

My comments will focus on your plan for the 44th Assembly District and **specifically your decision to place portions of the neighborhoods of Windsor Terrace and Kensington in two different Assembly Districts, the 44th and the 51st.** We believe both neighborhoods should be wholly within the 44th AD as they have been historically. Your decision to put portions of both Windsor Terrace and Kensington into different Assembly Districts makes both impacted ADs less compact and contiguous and also divides two long established and discrete communities with common interests, demographics and a history of positive civic activism. Simply stated it is contrary to many of the bedrock principles which should guide fair redistricting and good government.

- We are one community connected by schools, houses of worship, mass transit and parks.
- The Commission marginalizes citizens and **weakens their voice by spreading citizens among several representatives.**
- Keep the neighborhoods of the 44th Assembly District intact as they currently exist and have for over 30 years

I have been part of the Windsor Terrace community for over 20 years. That fact that you plan on dissecting the neighborhoods that we have been a part of for many years, is disconcerting and frankly irresponsible. We have communities that have been formed, places of worship, our schools!

Historically the entirety of the two discrete, cohesive and well-defined neighborhoods of Kensington and Windsor Terrace have been in the same Assembly district. This is true since at least the reapportionment following the 1970 census. Indeed the phone number for the local Assembly District Office has remained unchanged since 1974 and many of my friends and neighbors have told me that they have it memorized or on their speed dial. This is not just an interesting but irrelevant tidbit, it is testimony to the fact that at least in Brooklyn the Assembly District is the smallest unit of government and traditionally the most responsive to local needs.

Please make Greenwood Cemetery, not the Prospect Expressway the boundary between the 44th AD and the 51st AD. Please keep Windsor Terrace and Kensington intact.

Thank you,

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