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Our Association CASCSA has been serviced in Bensonhurst for 10 years.

We support the Unity Map because it creates two strong plurality Asian American districts, one that contains only Bensonhurst, the other that keeps the Asian and Latino communities in Sunset Park together.

"As the NYC Redistricting Commission began mapping its new district lines in the various boroughs, the newly proposed map for Southern Brooklyn has caused many unsettling concerns. Southern Brooklyn's Asian population has grown more than 40% since our last US Census. This is a tremendous increase and shift in demographics. City and State representation must reflect this change. In order for elected officials to correctly serve their people, the communication barrier must be eliminated. Bensonhurst, as a community, is largely a Cantonese speaking residential area that shares the same values, beliefs and culture. If Bensonhurst is sectioned off into three pieces, according to the proposed new district map, the community will not and cannot be served properly. A new district keeping Bensonhurst as a whole, will be able to allow the residents to elect an official that speak their language, understand their cultural, and will be able to meet their needs. Communication is the key factor in running any government representation. In light of this new map and district borders, CASCSA sincerely recommend to the NYC Redistricting Commission to keep Bensonhurst in its entirety, so that the representation of Bensonhurst in the City Council can fully serve the residents of Bensonhurst," said Larry Zhao, President of Chinese American Sports and Community Service Association (CASCSA).