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From: Adena Dyckman [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 6:21 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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From: Alyssa Mitgang [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 7:44 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District 24

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[REDACTED]

From: Asher Koenig [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 6:38 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please help us and consider this urgent request

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Sincerely,

Asher Koenig

78th drive

Flushing NY 11367

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Asher (Ushie) Koenig

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[REDACTED]

From: Aviva Tropper [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 10:26 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: barbara fogel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 8:33 PM
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Sincerely,
Barbara Fogel

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From: libbie tratner [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 5:57 PM
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Batsheva Tratner

From: Benjamin Zanjirian [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 10:05 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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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.

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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 been 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 the 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.

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Benjamin Zanjirian
[REDACTED] Street
Hillcrest, NY 11366

[REDACTED]

From: Brenda Lichtenberg [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 7:21 AM
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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.

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[REDACTED]

From: CR Markowitz [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 4:36 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistributing District 24

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JAMES F. GENNARO
NYC COUNCIL MEMBER, 24TH DISTRICT, QUEENS

September 28, 2022

TO: The NYC Districting Commission

ATTN: Dennis Walcott, Chair

ATTN: Dr. John Flateau, Executive Director

Dear Commissioners:

I write to you with regard to the need for the Orthodox Jewish Community to remain whole within the 24th Council District. I could make a detailed case why it is imperative that this be accomplished, and to rail against the thinking that led the Commission to divide this community in both the original district proposal and in the proposal that was voted down by the Commission on September 22, but the case I would make citing the criteria that the Commission is compelled to follow in configuring districts, including preserving established communities of common interest, would largely mirror the enclosed joint statement on this matter by the Executive Vice President of the New York Board of Rabbis, Rabbi Joseph Potasnik, and the President of the Queens Jewish Community Council, Michael Nussbaum. The joint statement by Rabbi Potasnik and Mr. Nussbaum has been independently submitted by them to the Commission earlier today. I will simply associate myself with their remarks (included in this submission for your convenience), as they make an excellent case for the need for the Orthodox Jewish Community within the 24th Council District – the largest Jewish voice in Queens -- to remain intact (instead of divided) and thereby not be disenfranchised. Their joint statement is worthy of all due consideration by the Commission, and I hope and expect that it will be given such consideration. The consideration of their statement is a necessary prerequisite to understand the rationale for the proposal I advance in this letter.

It is important to note that in addition to the comments I have enclosed by Rabbi Potasnik and Mr. Nussbaum, countless Jewish constituents of mine, including Rabbis and Jewish Community leaders, have voiced their legitimate objections to the splitting of the Jewish Community in the original draft of the lines, and voiced objections today (the first day after the Rosh Hashanah holiday) regarding the September 22 version of the lines, which also divides the Jewish Community. The release of the September 22 lines immediately before the Jewish Sabbath and the Rosh Hashanah holiday afforded the Orthodox Jewish Community only ONE day – today – to voice their objections to the September 22 lines. That is most and regrettable and unfair to that community.

I believe that the best use of my comments today is to propose a solution to the Commission as to how the Orthodox Jewish Community can be made whole by shifting population from two areas between District 24 and District 23. I have discussed this proposal with Redistricting Commission Member Maf Uddin of Queens, and while I do not speak for Commissioner Uddin, he has indicated to me his support for it, and he expressed to me that he has requested the Executive Director of the Commission to put this proposal on the docket for consideration by the full Commission in its deliberations commencing tomorrow, September 29. I thank Commissioner Uddin for his understanding of the legitimate concerns of the Orthodox Jewish Community in District 24, and for his good vision and dedicated work to empower the South Asian Community, for whom he

has long been a champion, and which this proposal also seeks to advance (the empowerment of the South Asian Community).

I will mention anecdotally that in 1990 and 1991, I served as the City Council's liaison to the City's first Redistricting Commission, in which the Council was expanded from 35 Districts to the current 51 member configuration, so I have experience and some acumen in drawing Council Districts and a detailed knowledge of the criteria set forth in the City Charter regarding redistricting.

