DeCillis, Michael

From: Pavel M <pavmak7@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 9:53 AM

To: Public Testimony **Cc:** Flateau, John

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter to Districting Commission - 47th Council District

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Dear Members of NYC Districting Commission!

I am Pavlo Makovski, President of the Association of Ukrainian Natives in the USA, representing tens of thousands of Ukrainian Americans, including many Ukrainian New Yorkers in Southern Brooklyn.

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 communities of interest 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 Bath Beach.

Thank you.

Pavlo Makovski

DeCillis, Michael

From: Shabir Ahmad <sahmad@corcoran.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 3:21 PM

To: Public Testimony

Subject: [EXTERNAL] testimony to the redistricting commission

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Dear commission,

I am Shabir Ahmad and, I represent the South Asian, Muslim and Pakistani Community in district 40. I am writing to urgently request that we remain in the district. Our roots and social, cultural and religious interests are firmly entrenched in the district. That is why we want to stay in district 40.

Therefore, We strongly support the preliminary map, drawn by the commission.

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From: Alec Teytel

Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2022 9:47 AM

To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Letter to Districting Commission

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Dear Members of NYC Districting Commission!

I am Alec Teytel, President of Bensonhurst Business Club and one of the leaders of the Russian speaking community.

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

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

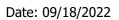
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I urge the Commission to include in the 47th District the territory between Belt Parkway and Boardwalk, from West 12 Street to Coney Island Avenue. This way new lines will naturally unite similar neighborhoods and communities of interests that historically were represented by same local civic institutions, community groups and elected officials. **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, Coney Island, Trump Village, Warbasse, Luna Park, Brightwater Towers, Beach Haven, as well as parts of Gravesend and Bensonhurst.

Thank you for your attention and consideration. My proposed map of the 47th District is attached.

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

Alec Teytel



From: Alex Budnitskiy

Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2022 9:03 AM

To: Public Testimony

Cc: Flateau, John; Alex Budnitskiy

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter to Districting Commission

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Dear Members of NYC Districting Commission!

I am Alex Budnitsky, CEO of the Edith and Carl Marks JCH of Bensonhurst.

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Thank you for your attention and consideration. My proposed map of the 47th District is attached.

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Alex Budnitsky

CEO/Executive Director Marks JCH of Bensonhurst Mobile: 1 917 721-7311

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From: Alyona Badalova

Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2022 8:51 AM

To: Public Testimony
Cc: Flateau, John

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter to Districting Commission

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Dear Members of NYC Districting Commission!

I am the Russian speaking community activist, President of CYDC My Way, a prominent non-for-profit organization that hosts many cultural events in Southern Brooklyn.

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Thank you for your attention and consideration. My proposed map of the 47th District is attached.

if you have any additional questions, you can contact me at:

Alyona Badalova

Phone:



From: aziz alisultanov

Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2022 8:59 AM

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Thank you for your attention and consideration. My proposed map of the 47th District is attached.

if you have any additional questions, you can contact me at:

Aziz Alisultanov

Phone:



From: Daniel Shimhayiv

Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2022 12:10 PM

To: Public Testimony

Cc: Flateau, John

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Council district lines

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Dear Members of NYC Districting Commission!

I am Daniel Shimhayiv, a resident of Gravesend and an activist in the Russian speaking community.

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

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Thank you for your attention and consideration. My proposed map of the 47th District is attached.

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

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Address:

Date: 9/18/22



From: Diana Bagrationi <

Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2022 11:56 AM

To: Public Testimony **Cc:** Plateau, John

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed 47th District Lines **Attachments:** NYC Disctricting Comission Letter.docx

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To whom this may be concerned,

I have attached a letter and a map in regards to the proposed District 47 lines. Thank you in advance for hearing out my concerns.



Best Regards,
Diana Bagrationi Ph. D
President, Diana Bagrationi Foundation
Board of Director for the New York Music Foundation, Board of Director for the New York Piano Festival.

From: Felix Filler <

Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2022 9:45 AM

To: Public Testimony

Subject: [EXTERNAL] District Lines

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Dear Members of NYC Districting Commission!

I am Felix Filler, resident of Brighton Beach and one of the leaders of the Russian speaking community.

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Thank you for your attention and consideration. My proposed map of the 47th District is attached.

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

Felix Filler

Address:	Brighton First	Road, Apt.	3A, Brooklyn,	NY 11235

Tel:

Date: 09/18/22

From: Gregory Davidzon <

Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2022 11:23 AM

To: Public Testimony
Cc: Flateau, John

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter to Districting Commission

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Dear Members of NYC Districting Commission!

I am Gregory Davidzon, President of Davidzon Media and owner of Davidzon Radio (620 AM) and 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.

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

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Thank you for your attention and consideration. My proposed map of the 47th District is attached.

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

Gregory Davidzon

Address: Phone:



(718) 769-9161 | info@brightonballet.org www.BrightonBallet.org

Dear Members of NYC Districting Commission!

I am the Russian-speaking community leader and CEO of Brighton Ballet School, a prominent not-for-profit organization that hosts many cultural events in Southern Brooklyn and citywide. I am also a resident of Brightwater Towers.

