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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022 9:01 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Map

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Dear Members of the Districting Commission:

I am Dr. Tim Law and one of the community leaders in Brooklyn Bensonhurst.

I strongly opposed the proposed map of the 47th Council District. The new lines break neighborhoods and disenfranchise many communities of interest, divide families, schools and parks into five different districts. Bay Ridge was never part of the 47th District and should not be connected to Coney Island by a very long and thin corridor along 86th Street. Communities of Coney Island/Marlboro Houses should not be united in the same District with distant Bay Ridge because of their different socioeconomic status, local issues and demographics.

I also strongly believe that the Commission cut Warbasse Houses into two pieces diving five buildings of one housing co-op between 47th and 48th Districts is wrong. They ignore the interests of Southern Brooklyn communities.

I urge the Commission to include in the 47th District neighboring, traditionally connected communities: Coney Island, Sea Gate, Luna Park, Warbasse Houses, Beach Haven, Parts of Gravesend, Homecrest, Bensonhurst, and Bath Beach. This way the 47th District map will look compact and communities inside the District will be intact. Please, keep our Southern Brooklyn communities and neighborhoods together! Don't divide us!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Dr. Tim Law

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**From:** LeSeur B <[REDACTED]>  
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For CD45, the addition of Remsen Village on the east, extension from Troy to 34th St along Church and Clarendon Road from Nostrand Avenue would add back population after returning Newkirk Avenue to CD40.

I have provided proposed lines for these two districts here: <https://districtr.org/plan/146210>. In each case, Moving the lines in this proposed map means the districts regain some of the cultural vibrancy and economic power that they have lost.

Warm Regards,

Bart A LeSeur

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**From:** Blondell Lighty [REDACTED] >  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] City Council Redistricting for CD 40 & CD 45  
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Sincerely,

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**From:** Hermann Mazard <hmazardjr@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] City Council Redistricting for 40

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**From:** jacqueline daniel-scherz [REDACTED]  
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Thank you for your support!!

Jacqueline Daniel-Scherz  
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"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day, saying, "I will try again tomorrow."

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Thank you.

**Best,**  
**Rebeca Lafond**

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**From:** JOEY TAWIL [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, October 24, 2022 12:46 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Cc:** Flateau, John  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Letter to the Districting Commission - 47th District

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## Dear members of the Districting Commission!

My Name is Joey Tawil.

To give you some background, I live in the Gravesend area.

I am the CEO of the Sephardic Community Center located in Homecrest (1901 Ocean Parkway). I am one of the leaders of the Sephardic Community in Gravesend/Homecrest.

I strongly oppose the proposed lines of the 47th Council District and urge you to reconsider. First of all, this map clearly shows that the new lines of the District do not make it compact, and they carve out a lot of communities of interest and neighborhoods.

The vibrant and strong Sephardic Jewish Community has been a part of the 47th District for many decades. We have always lived in peace and harmony with our neighbors - Chinese Americans, Italian Americans, Russian Americans and others. According to the new map, our Community Center and majority of Sephardic Jews are moved out from the 47th District to the 48th District.

I along with thousands of community members, respectfully request that the Commission will put our parts of Gravesend and Homecrest back to the 47th District.

**Joey Tawil**

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**From:** KIM BEST [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 26, 2022 7:05 AM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
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**Please make sure to add your name and address at the end. And please attach the map.**

Thank you!!

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