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## **To: NYC Redistricting Commission**

**From: Michael Kremerov,**  
**President of American Brotherhood for Russian Disabled, Inc.**

**Dear members of NYC Districting Commission!**  
**ABRUD represent more than 10 thousand of Russian speaking New Yorkers citywide, including many from Southern Brooklyn.**  
**I urge you to make changes in the current configuration of the 47th and 48th Council Districts.**

The communities of Brighton Beach, Trump Village, Luna Park, Warbasse and Brightwater Towers should be in one 47th Council District like it was before 2002 redistricting. It is illogical to have neighboring high rises/co-ops like Brightwater Towers, Luna Park and Trump Village in the 48th District while keeping Warbasse in the 47th District. We have similar problems, issues, interests, demographics.

Coney Island, Sea Gate, Brighton Beach, Trump Village, Luna Park, Brightwater Towers are often referred to as Greater Coney Island.

Accessible public transportation is an important issue for ABRUD members. Currently subway stations at F-train Neptune Avenue station, Q-train Ocean Parkway station and B-train Brighton Beach station don't have elevators or escalators for riders with disabilities. Q-train subway line goes from Coney Island/Stillwell Avenue all the way to Brighton 7 Street and then turning at Coney Island Avenue. Including this subway line in one Council District will help to advocate for accessible subway stations in the same 47th District. And bus line B-68 also covers Coney Island Avenue, Brighton Beach Avenue and then goes to Neptune Avenue/West 5 Street and then to Stillwell Terminal. It would be great to have all these areas in one 47th Council District to improve our public transportation system.

Today's 47th Council District also includes Boardwalk and beaches at both Coney Island and Brighton Beach. Coney Island, Sea Gate, Brighton Beach (from Ocean Parkway till Coney Island Avenue), Trump Village, Warbasse, Luna Park, Brightwater Towers are currently parts of the same Community Board 13, 60th Police Precinct, 46th Assembly District, 23rd State Senate District and 8th Congressional District. All these neighborhoods should be in one 47th Council District.

Sincerely,

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