PROPOSAL:

In my opinion, the simplest way to remedy this matter is illustrated in the enclosed map. I apologize for its crude, handmade quality. To make the Orthodox Community whole again in the 24th District would require the proposed district boundary (represented by the solid lines) in the northeast part of the 24th District to revert to the current 24th District boundary (represented by the dotted lines). This would require the population of that area (3,888 people) to be put BACK into the 24th District, where it has always been, from the 23rd District, where it is proposed to be moved in the new districting plan.

To BALANCE such a population transfer back to the 24th District, there must be a transfer of equal population from the 24th District (as proposed in the new district configuration released last week) to the 23rd District.

The obvious way to accomplish that would be to transfer the area highlighted on the attached map that was just added in last week's districting proposal to the southern border of the 24th District. This area is bounded by Hillside Avenue on the north, Jamaica Avenue on the south, 178th Street on the West, and 182nd Street on the east. This area contains 3,855 people (an essentially equal number of people transferred in the Hillcrest/Fresh Meadows area). This area has NEVER been part of the 24th District before.

Further, this area shares a border with the 23rd District as proposed by the September 22 lines, which in last week's districting proposal the 23rd District was expanded to pick up the area from 188th Street west to 182nd Street between Hillside Avenue and Jamaica Avenue. The expansion of the 23rd District west from 188th Street to 182nd Street helps to make the 23rd District more of a South Asian (especially Bangladeshi) influence district. And the addition of the segment from 182nd Street west to 178th Street which I am proposing makes the 23rd District even MORE of a Bangladeshi-influence district. (The 24th District has long been a very strong Bangladeshi-influence district.)

So, the ultimate result of what I propose with this population transfer in the northeast corner of the 24th District and the transfer on the south border of the 24th District would be to:

- Fully address the legitimate concern of the Orthodox Jewish Community to remain undivided as they have been since that religious minority Community was established 70 years ago by re-establishing the District borders of the current 24th District in that area, and;
- Help to create a stronger Bangladeshi-influence district in the 23rd Council District, and;
- The population numbers for both the 24th District and the 23rd District would remain essentially equal to what it was (in the September 22 version of the lines) before both of these population transfers.

I hope this proposal which fully remedies the unfair disenfranchisement of the Orthodox Community in the 24th District caused by the Redistricting Commission's decision to split it -- AND provides real benefits to the Bangladeshi Community by expanding its influence in the 23rd District -- meets with the Commission's approval, and I thank Commissioner Uddin for putting this proposal on the docket for the Commission and for voicing his support for it to me. I am available at the Commission's convenience to answer any questions or address any concerns the Commission may have regarding this proposal. I can be reached at 646-298-4861. Thank you for your kind consideration of this proposal.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Gennaro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jim" being more prominent than the last name "Gennaro".

Jim Gennaro

cc: Commissioner Maf Uddin

Enclosures: Joint QJCC and NY Board of Rabbis Letter
District 24 Map

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Ethan Newman

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: Irv Braun [REDACTED]
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From: Ya'acov Granek <[REDACTED]>
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[REDACTED]

From: Jessica Naghi [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 6:12 PM
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[REDACTED]

From: jodi granek [REDACTED] >
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To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Concerns

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Jody Granek

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Sent from my iPhone

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Dear NYC Districting Commission:

My name is John Park, and for almost 40 years my wife and I have owned a clothing store on the corner of Roosevelt Avenue and 74th Street in District 25. From John Sabini, to Helen Sears, to Danny Dromm, and to Shekar Krishnan today, small business owners like me have always enjoyed the support of our local Council Members.

I urge you to protect immigrant-owned small businesses like mine by keeping 82nd Street between 37th Avenue and Baxter Avenue in District 21 and out of our District 25.

When I first immigrated to New York City from Korea in the 1980s, after I saved up enough money to start a business, there were few New York City landlords that would sign a lease with a new immigrant with no credit history who spoke broken English. Jackson Heights and Elmhurst were different. I saw Indian businesses on 74th Street. Korean businesses on Broadway. Colombian businesses on Roosevelt Avenue. A Chinese landlord was willing to take a risk and offer my wife and me a lease for his space on the corner of Roosevelt Avenue and 74th Street, which is today District 25. And I made enough money there to start a second store on Roosevelt Avenue and 82nd Street, named "J&J Fashion" using the first initials of my two oldest sons, in what is today District 21.

