

**Statement Before the NYS Independent Redistricting
Commission**

By

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I want to take this opportunity to thank Independent Redistricting Commission for this opportunity to provide my comments regarding the Commission's draft plan for the NYS Assembly.

On behalf of the officers and members of the Dyker Heights Civic Association, I would like to express our views regarding the importance of community continuity in determining our representation in the State Assembly and how this is affected by the draft plan.

Previous plans have split Dyker Heights into several different districts. The present draft plan keeps Dyker Heights intact in one Assembly District contiguous with neighboring communities in Southwest Brooklyn. This district will preserve continuity of representation and I urge its approval.

I thank the Commission for putting forward a plan that will once again make Dyker Heights whole in representation in the NYS Assembly.