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From: Scott McCarthy [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 5:57 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] The Proposed New City Council District Lines.

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Hello,

My name is Scott McCarthy and I live in the Gravesend section of Brooklyn. The neighborhood is currently represented by the 47th City Council District and under your proposal it would move to the 44th District.

I wanted to take a moment and commend your commission on doing a remarkable job on the new lines. It is no easy task, considering the population increase on the previous census and being mindful of several factors that go into creating the districts.

The most important factor I believe is necessary is that the districts are natural and are truly representative of not only the people who reside there but of their day to day movements. In the case of the 44th District that is currently being proposed, this was achieved.

I live near Avenue U and McDonald Avenue, so naturally my two main corridors for commerce are those two avenues. I do all of my shopping and business dealings along Avenue U between Ocean Parkway and 86th Street and between Avenue U and Avenue I. If this is true for me, I would imagine it holds true for a majority of my neighbors. This is my opinion is the very definition of what should be considered a district.

I am certain you will be inundated with complaints and revision suggestions before the map is finalized. I just wanted to ensure that you had at least one statement of appreciation. The proposed lines for the 44th District is truly indicative of the residents of these neighborhoods and I do hope it remains in the final version.

With Gratitude,

Scott McCarthy

DeCillis, Michael

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony

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感谢纽约市选区划分委员会组织了这一系列的公开听证会。
我是[Xiao sun]，[outreach]，[Red Hook Initiative]。

公平的选区是公平代表的基础。
绘制公平选区的机会每 10 年才有一次。如果我们不能做到这一点，我们的社区将不得不在接下来的十年里承受后果。

我感谢该委员会致力于公开程序，并维护一个网站，提供关于重新划分选区过程、即将举行的会议和提交的信息。展望未来，我敦促该委员会在与城市周围的社区组织和民族媒体接触中发挥积极作用。
再次感谢你们，同时也感谢参与这场为公平地图和公平代表权而战的许多伙伴。

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It has been ridiculous the way that the Eastern part of Coney Island has two council people representing us. I live in Brightwater Towers and two blocks away is the Warbasse development which is represented by a different individual. They must be combined in one district because there are common interests and problems that should be represented by one person. With two districts our voting power is diminished.

ALAN PODHAIZER

Antonia Clemente
Sunset Pak, Brooklyn NY
[redacted]

August 17, 2022

Greetings and good evening. My name is Antonia Clemente and I am speaking on behalf of my community of Sunset Park located in Council District #38, including the neighborhoods of Red Hook, Park Slope, Windsor Terrace, and Borough Park.

I am a community resident born and raised in Sunset Park, and a Sunset Park homeowner for over 45 years. I am the Executive Director and founder of The Healing Center, the only domestic violence organization working with Latinx families in southwest Brooklyn 38th Council District. The majority of families seeking our services are residents of Sunset Park, mainly comprised of recent immigrants many Latinx families with young children.

Speaking on behalf of my family and many who are not able to join these hearings, we would like to convey our pressing concerns with the proposed new district lines of the legislative map and the impact the reduction of the 38th Council District will have on representation of our Latinx community. Our neighborhood in Sunset Park shares a rich extensive history with the Latinx community, beginning in the 1960s and 1970s when I attended local public schools and shopped on the business strip along 5th avenue. At that time the community was compromised mainly of Italian, Irish, and Scandinavian immigrants. I witnessed first-hand the changes of the demographics in the community. On the block where I grew up and where I presently own my home there were not many Latinos in the late 1960s. Growing up in Sunset Park I recall being called a "spic," and not really sure what that meant at the time. As the community demographics shifted with the influx of Latino immigrants beginning with Puerto Ricans, Dominicans, Ecuadorians, Central Americans and presently Mexicans, representation became priority. As years went by the Latinx community activist mobilized to see significant changes within the educational and political systems in Sunset Park. By the early 1980s new district lines were drawn to encompass Latino representation and the 51st State Assembly District was created. In the late 1990s Latino candidates ran for 38th Council District, and by early 2000 Sunset Park elected its first Latinx representative to the 38th Council District. Latino representation creates a sense of community, in our schools, shopping areas, bodegas, with access to our cultural foods, languages and provision of Latino empowerment within our district.

The current proposed district lines will significantly disenfranchise and disempower our collective voices. So many have worked fervently in the past to ensure that Latino representation is equal within our city government in Sunset Park, Red Hook, Park Slope and other neighboring communities. Dissolving and dividing the 38th Council District, joining it with the Bay Ridge will have a negative impact and a significant loss of Latino representation, within New York City government, funding for community-based organizations will be diluted, impacting direct services for our Latinx residents, which is crucial to the wellbeing of individuals and community stability.

When drawing new district lines, the interests of the Latinx community in Sunset Park must be at the forefront ensuring access to candidates of choice that represent our community's interests

and needs. We are already being divided by the redistricting of congressional and senatorial lines.

I request this commission to protect Equal Representation of our community as per the 1965 Federal Voting Acts which forbids new district maps to dilute the voting power of racial and language minority groups. The City Charter also includes a similar provision that ensures “fair and effective representation” for minority groups.

I appeal to this commission to keep the old maps intact, maintaining the 38th Council all in one district. For transparency we ask for inclusion in the redistricting development process which will allow members of our community to be engaged and aware of the method that determines their access to resources and political representation. Fairness must be at the center of the redistricting process. Given the increase of Latinx populations across the state in the past 10 years it is vital that the redistricting process fairly draw lines representative of changes that reflex our community’s growth.

Thank you once again, for taking time to listen t and for the opportunity to share my concerns.

Have a wonderful and safe summer.

Respectfully,

Antonia Clemente



Dear Members of the NYC Districting Commission,

My name is Curtis Nelson and I am the Executive Director for Sesame Flyers International Inc. and I am writing regarding my opposition to the recently released maps that the NYC Redistricting Commissioner drafted for Council District 45, which will remove a large portion of our Flatbush, Flatlands and East Flatbush sections of our district. Over the past 22 years, I have lived/worked in Council District 45 as a community builder, and I have seen how important the presence of Utica to Flatbush Initiatives is in the area and how Council District 45 has been a major resource for our institution because we serve a large portion of predominantly Caribbean and South Asian constituents from the Flatlands and East Flatbush areas.

The map submitted by Councilmember Farah Louis, includes provisions for expanding her district further into the East Flatbush, Flatlands and Canarsie areas to meet the criteria of the charter and increase our population but also to include more healthcare institutions, parks and senior center options for the district, solidifying her commitment to bring increased access to our vulnerable population who rely on affordable healthcare for their families and quality…..for youth and families.

Without these expansions, our area will not have the opportunity to ensure our youths grow and our Caribbean culture is disbursed. With the areas that were cut by your commission, it compromises common ties of a growing Caribbean and South Asian population in our district.

I hope you all take the time to reconsider the disparities represented on the preliminary map and restore ***the East Flatbush and Remsen Village Neighborhoods back into Council District 45 and have them remain the new district lines and expand the district further northeast into East Flatbush, Flatlands and Canarsie***.

Enclosed is a map by Council Member Louis that includes our communities' preferred proposed map and new areas that will expand schools, health care access and park space for in Council District 45.

Sincerely,

Curtis Nelson
Executive Director

Hello,

My name is Cynthia Felix Jeffers, and I am a lifelong resident of Sunset Park, Brooklyn which is part of City Council 38. I am an educator and an active member of various organizations in my community including the Alliance for Puerto Rican Education and Empowerment.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my concerns regarding the Redistricting Commission's draft proposal maps that were released on July 15th. The maps as proposed has many dramatic changes in my district that will negatively impact our district and the services we receive.

These changes cut Sunset Park in half and my half of Sunset Park which is a plurality Latino area will join us with Bay Ridge, creating a majority White district. The other half including where my family lives and where my church OLPH is would be joined with Dyker Heights and Bensonhurst in a majority Asian district. In addition, Red Hook would be removed from D38, breaking up an industrial waterfront, and would be joined with D39, another majority White district. Our current district will spread out across three districts, one of which would be majority Asian, two of which would be majority White and none which will be majority Latino.

District 38 which covers Sunset Park, parts of Park Slope, Boerum Hill, Borough Park and Red Hook was created in 1989 by a Charter Revision Commission and was designed to be a Hispanic opportunity district at the time. How districts are drawn affects every political issue, from the economy to healthcare to public education and we have made so much progress in CD 38 to get services and policies that have improved the quality of life in our district. These improved services which include increasing the number of schools in the community, gaining community access to our waterfront, creating historic landmark district and services for our seniors have been made possible due to a UNITED voice.

These inequitable changes in the maps will dilute the voting power of voters of color and Latino voters that we worked so hard to gain. Purposefully breaking up communities takes away the community's ability to come together and advocate for important issues. For example, recently our community came together right after the April subway bombing on the R line which runs through our community. This traumatizing incident deeply affected our entire community and our current councilperson Alexa Aviles worked with several community organizations including the Sunset Park Family Health Center and our religious leaders to host a day of unity that brought people together after that violent attack that left 29 people injured. Community leaders, business owners and neighbors came out to support one another and TOGETHER we addressed the fears and uncertainty.

Sunset Park was also one of the neighborhoods most severely impacted by COVID in New York City and our councilperson has successfully advocated to reduce health inequities in our community that were exasperated by the pandemic.

All these accomplishments were possible because we have ONE representative that advocates for ALL in our community. This proposed map would create additional layers and simply create confusion when we are still recovering from the effects of the pandemic and the tragic shooting.

The proposed map would remove several of the Family Health Centers and longstanding institution - Our Lady of Perpetual Help which provided crucial services to our community throughout the years and would also divide the Fifth Avenue Business Improvement District across two Council districts, creating more bureaucracies and challenges to our small business owners.

District 38 is diverse and beautiful; I know because I've lived here my entire life and my neighbors do everything to contribute to make our neighborhood better and we need to enfranchise the residents who have been actively engaged in our community as every District 38 resident deserves a voice in the issues that affect their lives. And if we are divided, we will weaken the everyday voices that make our community strong.

Latinos are one of the demographic groups that grew the most over the past decade citywide, and yet there are fewer Latinos elected at the highest levels of city and state government than in the past. Latino voters could be denied the opportunity to elect representatives of their choice if their voting power across the city is diminished as a result of this redistricting.

The old map kept my community all in one district, and I am here because Latino representation matters and want to ensure the lines remain similar to keep my community of Sunset Park together.

Although I understand that sometimes it is necessary or beneficial to create diverse districts, these new lines do not share as many common interests as do the residents of the current maps. There are many proposals to be considered that create a majority Asian district in South Brooklyn that does not cut Sunset Park in half that would allow those communities to elect representatives of their choice. It is important that all communities have the opportunity to elect candidates that will have one voice for all and there are many alternative means of achieving compact, fair districts that keep these communities of interest united.

I thank the Committee for listening to me today and ask that you consider the representative needs of the Sunset Park community as I have just described to the extent it is possible to do so without in any way diluting any other minority voting power.

Thank you,
Cynthia Felix Jeffers

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From: Diane Chang [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 9:22 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony Submission: 35th Councilmanic District

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To whom it may concern,
I am happy to see that in the first draft of the new district map, the entire neighborhood of Prospect Heights remains in the 35th District. Please retain these lines in further drafts. As a small neighborhood who has had split representation at the state level and now very fractured representation in the U.S. Congress, it would greatly help for us to be represented by a single Council member so that our needs can be easily heard and represented by a single lawmaker locally.

Thank you,
Diane Chang

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From: Kristen [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 10:30 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] A better plan for southern Brooklyn

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

The first round of maps presented by the Commission completely divides historic communities of interest – especially in southern Brooklyn. For your consideration, here are two alternate versions of maps that would create a majority Asian council district in southern Brooklyn while also keeping much of Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights, Bath Beach, and Bensonhurst together. Both of these maps maintain cohesion of historic communities of interest, preserve both emerging and enduring ethnic and religious enclaves, and overlap significantly with other existing relevant city agency boundaries including School District 20, Community Board 10, the 68th Police Precinct, and DSNY Garage 10. This further demonstrates the importance of keeping these long-standing communities of interest together in the same council district.

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Kristen Gidlund

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From: LiLi Jackson [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 1:03 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Maintain or Increase the Proposed Balance Between City Council Districts in Redistricting to Ensure

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Dear NYC Redistricting Commission,

I strongly believe it's imperative that the current City Council redistricting rights the wrongs of the last redistricting and establishes a fair and equal balance in population between districts, to ensure that all New Yorkers have equal voting power and equal representation. The last redistricting left some districts like the 1st and 3rd with 10% more residents than other districts in the city and 5% more than the citywide average, leaving residents of these districts with diminished voting power and significantly underrepresented in the City Council over the last 10 years. That inequality has only grown as populations in some districts like the 3rd have soared, so that district now has over 30% more residents than other districts and 17% more than the citywide average, leaving its residents even more underrepresented and with proportionately less voting power.

The currently proposed new City Council district lines largely correct this glaring inequality, creating new districts with roughly equal populations except those on Staten Island, which would continue to have almost 4.5% fewer residents than the citywide average, and thus have disproportionately more representation and their residents disproportionately more voting power.

As the Redistricting Commission considers further changes to the proposed map, it's imperative that they not decrease the relative balance between district populations, and if anything that balance should be increased, and the current proposed inequalities (while significantly less than 10 years ago) should be further reduced or eliminated. Only this way can we ensure equality of representation and voting power between all New Yorkers, and right the wrongs of the last redistricting, which left some New Yorkers woefully underrepresented.

Regards,
LiLi Jackson
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Brooklyn, NY 11222

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From: Herman Sofer [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 10:36 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Do you know about this community?

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https://districtr.org/COI/138196
I would like to ask if this community should be in one council district as we are a community of special interest.
Thanks

[redacted]

From: McLoughlin [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 12:33 PM
To: Public Testimony
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Proposed Map 1- https://districtr.org/plan/136695

Proposed Map 2- https://districtr.org/plan/136694

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

DeCillis, Michael

From: Zhikang Ling <zhikangling@homecrest.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 10:59 AM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to the Districting Commission regarding District 47
Attachments: Unity Map Proposal (District 47).jpg

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Good morning Commissioner,

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I ask that the Commission's draft map be amended to consider the growing APA community in Bensonhurst. The Commission's proposed Preliminary Plan maps will divide Bensonhurst into 3 city council districts, which will be difficult for Bensonhurst Residents to be represented for the common interest.

Finally, I support the proposed maps drawn by the Unity Map Coalition (attached in this email), which will keep Bensonhurst together in one city council district, to be represented by one representative but not multiple ones.

Regards,

Zhikang Ling (He/Him/His)
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From: Miriam Eusebio [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 12:08 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of Sunset Park and Red Hook

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Thank you, NYC Districting Commission, for organizing this second series of public hearings.

I am Miriam Eusebio, resident of Sunset Park, current district 38
I have lived here for almost 10 years, across the street from the beloved Sunset Park, where hundreds of my diverse neighbors gather daily.

Fair districts are the foundation for fair representation, and the opportunity to draw fair districts only comes once every 10 years. If we don't get this right, our communities will have to live with the consequences for the next decade. While it initially seemed odd to me that Sunset Park was together in the same district as Red Hook, I then noticed how the two neighborhoods share a lot of coastline, and the BQE, both of which are receiving and in need of a lot of attention and renovation. I'm curious if these two neighborhoods could stay in the same district while not disturbing the fine work that has been done in other areas of rezoning.

I thank the commission for committing to an open process and for maintaining a website with information on the redistricting process, upcoming meetings, and submissions. Moving forward, I urge this commission to take an even greater proactive role in engaging with community, community organizations and ethnic media around the city.
Thank you again and thanks also to the many partners who are in this fight for fair maps and fair representation.

Sincerely
Miriam Eusebio

Serenity Community Garden

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A BQLT GARDEN

Dear Members of the NYC Districting Commission,

My name is Nebert Jackson and I am a member of Serenity Community Garden. I am voicing my opposition to the recently released map that the NYC redistricted for District 45. It is very important that Councilmember Farah Louis be able to represent a largely black and brown district. She has been instrumental in supporting institutions like schools in her district. Without her input we couldn't have supported the above named garden. She is one of the founders and has supported the green space since its inception. Located in the Flatlands section of her district, this garden provides fresh vegetables to neighborhood residents and is an educational and recreational space.

Therefore, we are in complete support of the map submitted by Farah Louis. Putting her in another area would eliminate her ability to serve people who are in need of services and will impact a large group of people.

I hope you all take the time to reconsider an injustice done and approve Farah Louis' map for a new district.

Sincerely,
Nebert Jackson

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From: Raj Kottamasu [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 10:05 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] My testimony

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I am Rajesh Kottamasu. I live in Red Hook, Brooklyn, currently District 38.

Fair districts are the foundation for fair representation.

The opportunity to draw fair districts only comes once every 10 years. If we don't get this right, our communities will have to live with the consequences for the next decade.

I live and work from home in Red Hook. Red Hook is bounded to the northeast by Fort Hamilton Parkway and to the west and south by New York Harbor. Because the neighborhood is so geographically cut off from other neighborhoods, neigh
bors have forged strong community ties. One of the factors that binds neighbors is shared identity. In particular, Black and Lati nx neighbors in Red Hook each have strong communities and identities. The identity and support of Latinx neighbors in Red Hook is expressed publicly through the use of public recreation spaces and adjacent commercial activity. This identity is reinforced by cultural affinity with nearby Latinx communities in Sunset Park, further supported by being in political affiliation with these communities through the existing council district. The resulting political power of these communities has correlated with the present and former council member also being Latinx. I am concerned that the currently proposed map will diminish the political power of these communities by dividing and diluting them in separate districts.

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Rajesh Kottamasu

[redacted]

From: churchroad11220 [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 12:18 PM
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re: public testimony regarding redistricting CC #38

date: 8/17/22

from: Tony Giordano
[redacted] Waters Ave; Staten Island, NY 10302
email- [redacted]

testimony:

Section #1
I believe the newly proposed district lines for the City Council's 38th District would hurt the Sunset Park community. In fact, it would signal an end to the Sunset Park community which is known for its diversity. A diversity where, different ethnic and economic groups don't merely tolerate one another but enjoy one another and work together.

The boundaries of the Sunset Park community have been known since the mid-1960s as the Prospect Expressway (roughly 17th Street) on the North, to the old Long Island Railroad cut (roughly 65th Street) on the South, and from the waterfront (West) to 8th Avenue on the East.

Previous to this the community from 65th Street north to 36th Street was informally known as "Lower Bay Ridge" and/or "South Brooklyn". Lower Bay Ridge was a misnomer since it was north of what was accurately named Bay Ridge (in the Town of New Utrecht outside the City of Brooklyn's border). The use of Bay Ridge as a title for Sunset Park was due to real estate interests. They found they could charge higher prices for the real estate in Sunset Park if folks thought they were buying Bay Ridge property. Just as we see today on our northern end as unscrupulous realtors try to market Sunset Park as far south as 39th Street as Park Slope, or South Slope.

The reason for the name South Brooklyn was that the southernmost border of the City of Brooklyn was 60th Street until 1898.

Most importantly, Sunset Park's earliest political boundary was known as Ward 8. The boundaries of Ward 8 were quite similar to today's current City Council 38th district boundries.

Other names for the area referred to "sub-districts" of Sunset Park or Ward 8 - often the name of the local Catholic parish - stretching a small number of blocks surrounding the parish church, or along the waterfront with names like Bush Terminal or Gowanus and finally by ethnic concentration, such as Finn Town.

Dating back to at least the creation of the consolidated New York City, Sunset Park has been a community of diverse ethnicity but with a shared set of issues of importance across ethnic and economic lines. These interests include:

1. Employment
2. Housing
3. Education
4. Public Safety:
   a. Health issues
   b. vehicular issues
   c. fire & police
   d. environmental issues
5. Recreation

Old newspaper accounts from the largest daily newspaper in Brooklyn - the Brooklyn Daily Eagle and later the local "Home Talk" and most recently the Home Reporter and the Spectator repeatedly detailed how the ethnic groups worked together, despite language and cultural differences on the above mentioned issues as a single "family".

Section #2
Since President Lyndon Baines Johnson's War on Poverty in the mid-1960's the name Sunset Park had legal standing here. Federal funds provided for us to have a Community Corporation - a body of local residents elected from within the boundaries that I previously set forth.

The Sunset Park community was divided into sub-districts, I believe 8, running like rectangular "boxes" from 8th Avenut to the Waterfront. This is interesting for two reasons. First, from a historical perspective. The early Dutch landholders in Sunset Park had property lines similar to these in the they each wanted access to the waterfront. Each of the major landholdings were thin from north to south and wide from inland to the water. Secondly, the economic strata was such that folks, in the 1960's, had the lowest incomes closest to the waterfront and the incomes rose as you went up the avenues.

This meant that "politically" the electoral process for the Community Corporation included the full range of economic levels. And to a great extent, each district had the full range of ethnicities, of that time: Puerto Rican, Italian, Irish, Polish and Scandinavian (mostly Norwegian, but with large amounts of Finns, Danes and Swedes).

It was truly a democratic process of shared representation of all interests.

The Corporation Council distributed Federal Anti-Poverty funds to "attack" the most important issues of the day.

1. Employment - through the "Manpower" not for profit organization.
2. Youth Services - through the United Puerto Rican Organization (UPROSE)
3. Housing - through the United Negro American Association (UNAA).

One of the most important issues at that time, was helping the residents to understand their name was Sunset Park. It has often been said, "That unless you tell others who you are (define yourself) others will define you and they will do so inaccurately to your detriment".

Through the years we spread the word, including convincing the Brooklyn Public Library to rename the South Branch Library as the Sunset Park Library in 1971.

Our strength come from our community working together under one "flag".

For many years, Sunset Park residents celebrated their diversity with a Parade of Flags down 5th Avenue. The parade would end at OLPH Chuch and the marchers would go up the steps to the balcony overlooking 5th Avenue and wave the flag of their national origins. I remember being concerned as I watched the marchers proudly waving their national flags and waving to friends along the sidewalks, that we were actually encouraging "separation" not unity. But the parade

ended at OLPH Church where the flag bearers marched up the steps to the balcony overlooking 5th Avenue, and put my fears to rest when they spontaneously began chanting "Sunset Park, Sunset Park, Sunset Park".

Section #3
At one point, before the expanded City Council (replacing the Board of Estimate - which failed to follow the Federal mandate of "One person - one vote") Sunset Park was actually divided into 5 separate NYS Assembly Districts. Our political power was non-existant since we were a very small, almost "meaningless" portion of five Assembly Districts.

Being united in one Council District has helped Sunset Park to face current issues with success. Five issues which are clear indications of our united "strength" are:

1. Gaining community access to our waterfront through a ferry/recreation pier at 58th Street and a wonderful Waterfront Park at 43rd Street (stretching to 50th). Our community, all economic ranges & ethnic groups, have more access to our waterfront than there has been for over 80 years.

2. Increased number of schools. While we still need more "seats" we have expanded our number of seats greatly, with nearly a dozen new schools - as a united community.

3. After decades of being the only neighborhood in Brooklyn, and one of only 2 in all of New York City, to not have a neighborhood High School, we now have a Sunset Park High School.

4. We had the power to get the NYC DOT to overturn their 4th Avenue major reconstruction (the first since 1970, when against local protest, the City expanded 4th Avenue to 6 lanes) described by the Brooklyn DOT Commissioner publically as the best plan they had ever put together and replace it with our plan for one of the City's longest "protected" bike lanes. It traverses the entire length of Sunset Park and has made possible extensions in both Bay Ridge and Park Slope.

5. Saving the old 68th Precinct "castle" after the City removed its NYC Landmark Status, in an almost unprecedented action. Our historic building (in addition to its unique architecture was the location where the first female employee of NYPD reported for her initial tour of duty, breaking the gender barrier). This action by the City cleared the path for a developer to profit from his misguided purchase of the building. But the community rose up, united as Sunset Parkers across ethnic and economic lines, and saved the building. The outer walls will now be incorporated in a new public school. Countless students will walk through the historic doorway to achieve the American dream of furthering themselves through education and at the same time "touch" history.

And most recently, the Sunset Park Historic District has been made official, building upon the work of a united community in the late 1980's to have the bulk of Sunset Park's housing recognized as important to maintaining the history of the United States, through inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

None of this would have been possible without our united community having political "power" thanks to ALL of Sunset Park being a part of the same district.

Section #4
The Voting Rights Act of 1965 mandates that the government must keep communities of interest together, they may not be divided (causing a kind of "divide and conquer" attack).

"Community of interest" is a term for groups of people who share common social, cultural, racial, economic, geographic, or other concerns. These groups are likely to have similar legislative interests as well, and that means they can benefit from common representation in the government.

And in addition, districts must be reasonably compact. They should not look like long, skinny, twisting snakes.

To remove our Asian neighbors and declare that Sunset Park's Asians and Sunset Park's Mexican and South & Central

Americans cannot work together with longtime residents of Irish, Italian, Polish and Scandinavian background is wrong.

It is equally wrong to ignore our long history as a diverse community of immigrants. Sunset Park has a been the "Plymouth Rock" of New York. This is where immigrants from many nations, immigrants who can see the Statue of Liberty from their community park, work together to become part of our country and become part of the American tapestry that gets better with every new addition.

To divide Sunset Park would be to put an end to one of America's most successful stories, which symbolically begins with the words of Emma Lazarus “Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”

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From: Dina DiCenso [redacted]
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Writing to support keeping Sunset Park as it is

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I am a resident of Sunset Park (47th St between 5th and 6th Ave) and am disturbed that there is a proposal to break up Sunset Park. This sounds like it will benefit nobody but a developer who wants to steamroll a local, mostly poor, immigrant community. Ms Alex Aviles is the city council person for the district and has been lobbying to keep the community together and I wholly support that.

Regards,
Dina DiCenso, PhD, MSF, FNP

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From: Frankie Correa [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 4:46 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Testimony on behalf of District 38

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Thank you to the commission for the opportunity to write this testimony on behalf of our community.

My name is Frankie Correa. I grew up in Red Hook, Brooklyn which is currently part of District 38. I moved out to Sunset Park in the early 80's when most of the factories, warehouses and shipping yards closed down. I still currently own and live in Sunset Park with my wife and 2 daughters.

When I moved to Sunset Park, It was pretty much the same as Red Hook. It was also a working class community who worked at the factories and warehouses in our waterfront that has recently been replaced by urban retro malls when our government couldn't protect our manufacturing from going overseas.

There have always been strong connections in both Red Hook and Sunset Park who held the line through the 70's 80's & 90's when drugs, gangs and economic neglect ravaged our communities. And we were able to rebuild these two communities under one representation.

Now that these two neighborhoods have been growing and Manhattan is too expensive to live in, there has been a large migration of city dwellers. Developers have been focused on taking over these communities and have been pushing people out. Their focus has been to take over our waterfront but since our communities have a strong opposition and been fortunate enough to have City Council representation to follow the wishes of their constituents. The next important move for the powerful Real Estate industry is to use gerrymandering as a maneuver to weaken our voices out of power and remove those representatives who are willing to fight for the audacity of equality. This is what republicans do to stay in power, District 38 is being dismantled for the benefit of the Real Estate industry not to create Asian representation.

This map redrawing has the characterization plot to divide and conquer and take away the voices of those with little influence. It is not going to represent our working class District 38. First Sunset Park gets separated as a whole from a united front of people of color from Red Hook. Secondly, Sunset Park gets divided in half again by a proposed District 43, designed to create a majority Asian district.

As a National Grid field operation inspector who has been on the job for 34 years, I know these neighborhoods intimately and witnessed the migrations and gentrification of both Brooklyn and Queens. District 38 currently covers part of Bensonhurst which makes no connection sense. If the Commission wants to give the Asian community stronger and full representation, I would suggest the commission create the district east of 9th Ave to Bensonhurst, Dyker Heights and Bath Beach area where the Asian population has migrated and grown tremendously.

You should not break up 2 communities that have binded well together to create another and not give them proper representation.

With this proposed change, most of the new voters in District 38 are going to be from the Bay Ridge area, with a higher AMI (annual median income) who don't share the same socio economic challenges and don't have a connection to what happens to our working waterfront.

Under this proposal, Red Hook would now face the same challenge, as the majority District 39 voters come from the more affluent area of Park Slope where their representative has to choose the influential part of their district which is white high voting with money & power vs low AMI and low voting people of color who rightfully don't trust the representatives to fight for them.

The Gowanus rezoning is an example of divide and conquer. Gowanus is part of District 39 but it's no match for the powerful Real Estate industry with lots of money, influence and patience on the buy & hold long game. Notice how after the Federal superfund, they were able to rezone Gowanus and the City miraculously was able to find shut up money to resolve Gowanus NYCHA issues, just to get their rezoning.

Thank you to the Commission for taking the time to consider my testimony. As a lifelong resident of this district, I understand we must respond to the changes; however this proposal would be a disservice to our community by tearing it apart and combining it with other communities that have very different, racial, social, economic and political differences.

James McBride
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[redacted]
Aug. 11, 2022

Dear Districting Commission:

My name is James McBride. I am the author of several bestselling books, including *The Color of Water*, which is read in schools across America. I received the medal of Arts from President Obama in 2016. I teach at NYU and live in Sunset Park. I was born in Red Hook in 1957. My parents founded New Brown Memorial Baptist Church in Red Hook in 1954. I run a music program there for Red Hook youngsters aged roughly 8 -16. The program is 10 years old.

I recall a lot of Red Hook history, the years when many mothers lost their children to drugs and the Vietnam War, when only artists and city workers, some of whom still live in Red Hook, worked hard to keep our community vibrant as city services vanished and white residents departed. I recall the city councilman who went to jail for attempting to shake down a local developer. I recall our most recent councilman, the one before Alexa Avilas arrived. I live three doors from his office. I never saw him. He was a ghost.

For the first time in decades, we have a councilperson in Alexa Aviles who really represents the community. She is a constant presence who has demonstrated an understanding of the collective needs of our diverse and vibrant community. Red Hook and Sunset Park have always been together. The Vice President of my Sunset Park Coop is Puerto Rican. Like me, she is from Red Hook and still has family and friends there. The Old Timers Day in the Red Hook Houses draws tons of blacks and Latinos every year. The children in my church program have last names like Rodriguez, Rivera, Gonzalez, Linn and Wu. One of our top students is Chinese and just enrolled as a freshman at St. Lawrence in upstate NY. The list of blacks, Latinos and increasingly Chinese residents from Red Hook and Sunset Park bond in ways that are not reported or understood by the media. We are bound by hardship and humanity. The black, Asian, and Latino residents of Red Hook shop in Sunset Park because they can afford it. They know they're not welcome in Park Slope and Carroll Gardens where they serve $15 slices of pizza and $30 glasses of wine. Park Slope doesn't want nor need us. We have different cultures and different needs. Behind this re-districting is, of course, the question of race. Please keep these two communities together to avoid a costly and painful legal fight. Let's show the rest of the nation that New Yorkers know how to get along. Thank you for your time.