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

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Thank you for your attention and consideration. My proposed map of the 47th District is attached. if you have any additional questions, you can contact me at:

mobile:

Irina Roizin

Founder and Executive Director Brighton Ballet Theater Co Inc.

From: Leonora Bulychova <

Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2022 7:55 AM

To: Public Testimony
Cc: Flateau, John

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter to Districting Commission from the president of community club A-Elita

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Dear Members of NYC Districting Commission!

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

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Thank you for your attention and consideration. My proposed map of the 47th District is attached.

if you have any additional questions, you can contact me at:

Leonora Bulychova

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From: MARGARITA KAGAN <

Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2022 8:59 AM

To: Public Testimony
Cc: Flateau, John

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter to Districting Commission

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Dear Members of NYC Districting Commission!

I am Margarita Kagan, President, American Association of Jews from the former USSR. I am also Democratic District Leader, 45th Assembly District.

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

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Thank you for your attention and consideration. My proposed map of the 47th District is attached.

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

Margarita Kagan, Democratic District Leader, 45th Assembly District
Phone:

From: Alex Kot

Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2022 6:26 PM

To: **Public Testimony**

Subject: [EXTERNAL] To NYC Districting Commission

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Dear members of NYC Districting Commission! I am Marina Kot, a member of Amalgamated Warbasse Houses' Board of Directors. Since 1994, I've called this place home.

The communities of Brighton Beach, Trump Village, Luna Park, Warbasse and Brightwater Towers should be in one 47th Council District like it was before the last redistricting. It defies the logic to have neighboring high rises like Brightwater Towers, Luna Park and Trump Village in the 48th District while keeping Warbasse Houses in the 47th District. We have similar problems, issues, interests, demographics, economic status. Coney Island, Sea Gate, Brighton Beach, Trump Village, Luna Park, Brightwater Towers are often referred to as Greater Coney Island and they should be together in the same Council District. These neighborhoods share the same subway lines (Q-train) and bus lines (B-36 and B-68), famous Riegelmann Boardwalk and beaches, schools like PS 100 and PS 253, Asser Levy Park.

Coney Island, Sea Gate, Brighton Beach (from Ocean Parkway till Coney Island Avenue), Trump Village, Warbasse, Luna Park, Brightwater Towers are currently located in the same Community Board 13, 60th Police Precinct, 46th Assembly District, 23rd State Senate District and 8th Congressional District.

These areas should be combined into a single 47th Council District. I am requesting that they be included in the 47th Council District by the Districting Commission. 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, Coney Island, Trump Village, Warbasse, Luna Park, Brightwater Towers, Beach Haven, as well as parts of Gravesend and Bensonhurst.

Thank you for your attention and consideration. My proposed map of the 47th District is attached.

Sincerely.

Marina Kot

Board Member of Amalgamated Warbasse Houses

Neptune ave 19E Brooklyn NY 11224 Address:

Phone:

From: Michael Kachan

Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2022 9:38 PM

To: Public Testimony
Cc: Flateau, John

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Districting Petition 47th District

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I am Michael Kachan, a resident of Trump Village and an activist in the Russian speaking community.

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Michael Kachan

Address: Neptune Ave, Brooklyn New York

Tel:

Date: 09/18/22

From: Michael Kremerov, ABRUD <

Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2022 9:34 AM

To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Letter to Districting Commission

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Dear Members of NYC Districting Commission!

I am Michael Kremerov, President of the American Brotherhood for the Russian Disabled, one of the oldest and most influential non-for-profit organizations in the Russian speaking American community.

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Phone:	



From: Michael Patin

Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2022 10:23 AM

To: Public Testimony **Cc:** Flateau, John

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Districting Commission

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Dr. Michael Patin, MD

Phone:



Sent from my iPhone

From: Sofiya Lobova <

Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2022 7:36 PM

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I am Sophia Lobova, the Russian speaking community leader in Coney Island.

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Sophia Lobova

Phone: 1



From: Vladimir Epshteyn <

Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2022 11:21 AM

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Cc: Flateau, John

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Dear Members of NYC Districting Commission!

I am Vladimir Epstein, The President of "Russian American Voters Educational League Inc", a non-for-profit, not partisan organization, educating the Russian speaking American community about the importance of civic engagement and active participation in political process and government.

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Vladimir Epstein, The President, RAVEL





From: Boris Zaturenskiy

Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 10:03 PM

To: Public Testimony
Cc: Flateau, John

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter to Districting Commission

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Dear Members of NYC Districting Commission!

