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Good morning, Rita!

Dear Members of NYC Districting Commission!

I am Margarita Kagan, President, American Association of Jews from the former USSR, Democratic District Leader, 45th Assembly District, one of the leaders in the Russian speaking community.

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

The last proposed map of the 47th District included Bay Ridge that is a part of the Community Board 10 - far away from Coney Island, Sea Gate, Warbasse, Beach Haven and Gravesend. I strongly disagreed with previously proposed lines that also created a very odd shape of the 47th District. **Bay Ridge, Fort Hamilton and Dyker Heights should not be included in the 47th District!** These neighborhoods have very different demographics, issues and socioeconomic status. They are also located far away from Coney Island. I am very glad that the Commission rejected this plan.

The 47th Council District should unite Coney Island, Sea Gate and Warbasse Houses with neighboring Trump Village, Luna Park and Brightwater Towers. It also should include parts of Brighton Beach (from Ocean Parkway to Coney Island Avenue). These neighborhoods would be a natural part of the 47th District given the similar demographics, local issues, close proximity and their traditional inclusion into the same Community Board 13, the 60th Police Precinct, the 46th Assembly District, the 23rd State Senate District and the 8th Congressional District.

I strongly urge the Commission to include in the 47th District the territory between Belt Parkway and Boardwalk, from West 12 Street to Coney Island Avenue. This way new lines will naturally unite similar neighborhoods and communities of interest that historically were represented by the same local civic institutions, community groups and elected officials. **Please, do not split the Russian speaking community in the 47th District, and keep it intact!**

The 47th Council District should include parts of Brighton Beach, entire Coney Island, Trump Village, Warbasse, Luna Park, Brightwater Towers, Beach Haven, as well as parts of Gravesend and the entire Bath Beach. See my proposed map of the District below.

Thank you.

Margarita Kagan

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