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**From:** Danielle Schaaff [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 1, 2022 4:30 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please don't split our district D30

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Dear NYC Districting Commission,

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I ask that the Commission reconsider the idea of splitting Glendale in half, take into account the needs of our community, and keep us in the 30th Council District. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Danielle Schaaff

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 1, 2022 10:11 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] District 24

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Sincerely,  
Ellen Frankel

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Henny Fernandez [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 1, 2022 12:58 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of Glendale

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Yours truly,

Henny Fernandez  
Glendale Resident

**From:** Shmuel Froimowitz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 1, 2022 11:38 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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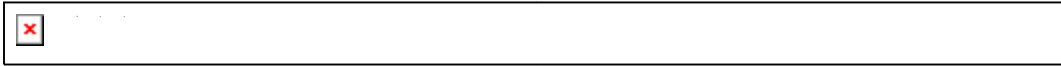
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Sincerely,  
*Shmuel Meir Froimowitz*



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**From:** A Lisker <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 2, 2022 3:05 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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October 2, 2022

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Sincerely,  
Ahuva Lisker



**From:** Bonnie Grimes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 2, 2022 12:35 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Glendale

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Respectfully yours,

Bonita Grimes

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**From:** Larry Sherman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 2, 2022 12:21 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]

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## To Whom it May Concern

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Sincerely  
Larry Sherman  
Kew Gardens Hills

[REDACTED]

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**From:** reva faska [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 2, 2022 2:58 AM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Redistricting, yet again

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Sincerely,

Reva Faska

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Melinda Bach [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 3, 2022 8:15 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 30th Council District

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Melinda Bach

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**From:** Lori Diamond <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 4, 2022 8:47 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] No redistricting

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The community of Glendale is connected to life in Middle Village and Ridgewood, and not connected to Woodhaven and Ozone Park, which is further down on Woodhaven Blvd, there is not a community connection.

I ask that the Commission reconsider the idea of splitting Glendale in half, and take into account the longstanding relationship we have with our representatives and our neighbors close by. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Lori Diamond

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Nereida Muniz [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 4, 2022 9:00 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistrict

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Sincerely,

Nereida Muniz Feliciano

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**From:** rhonda olenick [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 4, 2022 1:40 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 24th District - diluting our Jewish community!

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Sincerely, Rhonda and Jesse Gitnik - Fresh Meadows

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**From:** Zev Kops [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 4, 2022 5:51 AM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Queens redistricting

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Sincerely,  
Zev Kops

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Ariel Lewis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 5, 2022 9:33 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] District 24 Redistricting

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The updated proposed redistricting maps for City Council are not in our community 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.

As if to add insult to injury, the section that has been added to District 24 in the updated proposed redistricting map is the only part of Rego Park without an Orthodox Jewish community! Never mind that the proposed area shares no common interest or association, it's not even geographically logical. Had the proposal instead added immediately westward and included sections of Forest Hills up until 108th Street, it would have been more understandable. At least in that direction there is a very large Orthodox Jewish presence with common communities and established ties of interest and association. This would also have made more sense geographically due to the connecting Jewel Avenue, rather than adding the only part of Rego Park which is separated from the current District 24 by Flushing Meadow Corona Park, the Grand Central Parkway and the Van Wyck Expressway.

Finally, I cannot understand the Commission's desire to dissociate from Kew Gardens Hills (KGH) community the neighborhoods of Cedar Grove and Flushing on the Hill. These communities have always been part of the KGH and Queens College Communities. Queens College itself has thousands upon thousands of Jewish students. It makes no sense to cut them off from the larger District and place them in a District with absolutely no geographic or cultural connection.

For these reasons I strongly believe that the redistricting proposals' continued disregard for the Jewish Community are 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.

Sincerely,  
Ariel Lewis, M.D.