Kindest Regards,

James McBride

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From: William Toner [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 7:33 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Maintain or Increase the Proposed Balance Between City Council Districts in Redistricting to Ensure

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Dear NYC Redistricting Commission,

I strongly believe it's imperative that the current City Council redistricting rights the wrongs of the last redistricting and establishes a fair and equal balance in population between districts, to ensure that all New Yorkers have equal voting power and equal representation. The last redistricting left some districts like the 1st and 3rd with 10% more residents than other districts in the city and 5% more than the citywide average, leaving residents of these districts with diminished voting power and significantly underrepresented in the City Council over the last 10 years. That inequality has only grown as populations in some districts like the 3rd have soared, so that district now has over 30% more residents than other districts and 17% more than the citywide average, leaving its residents even more underrepresented and with proportionately less voting power.

The currently proposed new City Council district lines largely correct this glaring inequality, creating new districts with roughly equal populations except those on Staten Island, which would continue to have almost 4.5% fewer residents than the citywide average, and thus have disproportionately more representation and their residents disproportionately more voting power.

As the Redistricting Commission considers further changes to the proposed map, it's imperative that they not decrease the relative balance between district populations, and if anything that balance should be increased, and the current proposed inequalities (while significantly less than 10 years ago) should be further reduced or eliminated. Only this way can we ensure equality of representation and voting power between all New Yorkers, and right the wrongs of the last redistricting, which left some New Yorkers woefully underrepresented.

Regards,
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From: Cherry Ann Avilez [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2022 8:36 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Canarsie Together

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As a resident of canaris it is my firm belief that the entire Canarsie community should remain in one Council District. Breaking up Canarsie, one of the few black homeowner's communities. Please keep Canarsie whole, with doing so this allows the residents to be unified in their efforts to property advocate for the needs of our beloved community.

Cherry-Ann Avilez
[redacted] E 104TH Street, Brooklyn NY 11236

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

As a long time resident and voter from Canarsie, Brooklyn, I strongly urge the Distei ting Commission to keep all of Canarsie from East 108 Street to the east, Ralph Ave to the west, Foster Ave to the north and Shore Parkway to the south-all wholly contained within the 46 Council District. These boundaries would also finally add Rockaway Parkway subway station, and merchant strip, something that our community has been advocating for.

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

Sincerely Cyril J Bynoe and Selma E Bynoe

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VIA Email: (PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov)

Re: Proposed Boundaries of the 47th Council District

Dear Members of the New York City Districting Commission:

It has come to our attention that in the coming year, the Districting Commission will have to draw new borders to reflect certain demographic shits in changes that occurred within the past Ten ("10") years. As such, we took the liberty of reviewing Commission's Preliminary Plan Number 1 which pertains to the borough of Brooklyn and, upon completion of our analysis, we would like to provide the following comments and voice our opinion on the matter.

It is our opinion that current juxtaposition of neighborhoods that make up the 47th Council District does not reflect the reality of the demographics within its respective communities. We are also of the opinion that the Preliminary Plan Number 1 will not serve radically diverse ethnic communities that make up the 47th Council District. Specifically, the 47th Council District encompasses areas of Brighton Beach, Coney Island, Sea Gate, Gravesend, Bath Beach and Bensonhurst. Under new proposal our district would expand further to Dyker Heights, parts of Bay Ridge and Fort Hamilton. Respectfully, this shift is not rooted in logic; therefore, the following changes to the district map must be taken into consideration.

Historically, the communities of Coney Island, Trump Village, Warbasse, Luna Park, Brightwater Towers and Brighton Beach (between Ocean Parkway and Coney Island Avenue) have been represented by the same local civic institutions and have similar interest, demographics and issues. To be more exact, these communities - while being from different countries - share same common nucleus of origin, i.e. they are immigrants from the former Soviet Union republics. Over the years, aforementioned neighborhoods have changed with significant contribution from its citizens. While all of these neighborhoods have over many years experienced a renaissance, the Russian-speaking populous has always been politically underrepresented and current division on the map further divides our complex yet culturally rich community. Our law

firm consists of members who are themselves immigrants from the former Soviet Union and watched our neighborhoods change and blossom since we first landed on the American soil. Notably, Coney Island, Trump Village, Warbasse, Luna Park, Brightwater Towers and Brighton Beach are all part of the Community Board 13, the 60th Police Precinct, 46th Assembly District, 23rd State Senate District and the 8th Congressional District. These neighborhoods are deepely interconnected, culturally / economically and otherwise, and must be a part of one united district that will better serve its communities.

As a business that serves the Russian-speaking communities of various ethnic backgrounds and as residents of the same, we respectfully submit to this Commission that dividing this district in a manner proposed will dimmish voices of the vital part of the community of the City of New York who are not often heard on the issues of public policy and local governance. We trust that this letter will enable you to be guided in the right direction and will lead you to the conclusion which is best suited for our community.

Very Truly Yours,

Dmitry Levitsky, Esq.

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From: Isabel Zhen [redacted]
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My name is _____Isabel Zhen_____. I have lived in Bensonhurst for __6_ years.

My occupation is _____Salesperson ____.

I 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.

The 43% increase in APA population in Brooklyn supports two strong plurality Asian American districts.

I thank the Commission for trying to draw a majority APA district, but to create the one the Commission drew divides the neighborhood of Bensonhurst in 1/3rds and creates a plurality white neighborhood to the detriment of an Asian and Latino longstanding coalition district.

Bensonhurst is currently divided into 4 city council districts. The Asian American community is diluted among these 4 districts with approx. 25% of the APA population in each. Therefore, the Asian American community is NOT getting its fair share of resources because they are approximately ¼ in each District. Keeping the majority of Bensonhurst in one district guarantees the community will get its fair share of resources.
Because our power is diluted, our needs are neglected.

Bensonhurst is a neighborhood. The plurality district is compact. We know the neighborhood. To divide this neighborhood into 1/3rds breaks up a neighborhood that frequents the same stores, restaurants, culturally sensitive services, and transportation lines. It sows conclusion into a community as to who represents them from street to street.

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From: Janet Linde [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2022 11:18 AM
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The currently proposed new City Council district lines largely correct this glaring inequality, creating new districts with roughly equal populations except those on Staten Island, which would continue to have almost 4.5% fewer residents than the citywide average, and thus have disproportionately more representation and their residents disproportionately more voting power.

As the Redistricting Commission considers further changes to the proposed map, it's imperative that they not decrease the relative balance between district populations, and if anything that balance should be increased, and the current proposed inequalities (while significantly less than 10 years ago) should be further reduced or eliminated. Only this way can we ensure equality of representation and voting power between all New Yorkers, and right the wrongs of the last redistricting, which left some New Yorkers woefully underrepresented.

Regards,
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From: [redacted]
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of Canarsie

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To: Chair Walcott and the members of the New York City Redistricting Commission.

As a homeowner, longtime resident and voter from Canarsie, Brooklyn I am strongly urging the Districting Commission to keep all of Canarsie intact. It is imperative that areas east of 108th Street to the East, Ralph Ave to the West, Foster Ave to the North and Shore Parkway to the South, all be contained in the 46th Council district. These boundaries would finally add the Rockaway Parkway station and the merchant strip which the community has been advocating for.
Canarsie is one of the few districts with a high percentage of black homeowners, breaking up this district is a racial injustice and will continue to extract the resources from the black community.
It will disrupt city services and make funding for schools, parks and other vital institutions very challenging.
Finally, I want Canarsie to remain whole and be represented by one member of the City Council.

Sincerely,

Jennifer St. Hill

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From: Leong Cho [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2022 4:36 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Unify Bensonhurst

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My name is Leong Cho. I have lived in Bensonhurst for 20 years.

My occupation is public school teacher.

I 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.

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Sincerely yours,

Leong Cho

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From: Anluo Chen [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 12:11 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support new District 43

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My name is Anluo Chen. My family of four, with 2 kids, have been living in brooklyn for 7 years.

I support the Districting Commission's creation of District 43, the first majority Asian (57%) district in Brooklyn.

The draft map released on July 15, 2022 lives up to the promise of the Voting Rights Act, Section 2 -- accurately reflecting demographic shifts in New York populations while preserving electoral and political power for communities of color.

In particular, the proposal will amply protect the voting power of the growing Asian community.

For decades, Asian residents in Bay Ridge, Sunset Park, Dyker Heights, and Bensonhurst have been splintered across four city council districts, which has diluted our representation and subverted our priorities and concerns.

This new District 43, with 57% of Asians, will better unite and connect the Asian communities and ensure our voices are being heard.

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From: Annie Rong [redacted] >
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 6:08 PM
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My name is Annie Yung. I have been living in brooklyn for 35 years.
My occupation is a Math teacher in public school .
I support the Districting Commission's creation of District 43, the first majority Asian (57%) district in Brooklyn.

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Best,

Annie Yung

DeCillis, Michael

From: dejames1969 [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 3:54 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep Canarsie Hold

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To Whom It May Concern,

As a 20+yr resident and homeowner in Canarsie, Brooklyn. I find it appalling that the amount of work done fixing and improving my house will go to waste with the stroke of a pen. Many if not all homeowners in Canarsie don't want this plan of redistricting to move forward. Who does this help? Surely not homeowners...I VOTE NO FOR REDISTRICTING CANARSIE!

[redacted]

From: Dee [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 6:54 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Canarsie redistributing

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To Chairperson Walcott and the Members of the New York City Redistricting Commission:
I am a longtime resident of Canarsie, Brooklyn. I strongly urge the Commission to keep all of Canarsie from East 108 Street to the East, Ralph Avenue to the west, Foster Avenue to the north, and Shore Parkway to the south, all wholly contained in the 46 th Councilmatic district. These boundaries would also, finally, add the Rockaway Parkway subway station, and merchant strip to our community. Canarsie is a two fare zone, and that subway station is heavily used by Canarsie residents.
Breaking up Canarsie, one of the few Black homeowner districts in New York City, is a racial injustice and further extracts resources from the Black community.This hurts the efforts of many to build generational wealth, by removing potential resources that would be available to an intact Black Community. Fragmenting this community will disrupt city services, and make funding for programs, schools, parks, and other vital institutions very difficult. This community has unique needs and several active, and vibrant civic groups fully invested in our beloved neighborhood.
Please allow Canarsie to remain intact and represented by a single City Councilperson.
Sincerely,
Dolores Waltrous
[redacted] East 79 Street
Brooklyn, New York 11236

Sent from my iPad

[redacted]

From: Gail Silverman [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 8:42 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Map

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Good morning, I currently live on the Upper East Side , I am very upset about the major change that you are trying do. This is only being done because of voting not for the people who wanted buy ,own , live and work .
Why don't you think of the people who live here.
Sent from my iPhone Thank you ,Gail S.

[redacted]

From: Howard Wu [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 7:35 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Unifying Bensonhurst

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My name is Haoyuan Wu. I have lived in Bensonhurst for 7 years.

My occupation is student.

I 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.

The 43% increase in APA population in Brooklyn supports two strong plurality Asian American districts.

I thank the Commission for trying to draw a majority APA district, but to create the one the Commission drew divides the neighborhood of Bensonhurst in 1/3rds and creates a plurality white neighborhood to the detriment of an Asian and Latino longstanding coalition district.

Bensonhurst is currently divided into 4 city council districts. The Asian American community is diluted among these 4 districts with approx. 25% of the APA population in each. Therefore, the Asian American community is NOT getting its fair share of resources because they are approximately ¼ in each District. Keeping the majority of Bensonhurst in one district guarantees the community will get its fair share of resources.
Because our power is diluted, our needs are neglected.

Bensonhurst is a neighborhood. The plurality district is compact. We know the neighborhood. To divide this neighborhood into 1/3rds breaks up a neighborhood that frequents the same stores, restaurants, culturally sensitive services, and transportation lines. It sows conclusion into a community as to who represents them from street to street.

[redacted]

From: Jackie Huang [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 12:07 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of the new map for district 43.

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My name is Jackie Huang . I have lived/worked in brooklyn for 17 years.

My occupation is lawyer.

I support the Districting Commission's creation of District 43, the first majority Asian (57%) district in Brooklyn.

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Best,
Jackie Huang

[redacted]

From: Jessie [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 6:13 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support new District 43

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[redacted]

From: Jessie Chu [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 6:25 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] support new District 43

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From: Xiang Dong [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 6:17 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] support new District 43

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My name is John. I have been living in Brooklyn for 8 years. I'm self employee. I support the Districting Commission's creation of District 43, the first majority Asian (57%) district in Brooklyn.

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[redacted]

From: hong [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 6:10 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support new District 43

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Hi,

My name is Joy Chen. I have been living in brooklyn for over 10 years.
My occupation is nurse.
I support the Districting Commission's creation of District 43, the first majority Asian (57%) district in Brooklyn.

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Thanks!

Best regards,
Joy

[redacted]

From: Xiaolin wu [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 11:51 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Unifying Bensonhurst

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My name is Kelyy Wu. I have lived in Bensonhurst for 4 years.

My occupation is student.

I 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.

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I thank the Commission for trying to draw a majority APA district, but to create the one the Commission drew divides the neighborhood of Bensonhurst in 1/3rds and creates a plurality white neighborhood to the detriment of an Asian and Latino longstanding coalition district.

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[redacted]

From: kenny li [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 7:27 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support new District 43!!👍🏻🏻🏻🏻

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My name is Kenny Li. I have been living in Brooklyn for 27 years.
My occupation is usps.
I've been a voter for 23 years now.

I support the Districting Commission's creation of District 43, the first majority Asian (57%) district in Brooklyn.

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Sincerely,

Kenny

[redacted]

From: Larry Zhao [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 7:35 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Unifying Bensonhurst

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My name is Larry Zhao. I have lived in Bensonhurst for more than 15 years.

My occupation is realtor.

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Sent from my iPhone

[redacted]

From: Association Health Essential [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 10:33 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am strong to Support New D43

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This is Lina. I have been living in brooklyn for 17 years.

I know this community is very well. I did so many event in this area over 10 years. I know this New District 43 is very important for Asian.

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Lina Chen

[redacted]

From: cui guoqi [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 12:45 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support New D43

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To NYC Districting Commission:

My name is Linda Cui. I have been living in brooklyn for 13 years.

My occupation is a worker.

I support the Districting Commission's creation of District 43, the first majority Asian (57%) district in Brooklyn.

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I strongly support the new D43.

Linda Cui

[redacted]

From: Lining He [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 1:38 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony

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My name is Lining He. I have been living in brooklyn for 8 years.

My occupation is an economist.

I support the Districting Commission's creation of District 43, the first majority Asian (57%) district in Brooklyn.

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Regards,
Lining

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[redacted]

From: bao liu [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 12:45 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] To support the Districting Commission's creation of District 43

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My name is louie Liu, I have been living in brooklyn for 30 years.

My occupation is small business owner

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Thanks for your understanding!

Louie Liu

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From: MARGARITA KAGAN [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 2:56 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter with request

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Dear Members of NYC Districting Commission!

I, Margarita Kagan, President of the American Association of Jews from the Former USSR, a non-for-profit organization, representing thousands of Russian speaking Jewish immigrants.

Many 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 currently 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 share similar demographics, interests, problems and issues, socioeconomic status. 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 47th Council 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.

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!

Margarita Kagan,

President, American Association of Jews from the Former USSR

Tel: 7[redacted]

Email: [redacted]

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From: Micheline Faublas [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 8:53 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Canarsie, Brooklyn, NY

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To Chair Walcott and Members of the NYC Redistricting Commission

As a resident of Canarsie, I strongly urge and firmly believe that the entire Canarsie community should remain in one Council District. Breaking up Canarsie, one of few Black homeowner districts in NYC, is a racial injustice and further extracts resources from the Black community. Splitting up Canarsie into several Council Districts would deny residents of the fair, effective, and consolidated representation we deserve in the City Council.

Keeping Canarsie whole will allow residents to be unified in their efforts to properly advocate for the needs of our beloved community.

I want Canarsie to remain whole and represented by a singular member of the City Council.

Micheline Faublas
[redacted] Ave L
Brooklyn, NY 11236

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From: Tong Li [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 2:29 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support New D43

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My name is Michelle Li. I have been living in brooklyn for 6 years.

My occupation is a assistant.

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From: Peggy Jung [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 3:43 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Unify Bensonhurst

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My name is Peggy Jung. I have lived in Bensonhurst Brooklyn for over 50 years.

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

The 43% increase in APA population in Brooklyn supports two strong plurality Asian American districts.

I thank the Commission for trying to draw a majority APA district, but to create the one the Commission drew divides the neighborhood of Bensonhurst in 1/3rds and creates a plurality white neighborhood to the detriment of an Asian and Latino long standing coalition district.

Creating two strong APA plurality districts is a win-win situation. This will better serve the residents of these two communities. This commission must remember the American Revolution. The United States became a nation because it rebelled against British rule because of taxation without representation. The Asians in Bensonhurst are in the same situation. Bensonhurst is a unique community of a large immigrant population that for a long time have not had representation.
The intention of those responsible to represent this community have not concentrated on this population. Their area of coverage is so large that he/she must choose which area to concentrate on.

Bensonhurst is currently divided into 4 council districts. The Asian American community is diluted among 4 districts with approximately 25% of theAPA population in each. Therefore, the Asian American community is NOT getting its fair share of resources because they are approximately 1/4 in each District. Keeping the majority of Bensonhurst in one district guarantees the community will get its fair share of resources.

Because our power is diluted, our needs are neglected. Our request for a program to assist permanent residents to become citizens was denied.

We need someone we can turn to to address our needs and listen to our concerns. We need one representative for Bensonhurst.

Please create the two strong plurality districts in Brooklyn, so the neighborhoods in Sunset Park and Bensonhurst can each be strong and not undercut one another.

Peggy Jung
[redacted] 81 St
Brooklyn NY 11214

[redacted]

From: 林 青 [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 1:07 PM
To: Public Testimony

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My name is Qing Lin. I have been living in brooklyn for 13 years.

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From: Rainy Su [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 11:11 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Unifying Bensonhurst

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My name is Rainy Su. I have lived in Bensonhurst for around twenty years.

My occupation is HealthCare Navigator.

I 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.

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Sincerely,

Rainy Su

[redacted]

From: Peggy & Roy Jung [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 8:09 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Unity Bensonhurst

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My name is Roy Jung. I have been a resident of Bensonhurst Brooklyn for the past 30 years.

The Bensonhurst community is a melting pot community comprised with a 43% Asian population. Unfortunately, representation from NYC is minimal. I feel that we are treated like second class citizens. That is if we are considered as citizens. When someone is running for office they look for our support. Once elected we are forgotten and their efforts are directed towards other communities.

I sometimes wonder if is it because Asians are normally quiet non attention seeking people. We DO NOT cause problems. We DO NOT have violent demonstrations. We DO NOT destroy other peoples' property. We DO NOT riot.

What we do is blend in with American society. Educate ourselves and our children. Our actions are a reflection on our family and our race.

Treat everyone with respect. As children we were taught that our actions are a reflection on our family and our race.

What is important for our community is to have one person represent only Bensonhurst. Therefore, we can get representation for Bensonhurst only. Our representative can devote his/her needs to Bensonhurst. Every Community has needs and our representative will be aware of our needs.

We do not want to be the forgotten people. With all the hate crimes in NYC against Asians, I want NYC to be aware that Asian lives also matter.

Please create the two strong plurality districts in Brooklyn, so the APA neighborhoods in Sunset Park and Bensonhurst can each be strong and not undercut one another.

Roy Jung
[redacted] 81 St
Brooklyn NY 11214

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From: sin James [redacted] >
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 2:05 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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No redistricting in district 51 for canarsie Brooklyn. I am a home owner in canarsie Brooklyn NY I want to keep canarsie whole no changes in our district to effect prices on our homes

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From: Susan W [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 11:12 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Unifying Bensonhurst

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My name is Susan Huang. I have lived in Bensonhurst for 10 years.

My occupation is home health aide.

I 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.

The 43% increase in APA population in Brooklyn supports two strong plurality Asian American districts.

I thank the Commission for trying to draw a majority APA district, but to create the one the Commission drew divides the neighborhood of Bensonhurst in 1/3rds and creates a plurality white neighborhood to the detriment of an Asian and Latino longstanding coalition district.

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Because our power is diluted, our needs are neglected.

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From: susan zhuang [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 1:51 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support D43

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To whom may concern,
My name is Susan Zhuang. I have been living in Bensonhurst for 12 years.

I support the Districting Commission's creation of District 43, the first majority Asian (57%) district in Brooklyn.

The draft map released on July 15, 2022 lives up to the promise of the Voting Rights Act, Section 2
-- accurately reflecting demographic shifts in New York populations while preserving electoral and political power for communities of color.
In particular, the proposal will amply protect the voting power of the growing Asian community.

For decades, Asian residents in Bay Ridge, Sunset Park, Dyker Heights, and Bensonhurst have been splintered across four city council districts, which has diluted our representation and subverted our priorities and concerns.
This new District 43, with 57% of Asians, will better unite and connect the Asian communities and ensure our voices are being heard.

All the best,
Susan Zhuang

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From: he lining [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 4:16 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony

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My name is Troy He. I have been living in Brooklyn all my life. I am a college student.

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Regards,
Troy

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From: Vivian Xu [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 11:05 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support New D43

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Dear sir/madam,

My name is Vivian Xu. I have been living in brooklyn for more than 10 years.

My occupation is RN - Registered Nurse.

I support the Districting Commission's creation of District 43, the first majority Asian (57%) district in Brooklyn.

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Thank you very much for continuing supporting our community!

Sincerely,
Vivian

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From: wei fen chen [redacted]
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To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support New D43

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My name is Wei Fen Chen.I have been living in brooklyn for 30 years.

I support the Districting Commission's creation of District 43, the first majority Asian (57%) district in Brooklyn.

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My name is Weiting Wu. I have lived in Bensonhurst for 7 years.

My occupation is Uber Driver.

I 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.

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From: sam ni [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 6:05 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] [SUSPECTED SPAM] I support new District 43。

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My name is XUHUI NI. I have been living in brooklyn for 15 years.
My occupation is samll business.
I support the Districting Commission's creation of District 43, the first majority Asian (57%) district in Brooklyn.

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ARMEL SEJOUR

[redacted] E. 101 Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236 | [redacted]

August 21, 2022

Dear Chair Walcott and Members of the New York City Redistricting Commission:

As a 10-year resident of Canarsie, I am writing to request that the current composition of the Canarsie community remains status quo. I firmly believe that the entire Canarsie community should remain in one (1) Council District. Breaking up Canarsie, one of the few Black homeowner districts in New York City, is a racial injustice and further extracts resources from the Black community. This hurts the efforts of many to build generational wealth, by maintaining homes through generations of families.

In conclusion, I cast my vote for Canarsie to remain whole and represented by a singular member of the City Council.

Sincerely,

Armel Sejour

[redacted]

From: Brenda Cox [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 3:45 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] REDISTRICTING OF CANARSIE

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

As a resident of Canarsie, it is my firm belief that the entire Canarsie community should remain in one Council District. Breaking up Canarsie, one of the few Black homeowner districts in New York City, is a racial injustice and further extracts resources from the Black community. This hurts the efforts of many to build generational wealth, by maintaining homes through generations of families. As such, I want Canarsie to remain whole and represented by a singular member of the City Council.

Respectfully,
Brenda Cox
[redacted] East 84th St,
Brooklyn N.Y. 11236

[redacted]

From: Chesterton Estwick [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 7:18 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Redistributing commission

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

As a longtime resident and voter from Canarsie Brooklyn, I strongly urge the Districting Commission to keep all of Canarsie from East 108th Street to the east, Ralph Avenue to the west, Foster Avenue to the north and Shore Parkway to the south - all wholly contained within the 46th Council District. These boundaries would also finally add the Rockaway Parkway subway station, and merchant strip, something that our community has been advocating for.

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

Chesterton Estwick
[redacted] Avenue M
Brooklyn, NY 11236

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~ *Shevon*

Every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future - unknown
Treat people the way you want to be treated - unknown

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From: Christine Blackmore [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 12:04 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please keep our community together

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Chair Walcott and Members of the New York Redistricting Commission,
I've lived in Canarsie for almost three decades and came to live here because I wanted a respite from noise and chaos. Although some things have changed, some for the worse, but mostly for the better, I strongly urge the Districting Commission to be kept in one Council District.
Our Civic groups are active and I'm an active member. I would like Canarsie to be represented by one City Council member.
Sincerely,
Christine Blackmore
[redacted] Flatlands 5th St,
Brooklyn, NY 11236

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From: Christopher Greif [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 7:21 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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Please keep dist 47 as it was today
show us better map we need more ADA ACCESSABLE MAP

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CHRISTOPHER D.GREIF

New York City Transit Riders Council
(NYCTRC Executive Committee)

Long Island Railroad ADA Taskforce

New York City Transit's Advisory Committee on Transit Accessibility (ACTA)

&

Subcommittee Chairperson
Technology & Information on the (ACTA)

Member Rail Users Network - RUN

Vice Chairperson Brooklyn DD Council

Brooklyn Family Support Service Advisory Council

Corresponding Secretary

&

Chairperson Outreach

New York Advocate for Disability

Chrisgreif@yahoo.com

CELLPHONE [redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 11:23 AM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Canarsie Redistricting.

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To Chair Walcott and Members of the NYC Redistricting Commission, As a longtime resident (27+years) and voter from Canarsie, Bklyn, I strongly urge the Commission to keep all of Canarsie from East 108th Street to the east, Ralph Avenue to the west, Foster Avenue to the north and Shore Pkway to the south all wholly contained within the 46th Council District. These boundaries would also finally add the Rockaway Pkway subway station, and merchant strip. Willfully splitting up Canarsie into several Council Districts would deny residents of the fair, effective, and consolidated representation we deserve in the City Council. Canarsie should remain whole and be represented by a singular member of the City Council. Cynthia Thompson. [redacted]
East 101st Street, Bklyn, NY 11236

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[redacted]

From: Daffodil Samuel-Grant [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 9:35 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Canarsie, Brooklyn, Redistricting

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Sincerely,
Daffodil Samuel-Grant
[redacted] E 89th St
Brooklyn. NY 11236

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From: Shen [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 6:30 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] David Shen Testimony on proposed districts 2022

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Hello Commissioners,
I'm David Shen, I recently moved to Sunset Park, and have lived in NYC for 6 years. I am part of South Brooklyn Mutual Aid, Parent Child Relationship, and Democratic Socialists of America, but of course my testimony only speaks for myself.

The proposed maps have 1 extremely problematic attribute. It consolidates Sunset Park Chinese voters, which while at surface level seems good, but I would claim it dilutes the effective voice of Chinese voters. There are many options that give Sunset Park Chinese voters effective voices in 2 districts, instead of lumping them all into one.

Thank you for considering.
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Shen

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From: Diana Gonzalez [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 3:26 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on proposed Brooklyn council districts 38 and 39

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I submit my testimony as a Windsor Terrace resident, a Latina, and as the Democratic county committee member representing AD 44 ED 034.

I ask that the entire neighborhood of Windsor Terrace be contained in a single district. Over the past decade, and again in the Commission's most recent draft map, a small slice of my neighborhood has been improperly drawn into the 38th district. I recommend that the border between the 38th and 39th districts go from McDonald Ave to 20th St, to 7th Ave, to the Prospect Expressway, to Prospect Ave.

At the very least, please respect the fact that the western border of Windsor Terrace is 8th Avenue, that maintaining the contiguity of our neighborhood is both your mandate and, given the low population density of the area, not particularly difficult.

I also add my voice to the chorus decrying the elimination of a Latino city council district in Brooklyn. To erase Latino representation in the service of adding Asian representation is to pit underrepresented communities against each other, which is what oppressors do. Be better.

Diana González
[redacted] Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, NY 11215

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From: Drew Johnson [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 7:17 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of the Canarsie Area

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Hello,

I have been a resident of the Canarsie area and a homeowner here since 2003. I have seen a great deal of changes since then, but it has always remained Canarsie. I had always told my wife that Canarsie was the only neighborhood in Brooklyn I would relocate to, and incidentally we used to live in a two-bedroom apartment in East Flatbush, which the redistricting would place us back into.

As an amateur historian, I have done research into the area and why it is named Canarsie, which is after the Native American community who used to reside here. There is still even some evidence of the Dutch influence in this area, such as the street Varken's Hook. This area is not East Flatbush...it was and should remain Canarsie. And I am not even talking about the property value factor as much as the historical factor.

I am very familiar with the 2020 Census cycle and I know the value of an accurate count.
However, I don't think that count should necessitate such drastic changes. Redistricting this area would drastically change the dynamic of this neighborhood. Those who have been priced out of Manhattan have come to Brooklyn. I think this change would bring more of the bad element here and less of the positive element. This area would over time devolve into another Brownsville or East New York, which are our nearest neighboring areas and which have both had bad reputations over the years. Even mentioning those names invokes negativity when speaking them out loud. Canarsie has never been that way.

I was not able to register in time to attend in person or virtually, however I wanted to make my case to leave things as they are. I am a homeowner in the affected area and would like to continue to be so. I have always been a forward-thinking person and I've lived in East Flatbush before as I mentioned. It was not altogether a pleasant experience and I sincerely hope I will not be living in East Flatbush again.

Sincerely,
Drew L. Johnson

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From: gary gao [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 2:49 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support new District 43

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My name is Kevin Gao. I have been living in brooklyn for 40_ years.
My occupation is contractor.
I support the Districting Commission's creation of District 43, the first majority Asian (57%) district in Brooklyn.

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From: G George [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 12:23 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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

Respectfully,

Gi bert M George
[redacted] East 102 St
Brooklyn
NY 11236.

