

THE DITMAS PARK ASSOCIATION

Founded 1908 ❖ Historic Landmark District 1981 ❖ Borough of Brooklyn

October 11, 2012

NYC Districting Commission
Hearing at Medgar Evers College/CUNY
Brooklyn, NY 11225

Re: Inclusion of Ditmas Park Historic District into 45th Councilmanic District

To NYC Districting Commission,

As residents of Victorian Flatbush, we often talk about the "unfinished quilt" - which is to say that although our neighbors and I share common interests in making our community better, we are often separated by our representation in City government, which makes it difficult to achieve civic-minded goals.

As currently drawn now, many neighborhoods in Victorian Flatbush are located in separate Council Districts. Whether we are seeking redress from city agencies to fix quality-of-life issues or want to see a capital project initiated, the residents of our community currently have to seek support from multiple Council representatives.

As representatives of the neighborhood of Ditmas Park, we strongly urge the members of the Commission to hear the collective voices of the our community and ensure that all the residents of Ditmas Park join their Victorian Flatbush neighbors in residing in the 45th Councilmanic District.

We understand the redistricting process, at its core, to be an exercise in demographics. However, we also believe that a priority in this process should be about protecting and maintaining the voices of common communities. That these communities, whose residents are intrinsically connected by geography, culture and history, have the opportunity to elect representation that reflects and advocates for those interests. The residents of Ditmas Park, who are proud to be members of one of New York City's Historic Landmark Districts, would like the opportunity to all come together as constituents in the same Council District.

Sincerely,



Salvatore Lentini, President, DPA Board of Directors

cc: Cindy Harden, Vice President, DPA Board of Directors
Marion Lipton, Treasurer, DPA Board of Directors
DPA Board Members