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**From:** Jade Rivera [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 5, 2022 1:12 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Map of the Community in Glendale

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Dear NYC Districting Commission,

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I ask that the Commission reconsider the idea of splitting Glendale in half, take into account the needs of our community, and keep us in the 30th Council District. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Sincerely,  
Jade K. Rivera  
Pharmacy Studies  
University of Connecticut '24

[REDACTED]

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**From:** DAWN SCALA [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 6, 2022 10:52 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: NYC REDISTRICING

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I am outraged that you have split Glendale into two districts. We are one United community, and deserve to be represented by the same council person. We also are closely aligned with our neighboring communities that comprise community board 5. This is unacceptable. Please reconsider this move, as it is clearly and purely politically motivated and not in the best interests of the community and constituents.

Sincerely,  
Dawn Scala

Sent from my iPhone

> On Sep 22, 2022, at 9:20 PM, DAWN SCALA [REDACTED] > wrote:

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> Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Dennis Vergara [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 6, 2022 10:56 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] District change complaint

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Hello,

My name is Dennis Vergara and I live on 83rd Street between Myrtle Avenue and 78th Avenue. I am emailing to express my dissatisfaction on my district possibly changing. Please keep my area in District 30.

Best,  
Dennis Vergara



[REDACTED]

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**From:** Jen Sabel <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 6, 2022 5:34 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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To Whom It May Concern,

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 remain extremely apprehensive about the updated proposal for District 24.

Unfortunately, the Commission failed to '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, I am shocked that after so many pleas to preserve and keep our community together, the Commission presented a proposal that once again does the exact opposite.

District 24 in its current configuration is home to tens of thousands of Orthodox Jews, thousands of Orthodox Jewish families, almost a hundred Orthodox Synagogues, and many other Jewish Community centers and ritual facilities. Every one of these 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. I am therefore compelled to state the following:

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Sincerely,  
Jennifer Sabel

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Fortunato Gulino [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 6, 2022 11:38 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of NYC

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Good Evening,

I am outraged that Glendale is being split into 2 districts. We are one united community and should be served by the same council person. We are also aligned with our neighboring communities that comprise Community Board 5. This is completely unacceptable and not supported by Glendale. Please reconsider this move, as it was done for sinister political motives and not in the best interests of this community or its constituents.

Best Regards,  
Luisa & Fortunato Gulino

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**From:** Diana Shanley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 7, 2022 10:57 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] District 30

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I am writing again to you as a lifelong resident of Glendale, Queens regarding the splitting of my neighborhood amongst 2 council districts.

Just why.....

Glendale is one united neighborhood and all of our concerns should be with 1 councilperson.

This is totally unacceptable and unnecessary.

Again why....

Please keep our ENTIRE neighborhood in district 30-this does not make sense.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** M Clift [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, October 7, 2022 8:30 AM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] District 30

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To Whom it may concern:

Your proposal to divide our community is not acceptable to the citizens of this community. I do not live in Glendale, but in Middle Village. I worked in Glendale, and can tell you it is one. Across the history of our community, we have been together. Today, the issues and concerns of district 30 are not limited to one or the other but shared. Do not divide us. We belong together with the same representative.

Sincerely,  
Marie Clift

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Carmita Mantilla [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 8, 2022 9:53 AM  
**To:** Public Testimony; speakeradams@council.nyc.gov  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Glendale, NY is saying NO

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I ask that the Commission reconsider the idea of splitting Glendale in half, take into account the needs of our community, and keep us in the 30th Council District. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Carmita Mantilla  
Glendale Resident

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Best Regards,  
Carmita Mantilla

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Doreen [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 8, 2022 7:41 AM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Keep Glendale in one District

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I ask that the Commission reconsider the idea of splitting Glendale in half, take into account the needs of our community, and keep us in the 30th Council District. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards  
Doreen Pratt  
[REDACTED] 71st Street  
GLENDALE, NY 11385

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Elizabeth Matta [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 8, 2022 7:45 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Stop gerrymandering

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It has come to our attention that the New York City Districting Commission, which is tasked with drawing the lines of the City Council districts, attempted to pass a map today that cut the Glendale community in half. All of Glendale, including Liberty Park, is currently in the 30th Council District which is represented by Council Member Robert Holden.

The map that was voted on today by the Commission took half of Glendale (east of Cypress Hills Street to Metropolitan Avenue and Woodhaven Blvd) from District 30, Council Member Holden's district into a different Council Member's district, the 32nd Council District.