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From: Ginette Rousseau Peterson [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 4:10 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CANARSIE BROOKLYN

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AS A RESIDENT OF THE CANARSIE DISTRICT FOR OVER 30 YEARS I AM AGAINST THE CANARSIE AREA NOT STAYING WHOLE. I DO NOT WANT OUR MAPPED AREA BEING REDRAWN OR DIVIDED. THIS ACTION WOULD NOT ADD ANYTHING POSITIVE TO THE CANARSIE COMMUNITY ,ELECTORAL VOTES, POLITICAL INTERESTS, LEGISLATIVE BODIES AND THE VALUE OF THE HOMES OF HOMEOWNERS.

REDISTRICTING or REDLINING IS NEVER IN FAVOR OF THE PEOPLE OF THAT COMMUNITY.

I THANK NYC COUNCIL MEMBER MERCEDES NARCISSE FOR ALWAYS KEEPING US INFORMED AND FIGHTING FOR CANARSIE.

RESPECTFULLY,
A CONCERNED CANARSIE RESIDENT
GRPETERSON
Sent from Mail for Windows

August 15, 2022

Sent via E-Mail: PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov

District Commission
253 Broadway, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear NYC Districting Commission:

My name is Jacqueline Rogers, and I am a resident of the Edgemere community. My neighborhood rests within the 31st Councilmanic district and shares representation with the communities of Arverne, Edgemere, Far Rockaway, Rosedale, Laurelton, and Springfield Gardens.

I write in response to the recently published Preliminary Map issued by the Commission and ask that the Commission revisit district 31 by drawing the lines in accordance with https://districtr.org/plan/138582. This map, I truly believe reflects a district that will meet the established criteria for communities of interest.

While the Commission's Preliminary Lines thankfully reunified JFK Airport and kept the Rockaway Peninsula intact, we'd like to ensure the current Springfield Gardens community is restored into our district, returning Ozone Park to Council District 32. By making these adjustments, the communities represented by the 31st district will remain contiguous and ensure our voices are not diminished.

This district was created in the 1990s to give a voice to what has historically been marginalized communities. Our communities are comprised largely of homeowners, as well as five NYCHA developments that work collectively in the interests of a safer, cleaner community. Several of the NYCHA developments in Rockaway are a part of a consolidation, including the Hammels Houses and Carlton Manor, and Beach 41st Street and Ocean Side NYCHA Houses, respectively. This consolidation is a cost saving mechanism for the NYCHA and having once Council Member represent the interests of our residents is critical in seeing results.

Whether it be around schools, property taxes, environmental justice, transportation, and healthcare access, from the mainland to the Peninsula, we have banded together on many occasions to win greater representation changing our district could heavily diminish our voice in a time we are beginning to realize progress.

We are a coastal community that enjoy the beautiful Rockaway Beach and Jamaica Bay. When Superstorm Sandy and Hurricane Ida devastated our communities, we shared similar damage and impact. The same can be said for the Covid-19 pandemic. We were hit first and hardest. It was our collective voices that ensured we were connected to much needed PPE supplies, testing and vaccination sites.

Additionally, the JFK International Airport is a major regional economic engine for this district. It also impacts our quality of life most directly. It makes the most sense to restore the entire airport within the 31st district.

In summary, I implore the NYC Districting Commission to keep adopt https://districtr.org/plan/138582 as the lines for the 31st Council District. We should not disrupt communities that have historically been united.

Sincerely,

J acqueline R ogers_____
(Signature)

Jacqueline Rogers_____
(Name Printed)

[redacted] Beach Channel Drive
(Address)

Far Rockaway, NY 11691
(City, State and Zip)

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From: bing chen [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 2:09 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Unifying Bensonhurst

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My name is lucy Chen. I have lived in Bensonhurst for 4 years.

My occupation is secretary.

I 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.

The 43% increase in APA population in Brooklyn supports two strong plurality Asian American districts.

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Grand Builder Contracting Inc.
[redacted] W13th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11223
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: M George [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 1:13 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Dear Chair Walcott and Members of the New York City Redistricting Commission.

The preliminary map which tears a hole in the heart of Canarsie is unacceptable to me as a resident of Canarsie. A fragmented Canarsie will disrupt city services, and make funding for programs, schools, parks and other vital institutions very difficult

Canarsie is a community with unique needs, and several active and vibrant community and civic groups who are comprised by people who are fully invested in doing what is best for our. beloved neighborhood. Keeping Canarsie whole will allow residents to be unified in their efforts to properly advocate for the needs of our beloved community.

Respectfully,

Madge A. George
[redacted] East 102 St,
Brooklyn,
New York 11236

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From: FcnA [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 2:43 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Canarsie community leader testimony

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Dear Chair Walcott and members of New York City redistricting commission.

My name is Maria Garrett I live in Canarsie Brooklyn, I am.
the President of the Fresh Creek Civic Association. As a resident for 27 years and community leader I know first hand the importance of keeping a community whole.

The propose lines in Canarsie will split the community leaving most of the 46th council district without a subway line one library also it would takeaway our commercial corridor, which is important to the Canarsie residents.

Regards,
Maria Garrett

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From: Marie Harris [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 7:30 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition of new district 46

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Hello board of commissioners. My name is Marie Harris and I have been a Canarsie resident since 1994 when my parents bought their house on East 84th and Seaview avenue. I loved my neighborhood from the moment we arrived. I saw my parents worked so hard to give my 3 sisters and myself a better environment to live in. I appreciated it so much that I remained in Canarsie and am a homeowner myself now in East 101 st between ave L and M. I have been raising my 2 children here as well. They have gone to the schools, we've gone as a family to the church, library, park and supermarket. We've ridden the bus and taken the L train into the city. We have taken pride that Canarsie is a wonderful place to say we reside in. I am in opposition in the new district 46 that is being proposed. We are all part of Canarsie and it should remain the way it has been. We've earned that right to be included in district 46. It would have a severe impact for so many to separate Canarsie. I ask that you please allow us to remain as one whole Canarsie community.

Thank you.

Marie Harris

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From: Marie Pierrot [redacted] >
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To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Canarsie

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

Name
Marie Pierrot
[redacted] Ave M

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 10:11 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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

Canarsie is a community of many cultures and I have been living here for 25 years. I strongly urge the Districting Commission to keep all of Canarsie from East 108th Street to the East, Ralph Avenue to the West, Foster Avenue to the south. These areas contained within the 46th Council District. These boundaries which also included Rockaway Parkway subway station and merchant strip, something our community has been advocating for many years.

Splitting up Canarsie into several Council Districts would deny residents of fair, effective and representation we deserve in the City Council.

Thanking you in advance to keep (hold) Canarsie with its present position on the map.

My name is MAUREEN LEWIS
ADDRESS: [redacted] AVENUE L
BROOKLYN, NY 11236

[redacted]

From: Michael Williams [redacted] >
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 3:08 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Canarsie

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Michael Williams
[redacted] Avenue M
Brooklyn NY 11236

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 1:43 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Dear Chair Walcott and Members of the NYC Redistricting Commission,

As a longtime resident of Canarsie (27+ years) I am strongly against splitting the Canarsie community, but I am wholeheartedly in support of keeping it as one council district. I have seen the growth of Black homeowners in Canarsie over the years and feel its racially motivated to separate our community at this time. This is something we have worked hard for and want to keep through generations. I would like to see Canarsie stay as one represented by a singular member of the City Council.

Thank you.

Regards,
Nancy Montgomery
[redacted] Avenue L
Brooklyn, NY 11236

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From: Pauline T [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 5:16 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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Sincerely,
Pauline Thomas
[redacted] E. 100th
Brooklyn, NY 11236

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

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From: 305301138 [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 2:40 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support new District 43

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Hi,

My name is Richard Chen. I have been living in brooklyn for over 10 years.
My occupation is nurse.
I support the Districting Commission's creation of District 43, the first majority Asian (57%) district in Brooklyn.

The draft map released on July 15, 2022 lives up to the promise of the Voting Rights Act, Section 2
-- accurately reflecting demographic shifts in New York populations while preserving electoral and political power for communities of color.
In particular, the proposal will amply protect the voting power of the growing Asian community.

For decades, Asian residents in Bay Ridge, Sunset Park, Dyker Heights, and Bensonhurst have been splintered across four city council districts, which has diluted our representation and subverted our priorities and concerns.
This new District 43, with 57% of Asians, will better unite and connect the Asian communities and ensure our voices are being heard.

Thanks!

Best regards,
Richard

[redacted]

From: Richard Mei [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 9:41 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Unifying Bensonhurst

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Richard Mei. I have lived in Bensonhurst for 26 years.

My occupation is an airlines sales and marketing manager.

I 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.

The 43% increase in APA population in Brooklyn supports two strong plurality Asian American districts.

I thank the Commission for trying to draw a majority APA district, but to create the one the Commission drew divides the neighborhood of Bensonhurst in 1/3rds and creates a plurality white neighborhood to the detriment of an Asian and Latino longstanding coalition district.

Bensonhurst is currently divided into 4 city council districts. The Asian American community is diluted among these 4 districts with approx. 25% of the APA population in each. Therefore, the Asian American community is NOT getting its fair share of resources because they are approximately ¼ in each District. Keeping the majority of Bensonhurst in one district guarantees the community will get its fair share of resources. Because our power is diluted, our needs are neglected.

Bensonhurst is a neighborhood. The plurality district is compact. We know the neighborhood. To divide this neighborhood into 1/3rds breaks up a neighborhood that frequents the same stores, restaurants, culturally sensitive services, and transportation lines. It sows conclusion into a community as to who represents them from street to street.

Regards,

Richard

[redacted]

From: Serge Jean-Baptiste [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 2:25 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Redistricting

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This community is invested in doing what is best for the neighborhood. Keeping Canarsie intact will allow for maintenance of homes through generations of families. Most importantly, residents would not be denied fair, effective and consolidated representation in the City Council.

I want Canarsie to remain whole and represented by a singular member of the City Council.

Sincerely,
Serge Jean-Baptiste
[redacted] East 78th Street
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Sherille Abraham [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 1:43 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testifying Against the Re-Districting of Canarsie

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Sincerely,

Sherille Walker
[redacted] Avenue M
Brooklyn, NY 11236

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From: Sonia Jean-Baptiste [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 2:23 PM
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From: Susan Altman [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 8:48 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] A better plan for southern Brooklyn

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

The first round of maps presented by the Commission completely divides historic communities of interest – especially in southern Brooklyn. For your consideration, here are two alternate versions of maps that would create a majority Asian council district in southern Brooklyn while also keeping much of Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights, Bath Beach, and Bensonhurst together. Both of these maps maintain cohesion of historic communities of interest, preserve both emerging and enduring ethnic and religious enclaves, and overlap significantly with other existing relevant city agency boundaries including School District 20, Community Board 10, the 68th Police Precinct, and DSNY Garage 10. This further demonstrates the importance of keeping these long-standing communities of interest together in the same council district.

Proposed Map 1- https://districtr.org/plan/136695

Proposed Map 2- https://districtr.org/plan/136694

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From: Susan Frances [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 12:11 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Map of new City Council Districts

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Dear NYC Districting Commission,

I firmly disagree with the present proposal for City Council districts. It is haphazard and does not link communities that share common interests.

City Council districts should be based on Community Boards and the individual focal points within the communities that bring its residents together.

For instance in Brooklyn, the Verrazzano Bridge, Ceasar's Bay, Shore Road Promenade, Prospect Expressway, and the B1 and B9 buses bring together Community Boards 10, 11, 12, and 13. Prospect Park and Atlantic Center bring together Community Boards 6, 7, 8, 9, and 14. The Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges and parks link Community Boards 1, 2, 3, and 4. The Belt Parkway, Gateway Plaza and Marine Park bring together Community Boards 5, 15, 16, 17, and 18.

You have City Council districts that are made at random and do not link its residents with shared interests. You need to do better at representing our communities shared interests.

Respectfully,
Susan Frances

NYC Districting Commission
Hum Testimony re: South Brooklyn
August 21, 2022

My name is Tarry Hum and I am a professor and chair of the Urban Studies Department at Queens College and a member of the Graduate Center doctoral faculty at the City University of New York. I am an urban planner and I have published numerous essays in venues such as *Gotham Gazette: The Place for New York Policy and Politics* and *Progressive City* on land use and rezonings particularly of industrial waterfront neighborhoods, and the gentrification of NYC's diverse immigrant communities including Brooklyn's Sunset Park. I appreciate the opportunity to testify before the NYC Districting Commission in support of the Unity Plan and in particular, the plan's proposal for two Asian opportunity districts in Brooklyn – Council Districts 38 and 47.

My relationship to Sunset Park is not only as an academic planner but it is the neighborhood that my family moved to in 1974 during a time when Sunset Park was designated a federal poverty area and the city was still in the midst of a fiscal crisis. My working class parents – my dad worked in an industrial laundry in Greenpoint, Brooklyn and in Chinese restaurants on the weekends, and my mother in Manhattan Chinatown's garment factories – were able to put a down payment on a modest two family rowhouse in Sunset Park. We were among the first Chinese families in the 8th Avenue area which is now a concentrated commercial core often referred to as Brooklyn's Chinatown. My father continues to reside in our family home so my relationship to the neighborhood covers nearly five decades (and counting).

Based on my deep ties to Sunset Park and my observations of transformative growth and change over the past decades, I wrote a book titled *Making a Global Immigrant Neighborhood: Brooklyn's Sunset Park* published by Temple University Press in 2014. My book received an honorable mention for the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)'s Paul Davidoff Book Award in 2015. The ACSP honorable mention is especially meaningful to me because Paul Davidoff (1930-1984) founded advocacy planning which is a planning approach informed and led by community residents rather than planning and policy experts. Moreover, Davidoff's planning practice was centered on challenging exclusionary zoning regulations that created and maintained racial residential segregation.

My Sunset Park book documents the evolution of a majority Asian-Latinx community in one of the city's last remaining industrial waterfront neighborhoods and elaborates on the shared socioeconomic conditions and experiences of neighborhood residents. The commonalities among Sunset Park's Asian and Latinx populations persist and is evidenced by the 2020 American Community Survey 5 year estimates data on median household income, % of households with incomes below the poverty level, and % of renters.

In Sunset Park, the median household income for Asians and Latinx is comparable at $50,247 and $49,908, respectively. The median household income for Asians in Bensonhurst is $11,000 higher at $61,676. Poverty levels also indicate a shared socioeconomic profile among Sunset Park's Asian and Latinx populations at 24% and 27%, respectively, compared to the poverty level for Asians in Bensonhurst at 13%. Finally, Sunset Park residents are more likely to be renters compared to Bensonhurst residents.

As experienced throughout the city's working class neighborhoods, market-driven residential and commercial development in Sunset Park leads to housing precarity for working class families and the proliferation of substandard housing including SROs and basement units. I have researched how Industry City – a massive 6 million square feet luxury retail and office campus on the Sunset Park waterfront – has catalyzed the speculative rise in property values and real estate transactions that have displaced industrial businesses including garment factories that employed hundreds of Chinese workers.

In light of the City Council's jurisdiction over land use, development, and zoning regulations, and budgetary decisions affecting infrastructure including parks and open space, transportation, affordable housing, workforce development, and human and social services, the shared interests of a working class, working poor Asian and Latinx community is best advocated for in a district that keeps all of Sunset Park's neighbors together in City Council District 38. The Unity Plan keeps Sunset Park whole and intact in Council District 38 with an adjusted eastern boundary defined by Fort Hamilton Parkway at 36th Street and 11th Avenue from 54th to 66th Streets.

Fair districts are the foundation for fair representation. Council District 38 has evolved into an Asian opportunity district as evidenced in the 2021 elections during which Mr. Yu Lin received the second highest number of votes in all five rounds of rank choice voting. Mr. Lin's strong performance indicates that Asian voters in the district have the opportunity to cast a vote for the candidate of their choice.

The Unity Plan proposes a second Asian opportunity district -- Council District 47 -- which unites Bensonhurst (currently divided into three separate districts) with Gravesend into a new and compact district. Given the dramatic demographic growth of Brooklyn's Asian population which increased by 43% in the past decade, there is opportunity for two Asian plurality districts. I strongly support the Unity Plan's proposal to keep Sunset Park whole and intact in Council District 38 and Bensonhurst whole and intact in Council District 47.

The opportunity to draw fair districts only comes once every 10 years. If we don't get this right, our communities will have to live with the consequences for the next decade.

Thank you again and thanks to the many partners including the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund who are in this fight for fair maps and fair representation.

[redacted]

From: Venetia Brown-Campbell [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 1:57 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testifying Against the Re-Districting of Canarsie

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> Sincerely,
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> Venetia Brown-Campbell
> [redacted] Avenue M
> Brooklyn, NY 11236

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From: Vincent [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 7:33 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written testimony to support new District 43 map

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Dear NYC Districting Commission,

It was my pleasure to present my testimony in-person at Medgar Evers College this afternoon to support the new District 43 map released on July 15, 2022. I thank you for drafting this majority Asian district in Brooklyn, a first of such in decades. Our community has shown overwhelming support (over 7,500 signatures collected from local residents) for this map, for a real chance to elect an official that shares our values, the value of our community. Please see below for the complete written testimony for your reference.

Good afternoon. My name is Vincent Lu. I'm a long-time local resident of Sunset Park. I'm here to speak for myself, my family and my Chinese community in Sunset Park. We are the real stakeholders who are directly impacted by this redistricting effort.

First, I would like to say thank you to the Districting Commission for proposing the map for the new District 43, a district with a majority Asian population. We wholeheartedly support this map. This map will unite our Chinese Community in Sunset park, Bensonhurst and its surrounding area. With this map, it is the first time in decades that we, the Chinese community in Brooklyn, are given the real opportunity to have a real chance to elect an official who will indeed fight for the interest of our community.

According to Section 2 of Voting Rights Act, minority voters shall be protected by ensuring communities of interest are kept together and avoids partisan gerrymandering. Unfortunately, this has not helped the Chinese Community in Brooklyn. For decades, the voice of our community has been hijacked by the interest of other communities. None of the officials elected by the districts share the same values of the Chinese Community. On almost every single issue we care about, whether it's about education opportunities, or something as basic as public safety, the elected officials always stand against the interest of our community.

Giving the current District 38 as an example, which covers the Sunset Park area, the voice of our community is being silenced. Our community even had organized a protest in front of the office of said elected official, and yet, our voice was still being ignored, and received ZERO, literally ZERO feedback from the official.

To conclude, with the current proposed District 43, a district with a majority Asian population, our Chinese community is finally given a real chance to elect officials who will truly represent our voice and share the same values of our community. Our community shall not be silenced any more. We need to be heard.

Thank you.

Best regards,
Vincent

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From: Wai Yee Chan [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 3:18 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Unifying Bensonhurst

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Dear Redistricting Commission,

I am sending on behalf of 8 organizations in southern Brooklyn.

Southern Brooklyn Asian Coalition Urges the Redistricting Commission to unify the Asian Community and to keep Bensonhurst as one City Council District

As the New York City Districting Commission released its first draft map of new City Council districts on Friday, July 15, 2022, Community in Bensonhurst was disappointed. Southern Brooklyn Asian Coalition, formed by eight community-based organizations which served thousands of constituents on a daily basis, acknowledged the Redistricting Commission created an Asian-majority district in southern Brooklyn. However, the proposed map splits the largely Asian neighborhood of Bensonhurst into three separate districts. To ensure the fastest-growing demographic group in Brooklyn to have a voice in city government decision-making over the next decade, we need to unify Bensonhurst into one council district which would provide more resources and supports as this Asian neighborhood shares the same belief, value, language and culture.

Census report in 2020 indicates the Asian population in the community district 11 (Bensonhurst and Bath Beach) has 41% Asian, the largest Asian population in Brooklyn. Yet we have always been underserved and our interests have not been adequately represented. Southern Brooklyn Asian Coalition will continue to amplify and to empower the needs of our community to ensure that Bensonhurst community stays together.

In solidarity,

Bay Parkway Merchant Association
Brooklyn Chinese Volleyball Association Inc.
Chinese American Social Services Center
Chinese American Sports and Community Service Association
Homecrest Community Services Inc.
South Brooklyn Community Coalition
United Chinese Association of Brooklyn
V2 Community Engagement

Wai Yee Chan
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From: 1324199322[redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 3:12 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support new District 43

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My name is Wallace Hua Zhang, I have been living in brooklyn for 34 years.

My occupation is a nail salon manager,

I support the Districting Commission's creation of District 43, the first majority Asian (57%) district in Brooklyn.

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This new District 43, with 57% of Asians, will better unite and connect the Asian communities and ensure our voices are being heard.

Good afternoon. My name is Yi Fang Chen. I am a parent volunteer in Southern Brooklyn School District 20, and I am also the first vice president of Asian Wave Alliance, a politically neutral organization. I am here to support the new D43 council district proposed by the redistricting commission. I consider myself your average NYC Chinese parent with 3 children attending NYC public schools. I have no conflicts of interest and nothing to gain from supporting one political party or another. I am not running for any office. I am here for the best interest of my community.

As many of you know, the southern Brooklyn (Sunset Park, Bensonhurst and surrounding areas) has seen an exponential growth in Asian American population. Many of us are new immigrants, or were once new immigrants. We work very hard so we can live a better life here.

As our population grew, we find it very frustrating for our voices to be heard. We the Asian American community wants meritocracy in education, safety in our neighborhood, prosperity for our small businesses. It was very disheartening to see the current Sunset Park council member aggressively against our interests by organizing to eliminate auditions-based admissions at MS936, Art off Third, a new art school and the only one of such in the entire school district 20 - one that we collectively worked for with the community to have and was originally planned to be an auditions-based school. The elected council member in the current sunset park district 38 doesn't care about what the Asian American community desperately wants and needs and has ignored our concerns and refuses to engage with the Asian American community. Our outreach to the council member's office was unanswered.

As we can see from the geographic population census data, the density of Asian Americans in Southern Brooklyn is expanding therefore a new council district D43 is exactly what the Asian community here desperately needs. I thank the redistricting commission for thoughtfully studying the data and proposing this judicious decision.
A decade is too long to continue silencing the Asian community voice, we need our voice heard, and we need to be heard now. As a habit, we as human beings like the

status quo, and like to be in the comfort zone. However, we must realize change is what we need, change is what brings opportunity and prosperity.

Let’s preserve the new D43 and give the Asian American community some space to thrive in this new district.

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From: Ivette Aguirre [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 8:03 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] my testimony

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Good afternoon!

My name is Yvette Aguirre and I am a lifelong resident of the Sunset Park community in Brooklyn. I served my community as a local teacher and then was selected as principal for over 20 years. I know my community well and have always stayed involved in both the educaion of out families as well as local political issues and local family services. I have looked at the map being propoposed for our council district 38. I can't believe that after the many decades of community outreach for a fair councimatic district, that provides the opportunity for our community to work together on behave of our families, we are once again being disregarded for the benefit of numbers. Actually, don't understand your logic or your thinking and I pay attention.

Our schools will loose their representative and will probably be second fiddle to adjacent comunities now being included in new proposal. Our families will have their children attending local schools with different council representatives. Our school leaders and parents would have to be supported by two or more council officials. As a principal, I know how important it is to work with our elected councilmember. The Hispanic and Asian families in our community send their children to our Sunset Park schools, they should not have to go around for services and then being told they now belong to a different district.

The Sunset Park community has worked hard for many years for fair representation and now is being taken away. This is a step backwards for an immigrant community at a time where we have so much at stake. My recommendation is that the Sunsetpark schools be left in one councimatic district where the majority of our school aged chidren reside. The constitituents of our community district are not just numbers but neighbors and families. Our councilmatic representive needs to know the immigrant communities of Sunset Park, support our families whether they are able to vote or not.

Thank you for the opportunity to work together with the redistricting commission and I believe that you can re-view your proposal and included the voices of the community of Sunset Park, Brooklyn.

My name: Yvette Aguirre
[redacted] 47 street
Brooklyn, New York 11220

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From: zoe chen-[redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 1:56 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support new District 43

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My name is Zoe Chen. I have been living in New York City for 14 years.
My occupation is office manager.
I support the Districting Commission's creation of District 43, the first majority Asian (57%) district in Brooklyn.

The draft map released on July 15, 2022 lives up to the promise of the Voting Rights Act, Section 2
-- accurately reflecting demographic shifts in New York populations while preserving electoral and political power for communities of color.
In particular, the proposal will amply protect the voting power of the growing Asian community.

For decades, Asian residents in Bay Ridge, Sunset Park, Dyker Heights, and Bensonhurst have been splintered across four city council districts, which has diluted our representation and subverted our priorities and concerns.
This new District 43, with 57% of Asians, will better unite and connect the Asian communities and ensure our voices are being heard.
Thank you for your time.

Andy Li

My name is Andy Li. I am 19 years old and live in Bensonhurst, New York. I have lived here for my entire life. I am currently a college student at Stony Brook University, but I still support a unified Bensonhurst district because many Asian students at the university come from this neighborhood. Having lived here for nearly 2 decades, this community holds countless memories. As a child, my grandmother would bring me to Asian supermarkets for traditional ingredients, while I looked for my favorite snacks that could be found elsewhere. Fast forward to today and my grocery trips still involve visiting such supermarkets, such as Thanksgiving Supermarket, Bay Market, and Golden City Supermarket. In recent years, Teso Life has expanded the availability of Asian products even further and has become popular for the youth. In addition, Bensonhurst's restaurants like Benson Eating Station and Kowloon Cafe foster family moments. Non-Chinese places like New Pho Tay Ho and Sake are enjoyed by everyone alike. For quick and cheap bites, local bakeries have been providing for the community for generations. These experiences are shared similarly by all my peers and elders of Bensonhurst. If the community is divided into multiple districts, we would no longer have the ability to voice our lifestyles or give back to the neighborhood that has raised us. The people of Bensonhurst all have Asian backgrounds and the community is a reflection of that. Be it Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese, or another background, Bensonhurst has a place for everyone. Having district borders run through the area would seed cultural divisions and arbitrary boundaries will unevenly distribute funding to our favorite streets. While I love my home here, it is not without issues. The elephant in the room is the uptick of Asian hate crimes. Multiple districts simply split the Asian voice such that the hate crimes will only be an afterthought among the elected officials. One unified district allows the Asian voice to truly be heard. Bensonhurst votes and the data shows

that, but our participation has never had the chance to be focused together. The 2020 Census data already supports one district for Bensonhurst and it would be unjust to draw a line through the Asian population.

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bensonhurst

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My name is Angel Kim. I have lived in Bensonhurst for 26 years.

My occupation is Entrepreneur.

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My name is Angie Li. I have lived in Bensonhurst for 25 years.

My occupation is Home Caretaker.

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From: Arelis Hernandez <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 5:08 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for redistricting

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Testimony for the NYC Districting Commission

August 22nd, 2022

Thank you to the NYC Districting Commission for organizing this second series of public hearings.

I am Arelis Hernandez, Sunset Park resident.

Growing up here I could feel and see that our community was always put at a disadvantage. It wasn't always clear to me until I got older and understood how politics shaped the state of our neighborhoods. Time and time again Sunset Park has been handed the short end of the stick when it comes to representation in our electoral system. Sunset Park has never and still does not have a State Senator that fully represents it which means that it is ignored. I've been told by those same Senators oh that's just a small part of their district as if it didn't merit the same level the rest of their district gets. Splitting Sunset Park up into a majority white district will certainly guarantee this kind of ignorance and abandonment of our community. In this most recent redistricting we lost a fierce advocate for our community Nydia Velasquez in what I call the purposeful shrinking and elimination of the Latino vote. With the proposal in front of us you are proposing to further disinfancinse us by once again splitting up our community. In a state where we just passed the Voting Rights Act the map we are discussing today seems bent on undermining it through gerrymandering. There also seems to be a political play here to stave off an emerging political power in communities like Sunset. That being the DSA. DSA has gained a strong footing and is a much needed voice against the special interests that are circling our waterfront communities like vultures looking for ways to dilute our political strength. I would say this proposal serves those interests well. I urge you to not split up Sunset Park and to instead invest in the Latino community's ability to be civically engaged and supported. The Unity map that has been proposed best serves the interest of the Latino community but also the Asian community. We should be looking to strengthen our communities and the coalitions we've built, not destroying them.

Fair districts are the foundation for fair representation.

The opportunity to draw fair districts only comes once every 10 years. If we don't get this right, our communities will have to live with the consequences for the next decade.

I thank the commission for committing to an open process and for maintaining a website with information on the redistricting process, upcoming meetings, and submissions. Moving forward, I urge this commission to take a proactive role in engaging with community organizations and ethnic media around the city.

Thank you again and thanks also to the many partners who are in this fight for fair maps and fair representation.

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From: chi hum LI <l[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 3:15 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Unifying Bensonhurst

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My name is _Chi Hum Li_. I have lived in Bensonhurst for _10_ years.

My occupation is _grocery shop worker.

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From: Eric Chan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 4:14 PM
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Hello,

My name is Eric Chan. I have lived in Bensonhurst for 27 years.

My occupation is Real Estate Agent.

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Regards,
Eric Chan

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Office: [redacted]
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From: Feng Run Li [redacted] >
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 6:36 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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My name is Feng Li, I have lived in Bensonhurst for 8 years.

My occupation is home care.

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Fengping Liang

My name is Fengping Liang. I am 17 years old and lived in Brooklyn, New York for 8 years. I am a High School student, and I think it is necessary to unite Bensonhurst in one district. According to the 2020 US Census data, there are a great number of Asians living in Bensonhurst, but Bensonhurst is separated into different districts, which does not allow all of them to vote for one representation in government. As a result, their voting voices are weakened, and it is difficult for them to be represented as a community. Thus, we want to unite the voices of the community, and make Bensonhurst one district by the commission's draft. We need to speak up and make sure that their voices can be heard, as well as standing up for ourselves to achieve a better life. In Bensonhurst, there are many shops and restaurants such as Teso life, Sushi places, and Chinese supermarkets that represent the uniqueness of the Asian culture. The environment in the community reminds me of my childhood and many happy memories back in China. Furthermore, the surroundings of Benhonhurst makes me feel like home. For example, during Chinese New Year, when I pass by the stores, the red decorations remind me of the Lunar New Year celebrations in China. In order to protect the community that makes me feel at home, we must unite Bensonhurst into one district.