I am Alex Zaturenskiy and I am resident of Warbasse

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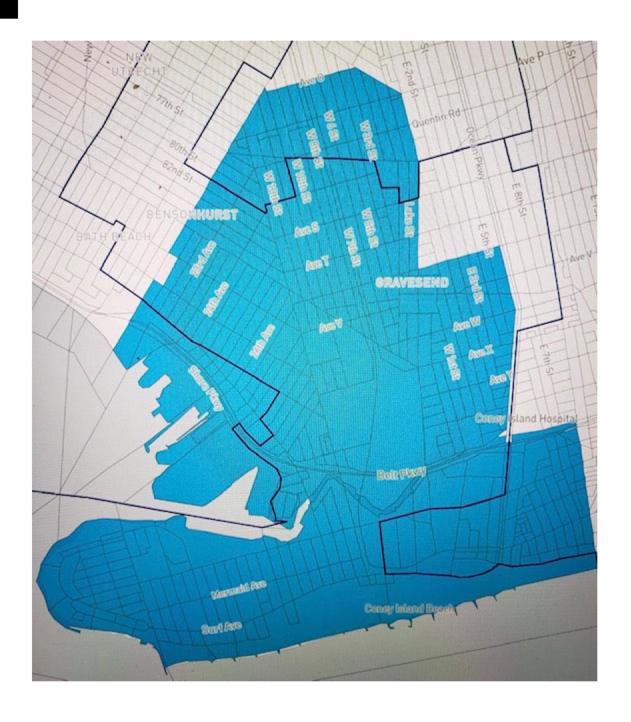
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From: Bella Gubenko <

Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 11:30 AM

To: Public Testimony

Cc: Jflateau@redistricting.nyc.go

Subject: [EXTERNAL] [SUSPECTED SPAM] Letter to Districting Commission

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I am the Russian speaking community leader, President of the Association East European Jewry, a prominent non-for-profit organization that hosts many community events in Southern Brooklyn.



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President of the Association of East-European Jewry

Cell:

From: Rivkah Brikman <r

Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 11:06 AM

To: Public Testimony **Subject:** Public Testimony
[EXTERNAL] 47 District

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I, Rivkah Brikman, am a resident of the Sea Gate community, and am appealing to you.

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Tel:

Date: 9-20-22

From: Tatiana Kozlova

Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 1:05 PM

To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter to Districting Commission

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Tatiana Kozlova

Address West 31 Str, apt 8J, Brooklyn, NY 11224

Phone:

DeCillis, Michael

From: Ziyod Madaminov <zmadaminov@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 10:12 PM

To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John

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Tel: 929-989 2163

Email: zmadaminov@gmail.com

Date: September 20, 2022

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Tel: 347-303-7055

Email: vgfyodorov@gmail.com

Date: September 20, 2022

DeCillis, Michael

From: isaak gank <isaak1939@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 2:21 PM

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Marina Gank

Address West 5 Str, apt 16K, Brooklyn, NY 11224

Phone:

From: Marina Lagunova > Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 2:25 PM

To: Public Testimony; JFlateau@redistriting.nyc.gov; laguno@yahoo.com

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Phone:

From: Christopher Greif

Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 2:00 PM

To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] not happy

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CHRISTOPHER D.GREIF

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16 Avenue O Brooklyn, NY 11204

Phone: 718-737-4664 mahallausa@yahoo.com

Dear Members of NYC Districting Commission!

I am Abdumalik Ahmedov, President of Mahallah USA, an Uzbek-American not-for-profit organization representing thousands of immigrants from Uzbekistan. Most of our members live in Brighton Beach and other neighborhoods of Southern Brooklyn.

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Sincerely,

Abdumalik Ahmedov

Tel: 718 737 2319

Email: Executive management@mahalla.us

Date: 09.21.2022

From: TK <

Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 7:16 PM

To: Public Testimony

Cc: Flateau, John; Oleg Brooklyn

Subject: [EXTERNAL]

Attachments: Map 47 CD (2).jpg

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Dear Members of NYC Districting Commission!

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Address: Surf Ave, Apt 19A, Brooklyn NY. 11234 Phone:



From: Pavel Vishnevtsky

Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 5:49 PM

To: Public Testimony **Cc:** Plateau, John

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Letter to Districting Commission

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Phone:

From: Pervez Siddiqui

Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 4:10 PM

To: Public Testimony

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting CD 47

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My name is Pervez Siddiqui and I am the President and Founder of Apna Brooklyn Community Center. based at 236 Neptune Ave Brooklyn, NY 11235

I have appeared in person and given my public testimony and I wrote to the Redistricting Commission urging them to look in to the redistricting of CD 47 vis a vis the Pakistani Community.

I want to lodge a strong protest against the new map and I strongly urge that the area of Brighton Beach, Beach Haven, Bath Beach and Coney Island and parts of Bensonhurst which constitute the majority of the Pakistani community should be included CD 47.

For many years the Pakistani American community has remained marginalized and has been unable to advocate for the community betterment.

One of the main reason that our community has been unable to make an impact in the electoral process is because of lack of representation due to redistricting.

I hope this time this discrepancy would be remedied so we are afforded proper representation.

Thank You

Regards,

Pervez Siddiqui



Brooklyn, NY 11235

From: Alan <

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 2:26 PM

To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 43 district

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DeCillis, Michael

From: Athena Auyeung <aljiang2006@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 12:37 PM

To: Public Testimony

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support New district 43

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From: Gary Gary <

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 1:02 PM

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Underrepresented 200, 000 Brooklyn Chinese am demand a new 43 district

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From: helenk

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 12:57 PM

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] We demand to have a Chinese American dominated district

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From: Gu Jean <

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From: JIMMY CHENG <

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 3:38 PM

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From: Main <

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 2:04 PM

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Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 3:09 AM

To: Public Testimony

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: District 47 map

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To: Nataliya Neyzhmakova <

Subject: District 47 map

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Please accept this letter as the appeal related to inappropriate for our community plan of changes in the map of the District 47.

