My name is Katherine Walsh; I am born/raised here in Sunset Park. I am also on my local Community Board 7 Brooklyn and serve as the Transportation Chair. I am very active in my community and have extensive civic and political engagement including participating in local County Committee. I testified to the New York State Redistricting Commission virtually on Feb 15th. You can go to the website and choose “Part 3” 1:58 to view the recording of the testimony.

I submit testimony today on behalf of myself and my community. I request that you keep us in Assembly District 51 (Sunset Park) specifically the streets between 56th street and 54th street between 4th and 6th avenue in Sunset Park, Brooklyn together in the existing 2022 Assembly District Map. . The proposed map cuts out this section and moves into a new Assembly District 49th. *Do not move us in Assembly District 49th.* I ask you to please respond to what community members are asking for. Keep us in Assembly District 51.

I spoke with residents that live around on these blocks about this issue when it was first proposed in 2021. More than 35 neighbors already signed that they want to stay together in the 51st Assembly District. This is the second time I have come to testify about keeping us together. It was the same issue at that time that it was proposed we were removed but in the final maps we stayed in. We would like to stay in and I ask you to preserve the lines on 6th avenue.

Here in Sunset Park, we have experienced high rates of gentrification, and developments from all sides, we have high air pollution and lung cancer rates, we are dealing deluge of different challenges. It is important that we are unified in our elected representation to keep us together to work on these, and this needs to be reflected in the Assembly District Maps. I ask you to rise to your goals to keep neighborhoods, like Sunset Park, together, and specifically to keep these blocks under one unit in representation for the same assembly district in Sunset Park

Please keep 56th to 54th street between 4th avenue and 6th avenue in existing 2022 assembly plan map for Assembly District 51 – don’t move us into the 49th.

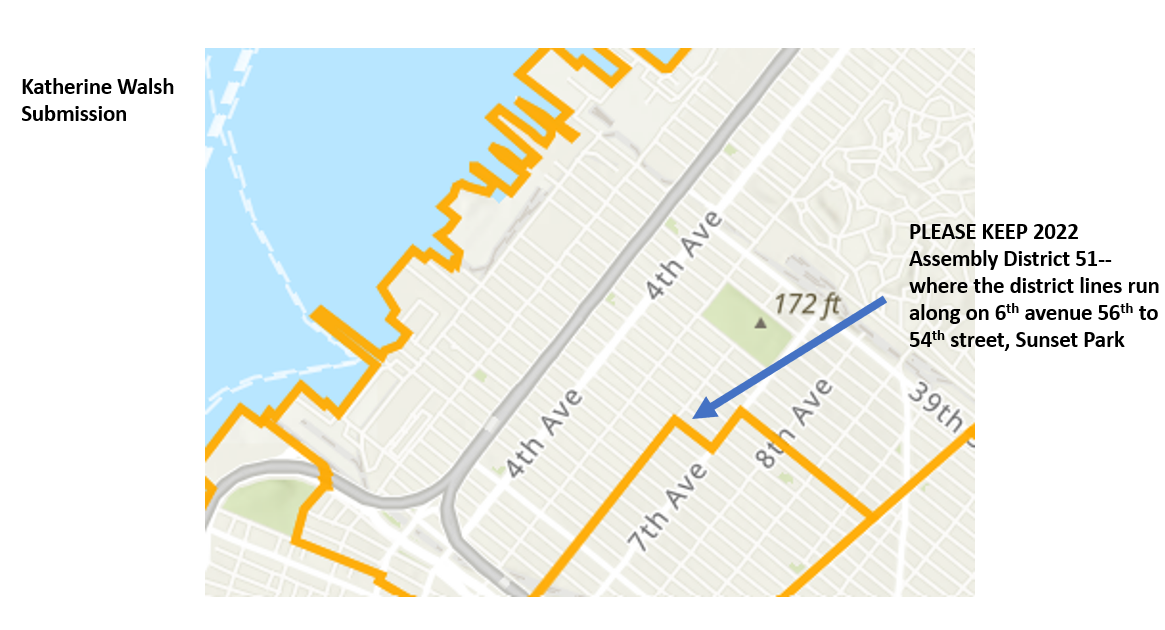
**KEEP SUNSET PARK TOGETHER! New York State Redistricting Commission**

