

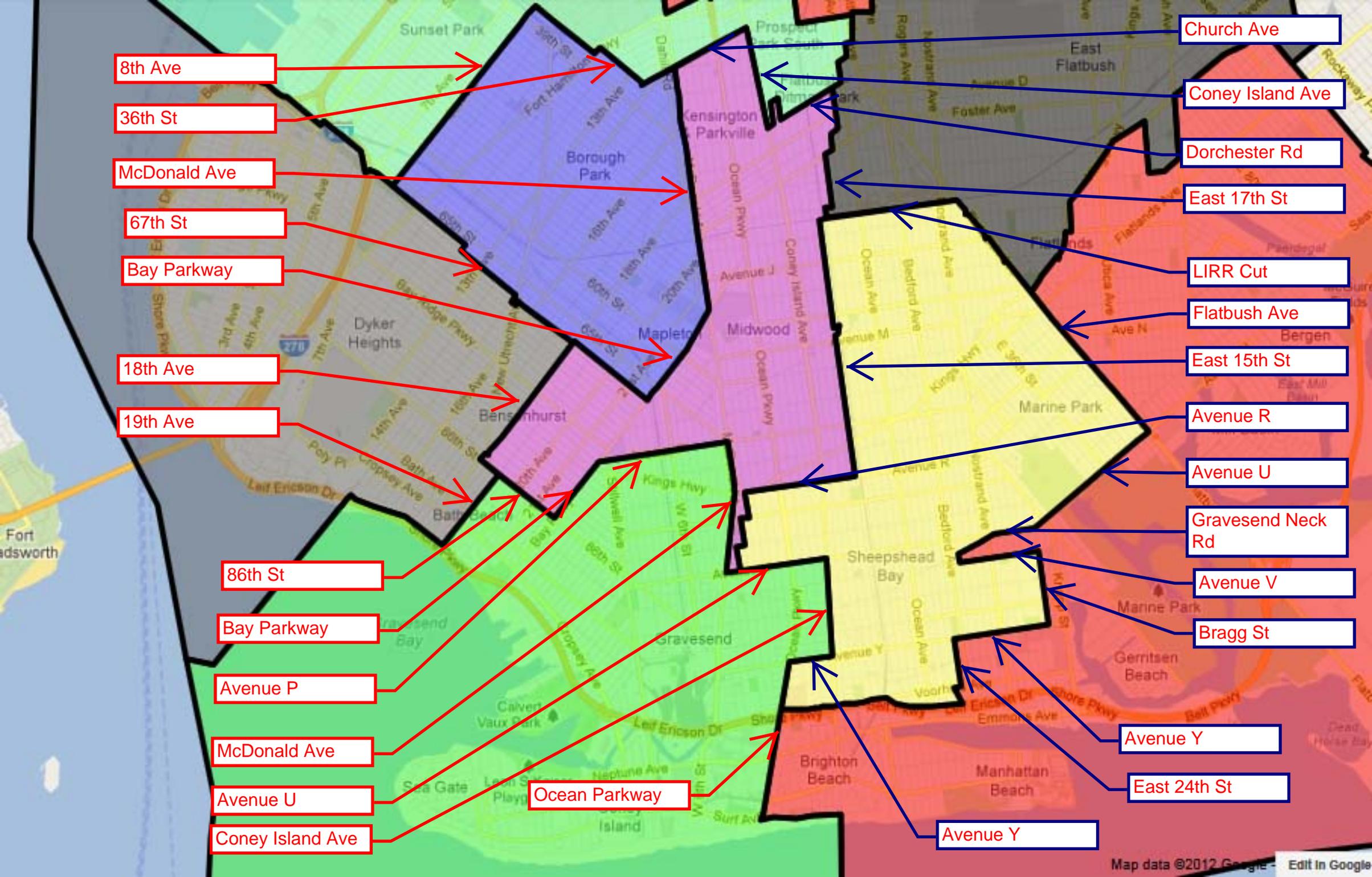
Testimony to the New York City Districting Commission
September 23, 2012

The proposed New York City Council lines that the New York City Districting Commission issued last week, divides the Jewish community of Southern Brooklyn into nine parts. In eight of the nine parts, our community is a small minority. Only in one council district (Council District 44) is our community a solid majority. While we recognize that the New York City Districting Commission basically did follow the previous existing council lines, we appeal to the New York City Districting Commission that there were significant population changes in the last ten years and the previous lines are no longer valid. In addition, the proposed lines that the New York City Districting Commission issued, further divide certain communities (such as Kensington, Marine Park and Bensonhurst) from the rest of the Jewish community.

Therefore, we are proposing changes in the New York City Council lines and we are requesting that the community be divided into three council districts as per the attached map. We are grateful to the New York City Districting Commission for assisting us in drawing these maps and providing us with the technical assistance. This indicates to us that the NYC Districting Commission is truly an independent body and is seeking to group like minded communities together.

Attached is the map that we are requesting. We look forward to working together to reduce the nine districts into three.

Thank you very much.



8th Ave

36th St

McDonald Ave

67th St

Bay Parkway

18th Ave

19th Ave

86th St

Bay Parkway

Avenue P

McDonald Ave

Avenue U

Coney Island Ave

Ocean Parkway

Church Ave

Coney Island Ave

Dorchester Rd

East 17th St

LIRR Cut

Flatbush Ave

East 15th St

Avenue R

Avenue U

Gravesend Neck Rd

Avenue V

Bragg St

Avenue Y

East 24th St

Avenue Y