I've seen many changes in this community over the years. While my store on 74th Street has survived and thrived, "J&J Fashion" on 82nd Street has long been closed. After the establishment of the 82nd Street business improvement district in 1990, national chains like Gap, Old Navy, and Skechers started opening there, and my small clothing store could no longer compete. I struggled for years on 82nd Street, barely earning enough to support my five young children, until I finally had to close in the late 1990s.

Fortunately, District 25 has no business improvement district, and District 25's leaders and community protect immigrant-owned small businesses. I ask you to keep it that way and keep 82nd Street between 37th Avenue and Baxter Avenue out.

Thank you,

John Park
Four Seasons Uniform
[REDACTED] Roosevelt Avenue
Jackson Heights, NY 11372
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Joshua Pollack [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 6:26 PM
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[REDACTED]

From: Ari Weiss [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

From: Judith Braun [REDACTED]
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You are separating groups that have been historically together with total lack of logic.

I respectfully protest this proposed action.

Sincerely,
Judith Braun
Hillcrest

[REDACTED]

From: Judith Rubin [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 5:59 PM
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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Karen Deutsch

[Redacted Signature]

[REDACTED]

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Leah Bron

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[REDACTED]

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Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 6:30 PM
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[REDACTED]

From: Maria S. <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 2:18 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of Glendale NY

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Dear NYC Districting Commission,

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Please reconsider the idea of splitting Glendale in half, take into account the needs of our community and keep us in the 30th Council District.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria S.

[REDACTED]

From: mitch51663 [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 8:17 PM
To: Public Testimony

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Meshulam Lisker-Chairman of The Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S9, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

[REDACTED]

From: Michele Gordon <[REDACTED]>
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From: Michele Perl [REDACTED] >
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Michele Perl

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: M Alt [REDACTED] >
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Monica Alt

[REDACTED]

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Norman P Elbogen

From: Ora Rubin [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 10:28 PM
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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.

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Sincerely,
Ora Rubin

[REDACTED]

From: Orit Newman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 5:57 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Queens Redistricting

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[REDACTED]

From: Rachel Barth [REDACTED] >
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Sincerely,
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[REDACTED]

From: RE <[REDACTED]>
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Rahel Elias-Inslicht

[REDACTED]

From: Rena Goldman [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

From: Ricki Bruckner [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 6:28 PM
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Sincerely,
Ricki

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[REDACTED]

From: Riki Deutscher [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

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R. Krausz

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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DeCillis, Michael

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As a recent example of what I fear may happen here, I was very involved in a 2019 local campaign to prevent the construction of a new Target store on 82nd Street between Baxter Avenue and Roosevelt Avenue – in District 21. The Target now stands where there used to be local small businesses.

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Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Rose

██████ 79th Street, Apt 6J
Jackson Heights, NY 11372

Tel: ██████████

Executive Director
Little Friends School Sunnyside
Sunnyside Friends

[REDACTED]

From: Arala <[REDACTED]>
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Yitzie Schwartz

[REDACTED]

From: Yocheved Landesman [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 7:11 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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Yocheved

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: Bracha Perl [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 1:17 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

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[REDACTED]

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Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 10:26 PM
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[REDACTED]

From: Dorothy Schwarz [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 10:31 AM
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(Your name) Sent from my iPhone

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Dov Lisker

[REDACTED]

From: Joanne Jaworski [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 11:28 PM
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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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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.

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Sincerely,
Aliza Horowitz

[REDACTED]

From: Angela Albergo [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 4:51 PM
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Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 8:13 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Queens Redistricting District 24

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: Daniela Aulov [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 4:30 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Our community

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[REDACTED]

From: eddie sherman [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 1:20 PM
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Ed Sherm

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Eddie Sherman

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 10:36 AM
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Hannah Fendrich
(a very concerned Queens resident)

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Hannah Gold [REDACTED] >
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From: Chaim Yosef Ackerman <[REDACTED]>
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Howard Ackerman

[REDACTED]

From: Jed Sussman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 8:32 AM
To: Public Testimony; Flateau, John
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keeping 44th and 48th council districts combined and united

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Dear Commissioners,

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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 a Orthodox council member for over 3 decades, it's crucial that this be maintained.