August 22, 2022

Resident
Gloria P Rodriguez-Novoa MBA
[redacted] **57St Brooklyn Ny**
38th Council District

Senator Myrie
Assembly member MItaynes
District Leader Julio Pema III
City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams
City Council women –Alexa Aviles

We in City Council 38 have always been a united Immigrant community. A neighborhood where, many decades ago Norwegians could find a place to worship in their own language. Where today the Fujianese community can worship and eat delicacies from their province. Whether it is Norwegian ,Spanish, Middle Eastern , Fujinese or English : it is a united group of people trying to tread water all the while trying to push above it .

It is keeping our old traditions and embracing new American traditions. It is block parties with dumplings ,Hummus, Cheese Corn and watermelon wafting thru the air. We need one leader who can hear our united voice.

The Statue of Liberty faces her sister Minerva on Battle Hill in our Sunset park district. How can we divide our immigrant neighborhood as Lady Liberty is watching?.

How can we welcome and embrace the tired , the poor, the huddled masses yearning to be free If we do not have at minimum one seat One Councilmember who has one mission –To lift the immigrant constituency ,who they represent, to above the poverty level. The poverty struggles are not true for Bay Ridge or Park Slope. It is ever true in the present 38th Council district..

The state has already redistricted our Congressional district. The State has already redistricted our Senatorial district.

Is the point to quiet our Immigrant voice?. Has upstate decided that this David is too powerful?

Is it that in fighting together against Industry City the thoughts are that we in the 38th have too much infrastructure in our midst – UPROSE

Too much community input – Community Board 7?.. Too much to be contained ?.

Is it easier to break up this mosaic of strength?

Easier then actually doing the will of the united people?

Thank You for your time

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From: HauTsun Li <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 5:44 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Unity Map

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My name is Hautsun Li. I have lived in Bensonhurst for 10 years.

My occupation is a student .

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My occupation is Entrepreneur.

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My occupation is Homecarer.

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From: Jing Liu [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 4:53 PM
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My name is Jay Liu. I have lived in Bensonhurst for 36 years.

My occupation is Parts Advisor at BMW dealership.

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Jeff Haveson
Canarsie Resident

Marine Spares Int., Tamco Mechanical Inc

Testimony for the NYC Districting Commission

August 22, 2022

Thank you to the NYC Districting Commission for organizing this second series of public hearings.

I am Jim Tampakis, President, of Marine Spares International, Inc, and also working with Tamco Mechanical, my brother's business, both spin off's from our dads original business, United Ship Repairs.

We are Marine and Industrial Mechanical Contractors with machine shop Services, located in Red Hook Brooklyn. We came into Red Hook in 1974 where we operated a ship repair company and an industrial machine shop employing 150 people. Prior to that, he was on 9th Street between 2nd and 3rd Ave since 1954.

In November 2012, under Tamco Mechanical, we were contracted by the TBTA to assist The Army Corp of Engineers to remove all water in Brooklyn Battery Tunnel caused by Hurricane Sandy, and restore all pumping systems as needed. We did all work prior to required time frame and under budget.

Red Hook and Sunset Park have many common/neighborhood interests,
We both have a Maritime presence as we are both on the water.
We were always geared to helping and promoting industrial/manufacturing and Maritime business's, as the city and nation is in desperate need today.

We have been working with the EDC and DOT to create a comprehensive water distribution plan through out our neighborhoods and NYC, to get tractor trailers, trucks, sprinter vans off our congested streets. We will be bringing in freight in containers via barges (as the DSNY is currently doing), for delivery to both Sunset Park and Red Hook as well as other waterfront neighborhoods. Our industrial properties are slowly being taken over by large last mile warehouses, housing Amazon, Fed Ex, UPS, etc. These warehouses will be bringing in thousands of tractor trailers over our bridges, highways, local streets, spewing pollution and congestion, and an

effort is being made to divert them to the water, to be moved with Tier 4 Diesel Driven tugs and eventually fully electric.

I am also working with City Planning to rezone our properties to increase our Industrial/manufacturing footprint, and at the same time, as we are in a flood zone and redesigning to meet our resiliency needs.

Red Hook and Sunset Park are on the water and in an industrial/manufacturing environment. Our Local City Council has been working with us closely, along with South West Industrial Brooklyn Development, bringing every possible incentive to the table allowing us to thrive and plan for the future.

Park Slope is not on the water, has minimal industrial, manufacturing and maritime presence, and Red Hook will not have all the benefits we have been working on for years. Please leave Red Hook and Sunset Park to continue their efforts in Unity.

I thank the commission for their time.

Jim Tampakis
Marine Spares International, Inc.
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From: (null) jrzhen168 <[redacted]>
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My occupation is Business owner.

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My occupation is Radiology Nurse.

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My name is Jova Tse, and I am an Asian American. I am 17 years old and currently living in Bensonhurst, New York. My friends and family tend to go to Bensonhurst to dine in and eat out because of its convenience and the different cultures of cuisine. Many of the restaurants are owned by Asian citizens and contain a variety of asian cuisine. For example, H.K. Tea and Sushi, Prince Tea House, and Ten Second Yunnan Rice Noodles are some of these places I eat in Bensonhurst with my friends and family. Since, my family have lived here for many years and know the in's and out's of the shop, we shop at Bensonhurst the most. When you divide the district in 3, the votes would split up the community resulting in splitting the votes. Families would not be able to vote together for the same representative. If Bensonhurst is one distirist, the funding would be able to go to the whole district instead of splitting the funding in 3. School funding: some areas have schools or need extra funding. Schools would need extra funding to be able to provide the students the best education and receive extracurricular activity for students. According to the statistics, Asian citizens don't come out to vote but in the US Census 2020 many Asian citizens actually come out to vote. When the district was split in 4, the votes counted as split voting. Since Bensonhurst was split in 4, the votes were not effective like other districts. In conclusion, these problems are preventing the asian community from speaking out and having a voice for our community.

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From: Joyce Chan [redacted] >
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 7:12 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bensonhurst

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My occupation is Accountant.

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From: JOYCE YEE [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 4:01 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] unifying Bensonhurst

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My name is Joyce Yee . I have lived in Bensonhurst for 23 years.

My occupation is housekeeper .

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Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 6:45 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Unifying Bensonhurst

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My name is Kam Lei. I have lived in Bensonhurst for over 10 years.

My occupation is paralegal.

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From: KARINA LAM [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 8:34 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Unifying Bensonhurst

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My name is Karina Lam. I have lived in Bensonhurst for 18 years.

My occupation is student.

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From: Xu Kate <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 8:36 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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My occupation is a housewife.

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From: Natalie Tsou [redacted] >
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To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] unifying Bensonhurst

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My name is Kin Man Tsou. I have lived in Bensonhurst for 23 years.

My occupation is bookkeeper.

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From: KK Xu [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 6:33 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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My name is KK Xu I have lived in Bensonhurst for 10 years.

My occupation is home care.

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From: Kristina Fullerton Rico [redacted] >
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 6:33 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony: City Council District Lines (District 38)

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22 August 2022

Hello, Thank you to the NYC Districting Commission for soliciting our testimonies.

My name is Kristina Fullerton Rico. I live in Sunset Park, and I'm a graduate student studying Sociology. I'm originally from Chihuahua, Mexico, and I was attracted to Sunset Park because it has a big Latinx population.

Like all of you, I'm here because I know that redistricting only happens once every 10 years, and I believe the current map does not accurately reflect my neighborhood. I first came here in 2017 and when I was trying to get to know the area, I walked all around the neighborhood. For me, Sunset Park runs from 36th St. to 65th St. and from the waterfront to 9th Ave. Aside from the park, there are 2 really significant landmarks in our neighborhood. One is St. Michael's Church on 42nd St. and 4th Ave. and the other one is Our Lady of Perpetual Help on 5th Ave. and 60th Street. For the Latino communities in Sunset Park, these churches help facilitate civic participation, like getting an NYC ID card or finding out when and where to vote. That's why I was shocked to learn that the current plan removes Our Lady of Perpetual Help from our district. I think that this will really create a lot of confusion for the Latinx community and will lower voting rates because it will be harder to know where to vote and what's on the ballot.

That's not fair because Latinos are one of the populations that has grown the most in the past 10 years, but we're underrepresented in city and state government, and we deserve the right to vote and be heard as easily as other populations.

The other thing that worries me is that the current map separates Red Hook and Sunset Park into 2 separate districts, but if we look at some of the biggest issues facing these neighborhoods, it's clear that we're a shared community of interest. What do I mean by that? Well, these neighborhoods have been mapped as one district because we have a lot of working-class residents who are people of color. We also have to deal with a lot of the same pollution from the BQE, waste transfer stations, peaker electricity plants, and now, we're dealing with "last-mile" trucking facilities. Our waterfronts are also very similar because we have a lot of industrial factories and

warehouses, and we need to figure out how to revitalize these areas in ways that don't leave our communities behind economically and don't create a lot of pollution for the people who live here.

I understand that the currently-proposed map was created so there would be a majority Asian district in South Brooklyn, which I support, but luckily, there are other prposoals that would achieve this important goal without dividing Sunset Park or cutting us off from Red Hook.

Thank you so much for allowing the community to speak on this issue.

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Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 7:34 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Unifying Bensonhurst

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My name is Kristin Lam. I have lived in Bensonhurst for 16 years.

My occupation is being a student.

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From: Readsbyjoy [redacted] >
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 7:22 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bensonhurst

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My name Madison Chan. I have lived in Bensonhurst for 27 years.

My occupation is Radiology Nurse.

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From: Mayra Molina [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 1:20 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Resident of Sunset Park, Mayra Molina: Written Testimony

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Greetings to the commissioner of the New York City Redistricting Commission and thank you for allowing me to speak on behalf of the communities we represent.

As a Voter, resident of Sunset Park, and constituent of District 38, Board Member of CB7, I greatly appreciate the opportunity to testify and share my perspective on the vast disparities of necessary resources such as an equitable educational budget, safer streets, and better housing to keep the latinx community thriving.

The current maps have affected our community in detrimental ways which have created issues in accessing and distributing critical resources and representation.

The 38th district was drawn as part of the City Charter's revision of 1989. Designed to elect a hispanic candidate, the district covers Sunset Park and parts of Park Slope, Boerum Hill, Borough Park, and Red Hook. The Proposal to remove Red Hook from Sunset Park and unite it with Bay ridge goes against the Voting Rights Act district that has empowered South Brooklyn voters of color and Latinos in particular to elect the candidates of their choice. Additionally, the proposed map would divide our Fifth avenue Business improvement district across two council districts, creating more bureaucracies and possible challenges. At last, the proposed map removes a long-standing institution - Our Lady of Perpetual Help from Sunset Park, into the newly created district.

Thank you once again to the commissioners for taking time to listen. Fairness must be at the Center of the redistricting process. Given the increase of Latinx populations across the state in the past 10 years, it is vital that the redistricting process fairly draws lines representative of changes that reflect our community growth.

Sincerely,
Mayra Molina

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From: Amy Chen [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 8:33 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistriting

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My name is _____Meixian Chen_____. I have lived in Bensonhurst for _2__ years.

My occupation is _____HHA_____.

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From: KiKi [redacted] >
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Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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My occupation is a seller.

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My name is Qiwen, I am 22 years old and live near Bensonhurst, New york. I have live here for 6 years with my family. I'm a student currently, I think that Bensonhurst should kept whole instead of divided in 3 city council districts, because it impact the Asian-American voting power, which we can vote for a same representative and fight against anti Asian hate. The Bensonhurtst has high density of Asian population, also have lots of Asian Americans who taken vote, If the comission's draft disctrict map divide the Bensonhurst into 3 city conucil districts, Asian voting will be heavily weaken, they can't even choose a representative who can speak for Asian Americans and Asian community. I usually go the Bensonhurt to shop and eat, such as ten seconds yunan rice noodle, Tour le jous, Teso life. If Bensonhurst is able to kept whole it will benefits the local Asian American residents and business development. In addition, by forming a Asian majority districts, it helpes to fight against the Anti Asian Hate, and we wish to see one leader who can represent us and voice up for the whole commnuity. The division of Bensonhurst will lead a negative impact for the education system, which will be decreasing the funding of school. School's programs such as student trips; after school programs; and student clubs will not get enough funding and support, so that students cannot improve themselves and realize their self-worth in the school collective through school activities.

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From: Raymond Tse [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 5:56 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Unifying Bensonhurst

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My name is Raymond Tse. I have lived in Bensonhurst for over 30 years.

My occupation is accountant.

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Raymond

My name is Ryan Lee. I am 19 years old and live in Bensonhurst , New York. I have lived here for 19 years with my mom and my sister. I am a current student at New York City College of Technology. Bensonhurst shows many Asian Americans working together to fulfill the American dream. Bensonhurst has many business opportunities for jobs and workers. It is filled with a lot of shopping districts, restaurants, hair salons, and many more. Restaurants in this area maintain respectful traditional custom food cuisines such as asian , spanish, hawaiian. Bensonhurst is a great area to hang out with your friends and family and there are multiple parks for local areas. Bensonhurst should not be cut into multiple districts because it cuts the voice of citizens that live within the area. Having 2 or more representatives would create confusion on what problems the community might have when handling a situation. This leaves citizens choices where they are unsure who to follow. In Bensonhurst my parents would go to CityMD for healthcare services and to get covid tests. For specific restaurants we would go to Golden Palace, a traditional Chinese restaurant known for their seafood dishes. For grocery shopping, there are many Chinese supermarkets to attend to such as Thanksgiving Supermarket , Golden City Supermarket. Having multiple districts can heavily impact to fight off hate crimes due to the split edge on a representative to rely on. There would not be a full conclusion to hate crimes if many representatives came up with different suggestions. Overall, to save Bensonhurst, we can’t split the community or else we won’t be able to fix any problems and come to a solution.

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From: Wing Ma [redacted] >
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 10:16 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Unifying Bensonhurst

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My name is Sandy Ma. I have lived in Bensonhurst for 32 years.

My occupation is marketing Director .

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 6:26 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Unity map

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My name is Shu Wing Leung. I have lived in Bensonhurst for 5 years.

My occupation is student.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 5:41 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Unity Map

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My name is Shuman Leung. I have lived in Bensonhurst for 5 years.

My occupation is a student.

I 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.

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From: Simon Lee [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 6:19 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re:redistributingn NY

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My name is _Simon Lee _____. I have lived in Bensonhurst for _22__ years.

My occupation is _Pharmacist_____.

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From: Stephanie Lam <[redacted]m>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 8:33 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] unifying Bensonhurst

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My occupation is student.

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From: Vionlau65 <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 7:13 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bensonhurst

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My name is Vion Lau. I have lived in Bensonhurst for 26 years.

My occupation is Homecarer.

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From: Wai Kei Li [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 6:24 PM
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My name is Wai Kei Li. I have lived in Bensonhurst for 2 years.

My occupation is student .

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From: William Meehan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 10:09 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] New Housing and Fair Representation

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To the Districting Commission:

The proposed maps will entrench proportionally unfair representation for many New Yorkers over the next ten years. Most of the city's new housing occurs in just a few neighborhoods, such as Long Island City and Downtown Brooklyn. This means that you must plan for those neighborhoods to be slightly overrepresented this year, so that representation remains close to even throughout the decade. The current maps do not do that. Instead, areas that actively block housing and therefore are not growing in population are overrepresented. This overrepresentation will only grow over the next decade as they come to make up a smaller percentage of city residents. Please rectify this issue.

Many council members have testified at public meetings to support various configurations for their future districts. These council members should be summarily ignored. We the people should be empowered to select our representatives; our representatives should never be empowered to select their constituencies. To allow otherwise would be a massive conflict of interest; therefore, the Commission should pay absolutely no mind to incumbent protection.

Earnestly,
William Meehan

My name is Yinghan Li. I am 16 years old and live in Brooklyn, New York. I have lived here for 14 years. I'm currently a student in highschool. The Commission's draft district map to keep Bensonhurst together would make me feel like I have a voice in my community. If Bensonhurst were a single district it would make it easier for the majority Asian community to select a single representative for themselves. With proper representation, improvements that actually address issues we face would happen more often. I often go to Bensonhurst to get food and drinks. My favorite places are Kung Fu Tea, Pho Tay Ho, and Sake. They sell bubble tea, Vietnamese noodles and sushi respectively. Whenever I go, the streets are crowded and dirty though. With a single representative for us I know there is someone I can voice issues like that to. Please unite Bensonhurst so we can have representation for our community.

Testimony

My name is Yinglin Chen. I am 16 years old and live in Sheepshead Bay in Brooklyn, New York. I have lived here for 8 years with my family. I am currently a student, and I like to go to the Bensonhurst neighborhood with my friends and family on the weekends. When I go to Bensonhurst, I like to try all the different Asian Cuisines. I like to go to Bensonhurst because it is a community that I feel comfortable in, and it provides me a sense of belongingness. There are many Asian shops and restaurants in Bensonhurst and many Asians live in the community. Everytime I visit the neighborhood, I get to enjoy the food of my culture, and I can access goods of my culture. It is extremely difficult to obtain Asian goods and services in other non-Asian communities. Therefore, I enjoy going to Bensonhurst because it provides me the comfort of my culture and gives me a feeling of home. The Unity map keeps Bensonhurst together. I support the map that unifies Bensonhurst because it provides the Asian community with a strong voice that will allow us to advocate for changes and fight for our rights. Bensonhurst should be together because without unity it is difficult to have a voice for the community. It is extremely important for the Asian community to come together as demonstrated through the rise of Anti-Asian Hate Crimes over the pandemic. If Bensonhurst is divided into many districts, it is difficult for the residents to vote for representation and demand change. With a unified Bensonhurst, they would be able to vote for the same representative for greater representation of the community and also receive more funding for the Bensonhurst community as a whole. Greater funding would benefit the community and lead to its betterment through using the funding to improve parks, public services, and education.

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From: YK Cheung [redacted] >
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 5:06 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Unifying Bensonhurst

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My name is Yukkuen Cheung. I have lived in Bensonhurst for 21 years.

My occupation is administrative executive.

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From: Anthony Batista [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 10:43 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council map

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My comment is pretty simple. Why not add more seats to the current 51? If this council is so determined to give representation in brooklyn to the asian community why not leave bay ridge and sunset alone, take from bensonhurst gravesend split that again and jewish dominate areas up take the bensonhurst gravesend jewish russian population split that to open up a seat for asians, jewish russians, and in 48 take some from the russians there and add in to the new seat. Then take 47 leave it coney island, sea gate run lines into ocean pkwy up to still well down to mcdonalds up to 86 st wrap around marlboro projects down shore play towards dyker but stop at bap pkwy adding the area where bjs target is bringing the lines back towards coney island cropsey leaving that only to be 47 so that the blacks and hispanics can finally have their own representation. Because if you are catering to asians to give them new lines then why not give blacks and hispanics their own representation? would that not be fair. Because it seems to be that these lines are only catering to the asians, because this commissions wants to put 38 to fight against each other leaving the hispanics in sunset to fight against the italians in bay ridge and dyker heights for a true rep.
So I am saying create two new seats so that asians can have their own leaving bay ridge alone and sunset alone then create another seat by taking from 48 and 47 by taking the areas of bensonhurst and some gravesend like ave s and t etc and finally give 47 to be what i explained.

Dear Members of the NYC Districting Commission,

My name is Betty Aristide and I am the Executive Director for Edeyouth Organization and I am writing regarding my opposition with the recently released maps that the NYC Redistricting Commissioner drafted for Council District 45, in which will remove a large portion of our Flatbush, Flatlands and East Flatbush sections of our district. Over the past 10 years, I have served/worked in Council District 45 as a Youth Leader, and I have seen how important the presence of Utica to Flatbush Initiatives is in the area and how Council District 45 has been a major resource for our institution because we serve a large portion of predominantly Caribbean and South Asian constituents from the Flatlands and East Flatbush areas.

The map submitted by Councilmember Farah Louis, includes provisions for expanding her district further into the East Flatbush, Flatlands and Canarsie areas to meet the criteria of the charter and increase our population but also to include more healthcare institutions, parks and senior center options for the district, solidifying her commitment to bring increased access to our vulnerable population who rely on affordable healthcare for their families and quality…..for youth and families.

Without these expansions, our area will not have the opportunity for the youth people and with the areas that were cut by your commission, it compromises a common tie of a growing Caribbean and South Asian population in our district.

I hope you all take the time to reconsider the disparities represented on the preliminary map and restore ***the East Flatbush and Remsen Village Neighborhoods back into Council District 45 and have them remain the new district lines and expand the district further northeast into East Flatbush, Flatlands and Canarsie***.

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Sincerely,

Betty Aristide

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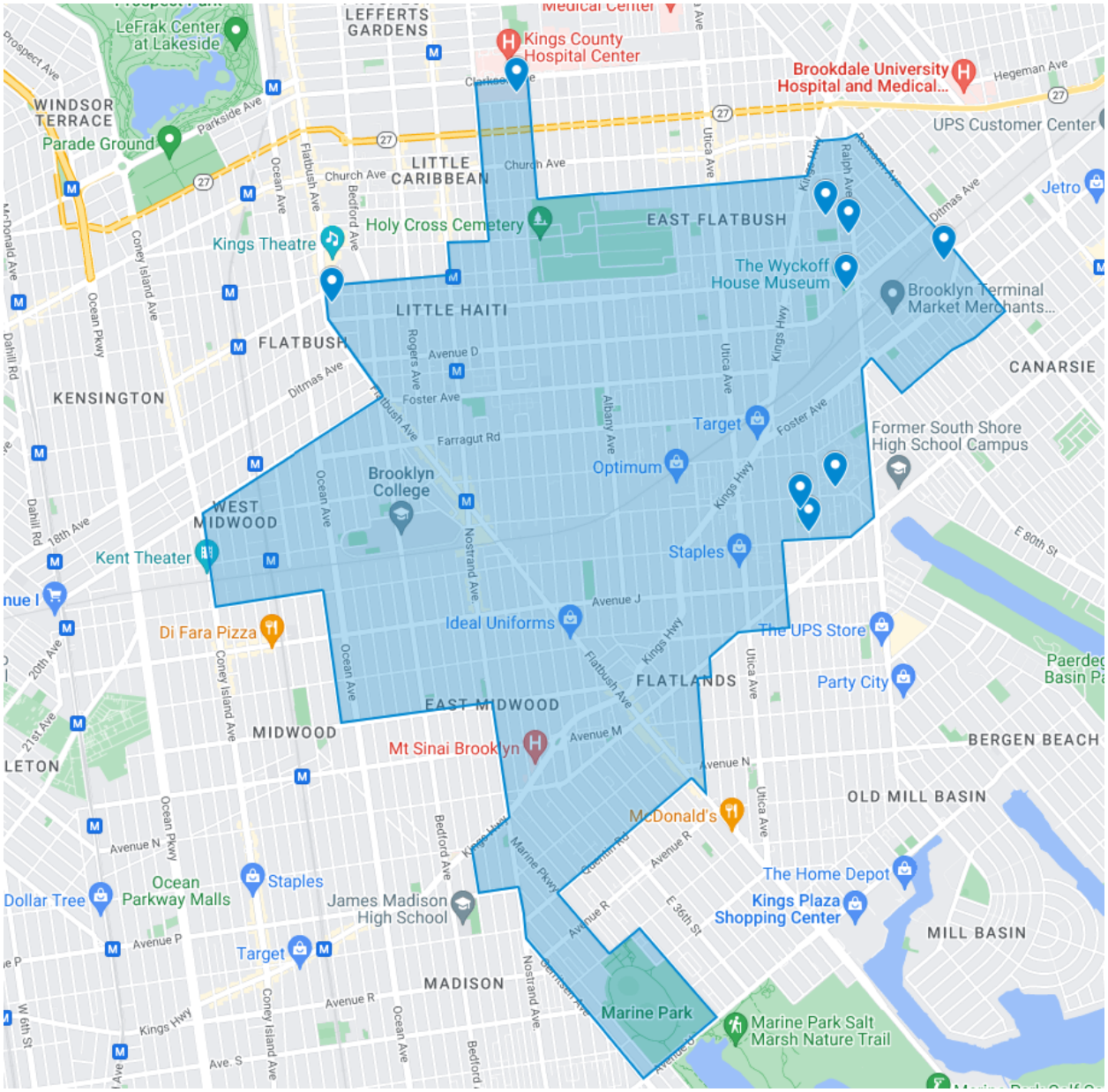
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BROOKLYN GOLF ALLIANCE

2880 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234

Dear Members of the NYC Districting Commission,

My name is Michael Weiss and I am one of the founders of the Brooklyn Golf Alliance Inc. I am writing regarding my opposition to the recently released maps that the NYC Redistricting Commissioner drafted for Council District 45, in which will remove a large portion of our Flatbush, Flatlands and East Flatbush sections of our district. Over the past 15 years, I have lived and worked as a volunteer in Council District 45, and I have seen how important the presence of non-profits such as the Brooklyn Golf Alliance Inc has been to the area and how Council District 45 has been a major resource for our institution because we serve a large portion of predominantly Caribbean and South Asian constituents from the Flatlands and East Flatbush areas.

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Without these expansions, our area will not have the opportunity for maintaining a diverse and cohesive community. The areas that are proposed to be cut by the Commission, compromise common ties of a growing Caribbean and South Asian population in our district.

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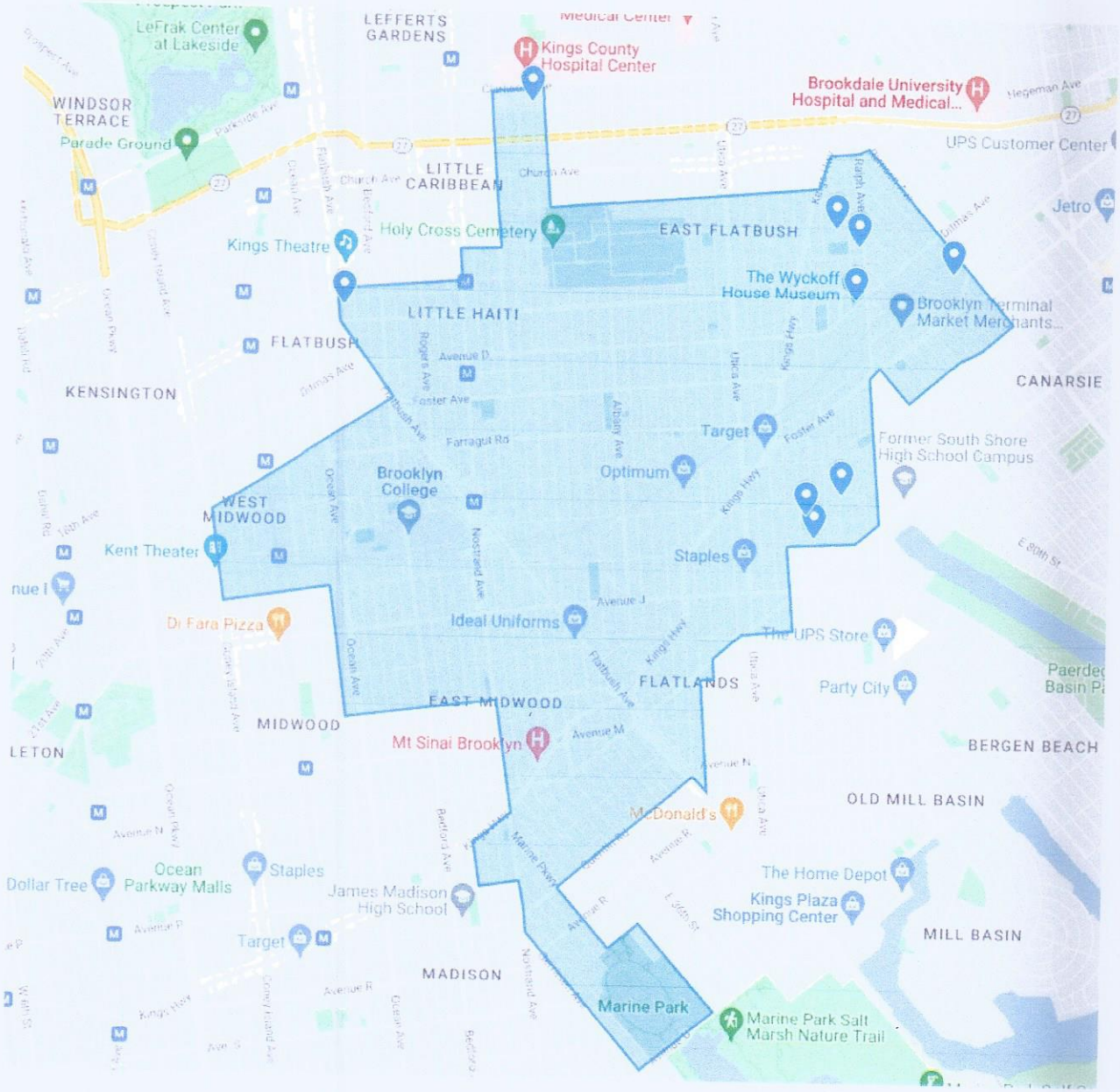
Sincerely,

Michael Weiss
Treasurer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Catherine Felise

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Flatbush Gardens
Tenant Association

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Floyd Bennett Field
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From: Felina Backer <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 4:28 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony - Keep Canarsie Whole

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Greetings,

I trust this email finds you well.

To the members of the NYC Districting Commission, in particular commission chair and my former Chancellor Mr. Dennis Walcott and executive director Dr. Flateau. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

My name is Felina Backer and I am speaking on behalf of my organization Making the Impossible Possible, Inc. and as a resident of Canarsie for many, many years. I am simply going to put all that the prior residents of Canarsie have said.

As an active voter of Canarsie, I firmly urge this commission to keep ALL and I mean ALL of Canarsie, from East 108th Street to the east, Ralph Avenue to the west, Foster Avenue to the north and Shore parkway to the south wholly contained within the 46th council district. These boundaries would finally add the Rockaway Parkway subway station, and the merchant strip, something that our community has been advocating for.

The commission's proposed Preliminary Plan map will surely handicap the sustainability of the community, such as: city services, funding for effective community based programs, schools, parks, libraries and other vital institutions.

Canarsians have unique needs with committed people who are vested in doing what is best for our beloved community. We are on the rise and we demand wholeness.

As a result of the aforementioned, I DO NOT support the proposed commissions mapping of Canarsie. We, for the first time, have elected a phenomenal Councilmember, who has, thus far, done much to advance Canarsie in the right direction. We want Canarsie to remain whole and represented by a singular member of the city council in order to avoid confusion in the delivery of services due to Canarsians.

Thank you to the commission for your anticipated positive decision of keeping Canarsie whole.

Your Partnership Matters.