Please do not ignore our previously submitted appeal at this matter. I ask you to take into consideration that It is very important for our community of Russian speaking Americans - to keep the District 47 intact and compact.

Under the new proposed map our community of interest will lose important neighbourhood connections and collaborations. It gonna damage our social life. Please don't do that! Sincerely,

Nataliya Neyzhmakova,

vice-president of the New York Society of Odessites/ Odessa Community of New York

East 23 St. Brooklyn, NY 11235

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From: PHILIP LEE

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 2:09 PM

To: Public Testimony

Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support new district 43

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From: Ronald Greenberg

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 12:15 PM

To: Public Testimony

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Demand to NYC Districting Commission to Vote Down Proposed Map Plan Joining

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September 22, 2022:

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For decades the neighborhoods of Coney Island and Bay Ridge in Southern Brooklyn have been wrongfully joined together in New York State's Assembly District 46 resulting in egregious voter disenfranchisement and an outrageous imbalance of political representation and allocation of government resources and now the New York City Districting Commission in their new map plan proposal foolishly doubles down on this by repeating this same mistake of joining these two neighborhoods that have no relevant connection to each other whatsoever.

I emphatically demand that this extremely harmful proposed plan be voted down and that new maps be drawn that are similar in nature to each neighborhood's New York City community board district lines.

Thank you for fulfilling your responsibilities to the citizens of the City of New York.

Sincerely,

Ronald Greenberg, Board Member of Brooklyn Community Board 13

To Whom It May Concern:

As a Chinese American living in Brooklyn, I respectfully write to you to express the will and demand of our community to have a new 43 district to represent 200,000 Chinese Americans in Brooklyn. Over the past 20 years, Chinese community in Brooklyn has been divided into a few districts. Since many Chinese do not speak good English, their city councilmen could not, did not and would not help and represent them.

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For the safety, social progress, fairness and justice of 200,000 Chinese Americans in Brooklyn, now is the time to have a new district dominated by Chinese Americans to have their voice heard, instead of continuously marginalizing them into small pieces and forgotten groups forever.

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Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 1:01 PM

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redictricting for Chinese Community

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Xiaoyu Hu
Manor Court
Brooklyn,

From: xiujin77 zhao > Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 1:07 PM

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From: KaiYing Chen

Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 2:27 PM

To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John; jschneps@schnepsmedia.com; Wong, Kai-Ki; Go,Marilyn; Sorin, Lisa;

Mateo, Maria; Schneps, Joshua; Wurzel, Marc; Hanratty, Kevin; Porcher, Darrin

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support the July preliminary map

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Sincerely, Kay Chen From: LIBRA CHEN

Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 2:28 PM

To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John; jschneps@schnepsmedia.com; Wong, Kai-Ki; Go,Marilyn; Sorin, Lisa;

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Sincerely, Libra Chen From: Nancy Tong <

Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 11:29 PM

To: Public Testimony

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistrict of CD 43

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To NYC Districting Commission,

This is Assembly District 47 District Leader Nancy Tong.

I am writing to you in support of the original map that was drawn for the redistricting of Council District 43.

Best Regards, Nancy Tong

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From: Sent:

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 1:47 PM

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Dear Members of NYC Districting Commission!

I am Raisa Ross, a social worker, a resident of Sea Gate and one of the leaders in the Russian speaking American community.

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Thank you.

Raisa Ross

From: Alyona Badalova
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 10:22 AM

To: Public Testimony
Cc: Flateau, John

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter to Districting Commission

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Dear Members of NYC Districting Commission!

I am Alyona Badalova, CEO, CYDC My Way, a prominent non-for-profit organziation serving youth and their families, mostly immigrants from Azerbaijan. I am also one of the leaders in the Russian speaking community in Southern Brooklyn.

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Thank you.

Best regards, **Alyona Badalova**President, CYDC My Way

From: Dmitry Levitsky

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 10:18 AM

To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Map of the 47th District

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Dear Members of the NYC Districting Commission!

My name is Dmitry Levitsky, Esq., and I am the principal at the Levitsky Law Firm PLLC, located in the heart of Brighton Beach and serving the Russian-speaking communities in Southern Brooklyn.

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https://districtr.org/plan/142583

Respectfully,

DMITRY LEVITSKY, ESQ.

Attorney and Counselor at Law





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From: fraidy ringel <

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 2:40 PM

To: Public Testimony **Cc:** Flateau, John

Subject: [EXTERNAL] 44 Council District

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Dear Commissioners,

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

I respectfully write this letter regarding the redistricting of City Council districts 44. Borough Park is a Hasidic community and Midwood along with parts of Kensigton is a heavily Orthodox Jewish communities. 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. The 44th City Council District, which, for decades at this point, has been the core Jewish City Council District and was the only district that had a Orthodox council member for over 3 decades.

