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From: c menela [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 10:08 AM
To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting City Council

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Thank you for your consideration.

Joshua and Chanie Manela

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 10:55 AM
To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John
Cc: info@flatbushjewish.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council lines

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From: Judy Zonenshein [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 5:18 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: Flateau, John
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 44th and 48th

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Judy Z.

[REDACTED]

From: karina rozenfeld [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 12:15 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: karina rozenfeld
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Testimony

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Hello,

My name is Karina Rozenfeld and I'm a resident of brighton beach for the past 12 years. I am an immigrant from Odessa, Ukraine. I recently heard they're redistricting the 48th council district. I wrote in support of keeping the communities of Brighton Beach together. There are many immigrants from the Ukraine who live here on Broghton beach who have all been shaken and personally impacted by the war in Ukraine. In fact, This district has one of the largest Ukrainian populations in this city. The fact that this district has been represented by someone that understands our needs and wants is extremely important. With the current situation in Ukraine, Councilwoman Vernikov, who is also Ukrainian, has been here for us. She has been providing resources with pro bono legal help, supplies, and housing and also being a voice of support for us. Potentially breaking up our district into multiple pieces will create a void that will not be able to be filled. We have formed a close bond to councilwoman and I ask that the commission take this into account when making their decision on the recreation of district lines. Please keep the community of Brighton beach together!

Sincerely,
Karina Rozenfeld

[REDACTED]

From: Kenneth Tessler [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 2:06 AM
To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John
Cc: info@flatbushjewish.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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[REDACTED]

Kenneth Tessler

Mobile: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Larry Nussbaum [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 11:37 AM
To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting City Council

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Thank you for your consideration.

Larry Nussbaum
Brooklyn, NY

[REDACTED]

From: Layah Davidowitz [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 1:21 AM
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From: seeker613 [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 3:51 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Leon weitz

[REDACTED]

From: Lis Labowitz [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 12:31 PM
To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John
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Liz Labowitz

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From: Manny Glatt [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 9:41 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: Fleteau, John; [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 44th & 48th District

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Manuel Glatt

[REDACTED]

From: Felix Reizberg <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 10:04 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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My name is Mark Davidovich and I am an immigrant from Ukraine, Brighton Beach resident, business owner and active community member.

I am sending this testimony because I have learned that there are attempts to divide Brighton Beach into two or more council districts. Such attempts, in my opinion, would be a way of severely damaging our community.

There are many reasons that loudly speak against such decision, from breaking community apart to decrease of funds. But as an Ukrainian born and person who understands the needs and struggle of Ukrainian refugees running from barbaric war, I am most concerned about the following:

Brighton Beach became a safe hub for thousands refugees from Ukraine. Here on Brighton they not only find shelter and help but clear understanding of their needs and issues. Current councilwoman Inna Vernikov has been a leading source of help. She, Ukrainian born herself, perfectly understands how to help women and children already traumatised by bombs and rockets.

Dividing Brighton Beach into pieces will ruin this hub and create additional difficulties for people already in needs. Why do so?

I would also mention that Brighton Beach is well known for its unique success of immigrants. And this success is possible because of a strong United community. Why change it?

I am kindly asking commission to take my testimony into consideration when redrawing district lines.

Respectfully,

Mark Davidovich

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[REDACTED]

From: Mark Kandelman [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 12:01 PM
To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John
Cc: [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

From: Mark Kessler [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 11:05 AM
To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City redistricting

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Mark Kessler
Integrated Technology Provider
[REDACTED]
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Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 3:03 PM
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Mayer Friedman

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From: Mechel Handler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 11:59 AM
To: Public Testimony; [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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Rabbi Mechel Handler
Miriam Handler
[REDACTED] east 19 st
brooklyn NY 11230

[REDACTED]

From: Meir Gerber [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 5:29 PM
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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: Miriam Rothstein [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 6:02 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Redistricting

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From: Moish Perl [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 12:10 PM
To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting City Council

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From: Mordy Serle <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 9:39 AM
To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John
Cc: info@flatbushjewish.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Council districts- 44th and the 48th.

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[REDACTED]

From: moshe hauben <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 12:37 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: FJCC Info
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Moshe & Esther Hauben

[REDACTED]

From: Moishe Indig [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 2:07 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Districting Commission

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

The W.J.C.C. agency represents more than 100,000 Yiddish Speaking Orthodox Jewish residents in Brooklyn. A large portion of this community resides in the 33rd Council District.