Felina

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From: Yvonne Delucien [redacted] >
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Chair Walcott and Members of the New York City Redistricting Commission,

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As a longtime resident and voter from Canarsie Brooklyn, I strongly urge the Districting Commission to keep all of Canarsie from East 108th Street to the east, Ralph Avenue to the west, Foster Avenue to the north and Shore Parkway to the south - all wholly contained within the 46th Council District. These boundaries would also finally add the Rockaway Parkway subway station, and merchant strip, something that our community has been advocating for.

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

Gladys Josselin
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Brooklyn NY 11236

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Richard Mei <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 9:36 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Unifying Bensonhurst

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jia Zhou. I have lived in Bensonhurst for 11 years.

My occupation is a house wife.

I 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.

The 43% increase in APA population in Brooklyn supports two strong plurality Asian American districts.

I thank the Commission for trying to draw a majority APA district, but to create the one the Commission drew divides the neighborhood of Bensonhurst in 1/3rds and creates a plurality white neighborhood to the detriment of an Asian and Latino longstanding coalition district.

Bensonhurst is currently divided into 4 city council districts. The Asian American community is diluted among these 4 districts with approx. 25% of the APA population in each. Therefore, the Asian American community is NOT getting its fair share of resources because they are approximately ¼ in each District. Keeping the majority of Bensonhurst in one district guarantees the community will get its fair share of resources.

Because our power is diluted, our needs are neglected.

Bensonhurst is a neighborhood. The plurality district is compact. We know the neighborhood. To divide this neighborhood into 1/3rds breaks up a neighborhood that frequents the same stores, restaurants, culturally sensitive services, and transportation lines. It sows conclusion into a community as to who represents them from street to street.

Regards.

Jia Zhou



Dear Members of the NYC Districting Commission,

My name is Joan William and I am part of the Flatbush Gardens Tenant Association. I am writing regarding my opposition with the recently released maps that the NYC Redistricting Commissioner drafted for Council District 45, which will remove a large portion of our Flatbush, Flatlands and East Flatbush sections of our district. Over the past 23 years, I have lived in Council District 45 and have seen how important the unity of our neighborhoods have shaped our ability to represent ourselves in our community. Council District 45 has been a major resource for our institution.

The map submitted by Councilmember Farah Louis includes provisions for expanding her district further into the East Flatbush, Flatlands and Canarsie areas to meet the criteria of the charter and increase our population but also to include more healthcare institutions, parks and senior center options for the district. This would solidify her commitment to bring increased access to our vulnerable population who rely on affordable healthcare for their families while also raising quality of life for youth and families.

Without these expansions, our area will not have the opportunity to handle the large influx of people coming into this community and cutting the areas suggested by commission will compromise the common ties of a growing Caribbean and South Asian population in our district. Taking away staple educational institutions like Meyer Levin Junior High School, Brooklyn Science & Engineering Academy and Samuel J. Tilden High School—in which houses Kurt Hahn, It Takes a Village (ITAVA) and Cultural Academy for the Arts and Sciences (CAAS) will be disservice to our families. These schools have been in the East Flatbush for generations, and their removal will drastically distort educational opportunities and will be detrimental to the development and growth of our youth and families because it affects our community's options for feeder schools in East Flatbush.

I hope you all take the time to reconsider the disparities represented on the preliminary map and restore ***the East Flatbush and Remsen Village Neighborhoods back into Council District 45 and have them remain the new district lines and expand the district further northeast into East Flatbush, Flatlands and Canarsie.***

Enclosed is a map by Council Member Louis that includes our communities' preferred proposed map and new areas that will expand schools, health care access and park space in Council District 45.

Sincerely,

Joan William

Joan William


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Flatbush Gardens
Tenant Association

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From: LaVerne Bowman [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 8:08 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting or Redlining

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While redistricting allows for better management of new political borders, I believe it will have significant electoral consequences. District 34 will slowly turn Republican with the rise in housing, essentially pushing out the working middle-class families who have long lived in this neighborhood for decades. The segregation of the map from the water line here in Williamsburg pushing further back is similar to the redlining map published years ago of this neighborhood. Areas like Long Island City do not reflect this and continue to include the waterfront property.

While it may appear now that the district is gaining ground in critical areas for minority voters, surrounding areas appear to become less diverse on these maps. The voter file won't reflect these newly drawn lines where gentrification will soon turn much of the district and the surrounding area into upper-income only, lowering diversity, and essentially voting out representation serving the greater community.

LaVerne Bowman
District 34
Democrat
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Dear Members of the Districting Commission,

My name is Marjorie Jackson and I am writing in regards to the recently released maps for Council District 45, in which I work as a principal. Over the past two years I have worked as a principal, I have seen how important our school is to the district in providing quality education to our neighboring families in this predominantly Caribbean-immigrant community of East Flatbush and Remsen Village.

Working as a principal for two years has taught me how important local schools and education institutions are to the foundation of a neighborhood. I've connected with numerous parents, neighbors, and wide ranges of families throughout their children's educational career. Moving our primary school outside of Council District 45 will tear the fabric of our children's futures because it will no longer guarantee that East Flatbush students will receive the same level of funding and education as their parents and neighbors have previously been afforded decades prior. The burden on parents and caregivers will increase two-fold. Siblings will be separated by this new map. Those in grade school will be in a different district from their older siblings.

According to Chapter 2-A, Section 52 of the New York City Charter, subparagraph (c), "District lines shall keep intact neighborhoods and communities with established ties of common interest and association, whether historical, economical, or other." The preliminary maps clearly show that an established common tie (e.g. Meyer Levin Junior High School, Brooklyn Science & Engineering Academy and Samuel J. Tilden High School) are drawn outside of the historical District 45 maps. This alone re-enforces the need for Councilwoman Farah Louis' presence in Council District 45, as we prepare the next generation of leaders and professionals.

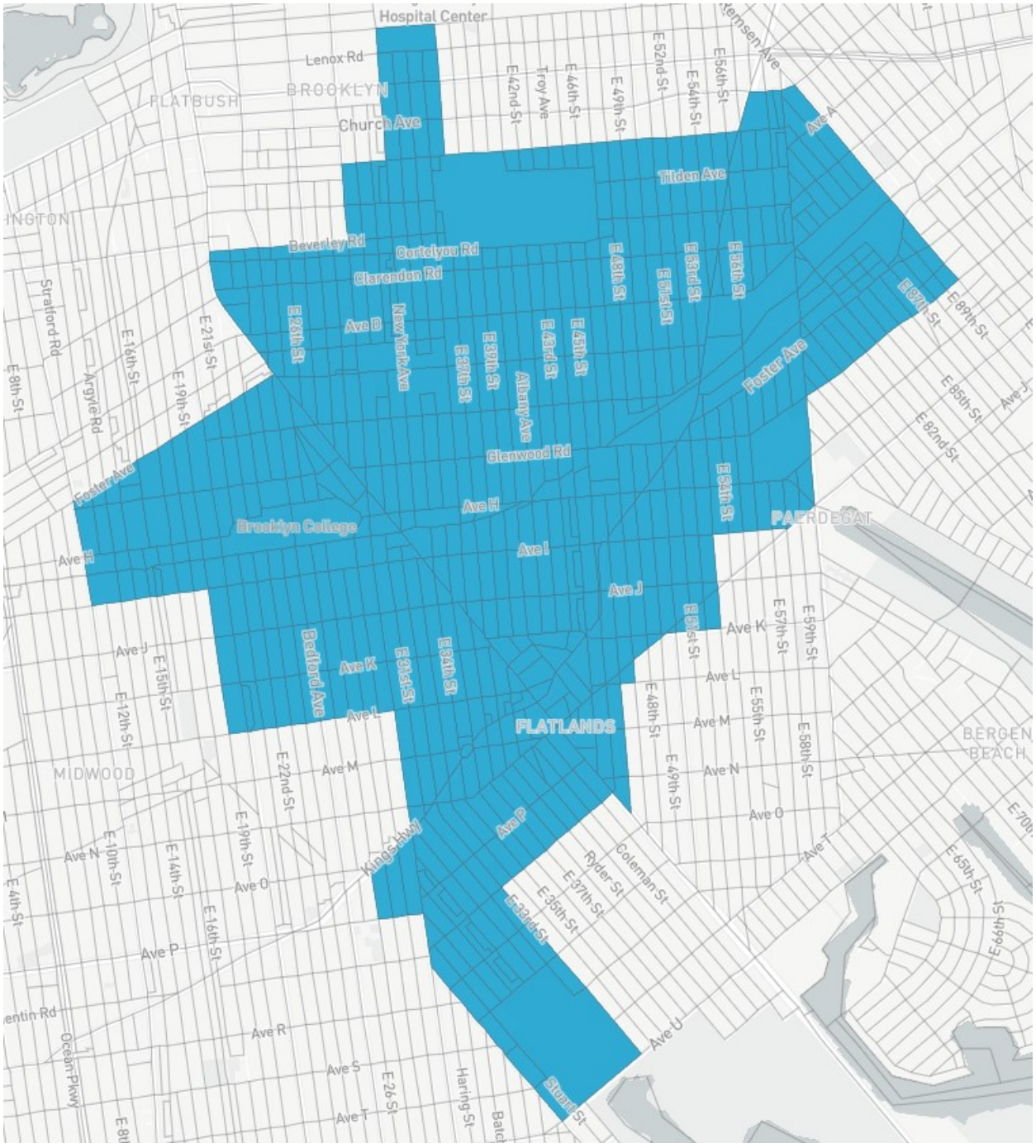
Altering the district lines from its historical coordinates compromises the growth and development of Black and Brown communities that fought to keep this, and neighboring communities' whole over the years. The proposed map would mean Council District 45 loses staple educational institutions like *P.S. 244K, Meyer Levin Junior High School, Brooklyn Science & Engineering Academy and Samuel J. Tilden High School*—in which encompasses *Kurt Hahn*, *It Takes a Village* (ITAVA) and *Cultural Academy for the Arts and Sciences* (CAAS) which have been in the East Flatbush community for generations. Removing these schools drastically distorts educational opportunities and is detrimental to the development and growth of our youth and families that will provide us with future leaders that speak many different languages, multicultural, and enriched with diversity from each culture represented within the district.

Keeping our schools in Council District 45 allows us to be able to take advantage of keeping the neighborhood within its historical context intact as it has been for generations and will further our scholars potential and aide families from having to travel an inordinate distance to other schools to fight for their enrollment. The proposed map disregards these aspects of our needs, and we demand that the changes are revisited to bring back Meyer Levin Junior High School, Brooklyn Science & Engineering Academy and Samuel J. Tilden High School (*Kurt Hahn*, *It Takes a Village,* and *Cultural Academy for the Arts and Sciences* into Council District 45.

I hope this commission will take the time to revisit the maps to prevent the loss of a major institutions in Council District 45 that can also affect our funding.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Jackson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Flatbush Gardens
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8.23.2022

Dear Redistricting Commission,

My name is Sara Alvarez and I am a resident of Sunset Park. I reside at [redacted] 59th street apt. 5C, Brooklyn, NY 11220. I submit this testimony and voice my disapproval of the draft maps for district 38. I have resided at the above address for 22 years and under the draft maps I would no longer be a part of District 38.

The council office has long serviced me and my needs. This is because they provide culturally competent services showing great care and patience. They also have Spanish speaking staff. Under the draft maps I would be removed from my long standing district and could be forced to travel far.

Additionally, as you may know District 38 was drawn as part of the City Charter's revision of 1989. Designed to be a Hispanic opportunity district at the time, the district covers Sunset Park and parts of Park Slope, Boerum Hill, Borough Park and Red Hook. The proposal to separate Red Hook and Sunset Park breaks up a Voting Rights Act district that has empowered South Brooklyn voters of color and Latinos in particular to elect the candidates of their choice.

Hispanic/Latinos are one of the demographic groups that grew the most over the past decade citywide, and yet there are fewer Latinos elected at the highest levels of city and state government than in the past. Packing one district heavily with Asian voters can also have the opposite of the intended effect of increasing opportunities at representation. Packing any group of voters heavily into one district can diminish their relative influence overall. Such is the case in my situation as I would see myself form part of CB 43.

There are many proposals to be considered that create a majority Asian district in South Brooklyn that do not cut Sunset Park in half that would allow those communities to elect representatives of their choice. I support the unity coalition maps and ask the commission to reconsider.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and thank you for your work, commissioners.

Sincerely,

Sara Alvarez

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August 11, 2022

Dear Members of the NYC Districting Commission,

My name is Spencer Casseus and I am the Director of Development, Community Affairs and Strategic Partnerships for Haitian American Community Coalition (HCC), and I am writing regarding my opposition with the recently released maps that the NYC Redistricting Commissioner drafted for Council District 45, in which will remove a large portion of our Flatbush, Flatlands and East Flatbush sections of our district. Over the past 32 years, I have lived and worked in Council District 45, and I have seen how important the presence of Farah Louis and her team is to all the residents here and Council District 45 has been a major resource for our institution because we serve a large portion of predominantly Caribbean and South Asian constituents from the Flatlands and East Flatbush areas.

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Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions at (347) 682-9325.

With Gratitude,

Spencer Casseus

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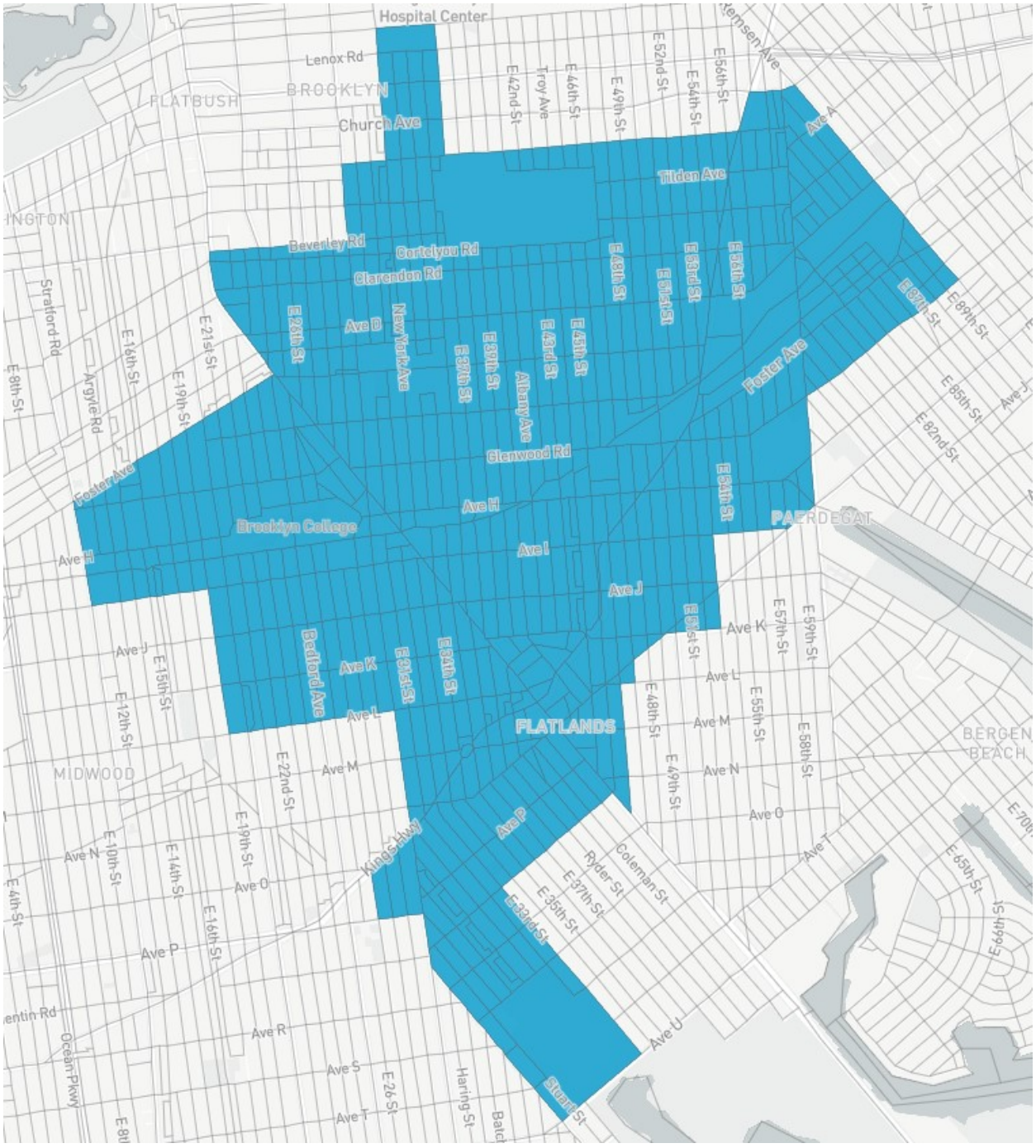
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Flatbush Gardens
Tenant Association

Dear Members of the NYC Districting Commission,

My name is Vivienne Ledgister and I am part of the Flatbush Gardens Tenant Association. I am writing regarding my opposition with the recently released maps that the NYC Redistricting Commissioner drafted for Council District 45, which will remove a large portion of our Flatbush, Flatlands and East Flatbush sections of our district. Over the past 23 years, I have lived in Council District 45 and have seen how important the unity of our neighborhoods have shaped our ability to represent ourselves in our community. Council District 45 has been a major resource for our institution.

The map submitted by Councilmember Farah Louis includes provisions for expanding her district further into the East Flatbush, Flatlands and Canarsie areas to meet the criteria of the charter and increase our population but also to include more healthcare institutions, parks and senior center options for the district. This would solidify her commitment to bring increased access to our vulnerable population who rely on affordable healthcare for their families while also raising quality of life for youth and families.

Without these expansions, our area will not have the opportunity to handle the large influx of people coming into this community and cutting the areas suggested by commission will compromise the common ties of a growing Caribbean and South Asian population in our district. Taking away staple educational institutions like Meyer Levin Junior High School, Brooklyn Science & Engineering Academy and Samuel J. Tilden High School—in which houses Kurt Hahn, It Takes a Village (ITAVA) and Cultural Academy for the Arts and Sciences (CAAS) will be disservice to our families. These schools have been in the East Flatbush for generations, and their removal will drastically distort educational opportunities and will be detrimental to the development and growth of our youth and families because it affects our community's options for feeder schools in East Flatbush.

I hope you all take the time to reconsider the disparities represented on the preliminary map and restore ***the East Flatbush and Remsen Village Neighborhoods back into Council District 45 and have them remain the new district lines and expand the district further northeast into East Flatbush, Flatlands and Canarsie.***

Enclosed is a map by Council Member Louis that includes our communities' preferred proposed map and new areas that will expand schools, health care access and park space in Council District 45.

Sincerely,

Vivienne Ledgister

Vivienne Ledgister


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From: Wai Chi Chan [redacted]
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Citywide Map
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1. Southern Brooklyn

Having watched the testimony from the Brooklyn hearing, I want to state that the so-called APA Voice task force are not remotely representative of the Chinese community. Most APA Voice members are from the non-profit sector, which receives funding from council members, city agency contracts, and direct budget line items. Some have campaigned for candidates. They should disclose their conflicts of interests.

They noted their support for the so-called Unity Map, but that proposal violates the voting rights of Brooklyn's Chinese community. At citizen voting age population level, the Unity Map proposal doesn't provide the community any opportunity to elect a representative of their choice, as none of their proposed districts appear to have even an Asian CVAP plurality, much less a majority. The Unity Map's District 38 proposal would actually yield higher White/Other CVAP than Asian CVAP. Their Bensonhurst proposal would have a White CVAP plurality. In Sheepshead Bay, the Unity Map proposal splinters the Chinese community along Avenue U across three districts, when you can easily keep it together.

I support the Commission's attempt to draw an Asian majority district in Brooklyn. But I also want to propose another option. In the DistrictR proposal I've saved at https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdistrictr.org%2Fplan%2F138850&data=05%7C01%7CPublicTestimony%40redistricting.nyc.gov%7C7775849a2c814135c2cc08da84fd35d9%7C35c828166c56443bbaf68312163cadc1%7C0%7C0%7C637968520323763722%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=DAedwHSMjudI40jwuUNdrBosJ7qOfuExfagWW78ZVQk%3D&reserved=0, you can keep Sunset Park and Bensonhurst largely intact. A Sunset Park, northern Dyker Heights, western Bensonhurst district with a near Asian majority population would result in an Asian CVAP plurality. The remaining area of Bensonhurst has enough population for an entire district, which would have an Asian plurality and a White CVAP plurality.

And let's be honest, current District 38 elections are not determined by Latino or Asian voters. The influx of affluent transplants to Red Hook, South Slope and Greenwood Heights has heavily increased the college-educated White population in these areas. Their high rates of citizenship and turnout in Democratic primaries are what now decides the outcome of elections in District 38. In 2013, these affluent areas were instrumental in the ouster of Sara Gonzalez, a local incumbent from the Puerto Rican community. Their winning candidate was a transplant from El Paso, Texas. They were also instrumental in the recent ouster of Assembly Member Felix Ortiz, another local Puerto Rican incumbent. The Chinese community wasn't a factor. It's just untrue that the current District 38 layout maximizes the Latino vote since it

includes high turnout areas such as South Slope, which are overwhelmingly White. There's simply no longer any way to draw a council district around Sunset Park that's much more than a third Latino.

2. Flushing

While these APA Voice groups want to keep District 38 mostly unchanged, in Flushing Queens they want District 20 to be heavily altered. Their changes would reduce the Asian percentage of the district, in an area with an already depressed citizen voting age population. And it clearly disfavors the incumbent Council Member Sandra Ung. Obviously adding large areas favorable to potential challengers and removing areas she won in last year's primary. It's an unusual proposal since the simplest solution to keeping Murray Hill intact is to shift the small part currently in District 20 to District 19, not to add all of Murray Hill and Broadway-Flushing to District 20. How are these northern areas near Whitestone even related to the majority of District 20 residents who live south of Northern Boulevard and close to the Kissena corridor?

The Unity Map and APA Voice claims about the Chinese community should just be rejected. During the recent Congressional redistricting process, APA Voice wrote to Justice McAllister and Special Master Cervas, claiming that Sunset Park was less integrated into mainstream society than Bensonhurst. Which is just offensive. They used such arguments to push for splitting the contiguous and compact Chinese community in southern Brooklyn between two Congressional districts. I don't understand how anyone could ask for dividing the Chinese community in southern Brooklyn between two Congressional districts. But the Special Master split off Sunset Park and the Brooklyn Chinese community is now an inconsequential voting group divided between two Congressional districts.

Please follow the data and ignore the disinformation campaigns. Thank you.

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Unifying Bensonhurst

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Yan Feng Chen. I have lived in Bensonhurst for 26 years. My occupation is an retirer.

I 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.

The 43% increase in APA population in Brooklyn supports two strong plurality Asian American districts.

I thank the Commission for trying to draw a majority APA district, but to create the one the Commission drew divides the neighborhood of Bensonhurst in 1/3rds and creates a plurality white neighborhood to the detriment of an Asian and Latino longstanding coalition district.

Bensonhurst is currently divided into 4 city council districts. The Asian American community is diluted among these 4 districts with approx. 25% of the APA population in each. Therefore, the Asian American community is NOT getting its fair share of resources because they are approximately ¼ in each District. Keeping the majority of Bensonhurst in one district guarantees the community will get its fair share of resources.

Because our power is diluted, our needs are neglected.

Bensonhurst is a neighborhood. The plurality district is compact. We know the neighborhood. To divide this neighborhood into 1/3rds breaks up a neighborhood that frequents the same stores, restaurants, culturally sensitive services, and transportation lines. It sows conclusion into a community as to who represents them from street to street.

Regards,

Yan Feng Chen

Dear Members of the NYC Districting Commission,

My name is Aisha Ford. I am writing regarding my opposition with the recently released maps that the NYC Redistricting Commissioner drafted for Council District 45, which will remove a large portion of our Flatbush, Flatlands and East Flatbush sections of our district. Over the past 23 years, I have lived in Council District 45 and have seen how important the unity of our neighborhoods have shaped our ability to represent ourselves in our community.

The map submitted by Councilmember Farah Louis includes provisions for expanding her district further into the East Flatbush, Flatlands and Canarsie areas to meet the criteria of the charter and increase our population but also to include more healthcare institutions, parks and senior center options for the district. This would solidify her commitment to bring increased access to our vulnerable population who rely on affordable healthcare for their families while also raising quality of life for youth and families.

Without these expansions, our area will not have the opportunity to handle the large influx of people coming into this community and cutting the areas suggested by commission will compromise the common ties of a growing Caribbean and South Asian population in our district. Taking away staple educational institutions like Meyer Levin Junior High School, Brooklyn Science & Engineering Academy and Samuel J. Tilden High School—in which houses Kurt Hahn, It Takes a Village (ITAVA) and Cultural Academy for the Arts and Sciences (CAAS) will be disservice to our families. These schools have been in the East Flatbush for generations, and their removal will drastically distort educational opportunities and will be detrimental to the development and growth of our youth and families because it affects our community's options for feeder schools in East Flatbush.

I hope you all take the time to reconsider the disparities represented on the preliminary map and restore ***the East Flatbush and Remsen Village Neighborhoods back into Council District 45 and have them remain the new district lines and expand the district further northeast into East Flatbush, Flatlands and Canarsie***.

Enclosed is a map by Council Member Louis that includes our communities' preferred proposed map and new areas that will expand schools, health care access and park space in Council District 45.

Sincerely,

Aisha

Aisha Ford


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Dear Members of the NYC Districting Commission,

My name is Carmen D. Hendez. I am writing regarding my opposition with the recently released maps that the NYC Redistricting Commissioner drafted for Council District 45, which will remove a large portion of our Flatbush, Flatlands and East Flatbush sections of our district. Over the past 23 years, I have lived in Council District 45 and have seen how important the unity of our neighborhoods have shaped our ability to represent ourselves in our community.

The map submitted by Councilmember Farah Louis includes provisions for expanding her district further into the East Flatbush, Flatlands and Canarsie areas to meet the criteria of the charter and increase our population but also to include more healthcare institutions, parks and senior center options for the district. This would solidify her commitment to bring increased access to our vulnerable population who rely on affordable healthcare for their families while also raising quality of life for youth and families.

Without these expansions, our area will not have the opportunity to handle the large influx of people coming into this community and cutting the areas suggested by commission will compromise the common ties of a growing Caribbean and South Asian population in our district. Taking away staple educational institutions like Meyer Levin Junior High School, Brooklyn Science & Engineering Academy and Samuel J. Tilden High School—in which houses Kurt Hahn, It Takes a Village (ITAVA) and Cultural Academy for the Arts and Sciences (CAAS) will be disservice to our families. These schools have been in the East Flatbush for generations, and their removal will drastically distort educational opportunities and will be detrimental to the development and growth of our youth and families because it affects our community's options for feeder schools in East Flatbush.

I hope you all take the time to reconsider the disparities represented on the preliminary map and restore ***the East Flatbush and Remsen Village Neighborhoods back into Council District 45 and have them remain the new district lines and expand the district further northeast into East Flatbush, Flatlands and Canarsie***.

Enclosed is a map by Council Member Louis that includes our communities' preferred proposed map and new areas that will expand schools, health care access and park space in Council District 45.

Sincerely,

C.D. Hendez

Carmen D. Hendez


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Dear Members of the NYC Districting Commission,

My name is Cheryl Small. I am writing regarding my opposition with the recently released maps that the NYC Redistricting Commissioner drafted for Council District 45, which will remove a large portion of our Flatbush, Flatlands and East Flatbush sections of our district. Over the past 23 years, I have lived in Council District 45 and have seen how important the unity of our neighborhoods have shaped our ability to represent ourselves in our community.

The map submitted by Councilmember Farah Louis includes provisions for expanding her district further into the East Flatbush, Flatlands and Canarsie areas to meet the criteria of the charter and increase our population but also to include more healthcare institutions, parks and senior center options for the district. This would solidify her commitment to bring increased access to our vulnerable population who rely on affordable healthcare for their families while also raising quality of life for youth and families.

Without these expansions, our area will not have the opportunity to handle the large influx of people coming into this community and cutting the areas suggested by commission will compromise the common ties of a growing Caribbean and South Asian population in our district. Taking away staple educational institutions like Meyer Levin Junior High School, Brooklyn Science & Engineering Academy and Samuel J. Tilden High School—in which houses Kurt Hahn, It Takes a Village (ITAVA) and Cultural Academy for the Arts and Sciences (CAAS) will be disservice to our families. These schools have been in the East Flatbush for generations, and their removal will drastically distort educational opportunities and will be detrimental to the development and growth of our youth and families because it affects our community's options for feeder schools in East Flatbush.

I hope you all take the time to reconsider the disparities represented on the preliminary map and restore ***the East Flatbush and Remsen Village Neighborhoods back into Council District 45 and have them remain the new district lines and expand the district further northeast into East Flatbush, Flatlands and Canarsie***.

Enclosed is a map by Council Member Louis that includes our communities' preferred proposed map and new areas that will expand schools, health care access and park space in Council District 45.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Small


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My name is **David Ganz**.
I was born in Williamsburg in 1958. I was raised here, and my wife was born and raised here, along with our children.
As a lifetime Williamsburg resident, I am here today because of what I heard regarding the proposed changes to District 33, where I live.
The flavor of South Williamsburg, where I have spent a lifetime, is unique because of our residents' shared values.

We are there for each other. We support each other.

We have built a network of places of prayer, education, work, assistance, and support.
I work in Williamsburg at - **Yeshiva Bnos Ahavas Israel of Viznitz** as the building and kitchen manager, where there are 1200 students in the boys and girls' school combined, and I see the same values we have at home; reflected in the school; where I am proud to have sent my children and where my grandchildren presently attend.

Splitting a community that has grown as close as the South Williamsburg community has for the past 70 years is doing a disservice to those who worked to create the environment, we now live in.
Forcing a gap between neighbors, that have not only lived but thrived together for decades, is wrong on so many fronts.

It is our unity that makes us strong, and that strength is what allows us to go to our elected for support for our unique needs.
Splitting us into two districts will destroy that unity and cause an entire community to lose its strength and the ability to remain united. Our schools will suffer. Our institutions will suffer. Our sense of safety and well-being will suffer as well.
We need to know that as a group; we can turn to our elected representatives, who will then advocate for our needs.
By splitting us, our voices will be weaker and no longer heard.
Our critical needs will no longer matter.

