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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE NEW YORK CITY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

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Good Evening! My name is Chae No of the Korean American Civic Empowerment (KACE). KACE is a nonpartisan non-profit community education and advocacy organization devoted to empowering Korean American and Asian American community in New York City.

On behalf of the Korean Americans in Queens County, KACE urges the Redistricting Commission to recognize the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund's neighborhood boundaries as Asian American's Communities of Interest (COI) and keep all Asian American COIs undivided.

A COI is where residents have "actual shared interests" or some "common thread of social, economic or political interests." Keeping a COI together is one of traditional districting criteria. Also the New York City Chapter mandates the Redistricting Commission to keep COIs intact.

KACE and many Asian American community organizations provided information about each ethnic community's social, economic and geographic boundaries to draw the neighborhood maps. AALDEF already submitted the maps of neighborhood boundaries that KACE strongly supports.

Among COIs, KACE and the Korean American community are especially interested in two neighborhoods: Flushing and Bayside, where Korean Americans are concentrated. Most parts of the Flushing Asian American COI is included in Council District 20.

However, the Bayside Asian American COI is divided into Council District 19 and 23. KACE respectfully recommend the Redistricting Commission to include Bayside COI into Council District 19 without any division because Asian Americans in Bayside COI are sharing characteristics of racial composition, ethnicity, language, limited English proficiency, immigration experience, settlement pattern, voter registration, and schools with Council District 19.

Again, KACE strongly urges the Redistricting Commission to recognize AALDEF's neighborhood maps as COIs and include Bayside Asian American COI into Council District 19. For your convenience, we have enclosed AALDEF's Queens neighborhood maps.

Should you need more information or have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 718-961-4117 or info@kace.org.

Thank you for this opportunity to deliver the opinion of the Korean Americans community.

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Bayside

POPULATION	43,588
DEVIATION FROM IDEAL ASSEMBLY SIZE	-85,599 (-66.3%)
% HISPANIC	9.7%
% NH WHITE	39.0%
% NH BLACK	2.8%
% NH ASIAN	46.7%



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