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: https://districtr.org/plan/142599.

This proposed district will unite the Chasidic community in the greater Boro Park area and it will allow us to continue having a representative in the Council from the community that will be able to understand and represent the communities needs.

Thank you for your attention to this critically important need.

Fraidy Ringel

From: Igor Galanter

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 10:06 AM

To: Public Testimony **Cc:** Plateau, John

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(718) 769-9161 | info@brightonballet.org www.BrightonBallet.org

Dear Members of NYC Districting Commission!

I am Irina Roizin, resident of Brightwater Towers, President of Brighton Ballet Theater & School, a non-for-profit organization serving many communities in Southern Brooklyn.

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Irina Roizin

Founder and Executive Director

Brighton Ballet Theater Co Inc.

From: Balanka, Jay

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 7:00 PM

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Cc: Flateau, John
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CD47

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Jay Balanka

Sent from my iPhone

From: Flateau, John

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 2:16 PM

To: Public Testimony; DeCillis, Michael

Subject: FW:Public Testimony -- Save current the 47th District and keep your 1st vision Map for New 43rd

District

Importance: High

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John Flateau, Ph.D.
Executive Director

New York City Districting Commission

Work: 212-346-6348 | Email: jflateau@redistricting.nyc.gov

Web: http://www.nyc.gov/districting

From: Association Health Essential <

Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 8:13 AM

To: Public Testimony < PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov>; Flateau, John < JFlateau@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Save current the 47th District and keep your 1st vision Map for New 43rd District

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Dear Members of the NYC Districting Commission!

I am Lina Chen, President, Health Essential Association, a prominent non-for-profit organization proudly serving the growing Asian American community in Southern Brooklyn.

First, I would like to thank the Commission for considering the creation of the new Asian American district based in Bensonhurst and Sunset Park. It is very important and timely, given the rapid growth of the Asian American community in Bensonhurst and Sunset Park.

At the same time, I would like to express my serious concerns regarding the proposed shape of the 47th District that is currently represented by Council Member Ari Kagan. The creation of Asian American District should not tear neighboring districts apart. It is entirely possible to reconfigure the current 47th District, so it will stay compact, include communities of interest and connect similar neighborhoods located close to each other.

I urge the Commission to include parts of Bath Beach and Bensonhurst (between Stillwell Avenue and Bay Parkway), most of Gravesend, Beach Haven, Warbasse, Coney Island and parts of Brighton Beach in the 47th District. This way communities of interest will be united in Southern Brooklyn and the new Council district with Asian American majority would be created without unnecessary drama and tensions with our great neighbors.

Best Regards

Lina Chen

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C.E.O. Health Essential Association(華人健康協會)

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From: Michael Kremerov, ABRUD <

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 10:32 AM

To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Dear Members of NYC Districting Commission!

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Dear Members of NYC Districting Commission!

I am Michael Kremerov, President of the American Brotherhood for the Russian Disabled, one of the oldest and most influential non-for-profit organizations in the Russian speaking American community.

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Michael Kremerov, President of ABRUD

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From: Pavel M <

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 9:53 AM

To: Public Testimony **Cc:** Flateau, John

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter to Districting Commission - 47th Council District

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Dear Members of NYC Districting Commission!

I am Pavlo Makovski, President of the Association of Ukrainian Natives in the USA, representing tens of thousands of Ukrainian Americans, including many Ukrainian New Yorkers in Southern Brooklyn.

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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 Bath Beach.

Thank you.

Pavlo Makovski

From: Pinny Ringel

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 12:36 PM

To: Public Testimony
Cc: Flateau, John

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of the 44 Council District

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Dear Commissioners,

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

I respectfully write this letter regarding the redistricting of City Council districts 44. Borough Park is a Hasidic community and Midwood along with parts of Kensigton is a heavily Orthodox Jewish communities. 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. The 44th City Council District, which, for decades at this point, has been the core Jewish City Council District and was the only district that had a Orthodox council member for over 3 decades.

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: https://districtr.org/plan/142599.

This proposed district will unite the Chasidic community in the greater Boro Park area and it will allow us to continue having a representative in the Council from the community that will be able to understand and represent the communities needs.

Thank you for your attention to this critically important need.

Pinchas Ringel

From: Shahbaz Wattoo <

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 9:55 AM

To: Flateau, John; Public Testimony **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Ari Kagan 47th District

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Dear Members of NYC Districting Commission!

I am Shahbaz Watoo, a pharmacist, a business owner and one of the leaders of the Pakistani American community in Bath Beach.

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Shahbaz Watoo

From: ABRAHAM ACKERMAN

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 10:18 PM

To: Public Testimony

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Sent from my iPhone Abe Ackerman From: Avi

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 11:24 PM

To: Public Testimony

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Thank you for your consideration. Avi Cohen

Sent from my iPhone

From: A J

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To: Public Testimony **Cc:** Flateau, John

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Committee

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The reason why I am making this recommendation is because the community within these lines have more in common with its neighbors in Canarsie. We frequent the same schools, churches, and stores and share a common culture. Revising the boundaries in this way would provide this corner of the district with right representation. Please consider our recommendation!

