REDISTRICTING TESTIMONY

Re:February 16, 2023 Redistricting Commission Public Hearing

Hello,

My name is Elaine Young and I am the President of the West Cunningham Park Civic Association in Fresh Meadows, Queens. Our civic association encompasses 1,200 households located on both the North and South sides of Union Turnpike roughly between 199th and 188th Street.

We work very closely with our legislators, at all levels: state, city and federal. It is so important to our civic that we keep a constant dialogue open between our civic and those legislators so we are all aware of all that happens in our community from our side and from the legislative side.

I always publish the names and contact information of our legislators in our newsletter and I have to include the contact information of the divided state assembly district by north of Union Turnpike and south of Union Turnpike. This can be confusing to our members as to who their State Assembly Members are, although the bulk of our district is Assembly District 25.

The fact that State Assembly District 25 is geographically divided so that it does not cover our entire civic association makes it very challenging to keep an intact dialogue between our civic, its members and legislators from both sides of Union Turnpike. Our back and forth communications with our legislators becomes fragmented.

I am requesting, on behalf of my civic association and our 1,200 households, that State Assembly District 25 will cover our entire civic association geographically so that the needs of the community will be served as a whole.

Thank you!