Breaking up **District 33** will break up not only our district but everything.
My entire way of life spent exclusively in South Williamsburg will be in jeopardy.



Davidzon Media

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Dear Members of NYC Districting Commission!

I am Gregory Davidzon, President of Davidzon Media and CEO of Davidzon Radio (620 AM) and the Russian Television Network of America, These two oldest and most influential Russian language media outlets in America have hundreds of thousands of listeners and viewers in NYC and beyond.

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

The 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 47th Council District. Historically they were together with parts of Bensonhurst and Gravesend in one Council District - before the last redistricting that unfairly divided the Russian speaking American community.

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 surrounding communities of Brighton Beach, Brightwater Towers, Luna Park, and Trump Village. These are all waterfront communities and they should be united together in the same Council district.

I strongly urge the Districting Commission to include neighboring and historically close communities of Coney Island, Brighton Beach (between Ocean Parkway and Coney Island Avenue), Brightwater Towers, Luna Park, Warbasse, Trump Village, Beach Haven, as well as

parts of Gravesend and Bensonhurst in one 47th District. In order to add additional neighborhoods to the boundaries of the 47th Council District, it would be logical and fair to cut a large part of Bensonhurst from that district - from the 21st Avenue to 18th Avenue.

If you have any additional questions, please, do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you!

Gregory Davidzon
August 24, 2022

Dear Members of the NYC Districting Commission,

My name is Donovan Drillon. I am writing regarding my opposition with the recently released maps that the NYC Redistricting Commissioner drafted for Council District 45, which will remove a large portion of our Flatbush, Flatlands and East Flatbush sections of our district. Over the past 23 years, I have lived in Council District 45 and have seen how important the unity of our neighborhoods have shaped our ability to represent ourselves in our community.

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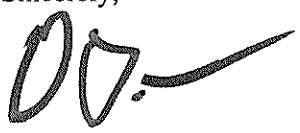

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Dear Members of the NYC Districting Commission,

My name is Gillian Lowman. I am writing regarding my opposition with the recently released maps that the NYC Redistricting Commissioner drafted for Council District 45, which will remove a large portion of our Flatbush, Flatlands and East Flatbush sections of our district. Over the past 23 years, I have lived in Council District 45 and have seen how important the unity of our neighborhoods have shaped our ability to represent ourselves in our community.

The map submitted by Councilmember Farah Louis includes provisions for expanding her district further into the East Flatbush, Flatlands and Canarsie areas to meet the criteria of the charter and increase our population but also to include more healthcare institutions, parks and senior center options for the district. This would solidify her commitment to bring increased access to our vulnerable population who rely on affordable healthcare for their families while also raising quality of life for youth and families.

Without these expansions, our area will not have the opportunity to handle the large influx of people coming into this community and cutting the areas suggested by commission will compromise the common ties of a growing Caribbean and South Asian population in our district. Taking away staple educational institutions like Meyer Levin Junior High School, Brooklyn Science & Engineering Academy and Samuel J. Tilden High School—in which houses Kurt Hahn, It Takes a Village (ITAVA) and Cultural Academy for the Arts and Sciences (CAAS) will be disservice to our families. These schools have been in the East Flatbush for generations, and their removal will drastically distort educational opportunities and will be detrimental to the development and growth of our youth and families because it affects our community's options for feeder schools in East Flatbush.

I hope you all take the time to reconsider the disparities represented on the preliminary map and restore ***the East Flatbush and Remsen Village Neighborhoods back into Council District 45 and have them remain the new district lines and expand the district further northeast into East Flatbush, Flatlands and Canarsie***.

Enclosed is a map by Council Member Louis that includes our communities' preferred proposed map and new areas that will expand schools, health care access and park space in Council District 45.

Sincerely,

Gillian Lowman


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Dear Members of the NYC Districting Commission,

My name is Ms. Hazel Martinez. I am writing regarding my opposition with the recently released maps that the NYC Redistricting Commissioner drafted for Council District 45, which will remove a large portion of our Flatbush, Flatlands and East Flatbush sections of our district. Over the past 23 years, I have lived in Council District 45 and have seen how important the unity of our neighborhoods have shaped our ability to represent ourselves in our community.

The map submitted by Councilmember Farah Louis includes provisions for expanding her district further into the East Flatbush, Flatlands and Canarsie areas to meet the criteria of the charter and increase our population but also to include more healthcare institutions, parks and senior center options for the district. This would solidify her commitment to bring increased access to our vulnerable population who rely on affordable healthcare for their families while also raising quality of life for youth and families.

Without these expansions, our area will not have the opportunity to handle the large influx of people coming into this community and cutting the areas suggested by commission will compromise the common ties of a growing Caribbean and South Asian population in our district. Taking away staple educational institutions like Meyer Levin Junior High School, Brooklyn Science & Engineering Academy and Samuel J. Tilden High School—in which houses Kurt Hahn, It Takes a Village (ITAVA) and Cultural Academy for the Arts and Sciences (CAAS) will be disservice to our families. These schools have been in the East Flatbush for generations, and their removal will drastically distort educational opportunities and will be detrimental to the development and growth of our youth and families because it affects our community's options for feeder schools in East Flatbush.

I hope you all take the time to reconsider the disparities represented on the preliminary map and restore ***the East Flatbush and Remsen Village Neighborhoods back into Council District 45 and have them remain the new district lines and expand the district further northeast into East Flatbush, Flatlands and Canarsie***.

Enclosed is a map by Council Member Louis that includes our communities' preferred proposed map and new areas that will expand schools, health care access and park space in Council District 45.

Sincerely,

Martinez

Ms. Hazel Martinez


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Dear Members of the NYC Districting Commission,

My name is Jack Caplan. I am writing regarding my opposition with the recently released maps that the NYC Redistricting Commissioner drafted for Council District 45, which will remove a large portion of our Flatbush, Flatlands and East Flatbush sections of our district. Over the past 23 years, I have lived in Council District 45 and have seen how important the unity of our neighborhoods have shaped our ability to represent ourselves in our community.

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Jack Caplan


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Jaqueline Johnson


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Dear Members of the NYC Districting Commission,

My name is Jean Bernard Louis. I am writing regarding my opposition with the recently released maps that the NYC Redistricting Commissioner drafted for Council District 45, which will remove a large portion of our Flatbush, Flatlands and East Flatbush sections of our district. Over the past 23 years, I have lived in Council District 45 and have seen how important the unity of our neighborhoods have shaped our ability to represent ourselves in our community.

The map submitted by Councilmember Farah Louis includes provisions for expanding her district further into the East Flatbush, Flatlands and Canarsie areas to meet the criteria of the charter and increase our population but also to include more healthcare institutions, parks and senior center options for the district. This would solidify her commitment to bring increased access to our vulnerable population who rely on affordable healthcare for their families while also raising quality of life for youth and families.

Without these expansions, our area will not have the opportunity to handle the large influx of people coming into this community and cutting the areas suggested by commission will compromise the common ties of a growing Caribbean and South Asian population in our district. Taking away staple educational institutions like Meyer Levin Junior High School, Brooklyn Science & Engineering Academy and Samuel J. Tilden High School—in which houses Kurt Hahn, It Takes a Village (ITAVA) and Cultural Academy for the Arts and Sciences (CAAS) will be disservice to our families. These schools have been in the East Flatbush for generations, and their removal will drastically distort educational opportunities and will be detrimental to the development and growth of our youth and families because it affects our community's options for feeder schools in East Flatbush.

I hope you all take the time to reconsider the disparities represented on the preliminary map and restore ***the East Flatbush and Remsen Village Neighborhoods back into Council District 45 and have them remain the new district lines and expand the district further northeast into East Flatbush, Flatlands and Canarsie***.

Enclosed is a map by Council Member Louis that includes our communities' preferred proposed map and new areas that will expand schools, health care access and park space in Council District 45.

Sincerely,

JeanLouis

Jean Bernard Louis


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My name is Kwai Zhang. I have been living in brooklyn for 37 years.
My occupation is Data Programmer.
I support the Districting Commission's creation of District 43, the first majority Asian (57%) district in Brooklyn.

The draft map released on July 15, 2022 lives up to the promise of the Voting Rights Act, Section 2
-- accurately reflecting demographic shifts in New York populations while preserving electoral and political power for communities of color.
In particular, the proposal will amply protect the voting power of the growing Asian community.

For decades, Asian residents in Bay Ridge, Sunset Park, Dyker Heights, and Bensonhurst have been splintered across four city council districts, which has diluted our representation and subverted our priorities and concerns.
This new District 43, with 57% of Asians, will better unite and connect the Asian communities and ensure our voices are being heard.

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NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10007

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

Subject: Proposed lines for Council District 33

Dear Commissioners:

I participated in the zoom meeting on August 22nd, and waited for my turn, but unfortunately I wasn't called on to testify. Hence, I share hereby my prepared testimony:

Good day commissioners, and thank you for taking the time to listen to the concerns of New Yorkers, to ensure a fair redistricting process.

My name is Shimon Kleinman, and I'm the administrator of Yeshiva Beth Hillel of Williamsburg, a private school where 250 boys are enrolled. We also run a summer camp and help provide a range of services to our students, from free breakfast and lunch meals to help them nourish, remedial services, after school assistance and a summer camp.

We are one of many such large and smaller private schools in South Williamsburg, caring not only for the children, but also assisting their families. Our yeshivas, are the main institutions in the community. All of our yeshivas work in concert on many efforts to help the entire community.

A lot of our efforts depends on working together for our common interests and being represented by common representatives to advocate for us. We have unique child care and after school issues impacting our families and yeshivas. For example, unlike the public schools, our yeshivas are open on Sunday, and many of our affiliated day care and child cares operate on Sundays, while we close early on Friday for Sabbath. Our day care and after school services provide care for children who have their care subsidized. Under the rules, a full day program requires to operate at least five full days. Recently, particular agencies didn't recognize Sundays as a program day. Hence, we weren't eligible as full-time programs, since Friday we're only open half

day. It required a serious advocacy effort, with the assistance of our councilmember to convince them that Sundays is part of our school and day care schedule.

When our community is divided, it will make it much harder to have at least one representative delve in, understand and really advocate hard and persist to resolve such issues. There are always such issues, and we're a community of interest in the fullest sense and appeal to you to keep us together so that our rights and needs are strongly represented.

Unfortunately, the first draft maps would remove a significant part of my student-body from district 33. We appeal to you to revert that and keep us together, as we have been for decades. Please Don't take the community out of the New Yorker by forcing lines of demarcation that will split and alienate friends from friends and neighbors from neighbors.

Please leave District 33 as it stands today so it will remain a community, we can all be proud of in the future. The map linked hereby would mostly achieve that, and we strongly encourage you to adopt it.

https://districtr.org/plan/138019

Thank you for your time!

Shimon Kleinman

Administrator

To the Commissioners, Chair Walcott and Commission staff

I know there are many factors you must weigh in this process, and I thank you for your work and your attention during these long hearings and now as you review written testimony.

I work in the Office of Council Member Alexa Avilés. I am testifying in my personal capacity as a Brooklyn resident. I worked on the NYC Census effort to get more New Yorkers counted in the 2020 Census, and I was proud to do my part to ensure all communities get a fair share and fair representation. I feel personally and ethically compelled to participate in this process.

"We are all foot soldiers on the road to freedom here", David Dinkins began his inaugural address. We all deserve fair maps and a fair shot at electing representatives who will be responsive to the needs of all communities. I submit this written testimony to lay out different options for this Commission to craft a proposal worthy of our city's gorgeous mosaic.

The initial proposal from this Commission would create two plurality or majority White districts in place of a majority people of color, coalition district by splitting up Red Hook and Sunset Park. I think the burden of proof is very high for this Commission to separate Sunset Park and Red Hook. With both neighborhoods together you can create a district — by a variety of means — that is majority people of color and has roughly proportional shares of White, Latino and Asian voters.

By separating the two neighborhoods, which have shared representation at several levels of government for decades, you cannot achieve a majority people of color coalition district in South Brooklyn in addition to an Asian opportunity district in South Brooklyn. Red Hook and Sunset Park are distinct neighborhoods that are more like than unlike. Bay Ridge and Park Slope are unlike either of the two, and with higher rates of voter participation that could diminish the influence of voters in Red Hook and Sunset Park to a very significant degree.

There are alternatives to the Commission's initial proposal that also create an Asian opportunity district. One option on the table is the Unity Coalition's latest proposed maps, which keep Sunset Park whole and create an Asian opportunity district centered on Bensonhurst. Another option is to create a district with Sunset Park, Red Hook, Gowanus and Carroll Gardens together. Such a proposal would potentially unite public housing developments in Red Hook with the Gowanus and Wyckoff Houses.

Either alternative can produce a District 38 that is roughly equal parts Hispanic and White or Hispanic and Asian. Carroll Gardens and Gowanus, as well as the core of the 8 Avenue Brooklyn Chinese community currently within District 38 have a population of about 56,000 and 51,000 respectively. Taken together, Red Hook and Sunset Park (excluding the area from 7 Ave and 44

St to Ft Hamilton Ave and 66 St) have a population of some 116,000 with a 47.3% Latino plurality.

I will note a few additional considerations for the Commission based on testimonies presented at the hearing at Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn. We heard from many Bengali residents of Kensington who called on this Commission to unite more of their community within District 39. This may require losing some population from the current District 39.

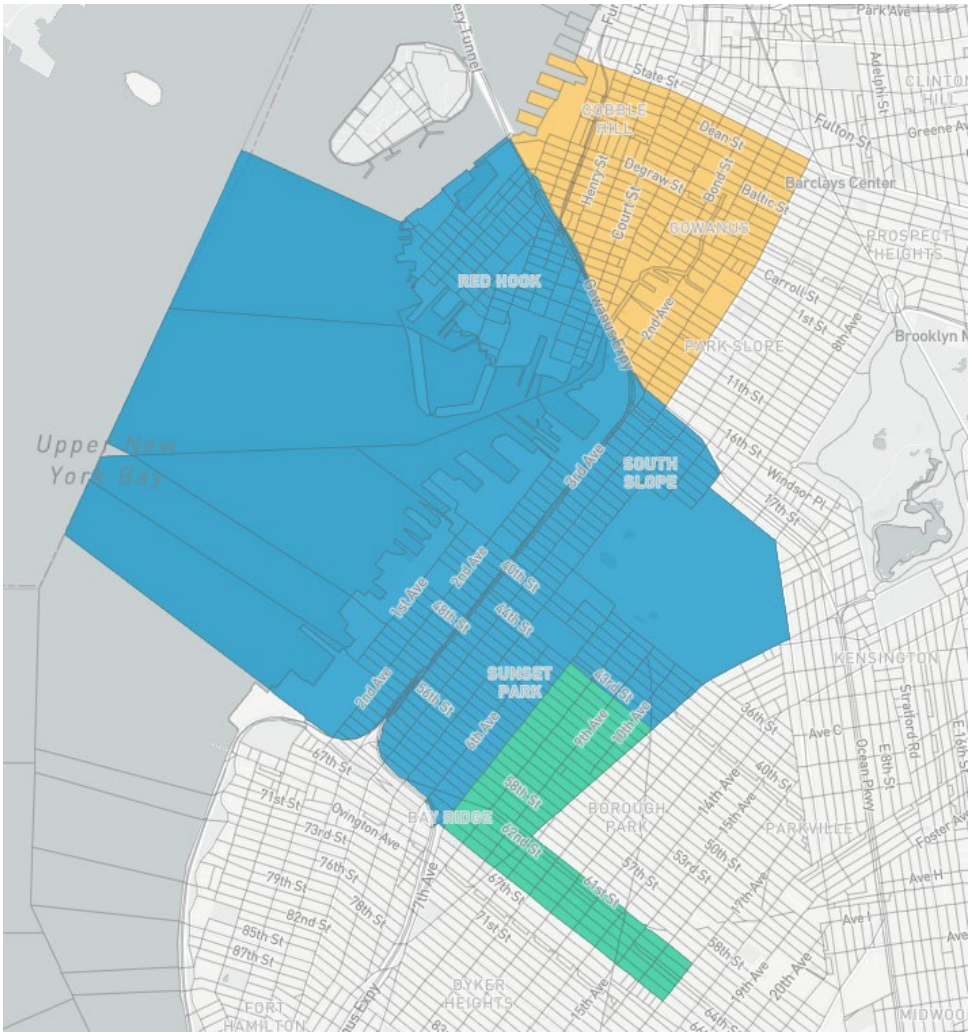
Harris Khan from Muslim Democratic Club testified on how religious communities of interest are often gerrymandered and impressed the importance of a contiguous district that unites Muslim communities in Bay Ridge and Bath Beach. There are many reasons that religious communities have been gerrymandered. For instance, the Census treats Arab Muslims as "White," while South Asian Muslims are simply "Asian." There is more complexity and richness in our city than our statistical categories can always capture. This Commission has the opportunity to right longstanding historic wrongs by taking their recommendations for Brooklyn and Queens seriously.

It is up to this Commission to weigh the merits of creating either a majority Asian district or two plurality Asian districts in South Brooklyn. While two plurality districts could provide Brooklyn's Chinese communities with more opportunities to elect representatives over time, these communities also have fewer eligible voters for the time being. The Commission should strive to keep Bensonhurst whole in either scenario. If this Commission is to divide Sunset Park, it ought to draw a clean line along 7 Ave anywhere from 44 St to 66 St.

I know that this Commission must weigh many factors and that with such strongly felt issues, you must take into account many different views on just this area of Brooklyn alone. I thank you once again for your attention, and I ask that you put forward a proposal in September worthy of our city's gorgeous mosaic.

James Neimeister
Sunset Park, Brooklyn
August 2022

Figure 1.
Carroll Gardens-Gowanus and 8 Avenue population comparison



Population Balance

ⓘ Uses **2020 Decennial Census** population with processing by Redistricting Partners on **2020 Blocks**.



	Wh/Oth	Hispanic	Asian	Black
1	16.6%	47.3%	28.2%	5.1%
2	62.8%	15.9%	7.1%	8.1%
3	15.3%	14.5%	67.2%	1.1%

Figure 2.

Sunset Park-Red Hook-Carroll Gardens-Gowanus



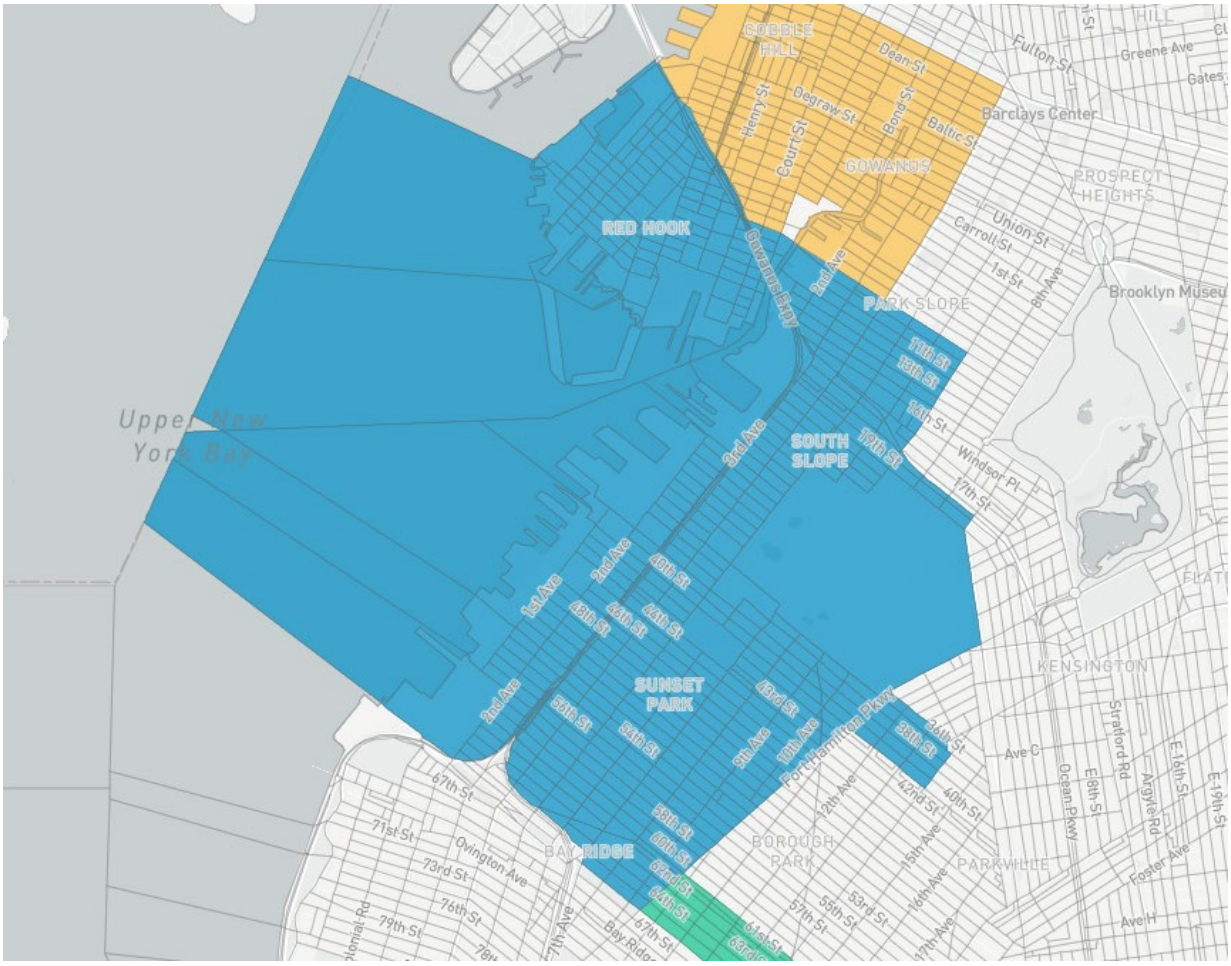
Population Balance

ⓘ Uses **2020 Decennial Census** population with processing by Redistricting Partners on **2020 Blocks**.

172,335

	Wh/Oth	Hispanic	Asian	Black
1	31.6%	37%	21.2%	6.1%

Figure 3.
Variation on “Unity Map” proposals



Population Balance

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175,827

	Wh/Oth	Hispanic	Asian	Black
1	21.1%	36.8%	34.9%	4.1%

Dear Members of the NYC Districting Commission,

My name is Marie Aubry. I am writing regarding my opposition with the recently released maps that the NYC Redistricting Commissioner drafted for Council District 45, which will remove a large portion of our Flatbush, Flatlands and East Flatbush sections of our district. Over the past 23 years, I have lived in Council District 45 and have seen how important the unity of our neighborhoods have shaped our ability to represent ourselves in our community.

The map submitted by Councilmember Farah Louis includes provisions for expanding her district further into the East Flatbush, Flatlands and Canarsie areas to meet the criteria of the charter and increase our population but also to include more healthcare institutions, parks and senior center options for the district. This would solidify her commitment to bring increased access to our vulnerable population who rely on affordable healthcare for their families while also raising quality of life for youth and families.

Without these expansions, our area will not have the opportunity to handle the large influx of people coming into this community and cutting the areas suggested by commission will compromise the common ties of a growing Caribbean and South Asian population in our district. Taking away staple educational institutions like Meyer Levin Junior High School, Brooklyn Science & Engineering Academy and Samuel J. Tilden High School—in which houses Kurt Hahn, It Takes a Village (ITAVA) and Cultural Academy for the Arts and Sciences (CAAS) will be disservice to our families. These schools have been in the East Flatbush for generations, and their removal will drastically distort educational opportunities and will be detrimental to the development and growth of our youth and families because it affects our community's options for feeder schools in East Flatbush.

I hope you all take the time to reconsider the disparities represented on the preliminary map and restore ***the East Flatbush and Remsen Village Neighborhoods back into Council District 45 and have them remain the new district lines and expand the district further northeast into East Flatbush, Flatlands and Canarsie***.

Enclosed is a map by Council Member Louis that includes our communities' preferred proposed map and new areas that will expand schools, health care access and park space in Council District 45.

Sincerely,

Marie Aubry


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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Note I was cut off so I am resubmitting it as written testimony.

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I am Mendel Rothchild. I have lived in South Williamsburg for the past 20 years. I work here. I raised my kids here. I am an active member in the community working tirelessly on its behalf to help it thrive and achieve its full potential. Eighteen years ago, I committed to establishing Bnos Skver of Williamsburg with a group of like-minded parents. The school went from having a few dozen students at its opening, to currently educating more than 700 students from elementary through high school.

The school is but one example of the institutions our community was able to establish based on our strong sense of unity and like-minded determination that was and still is the bedrock component of what makes South Williamsburg the community I am proud to be a part of, and proud to have raised my family in.

This sense of community gives District 33 the values that make us unique. Our unified front and collective voices when it comes to our communities essential needs is something that our elected officials have taken note of, and realize its importance. It is because of that sense of commitment towards the quality of life we all value that has given us our unique strengths.

Dividing a community that has been together for decades and has grown together, built together, prayed together, and stayed together tramples on the needs of your fellow New Yorkers. It disrespects all that we have achieved in South Williamsburg and worked so hard for, over the years. The success of our proud New York Community is built on the success of previous generations, who were also proud New Yorkers who received the resources they needed from within the community and from their elected representatives. These capabilities will be diminished or maybe even extinguished should the community undergo a district split.

Our community perceives this proposed split as a direct and targeted action, that will adversely affect our ability to flourish.

Please leave the South Williamsburg section of the district as is so it will remain a community we can all be proud of in the future.

Thank you

Dear Members of the NYC Districting Commission,

My name is Naimah Clark. I am writing regarding my opposition with the recently released maps that the NYC Redistricting Commissioner drafted for Council District 45, which will remove a large portion of our Flatbush, Flatlands and East Flatbush sections of our district. Over the past 23 years, I have lived in Council District 45 and have seen how important the unity of our neighborhoods have shaped our ability to represent ourselves in our community.

The map submitted by Councilmember Farah Louis includes provisions for expanding her district further into the East Flatbush, Flatlands and Canarsie areas to meet the criteria of the charter and increase our population but also to include more healthcare institutions, parks and senior center options for the district. This would solidify her commitment to bring increased access to our vulnerable population who rely on affordable healthcare for their families while also raising quality of life for youth and families.

Without these expansions, our area will not have the opportunity to handle the large influx of people coming into this community and cutting the areas suggested by commission will compromise the common ties of a growing Caribbean and South Asian population in our district. Taking away staple educational institutions like Meyer Levin Junior High School, Brooklyn Science & Engineering Academy and Samuel J. Tilden High School—in which houses Kurt Hahn, It Takes a Village (ITAVA) and Cultural Academy for the Arts and Sciences (CAAS) will be disservice to our families. These schools have been in the East Flatbush for generations, and their removal will drastically distort educational opportunities and will be detrimental to the development and growth of our youth and families because it affects our community's options for feeder schools in East Flatbush.

I hope you all take the time to reconsider the disparities represented on the preliminary map and restore ***the East Flatbush and Remsen Village Neighborhoods back into Council District 45 and have them remain the new district lines and expand the district further northeast into East Flatbush, Flatlands and Canarsie***.

Enclosed is a map by Council Member Louis that includes our communities' preferred proposed map and new areas that will expand schools, health care access and park space in Council District 45.

Sincerely,

Naimah Clark

Naimah Clark


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Dear Members of the NYC Districting Commission,

My name is Remy Wilson. I am writing regarding my opposition with the recently released maps that the NYC Redistricting Commissioner drafted for Council District 45, which will remove a large portion of our Flatbush, Flatlands and East Flatbush sections of our district. Over the past 23 years, I have lived in Council District 45 and have seen how important the unity of our neighborhoods have shaped our ability to represent ourselves in our community.

The map submitted by Councilmember Farah Louis includes provisions for expanding her district further into the East Flatbush, Flatlands and Canarsie areas to meet the criteria of the charter and increase our population but also to include more healthcare institutions, parks and senior center options for the district. This would solidify her commitment to bring increased access to our vulnerable population who rely on affordable healthcare for their families while also raising quality of life for youth and families.

Without these expansions, our area will not have the opportunity to handle the large influx of people coming into this community and cutting the areas suggested by commission will compromise the common ties of a growing Caribbean and South Asian population in our district. Taking away staple educational institutions like Meyer Levin Junior High School, Brooklyn Science & Engineering Academy and Samuel J. Tilden High School—in which houses Kurt Hahn, It Takes a Village (ITAVA) and Cultural Academy for the Arts and Sciences (CAAS) will be disservice to our families. These schools have been in the East Flatbush for generations, and their removal will drastically distort educational opportunities and will be detrimental to the development and growth of our youth and families because it affects our community's options for feeder schools in East Flatbush.

I hope you all take the time to reconsider the disparities represented on the preliminary map and restore ***the East Flatbush and Remsen Village Neighborhoods back into Council District 45 and have them remain the new district lines and expand the district further northeast into East Flatbush, Flatlands and Canarsie***.

Enclosed is a map by Council Member Louis that includes our communities' preferred proposed map and new areas that will expand schools, health care access and park space in Council District 45.

Sincerely,

Remy Wilson

Remy Wilson


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Sincerely,

Tienyu The

DeCillis, Michael

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Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 11:19 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] A better plan for southern Brooklyn

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

I have been a resident of Bay Ridge for 15 years. I have lived in 3 boroughs of NYC over the past 68 years. I have never lived in such a diverse but coherent community. We are very much part of the communities to the south of us culturally and through our connection to the waterfront through our wonderful shorefront park. The first round of maps presented by the Commission completely divides historic communities of interest – especially in southern Brooklyn. For your consideration, here are two alternate versions of maps that would create a majority Asian council district in southern Brooklyn while also keeping much of Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights, Bath Beach, and Bensonhurst together. Both of these maps maintain cohesion of historic communities of interest, preserve both emerging and enduring ethnic and religious enclaves, and overlap significantly with other existing relevant city agency boundaries including School District 20, Community Board 10, the 68th Police Precinct, and DSNY Garage 10. \

Proposed Map 1- https://districtr.org/plan/136695

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Yolanda Alleyne


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From: David Heimlich [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2022 4:48 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Williamsburg - redistricting

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Re: Council District 33

To: **NYC Districting Commission**

August 25, 2022

Good evening! My name is David Heimlich, a Hasidic and Orthodox Jew, residing on South 8th Street, in South Williamsburg. I'm a Community Board 1 member, and for years of the main organizer of the Lower Broadway Block Association. I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the draft maps for districts 33 and 34, that would remove my address and hundreds of my neighbors from council district 33, and it would divide my community which is a community of interest like few others.

