From: Andrea Crawford <

Sent: Friday, September 16, 2022 5:39 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Forest Park and district council 29

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Andrea Crawford Sent from my iPhone **From:** Denise Keehan-Smith

Sent: Friday, September 16, 2022 1:37 PM

**To:** Public Testimony **Cc:** Denise Keehan-Smith

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Map for NYC Council 26

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Dear Commissioner Walcott and Committee Members,

My name is Denise Keehan-Smith. I'm writing to you today to express my opinion and concern about the newly proposed City Council District 26 map.

My family has lived in Woodside for three generations and I have lived here for fifty years. I have always been an active volunteer for various organizations within my neighborhood, and am well versed about our district needs. I served on Community Board 2 from 2012-2020; and as Chairwoman from 2016-2020. I also served as Democratic District Leader for the 30th AD Part A from 2018-2022. I love my neighborhood and will always strive to keep it a thriving community.

I am concerned about the proposed changes within our district. It is my strong belief that Woodside, zip code 11377, should remain as one council district; preferably within the 30th.. I live on the south side of Queens Blvd and believe we should remain united with our Woodside neighbors to the north. Most of us are connected by our churches, schools and the one library within the zip code, located on 55th Street. During the recent hearings, I heard a great deal about keeping immigrant communities together and ensuring they have one voice to empower them politically. They don't realize Woodside has always been a community of immigrants; only the native lands have changed. We have embraced diversity and shared our resources rather peacefully for generations. How could one group be prioritized over another? There are far too many of us from various backgrounds. I believe our diversity is our strength.

I am disheartened to learn that Councilmember Won has removed our neighbors in Blissville from District 26. That is an extremely poor decision. All of Blissville should remain within the current district. Greenpoint Avenue, which runs from Sunnyside to Brooklyn, is the only lifeline the community has to function. There is only one bus available to transport residents to subway lines. They have no school, bank, library, supermarket, or even laundromat. Cutting them off from the district is egregious. They have become overwhelmed by the homeless population that has taken over their neighborhood. The small enclave has seen a significant increase in crime and drugs as a result of the male-only shelters. Their complaints have fallen on deaf ears. Since 2018, many suggestions for improvements have been submitted to DHS, but no action was ever taken. They have been overlooked and ignored for far too long. I strongly recommend they remain in the district and treated with the dignity they deserve.

I agree with the proposal to include a small portion of Manhattan and Roosevelt Island with LIC and Sunnyside. The waterfronts on both sides of the East River are facing similar resiliency issues. In 2019, I formed the Waterfront Working Group for CB2 at the request of former City Council Speaker, Corey Johnson. We were tasked with identifying solutions to reduce flooding as well as finding better solutions to affordable housing, transportation, creating more open space, as well as creating better options for small businesses. The development of Cornell Tech on Roosevelt Island closely connected them to LIC residents and businesses. There were discussions about building a pedestrian bridge between LIC and Roosevelt Island, but it has not yet come to fruition. Ferry service easily connects LIC and Manhattan, while subway service connects all three.

We know that Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney covered LIC and the Upper East Side for many years and just recently saw the newly created Senate District 59, which covers three boroughs; Queens, Manhattan and Brooklyn. I believe it's absolutely possible for one councilmember to manage all three areas.

Commissioner Walcott and Committee Members, I implore you to put community over politics. Please keep Blissville in District 26 and all of Woodside together in District 30.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Keehan-Smith

From: Barking Lot

Sent: Friday, September 16, 2022 8:00 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Forest Park in Kew Gardens & Forest Hills should stay in District 29

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Sincerely,

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President of The Forest Park Barking Lot

## **Barking Lot Leadership Committee**

A Volunteer Advocacy Group

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## Dear NYC Districting Commission:

We the undersigned constituents of *Rochdale Village* and the surrounding communities submit this petition as a unified testimony to remain in *Council District 28*. On July 15th, 2022, the NYC Districting Commission released its preliminary maps for the New York City Council. We believe these maps are not in the best interest of Southeast Queens residents. Our communities met and support the proposed maps drawn by the City Council Members that currently serve in the 27th, 28th, and 31st Council Districts.

The maps that were released by the NYC Districting Commission are of concern because of the damage they can do to our community. The preliminary maps break apart neighborhoods that should be kept together when they are instructed by law to keep communities of interest intact. Listed below are some of the major factors that led the Council Members of these districts to draft their version of the maps.

