

Independent Redistricting Commission  
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I am submitting my testimony in regards to the proposed 44th Assembly District map. As Comptroller of New York City and a longtime resident of Park Slope, it is imperative to me that the new district boundaries allow for all communities to be represented fairly.

In the proposed map for the 44th AD, Windsor Terrace has been cut into two Assembly Districts with the Prospect Expressway as the dividing line, rather than the current (and natural) boundary of Green-Wood Cemetery. The proposed map additionally cuts several blocks in Kensington out of the 44th District by drawing a dividing line at Dahil Road rather than Fort Hamilton Parkway. These changes force small sections of Windsor Terrace and Kensington into different districts. Furthermore, there are a few blocks in Prospect Park South that have been cut out of the district that could be restored by drawing the dividing line on Church Avenue rather than Albemarle Road. By forcing just a few blocks from these neighborhoods into a separate district from the rest of their neighborhood, those communities are treated as an afterthought and will be underserved.

It is imperative that when we draw legislative districts, we prioritize keeping communities together. The IRC proposed boundaries divide cultural, religious, and school communities in Kensington, Prospect Park South, and Windsor Terrace. Should the current map move forward, these cut-off communities may lose necessary resources and fair representation. Residents in those blocks deserve representation that is not an afterthought.

Thank you for your attention.

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

Brad Lander