NYC Charter, Chapter 2-A, section 52, 1 (c), requires that: "District lines shall keep intact neighborhoods and communities with established ties of common interest and association, whether historical, racial, economic, ethnic, religious or other."

The Williamsburg Jewish community has common interests and associations that permeates all aspects of our lives. We have a common history - almost all families here were started by holocaust survivors resettled from Eastern Europe; we share a common religion as Orthodox Jews, overwhelmingly Hasidic; Ee also share economic interests in the affordability of private school tuition; affordability of child care for large families; availability and affordability of larger family size housing; availability and affordability of kosher and religious products, etc. We share concern with gentrification, the resulting crunch in housing, and erosion of our cultural character of the area. The list of our commonalities goes on and on. Sadly, we face common threats of terrorism and antisemitic hate targeting our community, and we suffer of frequent hate attacks. It's very hard to find a community so concentrated with so many common unique needs, as ours.

According to the Census 2020 findings for the purple area: section that is proposed to be removed from district 33 south of Ross Street has a total population is 17,340. 11,241 (64.8 %) are white non-Hispanic. That is more than double of the NYC average of 30.9% who identify as white non-Hispanic. The under-18 years population is 34.9%, also much higher than the 19.8 % citywide average. The average household size is 3.05, also higher than the 2.55 the city's average. This reflects that this area is strongly and overwhelmingly Hasidic.

Removing us from the district in a new district will significantly weaken representation for our unique needs, and it will also weaken the Hasidic community remaining in the neighboring district, that will now be a much smaller minority within that district with less attention of their elected representative.

Hence, I appeal to you to please keep the community in-tact in one district.

In the following link there is a map that has broad support to keep our community mostly in-tact. I strongly appeal to you to at least follow that map, to keep the areas where our community reside together. https://districtr.org/plan/138019

Sincerely,

David Heimlich

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From: fraidy ringel <[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2022 2:52 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council Districts 44 & 48
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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Fradie Ringel and I reside in the 44th council district.

I respectfully write this letter regarding the redistricting of City Council districts 44 and 48. Borough Park, Flatbush, Midwood and some of Kensigton are heavily Orthodox Jewish communities. Our districts have many things in common; we share the same synagogues, yeshiva schools, kosher food stores, shopping centers, and religious practices and observance. We are a concentrated community and are unique, sharing common values and having many of the same needs. For example, we follow religious practices that limit our travel and other things on the Sabbath and on holy days. It is therefore critical that our communities' unique characters be maintained in a manner where our ever-expanding communities need the attention of elected officials who understand and respond to our needs. This applies especially to the 44th City Council District, which, for decades at this point, has been the core Jewish City Council District. Additionally, we also respectfully request that the core of the 48th City Council District be maintained for the reasons mentioned above.

For your convenience, I am embedding a link and a picture attachment in this email showing a model map and the street borders that would better serve the residents of the 44th District and the 48th District: https://districtr.org/plan/139064.

Thank you for your attention to this critically important need.

Fradie Ringel

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8/25/2022

NYC Districting Commission 253 Broadway, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10007

My name is Rabbi Joseph Dopplet, As a lifetime Williamsburg resident, I came here today because of what I heard regarding the proposed changes to District 33, where I live.

The flavor of South Williamsburg, where I have spent a lifetime, is unique because of our residents; shared values. We are there for each other. We support each other. We have built a network of places of prayer, education, work, assistance, and support.

I work at - Yeshiva Arugath Habosem , and I see the same values we have at home reflected in the school.

Splitting a community that has grown as close as the South Williamsburg community has for the past 70 years is doing a disservice to those who worked to create the environment, we now live in. Forcing a gap between neighbors that have not only lived but thrived together for decades is wrong on so many fronts.

It is our unity that makes us strong, and that strength is what allows us to go to our elected for support for our unique needs. Splitting us into two districts will destroy that unity and cause an entire community to lose its strength and the ability to remain united. Our schools will suffer.

Our institutions will suffer. Our sense of safety and well-being will suffer as well. We need to know that as a group, we can turn to our elected representatives, who will then advocate for our needs. By splitting us, our voices will be weaker and no longer heard. Our critical needs will no longer matter.

Breaking up District 33 will break up not only our district but everything. My entire way of life spent exclusively in South Williamsburg will be in jeopardy.

Rabbi Joseph Doppelt
Administrator

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From: Athena Auyeung [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2022 6:46 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I strongly support District 43

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My name is KamLam AuYeung. I have been living in brooklyn for 15 years. My occupation is an accountant. I support the Districting Commission's creation of District 43, the first majority Asian (57%) district in Brooklyn.

The draft map released on July 15, 2022 lives up to the promise of the Voting Rights Act, Section 2
-- accurately reflecting demographic shifts in New York populations while preserving electoral and political power for communities of color.
In particular, the proposal will amply protect the voting power of the growing Asian community.

For decades, Asian residents in Bay Ridge, Sunset Park, Dyker Heights, and Bensonhurst have been splintered across four city council districts, which has diluted our representation and subverted our priorities and concerns.
This new District 43, with 57% of Asians, will better unite and connect the Asian communities and ensure our voices are being heard.

Thank you,

KamLam Auyeung

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

DeCillis, Michael

From: Leon Goldenberg <goldmont@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2022 7:53 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Districts 44 and 48
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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Leon Goldenberg and I reside in the 45th council district.

I respectfully write this letter regarding the redistricting of City Council districts 44 and 48. Borough Park, Flatbush, and Midwood are heavily Orthodox Jewish communities.

Our districts have many things in common; we share the same synagogues, yeshiva schools, kosher food stores, shopping centers, and religious practices and observance. We are a concentrated community and are unique, sharing common values and having many of the same needs. For example, we follow religious practices that limit our travel and other things on the Sabbath and on holy days.

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For your convenience, I am embedding a link in this letter showing our model maps and the street borders that we, as a united community, prefer for the 44th District and 48th District: https://districtr.org/plan/138877.

Thank you for your attention to this critically important need.

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Thank you for your attention to this critically important need.

Fradie Ringel

August 25, 2022

Dennis M. Walcott
Chair
New York City Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10007

Commissioner Walcott:

We, the undersigned, are all people who live, work and serve the 35th Councilmanic District. We are writing today to provide our feedback on the draft maps released on July 15, 2022 in Preliminary Plan #1.

In short, we believe the proposed boundaries for the 35th Councilmanic District are sound and oppose any changes in forthcoming drafts.

The proposed map succeeds at capturing our community's goals in this redistricting process, as outlined below.

- **Keeping Neighborhoods Together**: We believe that neighborhoods should remain whole in local representation. We were dismayed to see Prospect Heights split up into multiple Congressional and State Legislature districts and four of our five NYCHA developments (Farragut Houses, Ingersoll Houses, Walt Whitman Houses & Atlantic Terminal) included in a new Congressional district. As such, it is paramount that we keep this and other neighborhoods united at the most local level. This map does just that, succeeding at ensuring unified representation for the neighborhoods of Prospect Heights, Clinton Hill, and Fort Greene while limiting the division of Crown Heights to the 35th and 36th Councilmanic Districts. And by removing the small portion of Bedford-Stuyvesant from the 35th Councilmanic District and moving it to the 36th District, this Commission ensures the historic neighborhood of Bed-Stuy remains whole.

- **Preserving Communities of Interest**: As you know, the 35th District has been historically majority Black. But a recent 20 percent decline in the Black population, largely due to gentrification, displacement and other socioeconomic factors, has made this district a plurality white for the first time in decades. This map succeeds at ensuring what remains of the Black population of District 35 retains its political clout and that this district does not see its Black population further eroded. According to 2020 Census data, the new district would be 35.1 percent Black, compared to 35.2 percent currently.

- **Maintaining Racial & Ethnic Diversity**: This map also succeeds at preserving the robust Lubavitch and Caribbean communities in District 35. As you know, these two communities have worked to coexist and strengthen one another since the Crown Heights upheaval in 1991. This proposed map ensures these ethnic communities retain singular representation and that their collective voice that has been established over the past few decades is not eroded.

- **Bolstering Cultural Organizations**: This map continues the long tradition of ensuring the 35th Councilmanic District is the cultural hub of Brooklyn, home to cultural institutions like the

Brooklyn Academy of Music, the Brooklyn Museum, and the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. By being situated in one Council district, our borough's economic engine — our tourism and arts sector — maintains its robust representation in local government.

The proposed map for the 35th Councilmanic District not only satisfies your Charter mandate but also our community's mandate. We once again ask that you retain these proposed lines for the 35th Councilmanic District in any future drafts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Brian Adamczyk	[redacted] Senator Street	11220	Executive Director, Brooklyn Music School
Jose Albino	[redacted]St Nicholas Place	10032	Executive Director, GRIOT Circle
Amy Andrieux	[redacted]Lafayette Avenue	11238	Executive Director, MoCADA
Cathlene Barnwell	Bridge Park Drive	11201	Administrative Assistant, GRIOT Circle
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David` Blythe	[redacted] Sterling Place	11238	
Rachel Bonsignore	[redacted] Sterling Place	11238	
Kate Caldwell	[redacted]Sterling Place	11238	
Stacey Chen	[redacted]Clinton Avenue	11205	
Ann Chiaverini	[redacted] Lafayette Avenue	11238	
J. Allison Crockett	[redacted] Prospect Place	11238	
Neil Donnelly	[redacted] Washington Avenue	11205	
Alec Duffy	[redacted] Putnam Avenue	11238	Co-Director, Jack Arts, Inc.
Iben Falconer	[redacted] Washington Avenue	11205	
Steve Flack	[redacted]Sterling Place	11238	

David Forbes	[redacted] Eastern Parkway	11238	
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Edward Goldman	[redacted] Willoughby Avenue	11205	
Bernell Grier	[redacted] Clinton Avenue	11238	
Saskia Haegens	[redacted] Underhill Avenue	11238	
Patti Hagan	[redacted] St. Marks Avenue	11217	
Anurag Heda	[redacted] Dean Street	11238	
Jesse Hendrich	[redacted] Sterling Place	11238	
Amber Field	[redacted] Fulton Street	11238	Brooklyn Friends
Charlotte Ketchum	[redacted] Park Place	11238	
Sandra Mandel	[redacted] Park Place	11238	
Olga Manns	[redacted] Quincy Street	11238	
Carter Page	[redacted] Sterling Place	11238	
Heather Paul	[redacted] Eastern Parkway	11238	
Chris Phillips	[redacted] Sterling Place	11238	
Wendy Reitmeier	[redacted] St. Johns Place	11238	
Andrew Saunders	[redacted] Plaza Street East	11238	
Julie Sharpton	[redacted] North Oxford Walk	11205	President, Walt Whitman Resident Association
Beth Sheridan	[redacted] Sterling Place	11238	
Mary Shuford	[redacted] Sterling Place	11238	

Lenny Singletary	[redacted] Jay Street	11201	Chairperson, Brooklyn Community Board 2
Elizabeth Solomon	[redacted] Sterling Place	11238	
Yolanda Solomon	[redacted] Lincoln Place	11216	
tyree stanback	[redacted] Classon Avenue	11205	Chairman, Lafayette Gardens Resident Association.
Erica Sullivan	[redacted] Prospect Place	11238	Member, PHNDC
Beulah Towns	[redacted] Dean Street	11217	
Gilbert Veconi	[redacted] Park Place	11238	
A. Leah Vickers	[redacted] Sterling Place	11238	
Kamy Wicoff	[redacted] Sterling Place	11238	President, Sterling Place Block Association
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From: Paul Schreiber [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2022 12:05 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Submission - Schreiber

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I am a resident of CD33 and have been since 2012.

I was disappointed to learn the new maps have failed to address the huge problem with CD33: its unusual gerrymander. Most other council districts (including neighboring CD35 and CD36) — and all community districts — are compact and contiguous.

Boerum Hill shares a councilmember not with Carroll Gardens or Cobble Hill or downtown Brooklyn or Fort Green or Park Slope — but with Greenpoint and Willamsburg. This makes no sense!

Please change the boundaries so Boerum Hill is in a district with its immediate geographical neighbors.

Paul

[redacted]

From: Pinny Ringel [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2022 12:32 PM
To: Public Testimony
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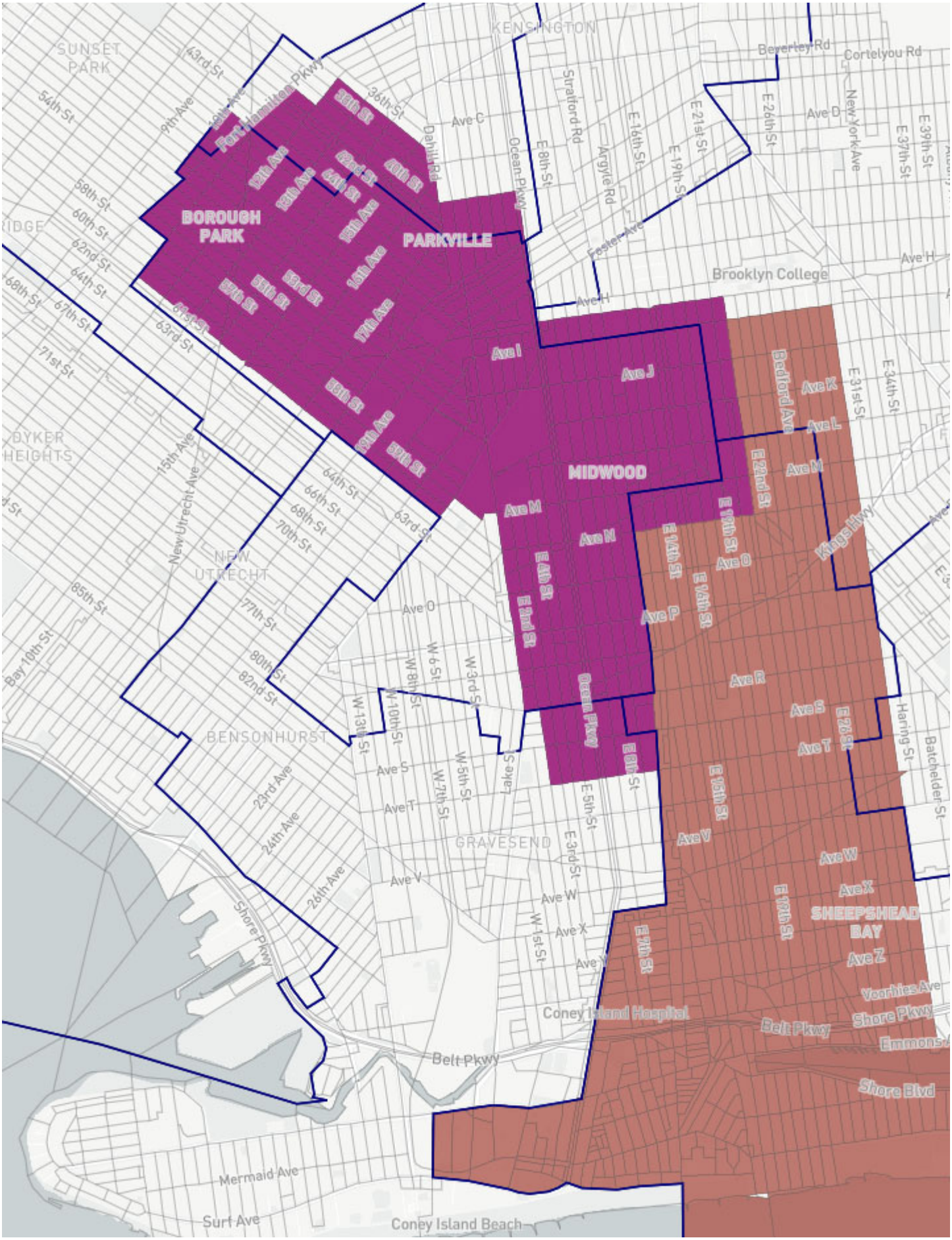
Pinchas Ringel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Please keep the Williamsburg Orthodox Jewish community of interest in one Council District

Name: Menachem Weinberger

Address: 755 Kent Ave

NYC Districting Commission

253 Broadway, 3rd Floor

New York, NY 10007

Dear Commissioners,

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Address: 72 Skillman St Brooklyn NY

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Address: 134 Division Ave #4A

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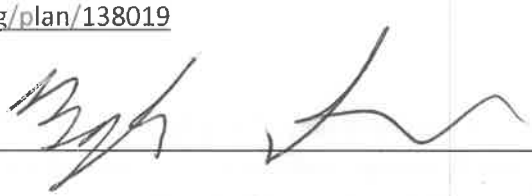
Signature:  Date: 8/23/22

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Signature: Leigh Kahane Date: 8/24/22

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Name: Kreindy Hass

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Name: Nachem Mehring

Address: 131 Penn st. Brooklyn NY 11211

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Signature: Norbert Mehring Date: Aug/23/22

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Signature: yechiel neiberg Date: 8/23/22

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Name: Bruchi Friedman

Address: 520 Wythe Ave - #2-i

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Signature: Brucha Friedman Date: 08/23/22

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Signature: _____ Date: 8.24.22

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Name: Nechomen Wosner

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Name: Yochanan Twersky

Address: 137 Hooper st Brooklyn NY 11211

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Signature: Leah Schimmel Date: 8/24

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Name: Mordechai Solomon

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Brooklyn ny 11206

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Name: Blima Friedman

Address: 106 South 8 St #6A

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Signature: Molly Ben Date: 8/24/22

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Name: Yenty fish

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Name: Shifra Unsdorfer

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Name: [illegible]

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Name: Feige Lebovits

Address: 277 Lee Ave.

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253 Broadway, 3rd Floor

New York, NY 10007

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Signature: Brenda Lebowitz Date: 8/23/22

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Signature: B. M Date: Aug 23, 22

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BOND

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Name: Eli Lebovics

Address: 219 rutledge st

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Address: 691 Bedford Ave Brooklyn NY 11206

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New York, NY 10007

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Signature: Ozer Stein Date: 8/23/22

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Bklyn NY 11206

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Signature: Ester Feldman Date: 8/23/22

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Name: Esther Nutovics

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Name: Simon Raitzy Schneebaly

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Signature: Mrs. Mering Date: 8/23/22

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Address: 66 Penn street

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Address: 525 Kent Ave #5A

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Address: 66 Penn Street

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Signature: Nuchem Teitelbaum Date: Aug. 24 /2022

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Signature: Reuzel Neuman Date: Aug 23 22

Please keep the Williamsburg Orthodox Jewish community of interest in one Council District

Name: Chen Weiss

Address: 85 Skillman St

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253 Broadway, 3rd Floor

New York, NY 10007

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Name: Faige Fuchs

Address: 200 Wallabout St #6-D
Brklyn NY 11206

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Signature: _____ Date: 09.26.2021

Please keep the Williamsburg Orthodox Jewish community of interest in one Council District

Name: Ungar

Address: 202 Division Ave.

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Signature: _____ Date: 8-23-22

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Name: Moz Grunfeld

Address: 190 Marcy Ave. Brooklyn N.Y. 11211

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Signature: Mrs. Sweden Date: 8.24.22

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Name: Judah Polack

Address: 140 Middleton St. Bklyn NY

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Name: Rochme Schwebel

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Name: M. Herzog

Address: 131 Division Ave. #6c
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Address: 210 Wallabout st 6A

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Name: Yitty Rosenberg
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Address: 157 Wallabout St #2S Brooklyn, NY 11206

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Name: Blima Brief

Address: 657 Bedford ave.
Brklyn NY 11211

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Name: Usher Klein

Address: 29 Lorimer st. Brooklyn NY 11206

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Name: Zissel Mering

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Signature: Esther Nitorin Date: 8/23/22

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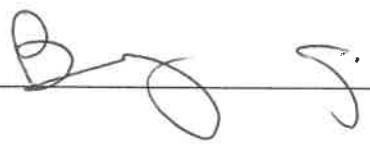
Signature:  Date: 8.23.22

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Name: Berger

Address: 210 Penn st

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Name: Suny Klein

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Name: Sarah Falkowitz

Address: 9 Franklin Ave.

NYC Districting Commission

253 Broadway, 3rd Floor

New York, NY 10007

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Signature: Bradha Ram Date: 9/23/22

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From: Tzvi Fertig [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2022 11:57 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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From: leilie goldenberg [redacted] >
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Print Name: Binyomin Bendet

July 21, 2022

Dear Members of the NYC Districting Commission,

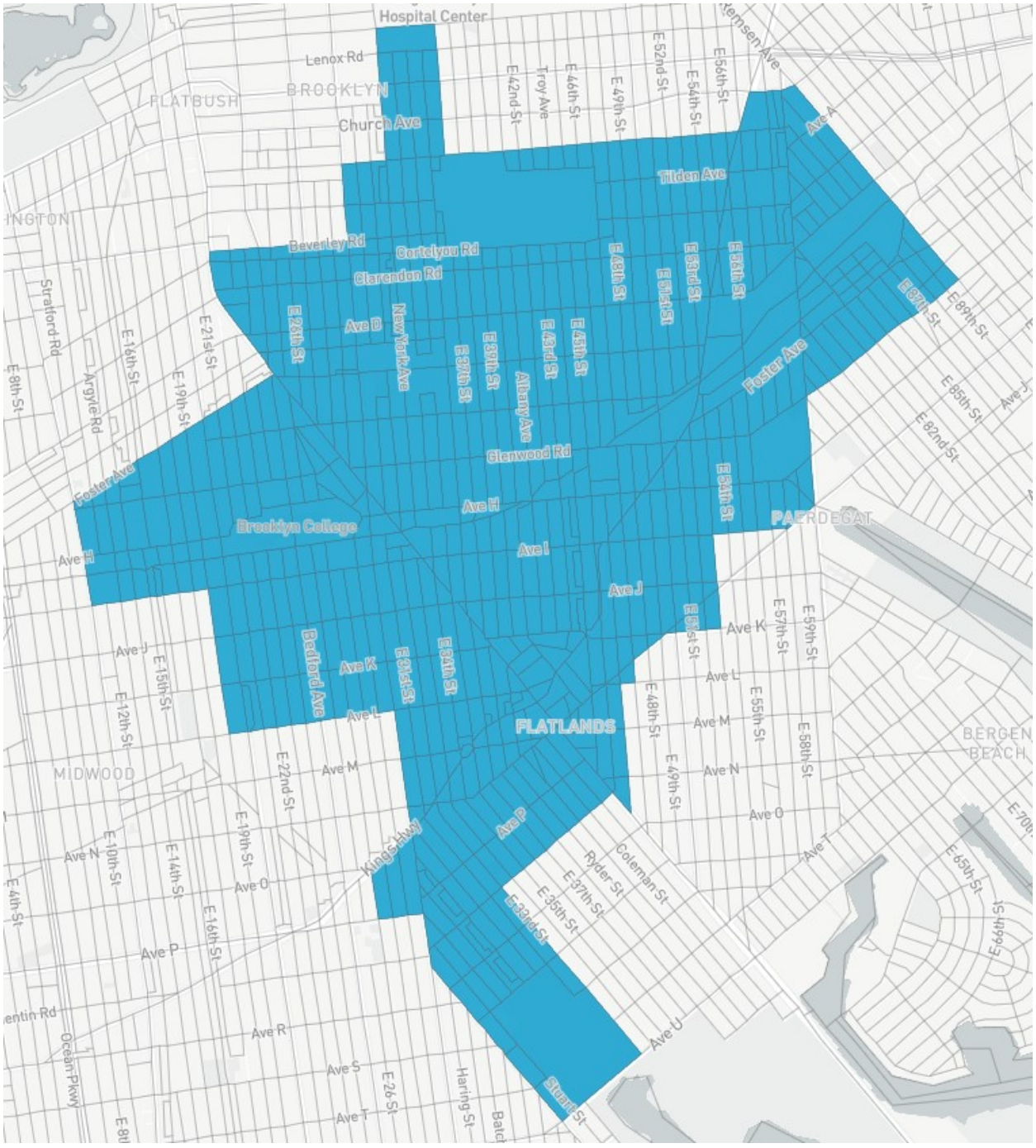
I am Dr. Sandra Scott, Executive Director for Brookdale Hospital Medical Center - One Brooklyn Health System located in the Brownsville neighborhood of Brooklyn, NY. I am concerned about the recently released maps for Council District 45 which borders East Flatbush and Remsen Village near Brookdale Hospital Medical Center. For the past 5 years, I have witnessed the importance of our presence as a health care provider in this community. Council District 45 has been a major resource for our institution which serves a large immigrant population suffering from health disparities.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the communities of Council District 45 were disproportionately impacted resulting in increased morbidity and mortality. The map submitted by Council member Farah Louis, includes provisions for expanding her district to include Brookdale Hospital Medical Center and other health care institutions, solidifying her commitment to bring increased health care access to the vulnerable populations who rely on affordable healthcare. Council member Farah Louis is a steadfast resource particularly for safety net institutions serving the under and uninsured populations suffering the consequences of health inequity.

I trust that each of you will take the time to reconsider the changes represented on the preliminary map and restore ***the East Flatbush and Remsen Village Neighborhoods back into Council District 45. I strongly support having the East Flatbush and Remsen Village neighborhoods remain part of the new district lines and expanding the district further northeast.*** Enclosed is a map by Council member Louis that includes our communities' preferred proposed map with expansion into new neighborhoods that will help to increase health care resources to the residents of Council District 45.

Sincerely,

Sandra R Scott, MD
Executive Director
Brookdale Hospital Medical Center
One Brooklyn Health
Brooklyn, NY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From: ANITA GREEN-EL [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 27, 2022 8:30 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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I am saying no to redistricting Rochdale. It makes no sense. I'm here to testify that Rochdale should remain whole as it is today. Cutting it in half is like cutting your body down the middle, one side cannot exist without the other. It makes no sense. Is the world losing its mind???

Thank you. Go Adrienne Adams keep up the good work!

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Print Name: Tzipora Polansky

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From: Zissi Ringel [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 28, 2022 3:49 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of City Council 44 and 48 districts
Attachments: Map.png

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Zissi Ringel

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From: ABRAHAM ACKERMAN <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 12:06 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistrict

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Sent from my iPhone
Abe Ackerman

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Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 6:30 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] redistricting

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Alfred Mendelsohn
[redacted] E. 29th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11210
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From: Ann Glassman [redacted] >
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 4:57 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting City Council Districts 44 and 48

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Ann Glassman
[redacted] E 29 St
Brooklyn, NY 11210-4629

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From: Alex Gonter <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 6:32 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] redistructing

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Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 3:26 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 4:15 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed redistricting

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Benjamin Berger CPA · PARTNER
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From: Beth Caller <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 3:25 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter

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Beth

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From: Bruce Listhaus <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 7:28 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting - 44th and 48th District

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My name is Bruce Listhaus and I reside in the proposed 44th and 48th District.

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Sincerely,

Bruce L. Listhaus

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Bruce L. Listhaus
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From: CHerzka [redacted] >
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 3:41 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Letter
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My name is Charles Herzka and I reside in the proposed 44th and 48th District.

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From: Cheryl G. [redacted] >
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 11:03 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Cheryl Gerstner and I reside in the proposed 44th and 48th District.

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Respectfully,
Cheryl

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D'Satmar

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בס"ד

August 25, 2022

To whom it may concern:

Congregation Yetev Lev D'Satmar, the largest congregation of its kind in the USA, is headquartered in Williamsburg, where its central religious and communal leadership is located. Satmar International boasts more than 100,00 families, but at the local level, its numbers still reach in the tens of thousands. South Brooklyn is also home to the largest religious school system, known as Satmar/UTA, that educates close to 30,000 pupils in private settings that are stationed within the confines of Orthodox Williamsburg.

It is clearly obvious that local political representation matters a whole lot for the wellbeing and continued growth of a most vibrant bastion of Jewish life.

As such, the Congregation would be prohibitively and negatively affected by any redistricting that would divide the community. It will mean that to merely maintain – let alone expand – the same level of clout that Satmar has accumulated for decades now, will take an effort double than heretofore.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Congregation Yetev Lev D'Satmar, we beseech you to refrain from any kind of division that would split the magnitude of political influence Satmar currently enjoys. Allowing the proposed redistricting to go forward, would mean a significant reduction of political clout for a community that depends on critical government support and leadership.

Please consider our position against the proposed map as an absolute necessity for the survival of Satmar and its vast public service institutions.

Yours truly,

Chaim Jacobowitz, Secretary

CONREGATION YETEV LEV D'SATMAR
P.O. BOX 506
BROOKLYN, N.Y. 11211

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 12:42 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District 44 & 48

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My name is David Nierenberg and I reside in the proposed 44th and 48th District.

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Hoping you do the right thing
David Nierenberg

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From: David Reich <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 4:28 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] redistricting

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My name is david reich and I reside in the proposed 44th and 48th District.

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Thank You
David Reich
Securely Yours
[redacted] Locust Ave
Brooklyn, NY,11230
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From: d[redacted]t
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 1:23 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of City Council Districts 44 and 48
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From: David Rothstein [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 5:50 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistrict

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 7:49 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Brooklyn

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Dena Saslaw Schwartz and I reside in the proposed 44th and 48th District.

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From: d[redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 4:48 PM
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Honorable Commissioners:

I reside in the proposed 44th and 48th District.

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Very truly yours,
Devorah Smilow

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From: Edith lubetski <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 6:18 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] redistricting

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Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 4:42 PM
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From: Elias Matyas <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 11:06 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Elias Matyas and I reside in the proposed 44th and 48th District.

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From: Lis Labowitz [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 3:27 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of City Council Districts 44 and 48

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Elisabeth Labowitz

[redacted]

From: Gerald Glassman [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 4:37 PM
To: Public Testimony
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Gerald Glassman
[redacted] E 29 St
Brooklyn, NY 11210-4629

[redacted]

From: Chaim Goldbaum [redacted] >
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 5:32 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Districts 44 and 48

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Sincerely,
Harry S Goldbaum

Dear Commissioners

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Dated: August 29, 2022 Helen E. Tropper

[redacted]

From: chaim schiffer [redacted] >
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 3:54 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Thank you,

Henry Chaim Schiffer

[redacted]

From: miriam turk [redacted] >
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 6:20 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Herbert turk

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From: Lasker, Howard [redacted] >
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Community Redistricting

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Howard Lasker
Software Engineer, Platform Development
[redacted]

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From: ira chaimovits [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 11:18 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC TESIMONY

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DeCillis, Michael

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Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 7:49 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Brooklyn

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From: If Pain [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 5:03 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] redistricting

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sincerely

isaiah florence

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DeCillis, Michael

From: Professor Jack Lachman [redacted]
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Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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Virus-free. [redacted]

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From: Jerry <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 3:50 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 44th and 48th district

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Jerry Braun

Yeshiva Kehilath Yakov

638 Bedford Avenue • Brooklyn, New York 11249
Phone: [redacted]

August 25th, 2022

To: Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10007

Transmitted electronically: publictestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov

Plea to keep together our Williamsburg Orthodox community, as a Community of Interest.