Sincerely, Ayanna Jarvis From: B Cywiak < > > Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 9:29 PM
To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John

Cc:

Subject: [EXTERNAL] District 44 and 48

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Thank you for your consideration.

Baruch Cywiak Director of Special Projects Mikvah USA

52nd Street, STE. A1, Brooklyn, NY 11219

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From: American Council of Minority Women

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 6:17 PM

Public Testimony: Flatour, John

To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony

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For the 40th Council District, I largely agree with the Commission's proposed changes which has mostly kept the 2012 lines, but now extends the new lines several blocks east into Council District 41, and picks up some blocks in Council District 45, south of Church Avenue (between Church & Snyder Avenues). We want to keep the lines of the 45th and increase the population size to restore the lines on Cortelyou road to Reestablish the district obits original lines from 2012.

However, one change that we would like to make to the proposed lines is to add back in sections in the western and southwestern part of the district, namely; the area of 7th Street from Church Avenue to Avenue H, and the area that includes 18th Avenue to the north, Avenue H to the South, East 8th/East 10th to the east, and Ocean Parkway to the west. This would include our South Asian neighbors. Currently, they are split between three districts. The advantage to this is that they have more than one representative that is fighting for their interests,

Thank you again for your kind consideration.

Bazah Roohi

Founder/Executive Director
American Council of Minority Women

From: B Wise <

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 9:39 PM
To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John
Subject: [EXTERNAL] info@flatbushjewish.com

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Thank you for your consideration. Bella Wiseman

From: ben harzahav

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 10:29 PM

To: Public Testimony

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting comments

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To Whom It May Concern,

As a member of the Orthodox Jewish Community in central Queens, I am aware of and grateful that the Redistricting Commission voted down the most recent (September 22nd) updated proposal for the redistricting map. In particular, I am disgusted with the disdain that the updated proposal shows toward the Orthodox Community in District 24.

When the initial redistricting plan was published, our Community was shocked to see the Hillcrest/Fresh Meadows Community – a pillar of the Orthodox Community – was completely removed from the 24th District, diluting our Community's ability to have its interests represented with a united voice. The Commission abysmally failed to meet the criterion set out "keep intact neighborhoods and communities with established ties of common interest and association, whether historical, racial, economic, ethnic, religious or other." As a member of the Orthodox Jewish Community in District 24, I am shocked that after so many pleas to preserve and keep our community together, the Commission presented a proposal on September 22nd that once again fails to preserve our Community.

Despite our efforts over the last 70 years to build and grow our Community in this Council District (District 24 in its current configuration is home to thousands of Orthodox Jewish families, almost a hundred Orthodox Synagogues, and many other Jewish Community centers and ritual facilities), our Community remains a distinct religious minority in this District, which demands that we be kept intact and retain the ability to be represented as one community. We have common concerns -- every one of our religious facilities is utilized every day of the week, multiple times a day; children and adults alike. By any meaningful metric, the Orthodox Jewish Community of District 24 is in a sustained period of growth, especially in the area that is proposed to be removed from the 24th District. I am therefore compelled to state the following:

The updated proposed redistricting maps for City Council are not in our Community's interest in their current form. The Jewish Community in the current configuration of Council District 24 is composed of the combined Sefardi and Ashkenazi communities. Our two communities are unified in interest and location, each with members and Shuls interspersed amongst each other. We are one contiguous chain linking together Kew Garden Hills, Fresh Meadows/Hillcrest, and Jamaica Estates. Though there are pockets of our community in other areas as well, this chain of neighborhoods represents the largest Jewish voice of Queens, and cutting any portion out would result in an unacceptable disenfranchisement.

The proposed change to the current District map completely disregards the reality on the ground. It artificially and needlessly separates many community members from the community facilities that serve

them. Furthermore, the seemingly arbitrary lines harmfully cut off one community and congregation from its fellow community and congregation. The net result is a weakened Orthodox Jewish community, structurally, demographically, and politically.

The area of our Community that we seek to retain – the area east of Utopia Parkway all the way to the existing District boundary – comprises 3,888 people according to the Commission's numbers. So retaining 3,888 people to keep the Orthodox Jewish Community contiguous and intact the Commission won't do, yet the Commission seeks to ADD almost TWENTY SIX THOUSAND people to the 24th District from non-Jewish areas that are not currently part of the 24th District! This is adding insult to injury.

For these reasons I strongly believe that the redistricting proposal's continued disregard for the Jewish Community is damaging to the community's very fabric, its unified voice, and its interests. I implore the Redistricting Committee to keep to the criteria it is charged to uphold, immediately restore the 3,888 people in the area east of Utopia Parkway north of 75th Avenue and keep the eastern boundary of the District as it exists today.

Sincerely,

Binyamin goldenberg

From: Boruch Rich <

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 10:21 PM

To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John

Cc:

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment about redistricting

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Thank you for your consideration.

