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— Redistricting Task Force —



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Dear Commissioners:

Now that the first round of mandatory hearings to comment on the Commission's first



draft map has concluded, the APA VOICE Redistricting Coalition would like to please summarize our position. We support the Unity Map for City Council as the Unity Map is the map that best keeps the 16 Asian American communities of interest in New York City whole.

For Queens:

- it keeps Woodside, including Little Manila whole in District 26;
- keeps the APA community of interest in Elmhurst and Jackson Heights whole in District 25;
- considers the growth in APA population in northern Flushing and would keep Murray Hill whole in District 20;
- keeps the South Asian community whole along the Hillside Corridor in District 24;
- and creates a plurality APA district in Richmond Hill/South Ozone Park in District 32.

For Brooklyn:

- We recognize the effort the NYC Districting Commission made to create a majority Asian American district in proposed district 43, but in doing so, the Commission's draft map divides the neighborhood of Bensonhurst into three separate districts and separates Asian and Latino sections of the longstanding Asian/Latino majority coalition district 38 in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. The Unity Map creates two strong APA plurality districts, one proposed district 47 that is entirely within Bensonhurst and the other district 38 that keeps the Asian and Latino communities together in Sunset Park.
- The Unity Map also keeps the South Asian community in Kensington whole in proposed district 39, rather than be divided as it currently is and under the Commission's draft in four districts CD 39, 40, 44, and 45.

For Manhattan Chinatown/Lower East Side:

The Unity Map is nearly identical to the Commission's draft map. Both draft maps are better than the current district map for Chinatown/Lower East Side. We support the Unity Map because it also keeps the other Asian American communities of interest whole in the rest of the boroughs as well.

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For Bronx:

The Unity Map keeps the South Asian community in Parkchester and Westchester Square whole in CD 18.


We hope the Commission will adopt and submit the Unity Map on behalf of the Commission to the City Council by September 22, 2022.

Thank you, in advance, for your serious consideration of our request.

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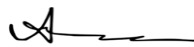
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