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To Chair Walcott and Members of the New York City Redistricting Commission,

As someone who has lived in half a dozen neighborhoods of NYC including Greenwich Village, Midtown, Astoria, Dyker Heights, Maspeth and Rego Park, I have a sense of the feeling of community (or lack of) in each of these places.

As a longtime resident and voter from Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, I can say that no place I have **lived** has a stronger sense of community.

Therefore, I implore the Commission to keep all of Bay Ridge from Shore Road on the west to 65th Street in the north to 7th Avenue on the east to the Belt Parkway in the south - all wholly contained within the same Council District. These boundaries would also finally add the Towers of Bay Ridge into the Bay Ridge Council District, where I have had friends from the community for many years.

Willfully splitting up Bay Ridge would deny me, my family and neighbors of the fair, effective, and consolidated representation we deserve in the City Council.

Thank you,
David Marangio