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**From:** Giacobbo Wahlboghter <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 6:04 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gerald Nadler's corrupt district that crosses over the East River and covers large spans of two boroughs.

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I heard Dennis Wolcott mention that the new redistricting laws allow for only one district to cross over borough lines I must assume that he is referring to the perpetual illogical and corrupt borders of Nadler's district. This would not be so terrible if nadler were an ordinary congressman. However, he has proven himself to be a danger to our democracy and the future of our nation.

Who was it that convinced the redistricting board to keep that satanic bastard above water?

Giacobo Wahlboghter, Brooklyn

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**From:** alyce erdekian <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 15, 2022 3:50 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Comment/Testimony

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Dear Districting Commission,

I am a long-time resident of Red Hook, and want to please implore you to implement the proposed district map that would group us in Red Hook back with our neighbors in Gowanus, Carroll Gardens and Park Slope areas. These are our most adjacent, and most similar close neighborhoods. We are all smaller communities with shared needs and issues around climate change, NYCHA, school districts, etc.

While Sunset Park is a wonderful place, it is a much larger community whose needs tend to overshadow and get prioritized over ours.

Please implement Option #1, update the district map, and restore our place in the same district as our geographical neighbors!

thank you,  
Alyce Erdekian  
Dikeman St  
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**From:** Amy Dench <[REDACTED]>  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of 38

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I reside in Red Hook and I approve of the proposed redistricting of Red Hook into District 39.

Amy Dench  
[REDACTED] Richards St #2G  
Brooklyn, NY 11232  
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**From:** lupeirenemoreno53 <[REDACTED]>  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Public Testimony In Favor of New Maps

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Good afternoon commissioners,

My name is Guadalupe Moreno, and I have lived in Red Hook public housing in Red Hook East NYCHA for 20 years. I'm the elected Treasurer of the Red Hook East Tenants Association. I'm also a Red Hook Local Leaders of Red Hook Initiative, and County Committee Member.

I support the proposal that puts Red Hook with the Gowanus, Carrol Garden, and Park Slope neighborhoods in the new 39th city council district. As a very active Red Hook community member and public housing resident, I have felt that Red Hook has been forgotten about. After representatives in the current council district that represent us have gotten in, for years they have forgotten about Red Hook and their needs due to the size and influence Sunset Park has over Red Hook.

We are a community that has been hit by hurricane Sandy and have severe issues with the environment and have a lot in common with Gowanus who have dealt with the Gowanus Canal. Our NYCHA development is falling apart as ours in Red Hook is the largest in all of Brooklyn. Yet we continue to be ignored and undeserved. Being part of the new proposed council district 39 would give out public housing residents much more a voice by uniting us with other public housing developments in Warren, Wycoff, and Gowanus who share the same needs and representation. My experience and opinion is also shared by many of the tenants that have elected me in my development.

This would be a historic representation as a district with similar needs in public housing and the environment. As a Latina woman I would feel much better represented in this new district where I can easily travel to the office of the representative, and have in common similar issues as other members of my community in the other Public housing developments. I hope you can maintain the current proposed map as it will vastly help our community receive the representation it deserves.

Thank you for your diligent work in these proposed districts.

Sincerely,

Guadalupe Moreno  
Red Hook East Tenant Association Treasurer

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**From:** Juana Narvaez <[REDACTED]>  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Public Testimony In Favor of Proposed Maps

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Hello commissioners,

I am Juana Narvaez, a lifelong resident of Red Hook. I am a public housing resident living in Red Hook East NYCHA and have lived in Red Hook NYCHA for 46 years. I'm the elected Sergeant at Arms of the Red Hook East Tenants Association.

I'm a very involved community leader as a certified Red Hook Local Leaders of Red Hook Initiative, and County Committee Member as well.

I submit my opinion on the proposed new city council districts. I support the proposal that puts Red Hook with the Gowanus and Carrol Garden neighborhoods in the new 39th city council district. Many of my neighbors in Red Hook share my view on this proposal.

