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To Chair Walcott and Members of the New York City Redistricting Commission,

As a longtime resident and voter from Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, I strongly urge the Commission to keep all of Bay Ridge from Shore Road on the west to 65th Street in the north to 7th Avenue on the east to the Belt Parkway in the south – all wholly contained within the same Council District. These boundaries would also finally add the Towers of Bay Ridge into the Bay Ridge Council District, something that community has been longing for for quite some time. Additionally, those boundaries match up exactly with both Community Board 10 boundaries as well as the 68 Police Precinct which only further demonstrates the longstanding precedent acknowledged by the City of New York that our area is one.

Willfully splitting up Bay Ridge into several Council Districts would deny Bay Ridge residents of the fair, effective, and consolidated representation we deserve in the City Council.

I'd like to add that I've lived in Brooklyn for most of my adult life - and moved to Bay Ridge (a neighborhood where I had already spent a lot of time) in 2014. It's a neighborhood filled with long-time traditions like parades and newer additions like Friday Summer Strolls. Separated (for better or worse) from surrounding neighborhoods by various highways, Bay Ridge reflects a diverse and growing community whose residents find unity in their identity of being Bay Ridgers. Keeping the overall district intact better allows for the many voices within the community to be represented and heard.

Thank you.

Danielle Mowery