside Hills
Attachments: proposed_0.jpeg

Dear Redistricting Committee:

I have been made aware of a proposed redistricting plan that would split Bayside Hills into two districts (proposed 19th and 24th council districts). I strongly oppose a plan to divide our community.

After some research, I understand that **"The lines are being redrawn as mandated by the results of the 2010 U.S. Census. Though created by the city, all lines must be redrawn under certain federal guidelines with an effort to keep neighborhoods together, and to create contiguous districts of residents and neighborhoods with "common concerns and interests."** The community of Bayside Hills must remain as it was originally intended, within one district, and not divided. We are a diverse community with common concerns and interests, a community with precedence going back to the 1940's!

Moving the community as a whole within a district, a proposal by the Queens Civic Congress, sounds like the appropriate alternative. Trusting you will give this plan careful consideration to those of us that have lived in Queens for most of our lives!

Kind regards,
Mary Parrino

Cc: The Bayside Hills Civic Association Board of Directors

Hearings

From: Nancy Tognan [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2012 11:01 AM
To: Hearings
Subject: Please do not split Bayside Hills into two City Council Districts

To the New York City Districting Commission:

I am distressed by your proposal to split my neighborhood, Bayside Hills, into two City Council Districts, the 19th and 23rd.

Bayside Hills is one community, represented by one Civic Association. Its boundaries are 48th Avenue on the north, Horace Harding Expressway on the South, 211th Street on the west (BOTH sides of 211th Street are included), and Springfield Blvd. on the east.

It is important for our community to have one Council member to represent us. We have been vocal in our fights against over-development and variance-granting. I hope this is not an attempt to silence our voice.

Nancy Tognan

Hearings

From: bnunziataeast [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2012 9:01 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: Re:REDISTRICTING

Dear Committee Members,

As a long time resident of Queens, I am appalled at the sudden idea of redistricting Bayside and Bayside Hills for what seems to be political issues. Why when our area is made up of immigrants from all countries, do you feel the need to take away our intelligence? Can't politicians lobby for themselves? Why the extreme measures unless you are creating a voting bloc because you don't have the solutions to face the issues of ALL Queens residents? Get on the ball and get real. We know who and what we will vote for.

The Nunziata Family

Hearings

From: Rick Skutch [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2012 7:22 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: Bayside Hills Redistricting

Dear Redistricting Committee:

Bayside Hills is a neighborhood in Queens whose boundaries are 210 Street on the west, Springfield Boulevard on the east, 48 Avenue on the North and the Long Island Expressway on the South

The proposed redistricting map splits the neighborhood into the proposed 19th and 24th council districts. See the included map.

It is my understanding the the Queens Civic Congress is proposing that all of Bayside Hills be included in one district.

This proposal would be more sensible and serve the needs of all the residents of Bayside Hills who have the same interests in and for their neighborhood.

Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

Rick Skutch
[REDACTED]

Bayside Hills NY 11364

Hearings

From: Bob Hickey <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2012 12:33 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: Redistricting Bayside Hills

Gentlemen:

I'm sending this email to inform you that I strongly object to the proposed redistricting of Bayside Hills into two districts (19 and 23). I see this as an attempt to gerrymander the neighborhood voting districts to suit the will of the area's elected officials. I believe that putting all of Bayside Hills into District 19 is the right thing to do. I urge you to adopt the QCC plan.

Robert W. Hickey
[REDACTED]
Bayside Hills NY 11364