The new council district maps released on July 15th, 2022, divides the Jewish community into three separate districts. If the district boundaries in the area will remain as proposed, it will result in the removal of roughly a quarter of the community from the 33rd district into Council District 34, hence diluting the community's representation in the city council. We hereby appeal that our community is not divided and broken into several council districts.

Our community shares the same interests and needs. We share a religion and culture, as Orthodox and Hasidic Jews, that keep us united and together.

Our community has a strong voice in our current district. Splitting our community would dilute our united voice and will disenfranchise those who would be moved to a different district where they will be less than 10 percent of that district. This would have a devastating effect to the community's unique needs and concerns. This includes the elderly in the housing projects and our communities' children. We hope this will not happen.

Some of the key unifiers of our community of interest, is a high percentage of large families, Around 45 to 50% of the community being under the age of 18. The need for security and protection from anti-Semitic hate crimes, which is an ongoing issue in our neighborhood, the unique housing and zoning needs geared towards family and larger family housing; the unique religious practices and services; and Yiddish language social service delivery and advocacy system.

As said, the draft proposed maps eliminate a major part of the Hasidic area of Williamsburg from the 33rd district, where the majority of the community will remain.

The portion that was proposed in the released maps cut out a main part of the Hassidic section of Williamsburg.

The Area North of Ross Street that was removed from the 33rd district has thousands of private houses, condos and rentals, mainly occupied by religious Orthodox Jewish families. Those blocs also maintain significant religious institution areas for the Williamsburg Jewish communities. Many Synagogues, including the main Satmar shul which is still in the middle of construction.

This area includes four major public housing developments, with several thousands of low-income housing apartments, with a significant population of Orthodox Jewish families, and the only one of these types of public housing in Brooklyn with a significant number of Orthodox Jewish families and individual residents.

These new lines also cut through the heart of the area where the community's majority of houses of worship are. Each of these synagogues has hundreds of daily worshippers. There are also tens of smaller synagogues.

The area also includes the heart of one of the community's main shopping strips, Lee Avenue, This area is where hundreds and thousands of the Hasidic families are doing their shopping daily.

In addition, the known Broadway triangle area between Broadway, Flushing and Union Avenues, an area Which was rezoned in the last 15 years, with the advocacy of the community to bring more housing to the neighborhood. This area has more than one thousand units, and a few more thousands units were completed since then. There is also currently another few thousand units in the middle of construction, which will be completed in the coming months.

These developments will include hundreds of large family units, 25% of affordable units. There are also many smaller synagogues in this area.

East of Nostrand Avenue, South of Myrtle Avenue to Dekalb Avenue.

This is where the community recently settled. It wasn't in the district before and now has approximately one thousand families of the Hasidic community.

This area is bordered by Tompkins and Nostrand Avenues,

Myrtle and Dekalb Avenues. between Flushing Avenue and Myrtle Avenue, between Nostrand Avenue and Marcy Avenue, this area has the Marcy houses.

This area includes the new Cascade Development, between Myrtle, Marcy, Stockton and Tompkins – with roughly 300 units, overwhelmingly occupied by Hasidic Jewish families. Cascade also has a large synagogue and a large kosher supermarket.

The area also has many smaller synagogues. Additionally, this area includes other new developments with a large Hasidic population.

Myrtle Avenue and Vernon Street, Throop Avenue, with over a hundred units overwhelmingly occupied by families of the community.

It is very important to keep these areas connected to the district,

Demographics:

All these above-mentioned areas are a part of the Williamsburg Jewish neighborhood with a large majority of the Hasidic population and are culturally sensitive. We rely on the city councilmembers to focus their time to know, understand and actively advocate on behalf of our community, With the community being spread out in several districts it will be very hard and difficult to obtain the representation and attention to our needs and concerns.