#### District 28

- Rochdale Village is the country's most significant minority-owned Mitchell-Lama cooperative to date, designed to proudly represent a "City within a City" in Queens District 28. The preliminary map disenfranchises the fabric of this community by fracturing its populace, causing confusion, and ultimately diluting the origins of its strong political voice.
- Since the creation of District 28 Councilmanic lines, Rochdale Village and Aqueduct Racetrack/Resort World serve as the economic engine for not only the District but Southeast Queens. The two malls and Community Center in Rochdale Village accommodate our cooperators; as well as the surrounding residents via employment, shopping, banking, senior services healthcare facilities, learning centers, socialization, and more. It is our community's town square and a sound resource for the residential neighborhoods.
- Rochdale Village is a community of 20 buildings housed in five circles with established interests and associations as defined by the New York City Charter. The more than 25,000 residents are the blue-collar fabric of this city and proudly reside in a neighborhood that has been coined the "Jewel of Jamaica"; having common historical, racial, economic, and other ties that bind us together.

# Our need for keeping Rochdale Village in District 28 is to...

- Preserve not fracture or reduce our existing community.
- Prevent the elimination of our community's historical footprint.
- Protect programming for vulnerable senior and youth populations.
- Provide ample resources to restore our quality of life not further its decline.

The maps (<a href="https://districtr.org/plan/137872">https://districtr.org/plan/137872</a>) drawn by the NYC Council Members for the 27th, 28th, and 31st districts were shared with various civic organizations, community members, and stakeholders. I am signing on to this petition letter and hope our attached petition letter of support for this new map does not fall on deaf ears.

## Best Regards,

Rochdale Village Management, Rochdale Village Board of Directors, Rochdale Village Cooperators, United Neighbors Civic Association (UNCA), 148<sup>th</sup> Street Civic Association, Cedar Manor, Baisley Houses, South Jamaica Houses, employees of both Resort World and Resort Hyatt Hotel, and the constituents of Southeast Queens.

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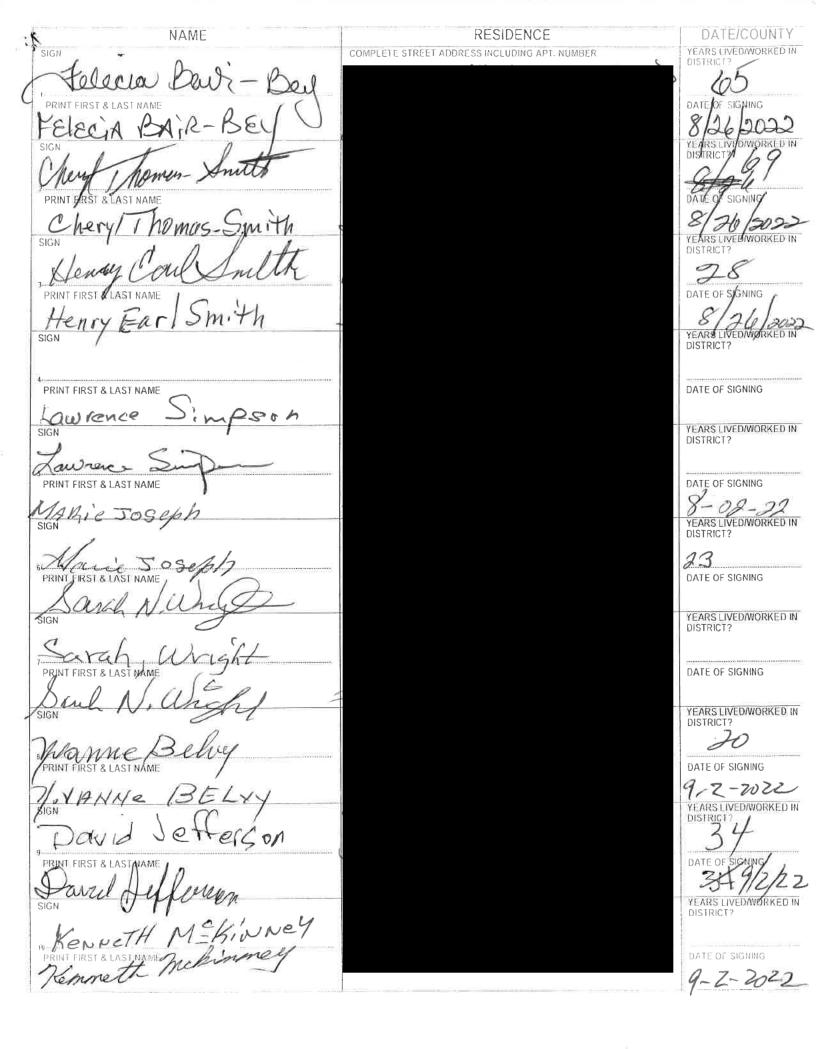
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From: Travis Terry

Sent: Friday, September 16, 2022 5:11 PM

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

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Comment

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing as both a member of the Friends of the QueensWay and a resident of Forest Hills to respectfully ask that Forest Park be included in District 29.