I support this new district map because Sunset Park is very far and difficult for one to get to, leaving me and my Red Hook neighbors out of the conversation. Representation politically hasn't been strong for Red Hook in recent years because they always leave Red Hook behind in favor of Sunset Park. It will be easier to get to the parts of this new district and to offices from the new council district.

We didn't get the resources and other funding we need in Red Hook the old 38th district for years. Also, I fully support this new district map because it puts Red Hook with communities that have NYCHA developments in Gowanus, which can also improve the situation that Red Hook is in. This is truly a huge opportunity for better representation for our community.

As a Puerto Rican and Latina senior, I am going to feel more represented with my needs being part of the new district 39 because it is going to unite with Latinos and people of color in public housing in Gowanus who have our unique and common needs. Our public housing is in dire state, and there are no repairs making our living situation untenable. In my apartment there is always a lack of repairs and now there is a possibility of more funds and attention to NYCHA. That is why it would be better if it is in a district with more public housing so that we have the attention and support that we need as residents of public accommodation.

Thank you so much for your work.

Sincerely,

Juana Narváez  
Red Hook East Sergeant at Arms

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**From:** Melinda Newman <[REDACTED]>  
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**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Huge Objection to City Council Redistricting Proposal

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Hi-

I have reviewed the proposed NYC Council redistricting map, and as a Bay Ridge resident, I object to what I view as a completely absurd proposal.

The new map splits this very coherent Bay Ridge community and the close-by neighboring community of Dyker Heights in two in order to create two Sunset Park districts while leaving Borough Park with intact representation. If Sunset Park has grown disproportionately, it would be far more reflective of the actual way people live to cleave off the northern Gowanus and northwestern Windsor Terrace neighborhoods of the current 38th district and add them to the Park Slope district. I don't see the integrity of any other neighborhood districts so terribly impacted.

Honestly this feels like Mayor Adams is punishing specific city council members for their backing Speaker Adrienne Adams instead of his pet Francisco Moya. Recall Mayor Adams promised to not get involved in the speaker race at all, but he reneged on that promise. Now he seems to be meting out punishment by destroying the 43rd city council district, splitting Bay Ridge into THREE districts, and forcing Justin Brannan into a race with neighboring 38th Councilmember Aviles.

Please fix it-there are other ways to redistrict without such obvious malicious political intent.

Best regards,  
Melinda Newman

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**From:** Nahisha McCoy <[REDACTED]>  
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Good evening. I'm a resident as well as the Vice president of the Red Hook West Resident Association. I'm writing you to let you know that I choose **option # 1** for the current proposed district map to move back to a district with Gowanans, Carroll Gardens and Park slope areas.

Thank you for giving residents of Red Hook the opportunity to voice what we want to happen in our community.



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**From:** Bob Cristóbal <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 9:34 AM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Why are you destroying southern Brooklyn?

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Council Member Alexa Avilés, her district is currently 40% AAPI. Why wouldn't you simply make her district 11% more Asian and make *that* the new AAPI district? This is what you should do instead of completely turning southern Brooklyn upside down. These lines don't make any sense. You are tearing apart communities that have been together for decades. Do better.

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**From:** Mispa Monzeglio <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 2:02 PM  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Revising Districts

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Good afternoon,

Hope all is well.

I just looked at the proposed new districts and as a 30 year resident of Bay Ridge, I don't think combining sunset and Bay Ridge makes sense.

They are physically separated by the overpass and so folks from either neighborhood don't tend to spend a lot of time in the other.

Thanks,  
Mispa Monzeglio

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**From:** Julia Duvall [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 5:02 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Cc:** Dawn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Red Hook

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Let's go with Option 1  
which is to keep Red Hook staying with Gowanus, Carroll Gardens and Park Slope.  
That also keeps us in Community Board 6.  
We don't need to be with Sunset Park.