Therefore, we hereby request and ask to keep our community together and to include and keep all these Hasidic populated areas united within and a part of the 33rd District

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Rabbi Moshe Indig
Williamsburg Jewish Community Council
Lee Avenue
Brooklyn NY 11211

[REDACTED]

From: Moshe Tischler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 12:12 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: Fleteau, John; info@flatbushjewish.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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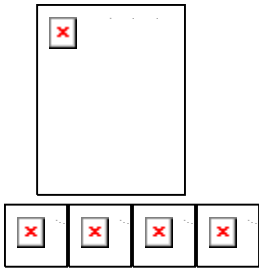
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Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 5:28 PM
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From: Nathan Samuel [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 9:34 AM
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Kind Regards

Nathan samuel

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From: Nesanel Fulda [REDACTED]
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From: nfromovitz [REDACTED] >
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Norman M. Fromovitz, CPA
Twerski & Co., CPAs
[REDACTED] Bedford Avenue
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From: Norman Gold [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 11:25 AM
To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John
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From: Pearl Shifer <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Rachamim

[REDACTED]

From: Rachel L. Fischer [REDACTED]
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To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John; [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] redistrictimg

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Rahel Fischer
[REDACTED] Ocean Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11230

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Rachel L. Fischer
President and CEO
[REDACTED]



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[REDACTED]

From: Friedman, Richard A. [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 10:40 AM
To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John; Public Testimony
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of the 44th and the 48th council districts

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Richard Friedman

[REDACTED]

From: Robert Gross [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 12:16 PM
To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Don't divide our community

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From: ROBERT EISSENBERG [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 9:54 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: Flateau, John
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting our 44th & 45th Council District

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Thank you for your consideration.,
Robert Rissenberg,
44 year Community Resident & very involved in community issues

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[REDACTED]

From: Rochel Schloss [REDACTED] >
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Rochel Schloss

[REDACTED]

From: Rochel Schwarz <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 10:01 AM
To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John
Cc: 'info@flatbushjewish.com'
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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SEPHARDIC COMMUNITY FEDERATION

August 29, 2022

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

Dear Chairman Walcott,

As leaders of the Sephardic Jewish Community, we feel compelled to express our concern re the New York City Districting Commission's proposed maps.

First, a bit of background re the history of the migration of the Orthodox Sephardic Jews to the Brooklyn area. Our ancestors came to these shores in the early 1900's. After spending some years on the lower east side, they settled in Brooklyn. The community moved within Brooklyn until a major move to the Gravesend area in the mid 1940's. While the original migration was from Syria, Orthodox Jewish migrants from Egypt, Lebanon and Israel have joined our ranks. Due to an unprecedented growth in numbers, the community has spread to the Midwood, Homecrest and Madison neighborhoods.

It should be noted that the Sephardic community has long history of unique cultural attributes that differ from its Euro-centric Orthodox Jewish co-religionists. Throughout these years the core of the Sephardic community's major religious, social, educational and cultural institutions has always been and continue to be, centered within the current 47th Council District. For your information, the "mother" Synagogue, Shaare Zion Congregation, the Sephardic Community Center, Magen David Yeshivah, Ahi Ezer Yeshiva, Congregation Ahava Ve Ahva, Bnei Yoseph Congregation, Edmond J. Safra Congregation, Sephardic Congregation, Sephardic Lebanese Congregation, Congregation Har Halebanon, The SAFE organization (substance abuse), and perhaps another dozen or more other key institutions are all located within the current 47th C.D.

We feel that the proposed map of the 47th Council District needs to be revised and changed to reflect the cultural, ethnic, and religious demographics of the Sephardic Jewish community that is heavily centered in the current 47th C.D. neighborhood.

Our request is in keeping with Chapter 2A, Section 52 of the New York City Charter that states: "District lines shall keep intact neighborhoods and communities with established ties of common interest and association, whether historical, racial, economic, ethnic, religious or other."

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Some specifics: The proposed map removes a section bounded by the approximate blocks from Avenue P and south to approx. Avenue W, and between the blocks of approx. East 9th Streets and approx. West 8th thru West 11th Streets and places them within C.D. 44.

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Our request is that the commission should restore these sections of the 47th C.D.

The key consideration is that most of above-referenced institutions are located within the blocks outlined above.

The needs and the historic identity of the Sephardic community within the 47th Council District are truly unique. We need core representation within the City Council to advocate for our core community-based and community-centered institutions.

It is our sincere belief that our request would better serve the Sephardic community's needs by continuing the 47th District's most effective representation as it currently stands.

We sincerely appreciate any consideration that can be given to our request.

We are ready and available to meet with your representatives on an as-needed basis.

Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

Ronald Tawil. Co-Chairman
Sam Sutton, President
Sephardic Community Federation.

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From: Rudolph Weinstein [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 10:09 AM
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Dear Commissioners:

As a lifelong city resident and specifically the 48th council district , I have seen the city go through many changes over the last sixty years. But one thing was a constant in stated policy- the protection of all its citizens against discrimination, be it racial or religious.