The QueensWay, announced today by elected officials, exists in District 29 and feeds into Forest Park. Moreover, Forest Park serves a number of people and families residing in District 29. Therefore, it makes sense that the Council Member for District 29 has input on the park so that he or she can respond to constituents who care deeply at it.

Thank you for considering this feedback.

Sincerely, Travis Terry Forest Hills resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: Erick Wilund < > > Sent: Saturday, September 17, 2022 1:33 AM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Forest Park and district council 29

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The parts of forest park that are in council district 29 should stay within this district. Additionally more of the park should be in this council district as the Councilmember actually services these constituents. To have a council district in a park that doesn't serve its surrounds makes no sense and district 29 should have more in order to better serve the district.

Thank you, Erick Wilund

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From: Karen Imas <k >
Sent: Saturday, September 17, 2022 12:00 AM

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

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comments on D29 redistricting

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing concerning Forest Park's exclusion from District 29 in the redrawn lines. Residents of D29 live adjacent to the park and use it with frequency and volume. From school kids to seniors exercising, from sports leagues to trail hikers - residents of D29 have a tremendous interest in the state of the park. To that end, our Council Member should have a stake in decision making concerning the park. Who represents our interests when it comes to Forest Park? Portions of the new QueensWay which will connect into Forest Park are in D29.

As a lifelong Rego Park/Forest Hills resident in District 29 and a frequent user of the park, along with my young kids and aging parents, I want to know that D29 residents and our Council Member will have a voice when it comes to Forest Park. The whole park should not reside geographically in a different district.

Thank you, Karen Imas

Juno Street, Forest Hills, NY 11375

From: Alexandra Guzman

Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 6:43 AM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Glendale redistricting

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Respectfully

Alexandra Guzman Vega Glendale resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: betsyd3s <

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 11:01 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] NYC districting map

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Betzaida Detres

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

From: Carole Barrowman < c

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 11:17 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

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From: Daniel Kurzyna <

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 10:24 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

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Daniel Kurzyna

From: DAWN SCALA

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 9:21 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

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Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 9:22 PM

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Giovanni Silvagni Attorney At Law

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**From:** Giovanni Silvagni

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 9:31 PM

**To:** Public Testimony **Subject:** Public Testimony [EXTERNAL] Fwd:

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Ida Como

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Date: Thu, Sep 22, 2022, 9:26 PM

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To: <publictestmony@redistricting.nyc.gov>

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**To:** Public Testimony

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Jean Villacci 38 years Glendale resident

Sent by my Carrier Pigeon

From: JEANENE FREMGEN

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 11:01 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Glendale out of 30th Council Districts

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Jeanene Fremgen

Sent from my iPad

**From:** josie

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 11:09 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

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From: KATHY MASI <k

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 8:48 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Katherine Masi Glendale NY From: spike8403 <

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 9:32 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

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Kevin Watz Glendale, NY

Sent from my iPhone

From: Michael Wyszinski

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 10:07 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 30th Council District

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Michael Wyszinski

From: Paulina Kobylarz

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 10:42 PM

**To:** Public Testimony **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Glendale

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From: Rita

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 9:04 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Keep Glendale in District 30

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Yours truly,

Rita McGarry
78th St
Glendale, NY 11385

From: Rocio Crespo

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 9:59 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 30th Council District

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Rocio Crespo

From: Rosmarie Wyszinski <

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 10:03 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

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Sincerely,

Rosmarie Wyszinski

From: Sandra L

Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 7:14 AM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Glendale redistricting - NO!!!!

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HOW DARE YOU TRY TO DIVIDE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS FOR YOU OWN POLITICAL GAIN. You have already turned these neighborhoods into \$hit holes and now you just want to finish the job. We have had a sharp increase of crime and you have done NOTHING about it. You side with criminals rather than we, the people who pay you with our hard earned tax dollars. I'm a taxpayer and I have a say. Stay the heck away from our neighborhoods. I SAY NO TO REDISTRICING GLENDALE!

You're a disgrace!

**From:** serena mignardi <f

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 11:05 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Keep Glendale United

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Susan Glassberg 83rd Avenue Glendale, NY 11385 From: Susan Natale > Thursday, September 22, 2022 8:55 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Sincerely,

Susan Natale

## **DeCillis, Michael**

From:

Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 9:23 AM

**To:** Public Testimony

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Alan Namias

71 Street

Glendale

**From:** a vegh

Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 3:41 PM

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Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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Sincerely, -AVrohom Vegh From: Eli Eleff <

Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 1:35 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Queens District 24

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Sincerely, Benjamin (Eli) Eleff From: Beth Friedman

Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 2:14 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting concerns

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To: Public Testimony
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[EXTERNAL] D24

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Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 11:17 AM

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Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From: Helen Davis <

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Sincerely, Helen Davis Kew Gardens Hills, NY 11367