This is very concerning. If we want our needs met, we cannot have several elected officials representing us. We have similar needs to other neighborhoods in the 30th Council District like Middle Village, Maspeth, and Ridgewood, and should remain with them as part of District 30.



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**From:** Gail Chiarovano [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 8, 2022 9:01 AM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Keep Glendale together in the 30th Council District

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Dear NYC Districting Commission,

I have been a a resident of Glendale for almost 30 years, living in Liberty Park, Ivanhoe section and Glendale Terrace. Though there are many sections, we are one neighborhood, with similar concerns.

I am alarmed to learn that the map you attempted to pass on Thursday, September 22nd, cut my community in half, and took me out of the 30th Council District. The community of Glendale has similar needs to that of Middle Village, Maspeth, and Ridgewood, and therefore should remain with these neighborhoods in the 30th Council District. We enjoy other's parks and libraries, we shop at each other's stores and in spring and fall, our kids unite as team members trough one Little League(RGMVM). Our connection is not only social and financial, it is also spiritual, as our parishes belong to the same deaneries.

I ask that the Commission reconsider the idea of splitting Glendale in half, take into account the needs of our community, and keep us in the 30th Council District. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Gail Chiarovano  
Glendale, NY

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**From:** garysugameli [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 8, 2022 6:36 AM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of Glendale

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To whom it may concern,

I am opposed to the redistricting of Glendale from District 30 to District 32. It makes absolutely no sense, because Glendale has always been connected in all ways with Ridgewood and middle Village. We have been united in our communities and have shared events for well over 50 years.  
Please do not make this change.

Respectfully  
Gary Sugameli

[REDACTED]

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**From:** irene.scolaro [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 8, 2022 3:39 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] KEEP GLENDALE AS ONE

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OPPOSED TO THE SPLITTING UP OF GLENDALE. WE  
ARE A UNITED COMMUNITY AND WANT TO STAY THAT WAY. LEAVE US ALONE. WE ARE FINE AS WE ARE.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** JEANENE FREMGEN [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 8, 2022 9:17 AM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of Glendale

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The plan to split the Glendale community into separate districts is totally unacceptable and MUST NOT happen. Dividing a community that has the same issues will not work for the good of our neighborhood. Please do the right thing and keep Glendale a whole community as it has always been.  
Jeanene Fremgen

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Mary Kessler [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 8, 2022 10:49 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] KEEP ALL OF GLENDALE IN DISTRICT 30

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FELLOW GLENDALE PEEPS-IF YOU HAVE ALREADY SENT AN EMAIL-SEND ANOTHER ONE TO  
[PUBICTESTIMONY@REDISTRICTING.NYC.GOV](mailto:PUBICTESTIMONY@REDISTRICTING.NYC.GOV) & ALSO TO [SPEAKERADAMS@COUNCIL.NYC.GOV](mailto:SPEAKERADAMS@COUNCIL.NYC.GOV)

Update as of 10-6-22: The NYC Districting Commission voted on SEPARATING Glendale from the rest of District 30 BUT it still has to go to City Council.

If you want Glendale to remain in Councilman Bob Holden's district, please send an email to the addresses mentioned above ASAP.

It takes 5 minutes....DO IT.....

REITERATING FROM LAST WEEK:

It has to come to my attention that the New York City Districting Commission, which is tasked with drawing the lines of the City Council districts, attempted to pass a map that cut the Glendale community in half.

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The map that was voted on by the Commission took half of Glendale (east of Cypress Hills Street to Metropolitan Avenue and Woodhaven Blvd) from District 30, Council Member Holden's district into a different Council Member's district, the 32nd Council District.

This is very concerning. If we want our needs met, we cannot have several elected officials representing us. We have similar needs to other neighborhoods in the 30th Council District like Middle Village, Maspeth, and Ridgewood, and should remain with them as part of District 30.

I want Glendale to remain united and in the 30th Council District.