With the recent upsurge in attacks against Asians and Jews, it would behoove the council to encourage the free expression of religious and racial identity. Cultural enclaves that allow for those lifestyles to be practiced most vibrantly should be encouraged rather than redistricted for petty political considerations.

Schools and institutions were built over the decades based upon their proximity to those served due to religious imperatives. Community infrastructure is planned based on that proximity.

New York has long been a haven of cultural diversity, with respect for the other. Diluting that respect can only exacerbate recent disturbing demographic trends. Signaling disregard for certain of its citizens, it sets the stage for a dark era that the city would be wise to avoid.

Thank you for considering my thoughts - they are offered for everyone's welfare.

Dr. Rudolph Weinstein

[REDACTED]

From: Sara Lehmann [REDACTED]
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Sara Lehmann
Brooklyn, NY

[REDACTED]

From: Sarah Wolk [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 1:55 PM
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Cc: [REDACTED]
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From: Flateau, John
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 4:30 PM
To: Public Testimony; DeCillis, Michael
Subject: Testimony 44thDistricts

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John Flateau, Ph.D.
Executive Director
New York City Districting Commission

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

From: Shoshana Feit [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 4:15 PM
To: Flateau, John [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

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Simeon Zoimen CPA
[REDACTED] East 24th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11210

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Dear Members of NYC Districting Commission!

I am Sophia Glikzman, resident of Brighton Beach area, 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.

Sophia Glikzman

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From: sbrodt itfirms.com <[REDACTED]>
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To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting City Council

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Stanley and Bluma Brodt

 East 21 Street

Brooklyn, New York 11210

Dear Redistricting Committee,

Thank you for all taking on the task of redrawing the lines for all of City Council.

I am writing in regard to the lines for the 42nd Council District. I am proposing that the boundaries for the district expand at its northwestern border to Ralph Avenue until Preston Court and down E. 80th Street to Glenwood Road at its southern border on that side. The boundary would continue across Glenwood Road to Remsen and then up to Farragut Road and over to E. 96th Street to meet the current border. In addition instead of this corner of the district starting at Livonia, I am proposing that the boundary begin at Lott Avenue. East New York, Canarsie and Brownsville have a strong hub with the rockaway merchants association. This is a new organization that has been a crucial staple in the current 42nd council district. This organization was created in the 42nd council district and should remain. We have been without support and a major organization like this for years. We need to keep organizations, houses of worship and schools that represent our communities together! Currently, this organization has been able to assist with opening fresh food supermarkets and other merchants that allow the east New York, Brownsville residents to be able to access fresh groceries.

Packing and cracking should not be allowed because it will dilute the voices of the people from Canarsie, East New York, and Brownsville which is already suffering from lack of resources. We have thrived in the last three years as one community.

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!

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From: Steven Mermelstein [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 10:57 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re : redistricting

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From: Suri [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 5:45 AM
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DeCillis, Michael

From: Susan Amin <sueamin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 9:35 AM
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Sincerely,
Susan L Amin

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Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 10:43 AM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: Important - Please Send Email Today - RE: Redistricting City Council

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From: Yehudah Alter [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 4:16 PM
To: Flateau, John; Public Testimony
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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From: Yeruchim Silber [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 12:11 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: Flateau, John
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My name is Rabbi Yeruchim Silber and I serve as Director of New York Government Relations at Agudath Israel of America, a national advocacy organization

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 Kensington is a heavily Orthodox Jewish community. 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.

The reason I am writing to you currently is I was watching the live hearings today and it was mentioned that despite testimony from many community members asking to keep the district intact, no actual maps were submitted.

That was a bit surprising to me as I am aware proposed lines were indeed drawn and sent. But if they were not actually received, 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.

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From: Steve G [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 10:00 AM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Yisroel Goldstein

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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To: Public Testimony
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Important - Please Send Email Today - RE: Redistricting City Council

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Rochelle & Rabbi Yisroel Rothman

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[REDACTED]

From: Yitzhak Elman [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 9:42 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting concern

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[REDACTED]

From: Yosef Benhabib [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 10:09 AM
To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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[REDACTED]

From: zack wilder [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 10:02 AM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redrawing lines

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[REDACTED]

From: Zalman Zell [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 4:31 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] REDISTRICTING

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Zalman Zell
[REDACTED] East 17 Street
Brooklyn NY 11230
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Zev Indich [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 9:44 AM
To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John
Cc: [REDACTED]
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