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Dear Members of NYC Districting Commission!

I am Nataliya Neyzhmakova, Vice President of Odessa Community of New York, a non-for-profit organization representing thousands of immigrants from the Ukrainian city of Odessa. Most of our members live in Brighton Beach and other neighborhoods of Southern Brooklyn.

I am urging you to change the current boundaries of the 47th District that includes Coney Island, Sea Gate, Warbasse, Beach Haven and Gravesend, but does not include neighboring Trump Village, Luna Park, Brightwater Towers and Brighton Beach (from Ocean Parkway to Coney Island Avenue). These neighborhoods have similar demographics, interests, problems and issues.

Communities of Coney Island, Trump Village, Warbasse, Luna Park, Brightwater Towers and Brighton Beach are parts of the same Community Board 13, the 60th Police Precinct, the 46th Assembly District, the 23rd State Senate District, and the 8th Congressional District. They are all located within a few blocks of each other, so for the population of this area it would be more convenient to belong to one district.

Also, currently the 47th Council District includes the entire Boardwalk as well as all beaches of Coney Island and Brighton Beach, but does not include all communities of Brighton Beach, Brightwater Towers, Luna Park, and Trump Village. These are all waterfront communities and that is why members of our organization love this area because it reminds them of the native Black Sea port city of Odessa.

I urge the Districting Commission to include neighboring and historically close communities of Coney Island, Brighton Beach, Brightwater Towers, Luna Park, Warbasse and Trump Village in one 47th District.

Thank you for consideration!

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