Julia Duvall

## M. HAIR & BEAUTY INC.

2135 Beverly Road Brooklyn New York, 11226

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July 18, 2022

Members of the NYC Districting Commission,

My name is Micheline Louis, and the name of my business is ***M. Hair & Beauty inc.*** located at 2135 Beverly Road Brooklyn NY, 11226.

I am writing regarding the recently released preliminary maps for Council District 45, in which is delineated one block out of the current district.

Over the past 15 years, I have worked as a Cosmetologist and Salon owner, and I have seen how important our presence in the district is as we provide essential wellness and beauty services to the predominantly Caribbean-immigrant community of Flatbush and East Flatbush.

Businesses in our community face unique challenges that leaders from other districts may not understand. I have worked extremely hard to keep my business ***M. Hair & Beauty inc.*** open during the pandemic through the resources available in District 45 from both Council Member Farah Louis' office, Community Board 14, and from networking with other local businesses as well as the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce that Council Member Louis funds to support the businesses in our community.

By cutting out areas of the district, we will lose the networks that have been developed over the years which could potentially impact my business. The proposed expansion into West Midwood would also be a major detriment to our business owners, as it reduces the number of Caribbean-based resources available. The business owners on Beverly Road would prefer Council Member Louis to be their representative and request Council District 45 be extended to include Beverly and Flatbush Avenue. Council member Louis' efforts on this border of Flatbush has been exceptional and we need that to remain in this area.

I hope you take the time to reconsider the preliminary map and add Flatbush and Beverly to the new district lines. Enclosed is a proposed map by Council Member Louis that includes the proposed, new additions that will expand accessibility to the Caribbean and minority-owned businesses.

Sincerely,

Micheline Louis, Salon Owner



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**From:** Maggie M. Williams <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 19, 2022 1:55 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Concerns about proposed City Council redistricting

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Hello,

I am a resident of Bay Ridge, and I am strongly opposed to the proposal to combine current City Council districts 38 and 43. I would like my opposition to be officially recorded as public testimony.

The proposed map pits multiple communities of interest against one another, and it wipes out decades of community organizing work.

The proposal to revise district 38 creates an enormous district, and it will significantly reduce the ability of our City Council representatives to advocate for the needs of their particular communities. Bay Ridge and Sunset Park are very different neighborhoods with distinct identities and unique needs. To combine them into a single City Council district will directly impact residents of each area as they will find it becomes significantly more challenging to effect local changes to benefit each community.

I urge you to revisit the district maps for Brooklyn, as this current proposal is not sustainable.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Williams

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Dr. Maggie M. Williams

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 20, 2022 11:01 AM  
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Hello,

I have seen the proposed redistributing map for the NYS Assembly District 38.

Please reconsider the map and KEEP LIBERTY PARK & GLENDALE N.Y. 11385 together in the 38th Assembly District. Our 2 neighborhoods are "tied together" with many people living & moving between the 2 areas.

Thank you,

President,

38th Assembly District Democratic Club

Member of Community Board 5

Ken Rehberger

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**From:** Leonora Bulychova <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 20, 2022 4:09 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Letter from Club Aelita president

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[PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov](mailto:PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov)

Dear Members of the Districting Commission!

I am Leonora Bulychova the Russian speaking community activist, President of A-Elita Club, a prominent non-for-profit organization that hosts many cultural events in Southern Brooklyn.

According to the City Charter, Council district lines should keep neighborhoods and communities intact. They also should keep districts compact.

Currently, the lines of the 47th District do not meet any of these criterias. The new proposed preliminary map of the 47th District includes additional neighborhoods of Fort Hamilton and Dyker Heights that are parts of the Community Board 10 - far away from Coney Island, Sea Gate and Warbasse. I strongly disagree with new proposed lines.