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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.

Best regards,

Jed Sussman

Credit Manager | All American Poly

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[REDACTED]

From: Kramberg Jolyn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 9:28 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: Re: District 24

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Sincerely,
Jolyn Kramberg

[REDACTED]

From: jsilverman91 [REDACTED] >
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Map Proposal

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Joseph Silverman

[REDACTED]

From: KD [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 11:45 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Keep Tibetan Community Center in D. 26

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Testimony of Kunchok Dolma to the NYC Districting Commission

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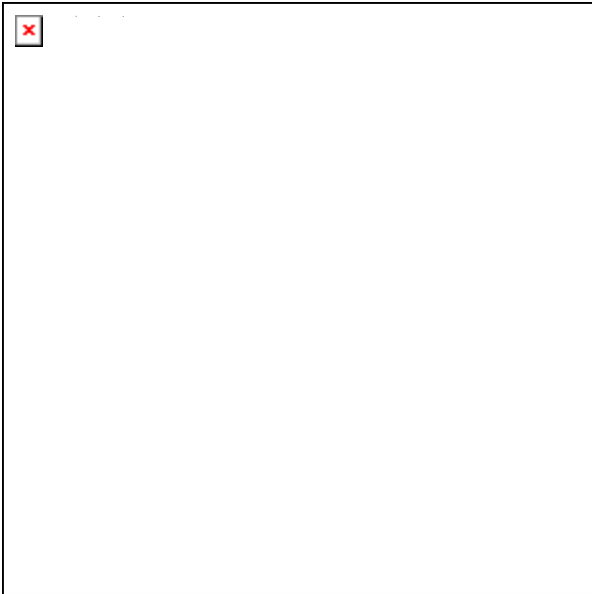
My name is Kunchok Dolma. I am a Tibetan-American and a resident of Jackson Heights, Queens. This testimony is based on over a decade of experience working in government and as a long term resident of Queens.

The 26th Council District

In District 26, my Tibetan community (25,000 people) as well as the larger Himalayan community (over 50,000 people) will be negatively impacted if the proposed map of District 26 that was recently presented to the Council is adopted. A majority of this community, many of whom are refugees as a result of the occupation of our homeland, reside in both the 26th and 25th council districts.

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I ask that The Tibetan community center should remain in District 26 as it has been since our community purchased the property nearly 10 years ago.



Please use the BQE as the eastern boundary of the northern tip of District 26 as it has been for the past decade. 31st Avenue should be the boundary to the north of this area of Woodside in District 26 so that the Tibetan community center and many Tibetan residents remain in District 26.

I support [the map proposed by Council Member Julie Won \(https://districtr.org/plan/138001\)](https://districtr.org/plan/138001) where the boundaries are 31st Avenue to the north so that the Tibetan Community Center remains in District 26.

I also want to lend my strong support for the [Unity Plan's map](#) that will keep South Asian and Indo-caribbean communities in one council district between Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park. It is vital that politics and lobbying by elected officials do not influence the decision to crack this community of interest into multiple communities that are unable to obtain an electoral majority.

Thank you for your time and service to our city. I am available by phone or email.

Kunchok Dolma





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[REDACTED]

From: Lior Kleinman [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 3:54 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] redistricting comment

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[REDACTED]

From: Michael Cohen [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 10:56 AM
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[REDACTED]

From: Miriam Kaikov <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 9:48 AM
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[REDACTED]

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Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

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From: Rubin Kolyakov [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 9:47 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Commission

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[REDACTED]

From: Sara Zalkin [REDACTED] >
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To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : URGENT COMMUNITY MESSAGE & Good Shabbos from the VHQ

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[REDACTED]

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Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 5:08 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Queens redistricting

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September 29, 2022

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Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 10:15 AM
To: Public Testimony
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[REDACTED]

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Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 9:35 AM
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From: Yaakov Katz <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 9:28 AM
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Yaakov Katz

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