Sent from my iPhone

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Joshua Klapper 173 Street Fresh Meadows, NY 11365 From: Joshua Schechter

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Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 2:39 PM

To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 7:12 AM

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Very upset citizen, respectfully,

Karen Conde

Cooper Ave Glendale, Ny 11385

Sent from my iPhone

<sup>&</sup>quot;Dear NYC Districting Commission,

From: lisan620 (null)

Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 9:28 AM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 30th council

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85th Street

Glendale

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** knieberg albest.com

**Sent:** Friday, September 23, 2022 1:59 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

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Mark Knieberg

From: Matti Friedman Friday, September 23, 2022 2:38 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

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Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 3:14 PM

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From: N Sierra > Friday, September 23, 2022 9:20 AM

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Glendale 30th Council District

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Sent from my iPhone

From:

Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 2:49 PM

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Naomi Tuchman

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**Sent:** Friday, September 23, 2022 9:44 AM

**To:** Public Testimony

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Pauline Marcinkowsi
80th Avenue
Glendale New York 11385

Sent from my iPhone

From: Renate

Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 9:13 AM

**To:** Public Testimony

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Renate Namias

Glendale

From: Roberta Alper <

Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 2:47 PM

To: Public Testimony
Cc: Roberta Alper

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Roberta Alper

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Ronald Greenberg <

Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 12:02 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Follow-up Request to NYC Districting Commission to Vote Down Map Plan Joining

Together Coney Island and Bay Ridge and Omitting Western Brighton Beach from Council District 47

from Board Member Ronald Greenberg of Brooklyn Community Board 13

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I emphatically and respectfully request that this extremely harmful proposed plan of joining together the communities of Coney Island and Bay Ridge, which to my knowledge nobody wants, be voted down and that new maps be drawn that are similar in nature to each neighborhood's respective New York City community board district lines of Brooklyn Committee Board 13 and Brooklyn Community Board 10.

Furthermore, I also emphatically and respectfully request that the community of western Brighton Beach residential buildings known as West Brighton not be improperly divided up between Council District 47 and 48 as is the case right now so that Coney Island's many large residential developments all be united together inside Council District 47 including the buildings of Trump Village, Luna Park, Warbasse Houses, and Brightwater Towers.

Moreover, I emphatically and respectfully request that the entire western section of Brighton Beach that is between the boundaries of Ocean Parkway to the west, Coney Island Avenue to the east, the Belt Parkway to the north, and the Coney Island Boardwalk to the south all be placed inside Council District 47.

Thank you for your dedication and due diligence in fulfilling your responsibilities and ensuring justice to the citizens of the City of New York.

Sincerely,

Ronald Greenberg, Board Member of Brooklyn Community Board 13 From: Avraham yomtov <

**Sent:** Friday, September 23, 2022 2:24 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

Subject: [EXTERNAL] [SUSPECTED SPAM] Fw: [KGHShuls] Urgent Message to Community

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Shahin Yomtov

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To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Flushing, NY 11367

From: Steven Saphirstein <

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] DISTRICT 24 redistricting

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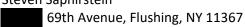
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Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 2:14 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

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Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 2:28 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re redistricting

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Sincerely, Yocheved Fenster From: Elchonon Pilicer

Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 10:26 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] proposed redistricting

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**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of Glendale

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Dear NYC Districting Commission,

I am a resident of Glendale and 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.

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.

Best Regards, Fortunato Gulino From: Kaileigh Byrne

Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 7:57 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] The Glendale community must stay United

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THIS IS A DISGRACE!! Help the people!

From: Lisa Donovan

Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 7:17 PM

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Dear NYC Districting Commission,

I am a resident of Middle Village and I am alarmed to learn that the map you attempted to pass on Thursday, September 22nd, cut the Glendale community in half, and took half of it 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.

I ask that the Commission reconsider the idea of splitting Glendale in half, take into account the needs of our community, and keep all of Glendale in the 30th District.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Lisa Donovan

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**Lsd Arts** 

From: Lori Diamond <

Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 8:47 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] No redistricting

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I am a resident of Glendale and 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. If anything, my address at Forest View Crescent has been wrongly been attributed to Glendale for over 50 years. It should be in Forest Hills, like the other side of Union Turnpike!

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

From: Nereida Muniz

Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 9:00 PM

To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistrict

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Nereida Muniz Feliciano

From: Ari Elbogen

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 6:22 PM

**To:** Public Testimony **Subject:** Public Testimony
[EXTERNAL] District 24

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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:

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Sincerely,

Aaron Elbogen

Sent via BlackBerry Hub+ Inbox for Android

From: Aaron Kopelowitz

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 7:53 PM

**To:** Public Testimony

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Queens Redistricing

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Sincerely, Aaron kopelowitz

Sent from my iPhone

From: Aaron Laub

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 2:02 PM

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Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 8:11 PM

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