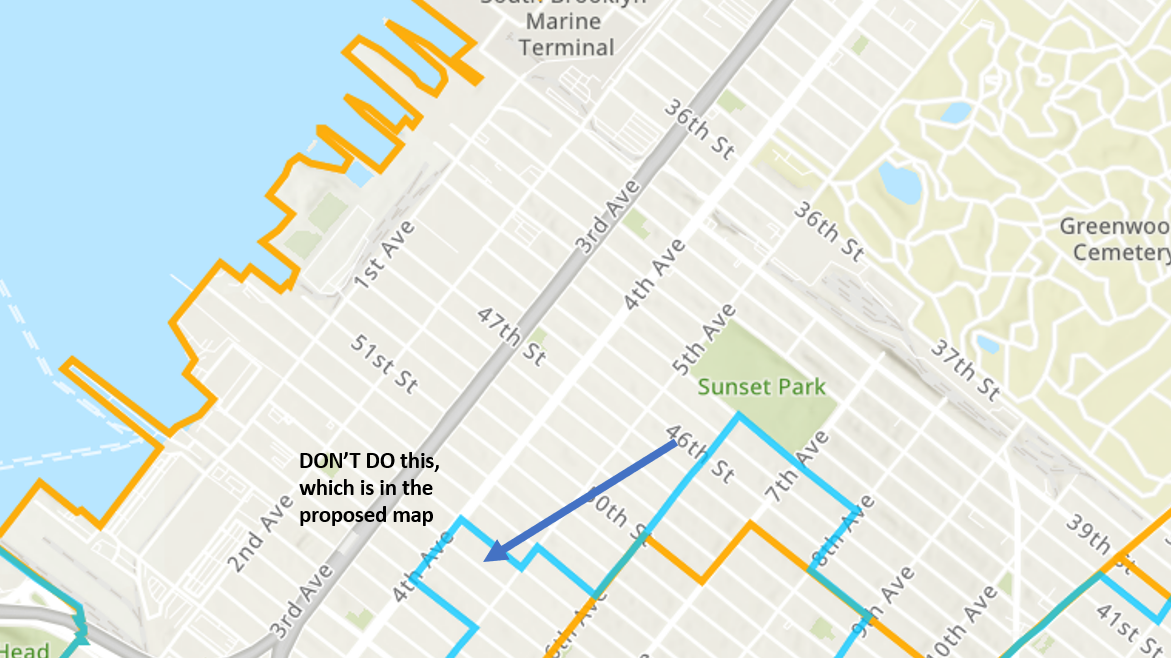
New York is finalizing new district maps to change the Assembly district for the next ten years.  Purple shows the proposed new district. Grey is our current map. The commission wants to move us into the Assembly District further east, associated with  Borough Park and Bensonhurst. Our elected leaders can serve us better if Sunset Park stays in  one district! Sign the petition to keep our Sunset Park community together.

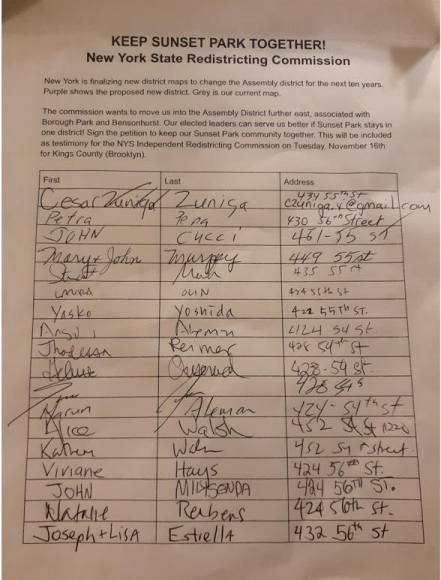
THESE RESIDENTS SIGNED // ORIGINAL NAMES-SIGNATURES BELOW

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| First | Last | Address |
| Cesar | Zuniga | 434 55th street |
| Petra | Pena | 430 56th street |
| John | Cucci | 451 55th street |
| Mary and John | Murphy | 449 55th street |
| Strat | Muh | 435 55th street |
| Laura | Olin | 424 55th street |
| Yasko | Yoshida | 422 55th street |
| Angela | Aleman | 424 54th street |
| Jhodessa | Reimer | 428 54th street |
| Helene | Onserud | 428 54th street |
| Erik | Steyn | 428 54th street |
| Marun | Aleman | 424 54th street |
| Alice | Walsh | 452 54th street |
| Katherine | Walsh | 452 54th street |
| Viviane | Hays | 424 56th street |
| John | Milisenda | 424 56th street |
| Natalie | Reubens | 424 56th street |
| Joseph and Lisa | Estrella | 432 56th street |

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| Josiah | Estrella | 432 56th street |
| Michael | Sierra | 559 56th street |
| Jessica | Sierra | 559 56th street |
| Wanda | Sierra | 559 56th street |
| Tanya | Varges | 563 52nd street |
| Judith | Rosario | 563 52nd street |
| Gladys | Cruz | 234 54th street |
| Damarys | Villaneuva | 563 52nd street |
| Nancy | Acevedo | 563 52nd street |
| Karen | Moore | 563 52nd street |
| Madison | Moore | 563 52nd street |
| Matthew | Sierra | 559 56th street |
| Samuel | Sierra Jr. | 559 56th street |
| Samuel | Sierra Sr. | 559 56th street |
| David | Santiago | 559 56th street |
| Victor | Perez | 479 56th street |







MAPS SUBMITTED AS PART OF THE TESTIMONY