Boruch Rich

From: Catherine Felise

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 4:52 PM

To: Public Testimony **Cc:** Flateau, John

Subject: [EXTERNAL] My Districting Testimony in Flatbush

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To the NYC Districting Commission,

Greetings, my name is Catherine Felise and I am a long time resident in the Flatbush area. I am writing to provide testimony to support keeping the lines consistent for the South Asian and Caribbean communities, and having representation from two different council members to ensure proper resources and support in our communities. It is important that we continue to work with the individuals that have supported our initiatives, our children, our elderly, our businesses, our houses of worship, and our schools. It is not the time for us to begin to divide the South Asian community and we need to ensure that we have as much support as possible throughout this community, which is rapidly growing by the year. Having support from multiple elected officials is crucial for the South Asian community. In the last 10 years we have been able to create commercial and residential corridors that represent the South Asian communities individually and collectively with the support of the Council Members from the 45th, 40th, and the 37th Council Districts.

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Thank you again for your consideration for our people. Please let me know if any more advice is needed.

Catherine Felise

From: Chana Green < > > > Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 11:26 PM

To: <u>Flateau, John; Public Test</u>imony

Cc:

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting the 44th and 48th

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Charles Herzka
NorthEnd Equities LLC
Coney Island Avenue, Suite 530
Brooklyn, NY 11230

From: chedva Elkins

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 9:29 PM

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Chedva Koplowitz

From: Chelesse Martin

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 3:27 PM

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Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 10:42 PM

To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John

Subject: [EXTERNAL] redistricting

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From: ayanna jarvis

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 3:13 PM

To: Public Testimony **Cc:** Plateau, John

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Sincerely, Darryl Jarvis From: Dena Finkelman <

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 10:34 PM

To: Public Testimony

Cc: info@flatbushjewish.com

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Council Districts - PLEASE HEED THE VOICES OF THE PEOPLE

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Director of Operations and Client Services





From: Dov Milstein <

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 9:46 PM

To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John **Cc:** Info@flatbushjewish.com

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Plea

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E-mail:

east 27th street

Brooklyn, NY 11229

From: Esriel Scheiner < >
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 8:58 PM
To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John

Cc:

Subject: [EXTERNAL] The City redistricting Commission Plan

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From: Ezra Berger > Thursday, September 29, 2022 10:06 PM

To: <u>Public Testimony; Flateau,</u> John

Cc:

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Ezra Berger

From:

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 3:28 PM

To: Public Testimony; jflateau@redirecting.nyc.gov

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Thank you,

Francine Archey-Welsh

DeCillis, Michael

From: YAH00

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 5:24 PM

To: Public Testimony

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting NYC

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Dear commission,

I am Name. and, I represent the South Asian, Muslim and Pakistani Community in district 40. I am writing to urgently request that we remain in the district. Our roots and social, cultural and religious interests are firmly entrenched in the district. That is why we want to stay in district 40.

Therefore, We strongly support the preliminary map, drawn by the commission.

Name: Ghulam Muhammad

Address: East 9th Street, Apt 6, Brooklyn NY 11230 Tel no.

From: Glenn Huff

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 4:11 PM

To: Public Testimony

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Copy, paste, send

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Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 03:57:05 PM EDT

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To: Flateau, John; Public Testimony **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] City Council Redistricting

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From: Heshy Nove <

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To: Public Testimony

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please don't divide our council district

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From: Ida Sanoff

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 10:51 PM

To: Public Testimony

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of Brighton Beach, Brooklyn

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have lived in Brighton Beach for over 40 years and I am very active in my community. Splitting Brighton Beach into different Council Districts will be a disaster for us.

One look at the geography of this neighborhood makes it obvious that it's one place, not two places. The Boardwalk and beach is our southern border and our shopping strips run parallel to that, with Neptune Ave. forming our northern border.

We have a unique area that we call the Bungalow District. Many of the bungalows have been replaced by somewhat larger dwellings, but the narrow alleys, lanes and paths that served the bungalows still define this area. These narrow blocks have particular issues because of their layout. Having a single Council Member who is familiar with this special area is a extremely important.

What makes this neighborhood so special is that there is such a diverse mix of nationalities, customs, religions and ethnicities that somehow all manage to communicate, work together, worship next door to each other, stock their stores with everyone's delicacies and share their experiences with each other. Many residents are from various Eastern European nations that share common languages and customs. But there is also a large South Asian population and a significant number of residents from Central America, plus people from other parts of the world too. At times it feels like almost every nation on earth is represented in Brighton Beach. Many residents are first and second generation immigrants who are still learning how to navigate government agencies and services. Splitting up this area will only make it more difficult for them to access the services that they need. It will also reduce the likelihood that this community can grow and advocate for needed improvements.

Brighton Beach is a single community and should not be split up. It should remain within a single Council District in its entirety.