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**From:** Rita <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 8, 2022 11:02 AM  
**To:** speakeradams@council.nyc.gov; Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] NYC Redistricting

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Dear Speaker Adams,

I am a resident of Glendale and am outraged to learn that my community and district is being split in half, which will take me out of the 30th Council District. The community of Glendale has similar needs to that of Middle Village, Maspeth, and Ridgewood, and therefore should remain with these neighborhoods in the 30th Council District. This redistricting is not in the best interest of the community, but is politically motivated and will be harmful to my neighborhood.

I ask that the Commission reconsider the idea of splitting Glendale in half, take into account the needs of our community, and keep us in the 30th Council District. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Rita McGarry  
[REDACTED] 78th Street  
Glendale, NY 11385

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Kathy Cat <k[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 10, 2022 6:50 PM  
**To:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Forest View Crescent

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I do not want my district moved for 90-50/60 Union Turnpike. I want to remain District 30 and continue to have Robert Holden as my Councilman. He represents our community well and what we believe in. He is the ONLY democrat I voted for because he does his job and does it well. Our 240 families at Forest View Crescent needs to remain in district 30.

Thank you

Kat Catterson  
Shareholder and  
Secretary of the Board of Directors

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Mark Laster [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, October 14, 2022 1:50 PM  
**To:** SpeakerAdams@council.nyc.gov  
**Cc:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Districting: Charter Violations & Concerns

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The maps that have been presented to the New York City Council by the NYC Districting Commission must be rejected. As the commission worked to resolve issues found in earlier maps, they created other issues that need to be resolved before the maps can be accepted.

As an active member of the Forest Hills/Rego Park community, changes to my City Council District were dramatic, de-coupling two communities that historically have always been districted together. Rego Park has now been removed from District 29 and cut into two districts - District 24 and 30. There is no common community of interest between Rego Park and Middle Village/Maspeth. This violates the charter. It clearly 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." This must be corrected.

Other concerns include the ongoing fracture of the Asian-American community in the Richmond Hill/South Ozone. This community is a protected group without fair and effective representation. Fair representation can be provided without inflicting harm on any other racial minority group if these maps are rejected. This is mandated under the NYC Charter. Liberty Avenue, a main boulevard shared by the SE Asian community, was used by the commission to divide the community in half.

The current council map from the commission prioritizes neighboring communities over the Southeast Asian community in Richmond Hill/South Ozone Park. This is despite the fact that the charter mandates effective and fair representation for the Southeast Asian community. This demand must be met.

The only option the City Council has at this point is to pass a resolution rejecting the maps. This would give the commission time to rectify these violations. These communities deserve better maps.

Sincerely,

Mark Laster



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**From:** Soumaly King [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, October 14, 2022 6:03 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]; SpeakerAdams@council.nyc.gov  
**Cc:** Public Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Districting - Charter Violations & Concerns

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Dear Elected Officials:

The maps that have been presented to the New York City Council by the NYC Districting Commission must be rejected. As the commission worked to resolve issues found in earlier maps, they created other issues that need to be resolved before the maps can be accepted.

The main concern is with the violations to the New York City Charter. The ongoing fracture of the Asian-American community in the Richmond Hill/South Ozone needs to be resolved. This community is a protected group without fair and effective representation. Fair representation can be provided without inflicting harm on any other racial minority group if these maps are rejected. This is mandated under the NYC Charter. Liberty Avenue, a main boulevard shared by the SE Asian community, was used by the commission to divide the community in half.

The current council map from the commission prioritizes neighboring communities over the Southeast Asian community in Richmond Hill/South Ozone Park. This is despite the fact that the charter mandates effective and fair representation for the Southeast Asian community. This demand must be met.

Lastly, the changes to City Council District were dramatic and de-coupled two communities that historically have always been districted together: Rego Park and Forest Hills. Rego Park has now been removed from District 29 and cut into two districts - District 24 and 30. There is no common community of interest between Rego Park and Middle Village/Maspeth. This violates the charter. It clearly 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." This must be corrected.

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Sincerely,  
Soumaly King  
[REDACTED] Greenway Terrace  
Forest Hills NY 11375

Sent from my iPhone