Current Council District 47 includes Warbasse Houses, but does not include neighboring high risers Trump Village, Luna Park and Brightwater Towers. It also does not include any parts of Brighton Beach (from Ocean Parkway to Coney Avenue) that would be natural part of the District given the similar demographics, local issues, close proximity and their traditional inclusion into districts of Community Board #13, the 60th Police Precinct, the 46th Assembly District, the 23rd State Senate District and the 8th Congressional District. Current lines of the 47th District include all Boardwalk and beaches of both Brighton Beach and Coney Island, but do not include any parts of Brighton Beach!

I have always hosted cultural events of A-Elita club in Bensonhurst, Coney Island, Brighton Beach, Luna Park and other neighboring areas - but never in Dyker Heights of Fort Hamilton. So, I urge the Commission to include in the 47th District the territory between Belt Parkway and Boardwalk, from West 12 Street to Coney Island Avenue. This way new lines will naturally unite similar neighborhoods and communities of interests that historically were represented by same local civic institutions, community groups and elected officials.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

if you have any additional questions, you can contact me  
Sincerely yours

Leonora Bulychova

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**From:** Yaakov Ani <[REDACTED]>  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Preliminary maps

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Hi I would like to comment on the Preliminary maps. As you know the proposed District 44 is having added to it the neighborhood of Gravesend (East)-Homecrest down by Avenue V. This is very puzzling as the core of District 44 is Borough Park, which is predominantly an Orthodox Jewish Community. Why is the area of Gravesend being added to it which is an odd shape? it would be better to add parts of Midwood (which is also Orthodox Jewish) to that District and let District 48 take up Gravesend. This would lead to more compact districts, and like minded communities of interest being together. Thank you for listening.

Yaakov Ani.



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**From:** Helen slmonson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2022 11:29 AM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting in District 33

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Hi. I object to our district, 33, being redrawn to exclude all public housing. Is this a joke? Should the wealthiest district in Brooklyn get away with shedding all lower income housing? We already redrew borders to exclude public housing from PS 8. Surely no one can be this blind in NYC in 2022? We need to share the burdens of the city. I live in Brooklyn Heights. Thank you.

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**From:** Erum Hanif <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 26, 2022 1:13 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Redistricting

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Dear NYC Redistricting Commission,

My name is Erum Hanif, I am a community leader and represent the Pakistani American community of New York especially the Brighton Beach Community where I work with hundreds of community members on a daily basis. I am a resident of council district 47 where thousands of other Pakistanis live and work and have been historically unrepresented in the New York City's political system.

Brighton Beach, Coney Island, Bath Beach, Beach heaven and Warbasse houses are the neighborhoods in Brooklyn where 2<sup>nd</sup> highest number of Pakistanis live, work and have many local businesses including grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants and majority of our children attend the school in these neighborhoods. We are not only the most hardworking and dedicated immigrant community; we are among the highest taxpayers in the city.

The Pakistani community is one of the fastest growing communities among other AAPI communities and still we are the marginalized and underrepresented communities. I am very dissatisfied by seeing the proposed draft map of CD 47. Brighton Beach residents and businesses have many similarities when it comes to elected offices such as we are in the same Senate District, Congressional District, Community Board 13, 60th Precinct and Precinct Council. The elected offices and representatives are more families with the communities and their needs. It could be better to keep Brighton Beach in District 47. Through this redistricting process it would be great to meet the needs of underserved communities, specifically the access to the city and State resources would become easier for our families, children and seniors currently due to language, food, cultural and technological challenges the access to city, state, federal resources and civic participation is limited within our community.

I hope our advocacy for this effective redistricting will be considered and our communities will get the respect, resources, and representation we deserve as New Yorkers.

Thanks,  
Erum Hanif

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**From:** Corinne <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 31, 2022 1:21 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please Do Not Redistrict Dyker Heights

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To Whom It May Concern,

As a 4th generation, lifelong resident of Dyker Heights, I implore you to keep Dyker Heights *together with Bay Ridge* in the same district, as it has been, historically. This is in the best interest of our adjacent and shared communities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Dr. Corinne Settecase-Wu  
[REDACTED] - 74th Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11228