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Independent Redistricting Commission  
250 Broadway, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
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Attn: Submissions

To whom it may concern:

I am obligated to write this letter because I am not in agreement with the new districting lines that will affect the 41<sup>st</sup> District for many reasons:

Our previous District Leader, Lew Fidler, (who passed away in 2019) initiated the project which is now in its completion and is known as the "Lew Fidler Park" which is located on Emmons Ave is all accredited to him. Your changes will remove this park out of the 41<sup>st</sup> District. This is not acceptable it is an insult to Lew Fidler's memory because he worked so hard for this while he was alive and left that legacy to the community.

We have great relationships with our elected officials who provide so many resources for the community, the new lines will be isolating us from them and their services.

As a member of the 41<sup>st</sup> Democratic Club I participate in a largest Toy Drive in Brooklyn for the organization "Toys for Tots" it is the pride of the 41<sup>st</sup> Democratic Club and its constituents to partake in this event. We will lose people who have been part of this for years. My parish of St. Mark also participates in this event. We will be losing this relationship also.

As a poll worker I have already experienced negativity from your last redistricting done where I have to turn voters to other poll sites and they were extremely upset in doing this and some said "is too far away for me to go....I will not vote". Imagine this attitude being multiplied??

Our community has looked after Senior citizens, public safety, health care, and a well balance social economic and ethnical balance and a great job has been done for this. Why make these changes which will affect all of this. Please leave the 41<sup>st</sup> District as is!!

Sincerely,



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