Dear distinguished Commissioners,

I hope that this letter finds you well. I'm writing to draw your attention that the preliminary map that was released by the commission would split our community, the Orthodox Jewish community of Williamsburg, a very unique community of interest, with strong ties and in desperate need of a strong representation in need in city government for their specific issue in concern. I appeal to you to correct this by adopting a map that would keep us united.

Yeshiva Kehilath Yakov serves thousands of students and their families, who are associated with the Pupa congregation – one of the largest congregations in South Williamsburg and its vicinities. We provide K-12 schooling, camps, child care and head start services and a range of other services to our students and the community. As such, we're strongly aware and feel on a daily basis the community's strong dependence on – and an understanding from - government to the unique needs of the Orthodox Jewish community of Williamsburg.

Unfortunately, the preliminary map would remove about a quarter of our community members from our core council district, which is district 33. This will dilute our voice, and make it harder to be heard and understood by government. Of particular concern to us is that one of our large buildings, at 206 Wilson Street where approximately 500 of our students attend school daily, will be removed from district 33 to a district that never included any significant number of our community members and where the community will only make up around ten percent or less of its population.

As a private, religious school, we routinely depend on a council member to advocate for our needs, from ensuring that our facilities are secured from hate-driven attacks that face our community, to funding of our childcare programs and understanding our challenges with red-tape hurting our student body. The South Williamsburg Orthodox Jewish community has common interests and all communities work in concert with our elected officials to advocate for those needs. We appeal to you not splinter us.

A proposal was put forward that is mostly reuniting our section of South Williamsburg and its vicinities https://districtr.org/plan/138019. I'm writing to appeal to you that the final map should follow that path, and keep South Williamsburg's Hasidic community united. The community hopes and would appreciate your modifying the map to keep us united.

Thank you so much for your understanding.

Joel Friedman
Administrator

[redacted]

From: Joel Gonter <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 7:35 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Redistricting of the 44 and 48 Districts

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Joel Gonter

[redacted]

From: Yossi Sochaczewsky [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 5:06 PM
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From: JH <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 11:28 AM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Attachments: redistricting.docx

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All the best,
JH

[redacted]

From: Joseph Fertig [redacted] >
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 8:50 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of city council districts 44 and 48.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 3:49 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] redistricting

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Joseph Lamet and I reside in the proposed 44th and 48th District.

I respectfully write this letter regarding the redistricting of City Council districts 44 and 48. Borough Park, Flatbush, and Midwood are heavily Orthodox Jewish communities.

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PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW CONTACT INFO:

Joseph Lamet
Rent Stabilization Consulting
P. [redacted]
[redacted] Avenue I
Brooklyn, NY 11210

[redacted]

From: Joseph Pollack [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 5:44 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Joseph Pollack
[redacted]

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From: Joseph Rainbow [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 1:14 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] REDRISTRICTING

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Joseph Schnitzler and I reside in the proposed 44th and 48th District.

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Best Regards,

Joe Schnitzler
President
Rainbow Enclosures & Blinds
917-804-6334

[redacted]

From: Joshua Frankel <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 5:31 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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Joshua Frankel
Abstract Management LLC
[redacted]

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From: JuliusD [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 4:06 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Proposed redistricting of 44th and 48th District.

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Julius Derdik and I reside in the proposed 44th and 48th District.

I respectfully write this letter regarding the redistricting of City Council districts 44 and 48. Borough Park, Flatbush, and Midood are heavily Orthodox Jewish communities. Although this may be a form letter, these reflect my personal sentiments as well.

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Julius Derdik

[redacted]

From: leilie goldenberg [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 2:50 PM
To: Public Testimony
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Dear Commissioners,

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DeCillis, Michael

From: Linda Cohen <lscohen43@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 7:07 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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My name is Linda Cohen and I reside in the proposed 44th and 48th District.

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From: Mark Gonter [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 4:14 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Resdistrict

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Honorable Commissioners:

I reside in the proposed 44th and 48th District.

I respectfully write this letter regarding the redistricting of City Council districts 44 and 48. As you know, the neighborhoods of Borough Park, Flatbush, and Midwood are heavily Orthodox Jewish communities.

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Very truly yours,
Mark D. Smilow

Dear Commissioners

My name is Martin D. Tropper and I reside in the proposed 44th and 48th District.

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Dated: August 29, 2022

[redacted]

From: Mayer Chemtob <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 6:49 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District 44 and 48 Map lines

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Thanks,
Mayer Chemtob
[redacted] Ave N
Brooklyn, NY 11230

[redacted]

From: meir lubetski <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 6:19 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] redistricting

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is _Meir Lubetski_____ and I reside in the proposed 44th and 48th District.

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From: Tzvi Fertig [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 4:23 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
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From: Michoel Lew <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 10:12 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Michael Lew and I reside in the proposed 44th and 48th District.

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Michael Lew
Brooklyn, NY 11210

914 East 27th St.

Brooklyn NY 11210

August 29, 2022

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Michael Rieder and I reside in the proposed 44th and 48th District.

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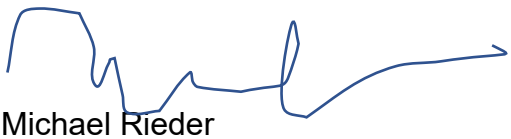

Michael Rieder

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From: Michael (Dovi) Weiser <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 2:58 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Michael (Dovi) Weiser
President
GFI Realty Services, LLC
[redacted] Broadway 41st Floor New York, NY 10005
[redacted]



Please note my new email address is mweiser@gfirealty.com

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My name is Mindy Gonter and I reside in the proposed 44th and 48th District.

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My name is Miriam Josefovic and I reside in the proposed 44th and 48th District.

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Sincerely,
Miriam Josefovic
[redacted] E 23 St
Brooklyn, NY 11210

[redacted]

From: Mark Spitz [redacted] >
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 3:35 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Dear Commissioners,

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Mark Spitz
Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S20 FE 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

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From: motty kleiner <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 7:01 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District Map

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Motty Kleiner
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From: Naftali Minzer [redacted] >
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 3:53 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Concern

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Natasha Duncan
[redacted] Linden Blvd, suite c8, 11226
[redacted]

August 25, 2022

Dear Members of the NYC Districting Commission,

My name is Mrs. Natasha Duncan and I am the Founder of Justice and Beyond inc. I am writing regarding my opposition with the recently released maps that the NYC Redistricting Commissioner drafted for Council District 45, which will remove a large portion of our Flatbush, Flatlands and East Flatbush sections of our district. Over the past 40 years, I have lived/worked in Council District 45 as a resident and community partner and seen how important the presence of Utica to Flatbush Initiatives is in the area and how Council District 45 has been a major resource for our institution as we serve a large portion of predominantly Caribbean and South Asian constituents from the Flatlands and East Flatbush areas.

The map submitted by Councilmember Farah Louis includes provisions for expanding her district further into the East Flatbush, Flatlands and Canarsie areas to meet the criteria of the charter and increase our population but also to include more healthcare institutions, parks and senior center options for the district. This would solidify her commitment to bring increased access to our vulnerable population who rely on affordable healthcare for their families while also raising quality of life for youth and families.

Without these expansions, our area will not have the opportunity for growth and to provide resources. Without the areas that were cut by your commission, the common ties of a growing Caribbean and South Asian population in our district will be compromised.

I hope you all take the time to reconsider the disparities represented on the preliminary map and restore the East Flatbush and Remsen Village Neighborhoods back into Council District 45 and have them remain the new district lines and expand the district further northeast into East Flatbush, Flatlands and Canarsie.

Enclosed is a map by Council Member Louis that includes our communities' preferred proposed map and new areas that will expand schools, health care access and park space in Council District 45.

Sincerely,
Natasha Duncan
Natasha Duncan

[redacted] [redacted] [redacted] Linden Blvd suite, C8 11226

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From: Norman Gold [redacted] >
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 12:49 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of City Council districts 44 and 48

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Norman Gold
[redacted] Avenue K
Brooklyn NY 11210

[redacted]

From: oswalt heymann [redacted] >
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 8:34 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council District 47 Redistricting Considerations

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Dear Honorable Members of the NYC Districting Commission:

It has come to my attention that the 47th City Council District (47th CD), as it is currently mapped, does not advance the principles of democracy. In fact, its current boundaries do a disservice to the residents of the district, as well as those who live in the surrounding city council districts. This is why I am strongly appealing to you to reexamine the district's borders.

Currently the 47th CD includes Coney Island, Sea Gate, Warbasse, Beach Haven as well as parts of Gravesend and Bensonhurst, however it doesn't include the neighboring communities of Luna Park, Trump Village, Brightwater Towers and Brighton Beach (from Ocean Parkway to Coney Island Avenue). The importance of this is that these neighborhoods share similar demographics, interests, problems, issues and socioeconomic status.

Further, Coney Island, Trump Village, Warbasse, Luna Park, Brightwater Towers and Brighton Beach are all part of Community Board 13, the 60th Police Precinct, the 46th Assembly District, the 23rd State Senate District, and the 8th Congressional District. The communities are all located within a few blocks of each other and have historically, prior to the previous redistricting ten years ago, been together with parts of Bensonhurst and Gravesend in the same council district. I have heard that this revision was done to divide the Russian speaking community and upon personal examination of the situation have to agree with this undemocratic conclusion.

Strangely and certainly counterproductive to the best interests of the area, the 47th Council District includes the entire Boardwalk and beaches of Coney Island and Brighton Beach, but does not include all of the surrounding communities of Brighton Beach, Brightwater Towers, Luna Park, and Trump Village. These are waterfront communities and they should be united together in the same council district. This separation just does not make any sense – especially when the security of our natural resources and the historic Riegelmann Boardwalk are considered.

This is why I took the time to reach out to your Commission and respectfully ask that the information I have put forth in this letter be considered and that the communities of Coney Island, Brighton Beach

(between Ocean Parkway and Coney Island Avenue), Brightwater Towers, Luna Park, Warbasse, Trump Village, Beach Haven, as well as parts of Gravesend and smaller parts of Bensonhurst be once again included in the 47th CD.

I understand population will have to be removed from the 47th CD to implement the request detailed above. I believe that it would make sense to remove a large part of Bensonhurst from the district, for example: From the 21st Avenue to 18th Avenue. This would be in the best interests of both the communities being removed and added and certainly advance democratic principles.

I thank you in advance for your careful consideration of this important redistricting proposal.

Sincerely,

Oswalt Heymann

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From: Raphael Freedman [redacted] >
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 3:59 PM
To: Public Testimony

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From: Reize Rothstein [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 5:55 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Redistricting

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From: FINELINE [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 4:25 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: Ruben Katz
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Reuven Katz
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Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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From: Rivkah Bauman [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 10:40 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 44th and 48th District

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Thank you,
Rivkah Bauman

Best Regards,
Rivkah Bauman, LCSW
[redacted] *Ocean Avenue #1D*
Brooklyn, NY 11230
[redacted]

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From: Roberta Lang [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 6:16 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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Rosalyn Schnitzler

[redacted]

From: ROBERT EISSENBERG [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 5:48 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Redistricting of NYC Council Districts 44 and 48

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Respectfully,
Robert Eissenberg

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August 25, 2022

New York City Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear Commission members,

I hope that this finds you well. I'm writing on behalf of the Vien school network and congregation. We're among the oldest Orthodox Jewish communities established in Williamsburg that continues to this date, with an educational system and all religious institutional needs for our congregants. I'm writing to express our deep and strong concerns with the draft maps for the new city council district, that would divide our community and remove most of our students from the current council district 33, where the majority of our students and members - and the Orthodox Jewish community of Williamsburg - reside.

Our community was established by Holocaust survivors after being uprooted from their former shtetels by the Nazis, seeing most of their families murdered by the Nazis, being robbed from their possessions, and having their religious communities destroyed. Those refugees banded together in Williamsburg to reestablished our community, and worked closely with other Orthodox sects in the area to establish a neighborhood where Orthodox Jews can practice their religion freely, having all religious institutions and services that are vital for the community's existence and continuity.

As the administrator of the school system, I oversee the following schools: Bais Yaakov Dkhal Adas Yereim. 563 Bedford Avenue, with nearly 500 students; Yeshiva Jesode Hatorah Wilson (Vien) at 185 Wilson Street, with roughly 375 students; and Bais Yakov of Khal Adas Yereim (also Vien) at 505 Bedford Avenue – educating more than 450 students. Our synagogue, Congregation Adas Yereim, is located at 27 Lee Avenue. Under the draft maps released in July, our main synagogue on 27 Lee Avenue, and two of our three school buildings, at 185 Wilson and 505 Bedford, would be outside our council district. This will make it much harder for us to advocate for our needs.

We see it on a routine basis how critical it is our representees should understand our unique needs, and protect our religious rights and accommodations. Even on issues that seems mundane, it's important to have a representative who knows our calendar and our holidays and customs. For instance, we needed our council members intervention to prevent a road closure before the Shevuos holiday, that would disrupt and important fund-raising program for our institution that involves selling flowers for the holiday of Shevuos, as is customary; we also had an instance of utilities turned off before Sabbath services, and need the council member to advocate to restore in-time for services. These are just two small examples. But there are many instances, on a routine basis, where we depend our elected official to explain and intervene for our customs, from favorable child care policies; to protecting the community from bias crimes – just this week; two senior citizen members of the community were attacked near our synagogue, one of them was sprayed with a fire extinguisher and physically attacked; to protect the independence of our yeshivas and our rights to practice our religious traditions.

When our community is divided, it will make it much harder to have at least one representative delve in, understand and really advocate hard and persist to resolve such issues. Since our institutions will be in another district, where the Jewish constituency will only make up around 10 percent, it would be much harder to have the proper representations.

We are a community of interest in the fullest sense and appeal to you to keep us together so that our rights and needs are strongly represented. We are informed that there is currently a proposed plan to keep South Williamsburg in one district, and keep the north side of Williamsburg – a community of interest on its own rights – together in their district. Accordingly, we support that plan, linked hereby https://districtr.org/plan/138019.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



Samuel Fischer

Administrator

[redacted]

From: Sandra Glassman <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 4:56 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting City Council Districts 44 and 48

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Sandra Glassman
[redacted] E 29 St
Brooklyn, NY 11210-4629

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From: Seth Caller <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 3:22 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter

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Seth Caller

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 9:29 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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From: SRL Mngmnt [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 6:21 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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SRL Management, LLC.
[redacted]

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From: AC_Sidney Greenberger [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 3:59 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NYC Districts 44 and 48

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Sidney Greenberger
[redacted] E. 24th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11210

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From: Simie Lichtenstein <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 3:56 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of City Council district 44 & 48

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From: Shloime Dachs [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 6:10 PM
To: Public Testimony

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From: steven deutsch [redacted] >
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 7:18 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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Steven A. Deutsch

[redacted]

From: Steven Hersh [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 8:50 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] redistricting of City Council districts 44 and 48

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From: Steven Mermelstein [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 6:50 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: redistricting the 44 & 48 City Council Districts

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From: Yisroel Rosenfeld [redacted] >
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 9:43 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Attachments: Working 48 25Aug (1).xlsx

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From: Yitzi Nussbaum <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 4:40 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of City Council districts 44 and 48

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Yitzi Nussbaum

Yossi Kraus
[redacted] E. 23rd Street
Brooklyn, NY 11210

Aug. 29th 2022

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Thank you for listening,

Yossi Kraus

[redacted]

From: Rabbi Akiva Adelman <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 9:25 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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Akiva Adelman

[redacted]

From: Aliza mendelovitz [redacted] >
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:48 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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From: Allen Freilich [redacted] >
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 11:28 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimonial

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:37 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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Arthur Schachter

[redacted]

From: baruch mendelovitz [redacted] >
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 11:26 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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Humbled grateful and thankful Baruch Mendelovitz

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Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:29 PM
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Ben Z. Jacobs, M.D.

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From: Charnee Lieber <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 10:20 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Redistricting

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To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] redistricting

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Best regards,

David Berger

[redacted]

From: David Hager <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 2:15 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] map lines for Districts 44 and 48.

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Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 10:21 AM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Redistricting - 44 and 48

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Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:01 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of City Council districts 44 and 48

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From: David Wolkenstein [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:19 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed 44th and 48th District.

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Respectfully,
David Wolkenstein

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 3:31 PM
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From: Ed Klein [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 6:07 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] NYC Redistricting

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From: Efraim M Zweigenhaft <efraim@olivetreeinvestmentllc.com>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] ReDistricting

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Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 4:57 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Martin H. Gelber, Esq.

Direct Dial: [redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 5:10 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Attachments: Map.xlsx

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From: Chaim Tepler <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 10:01 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed 44th and 48th Districts

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From: Yitzy Adlin [redacted] >
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From: Jack Kluger [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:36 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] REDISTRICTING OF DISTREICTS 44 AND 48

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Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 11:44 AM
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From: Jacob Slamovits [redacted] >
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 11:10 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] REDISTRICTING

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Jacob Slamovits
[redacted] East 24th Street
Brooklyn,NY 11210

[redacted]

From: Agra DPirka: Rachamim Cooperman [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 6:09 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NYC Redistricting

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Print Name: Jay Gelb

[redacted]

From: Jeff Adler [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 11:07 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re-Districting 44 &48

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Sincerely,
Jeff Adler

[redacted]

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Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 11:10 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] URGENT!!!!

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Leah Moskovits, Paralegal for
Joseph A. Schubin & Associates, PLLC
SCHUBIN & ISAACS
Attorneys and Counselors At Law
[redacted] ***East 38th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11210***
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From: Leo Moskovits <leomoskovits@yahoo.com>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of City Council districts 44 and 48

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Leo Moskovits

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From: yakov moskovits [redacted] >
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 6:26 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Districts 44 and 48

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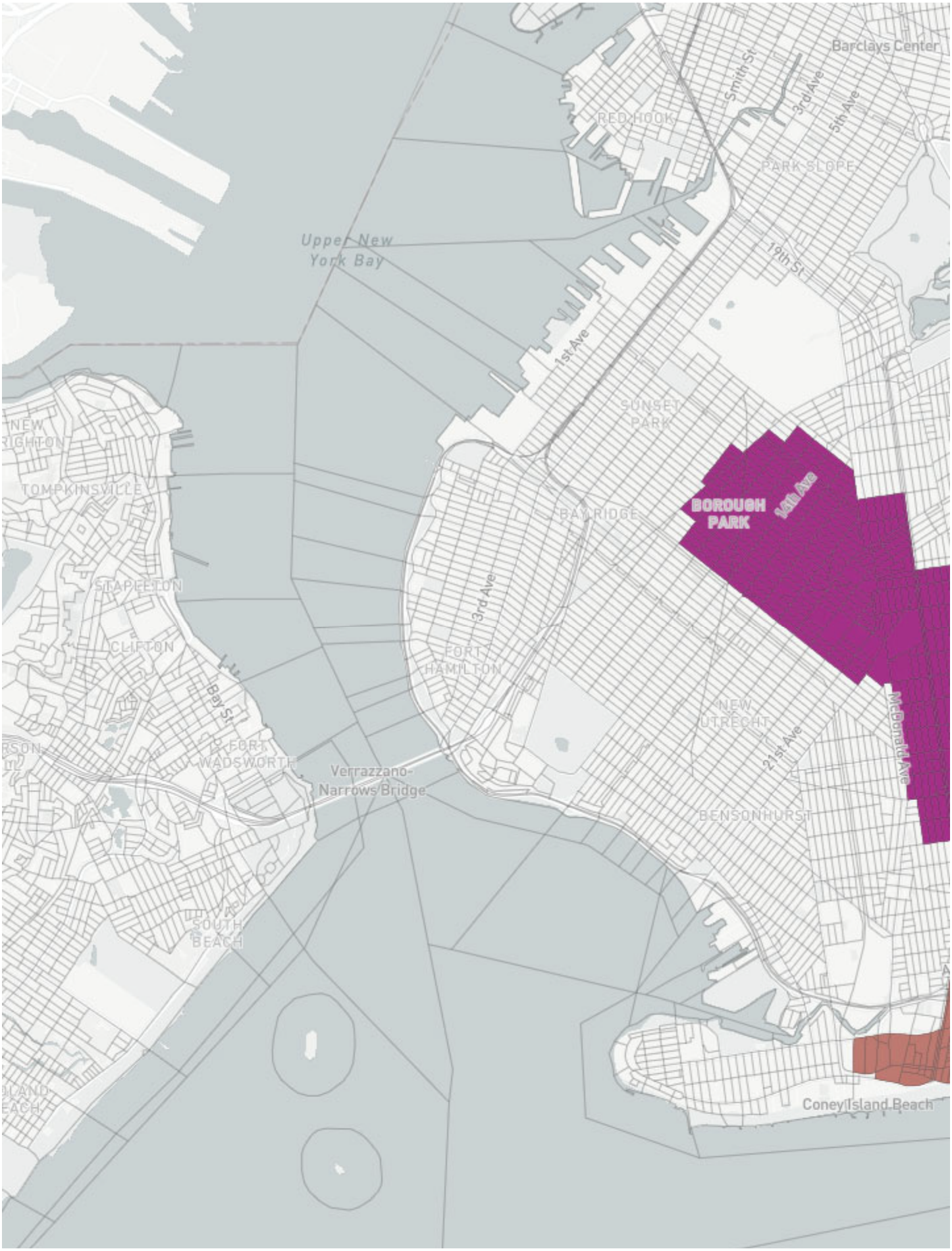
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Yours

Dr. Manfred Moskovits

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From: Martin Gelber <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 4:56 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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From: Mayer Adler [redacted] >
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:24 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 44 and 48th districts

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From: [redacted]m
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 9:27 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting City Council Districts 44 and 48
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Michael Lipman

Michael Lipman
Rdata Realty Co.
[redacted] East 14th Street, Suite 101
Brooklyn, New York 11230
[redacted]

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From: Miriam Stern <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 8:05 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council districts 44 and 48

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From: miriam turk <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 8:38 PM
To: Public Testimony

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From: Moshe Nussbaum [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 11:47 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Letter

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Sincerely,

Moshe Nussbaum

3114 avenue L

Brooklyn NY 11210

917-757-2499

[redacted]

From: Moshe Wolman [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:04 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of City Council districts 44 and 48

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Moshe Wolman

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From: Naomi Goldbaum [redacted] >
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 3:59 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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From: Nurit Spira [redacted] >
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 11:22 AM
To: Public Testimony

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To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District 44 and 48

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Ruti Adler
[redacted] East 19th Street
Brooklyn NY 11230

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From: Sam Stern <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:34 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please keep the Williamsburg Orthodox Jewish community of interest in one Council District

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Honorable members of the NYC Districting Commission,

Greetings!

My name is Samuel Stern. I'm a Hasidic and Orthodox Jewish member of the South Williamsburg Jewish community. I'm writing to express my concerns with the draft map that was released by the commission proposing to remove a large part of the areas where members of my community reside from Council District 33.

NYC Charter, Chapter 2-A, section 52, 1 (c), requires that: "District lines shall keep intact neighborhoods and communities with established ties of common interest and association, whether historical, racial, economic, ethnic, religious or other."

The Williamsburg Jewish community has common interests and associations that permeate all aspects of our lives. I will enumerate some of commonalities, based on the charter's listed criteria, below:

- Historical: we have a common history, and almost all families here were started by holocaust survivors resettled from Eastern Europe;
- Racial: we are overwhelmingly Ashkenazic, mostly hailing from Hungary, Romania, Czechoslovakia, and some from Poland and Austria.
- Economic: a large percentage of our community are employed in community and religious-driven sectors, whether it's teachers and staff of private schools; religious or religious-related trades such as rabbis, rabbinical arbitrators, kosher slaughterers and certifiers, scribes, Judaica factories and shops, kosher food manufacturers, kosher shops, religious and community garb shops, and the list goes on. Additionally, an overwhelming majority of our community are in businesses with or employed by community members. We also share economic interests in the affordability of yeshiva tuition; affordability of child care for large families; availability and affordability of family size housing; availability and affordability of kosher and religious products, etc.
- Ethnic: the overwhelming majority share a common ethnicity, being Ashkenazi Jews.
- Religious: we share a common religion as Orthodox Jews, overwhelmingly Hasidic.

The list of our commonalities goes on. Sadly we face common threats of terrorism and antisemitic hate targeting our community, and we suffer of frequent hate attacks. It's very hard to find a community so concentrated with so many common unique needs, as ours.

Keeping together communities of common interests are of the highest factors that the commission ought to protect. We depend on strong representation for our community, and elected officials who should devote the time and efforts to understand our religious and cultural needs, and advocate for them persistently. Dividing us into two districts will diminish our representation with detrimental impacts to me, my family and my entire community.

Hence, I appeal to you to please keep the community in-tact in one district.

In the following link there is a map that has broad support to keep our community mostly in-tact. I strongly appeal to you to at least follow that map, to keep the areas where our community resides together.

https://districtr.org/plan/138019

Thank you!

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Samuel M. Stern

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From: sarah reich <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:00 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] redistricting

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Susan Oberlander

August 21, 2022

Dear Chair Walcott and members of the New York City Redistricting Commission,

We write today to express our objection to the proposed redraw of the 46th Council District, which would negatively impact Canarsie. As a leading voice in our community across multiple issues, our organization urges you to keep Canarsie whole.

Canarsie is bordered by Fresh Creek Basin and East 108th Street on the East; and Linden Boulevard on the North; on the west by Ralph Avenue; on the southwest by Paerdegat Basin; and on the south by Jamaica Bay. Since the introduction of the Zone Improvement Plan (ZIP) Code by the United States Postal Service, our community has been viewed as one. And as for representation, our community is represented within one Congressional District and State Senate District – slicing through Canarsie as proposed would be an aberration to long standing norms and precedent.

We deserve a unified district – one with fair demographic representation. We must not forget just a few decades ago, a local real estate office was fire bombed multiple times for selling homes to Black families (Canarsie Real Estate Office Is Firebombed Again, New York Times). As proposed, the new district lines will erase decades of progress towards unification of culture and community.

We urge the commission to keep the Canarsie community as one. Our organization supports the revised map proposed by Councilmember Mercedes Narcisse, attached for reference.

Thank you for your consideration.

Juvanie Piquant, Director of Community Engagement
The Flossy Organization

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My name is Joseph Lara. I am a native New Yorker, and long-time resident of Sunset Park, Brooklyn.

For the past 5 years I have worked as a Community Health Worker for the Academy of Medical Public Health Services(AMPHS), a nonprofit in my neighborhood dedicated to providing resources, medical and social services to the immigrant communities of Sunset Park. Through my work I have met many of my neighbors, learned about their needs and the many challenges they faced in our city. These challenges reflect the capricious nature of my own upbringing in New York, much of which still impacts my quality of life today.

As part of my work with AMPHS, I worked to get my neighbors counted on the 2020 Census. Many of them were scared to participate given the hostile federal executive of the time. Despite our efforts, the quality of the Census was impacted by exclusionary politics, limiting the voices of immigrants in New York City.

Immigrants make our city the vibrant metropolis that it is today. Sunset Park is home to many of our delivery, construction, and domestic workers. These are the essential workers our city depended on during the pandemic, and continues to depend on. If we are to tout our democratic system we can not disenfranchise this essential community. We are fortunate to currently be represented by an Assemblymember and Councilmember from the community who are dedicated to helping and engaging our historically-underrepresented residents. But the draft map and this redistricting effort will undo this effort.

The Latino population of Sunset Park can not remain underrepresented for another decade. By merging Sunset Park with Bay Ridge, the draft Council district map would disenfranchise the Latino vote, diluting the voices of many already marginalized groups. I urge this commission to honor the needs of this community of interest, and take the necessary steps to include them in the redistricting process, whether through public outreach in the street, community-based organizations, or through outreach in ethnic media networks.

Thanks again for the opportunity to share my thoughts, and I hope you keep in mind the many communities who could not participate in this process but certainly deserve recognition and representation.

Sincerely,
Joseph E. Lara

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From: [redacted]
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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Tamara Klein and I reside in the proposed 44th and 48th District.

I respectfully write this letter regarding the redistricting of City Council districts 44 and 48. Borough Park, Flatbush, and Midwood are heavily Orthodox Jewish communities.

Our districts have many things in common; we share the same synagogues, yeshiva schools, kosher food stores, shopping centers, and religious practices and observance. We are a concentrated community and are unique, sharing common values and having many of the same needs. For example, we follow religious practices that limit our travel and other things on the Sabbath and on holy days.

It is therefore critical that our communities' unique characters be maintained in a manner where our ever-expanding communities need the attention of elected officials who understand and respond to our needs. This applies especially to the 44th City Council District, which, for decades at this point, has been the core Jewish City Council District. Additionally, we also respectfully request that the core of the 48th City Council District be maintained for the reasons mentioned above.

For your convenience, I am embedding a link in this letter showing our model maps and the street borders that we, as a united community, prefer for the 44th District and 48th District: https://districtr. org/plan/138877.

Thank you for your attention to this critically important need.

Tamara Klein

To the NYC Districting Commission Committee,

My name is Victoria Alexander , I am a Red Hook resident and I have lived in Red Hook for 15 years.

I am a leader in this community, serving as a local real estate broker (Realty Collective LLC) who also is on the board of Red Hook Business Alliance, supports local nonprofits, and opens my office space to local artists to use as a gallery at no charge.

I would like to let the commission know that **I SUPPORT** the new proposed district maps that put Red Hook back with the neighborhoods of Carroll Gardens and Gowanus in Council District 39. (circle one)

I hold this position because this would align Red Hook with other small neighborhoods of shared needs and issues in terms of climate change, NYCHA, school districts, and would align us with our Community Board 6.

As a Red Hook Resident, the future of my community is extremely important to me and I ask the commission to listen to our voices. Our community has been underserved and now we have the opportunity to be part of the conversation for our future.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Victoria Alexander