Ida Sanoff

Brighton 1st Rd. Brooklyn, NY 11235

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From:

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 4:17 PM

To: Public Testimony

Cc: ; Flateau, John

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RESTRICTING IN 42ND COUNCIL DISTRICT

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Jane Lockley

From: Joan Williams <

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 4:56 PM

To: Public Testimony **Cc:** Plateau, John

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep are districts the same in Flatbush

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To the NYC Districting Commission,

This is Joan Williams and I am a long time resident in the Flatbush area. I am writing to provide testimony to support keeping the lines consistent for the South Asian and Caribbean communities, and having representation from two different council members to ensure proper resources and support in our communities. It is important that we continue to work with the individuals that have supported our initiatives, our children, our elderly, our businesses, our houses of worship, and our schools. It is not the time for us to begin to divide the South Asian community and we need to ensure that we have as much support as possible throughout this community, which is rapidly growing by the year. Having support from multiple elected officials is crucial for the South Asian community. In the last 10 years we have been able to create commercial and residential corridors that represent the South Asian communities individually and collectively with the support of the Council Members from the 45th, 40th, and the 37th Council Districts.

Within the 40th Council District, I largely agree with the Commission's proposed changes which has mostly kept the 2012 lines, but now extends the new lines several blocks east into Council District 41, and includes blocks in Council District 45 between Church & Snyder Avenues. We want to revert this change by keeping the lines of the 45th Council District the same and increase the population size to restore the lines on Cortelyou Road to reestablish the district's original boundaries from 2012.

Another change to add back in sections in the western and southwestern part of the district, namely; the area of 7th Street from Church Avenue to Avenue H, and the area that includes 18th Avenue to the north, Avenue H to the South, East 8th/East 10th to the east, and Ocean Parkway to the west. The advantage to having these boundaries is that we have more than one representative that is fighting for their interests, and ensuring that our population has the right balance of representation from our elected officials.

Thank you again for your consideration for our people.

Sincerely, Joan Williams From: john chan > Thursday, September 29, 2022 7:33 PM

To: Public Testimony

Cc: Flateau, John; john chan (BRACE) **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Redistrict of CD43

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To NYC Districting Commission,

This is Asian American Community Empowerment, located at 620 62nd Street Brooklyn NY 11220. I am writing to you in support of the original map that was drawn for District 43. We strongly believe this is the redistrict map that truly represents our Asian American communities.

We represent the following organizations: Asian American Community Empowerment American Chinese Commerce Assoication American Chinese Commerce Assoication (HK) American Chinese Culinary Federation (NY)

Best Regards,

John Chan President



From: Joseph Fertig

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 9:31 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

From: Josh Mehlman FJCC

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 4:42 PM

To: Flateau, John; Public Testimony

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Important Redistricting Comment for 44th and 48th Council Districts

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Josh Mehlman and I reside in the 48th council district.

As Chairman of the FJCC, the Flatbush Jewish Community Coalition, representing over 100,000 residents with 250 yeshiva schools and synagogues in the greater Midwood/Flatbush community, we ask that you keep our communities combined and united in two Council districts- the 44th and the 48th.

We are a unique community that shares common values and many of the same needs. We share the same synagogues, yeshiva schools, kosher food stores, shopping centers, and religious practices and observance. It is common to find multi generations living close by. Due to the Sabbath religious travel restrictions, all synagogue members need to be within walking distance.

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.

The 44th district Borough Park is primarily a Hasidic community and includes parts of Midwood and Kensington that are Orthodox Jewish communities. The 44th City Council District for decades has been a Jewish City Council District and was the only district that had a Orthodox council member for over 3 decades, its crucial this is maintained.

The 48th Council District similarly has a sizable share of Orthodox residents and we are asking to add blocks to the North and East that were unfairly excluded in the past redistricting, and need to be added as they are integral parts of our contiguous community.

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: https://districtr.org/plan/142599.

Here is the link for the map we are suggesting for the 48th Council District: https://districtr.org/plan/142670

Thank you for your consideration. Josh

Josh Mehlman
Chairman
Flatbush Jewish Community Coalition, FJCC
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@FlatbushJCC @JoshMehlman From: Joshua Fogel

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 11:14 PM

To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] redistricting comments

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Dear Commissioners.

As a member of the Orthodox Jewish Midwood/Flatbush community, we ask that you keep our community combined and united in two Council districts- the 44th and the 48th.

We are a unique community that shares common values and many of the same needs. We share the same synagogues, yeshiva schools, kosher food stores, shopping centers, and religious practices and observance. Due to the Sabbath religious travel restrictions, all synagogue members need to be within walking distance.

It is therefore critical that our communities' unique character be maintained in a manner where our expanding communities are represented by elected officials who understand and respond to our needs.

The 44th City Council District includes Borough Park, primarily a Hasidic community, and parts of Midwood and Kensington that are Orthodox Jewish communities. The 44th District for decades has been a Jewish City Council seat and was the only district that had an Orthodox council member for over 3 decades, it is crucial that this be maintained.

The 48th Council District similarly has a sizable share of Orthodox Jewish residents and we are asking to add blocks to the North and East that have considerable Orthodox Jewish residents and were unfairly excluded in the last redistricting.

For your convenience, here is a link with a map that would better serve the residents of the 44th Council District: https://districtr.org/plan/142599.

Here is a link with a map that would better serve the residents of the 48th Council

District: https://districtr.org/plan/142670

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Joshua Fogel East 21 Street Brooklyn, NY 11210