

From: [Lisa Tasso](#)
To: [Submissions](#)
Subject: Bay Ridge should be in one Assembly District, not four!
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 10:56:38 AM

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From: [L Will](#)
To: [Submissions](#)
Subject: Canarsie Brooklyn's 58th Assembly District Proposed Redistricting
Date: Monday, February 13, 2023 7:05:14 PM

To Co-Executive Directors Bratt, Breakell and Member of the NYS Independent Redistricting Commission,

As a long standing resident and voter from the Canarsie section of Brooklyn's 58th Assembly District, I strongly urge that the Districting Commission not break up our community into small pieces. We (Jimerson / Gorman housing families) have strong ties to our community that will be severely impacted, if this event takes place. We are long standing residents of this community, our children / grandchildren attend the neighborhood schools, our seniors have their established programs accessible. We are business owners as well as supporters of the businesses that support our community. We work very hard to create a unified district of common goals, with supportive representation that's visible in our community and continuously work in meeting our community needs. We cannot afford for resources to become divided.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

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February 10, 2023

From: Lisa Zelznick
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Comments for:

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

4:00 PM

Kings County Public Hearing

Location: Medgar Evers College (CUNY)

Founders Auditorium 1650 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11225

My name is Lisa Zelznick. I have resided in Windsor Terrace/Kensington for eleven years and am speaking on behalf of myself and my community. Due to work commitments, I am unable to attend the hearing and am submitting this testimony online in the hopes that it will be given equal weight as those who are available to attend in-person.

I have volunteered in many capacities as a community member, including launching Friends of Greenwood Playground; volunteering for campaigns; serving as PTA President of PS 130 for 3 years, its VP of Fundraising for 1 year, and as an executive board/committee member for an additional 4 years; and have sat on the District 15 Presidents Council.

I am staunchly opposed to 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.

Specifically, we ask that you make Greenwood Cemetery along 20th Street the western border of the 44th AD not the Prospect Expressway as in the draft plan, and Greenwood Cemetery along McDonald Avenue and Fort Hamilton Parkway out to 39th Street the Northern boundary between the 44th and 51st ADs. This is a shift of only a few blocks but makes complete sense geographically. Without this change the portions of Kensington and Windsor Terrace cut out of the 44th AD will be a small after thought in the 51st AD divided from that district by the hundreds of acres of Greenwood Cemetery. The 51st AD contains the entirety of the thriving neighborhood of Sunset Park and that neighborhood historically dominates that district. The inevitable result of the draft plan is that the few blocks of Windsor Terrace and Kensington attached to the vast bulk of Sunset Park will be underserved. The proposed plan also dilutes the ability of vital neighborhood institutions to advocate on behalf of their respective constituents.

Schools and other local organizations are the fabric of our society and their threads form the networks that weave through our communities. Two local Elementary Schools PS 130 and PS 230, several local places of worship such as Immaculate Heart of Mary RC Church, The Flatbush Jewish Center, which despite its name is in Kensington, and the Darul Jannah Masjid and Masjid Nur Al-Islam will all see their catchment areas, now wholly within the 44th AD,

divided between the 44th and the 51st AD. This is especially troublesome with respect to the Mosque's which serve the growing South Asian community in Kensington and will now have to petition two different Assembly Members rather than having a single point of contact.

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Thank you for your time,

Lisa Zelznick

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From: [Liz Donohue](#)
To: [Submissions](#)
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Thanks,

Liz

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Lloyd Feng

Addressed to: NY Independent Redistricting Commissioners

Testimony opposing IRC's draft proposal for Williamsburg and Greenpoint communities of interest

Thank you, Commissioners, for your time today. My name is Lloyd Feng and I come before you as a member of the Williamsburg and Greenpoint community. Although I am a member of Brooklyn Community Board 1 that encompasses Williamsburg and Greenpoint, I am here only in a personal capacity as a resident.

To ground my testimony, I define the Williamsburg and Greenpoint community of interest as within the boundaries of Brooklyn's Community District 1 (see below). The eastern border of our district is Seneca Avenue extended to Onderdonk Avenue and the Newtown Creek that empties into the East River. The northern border is also this body of water. The western border is the East River. The southern border is defined as Flushing Avenue extended to Kent Avenue where they meet at the BQE. Currently, our community falls within two Assembly districts: AD 50 (Emily Gallagher) and AD 53 (Maritza Davila).

Our community is filled with immense racial, ethnic, linguistic, socioeconomic, and religious diversity. Williamsburg is the longtime home of an historic Italian American community. You can find many of the community's houses of worship (there are many Roman Catholic churches in the area), restaurants, butcher shops from Grand Street moving north past Metropolitan to McCarren Park and as far east as Morgan Avenue. There is a thriving, historic Polish American community to the east of and north of McCarren Park throughout Greenpoint. The community also extends east past McGuinness Boulevard. The main thoroughfares include Manhattan Avenue, Nassau Avenue, and Greenpoint Avenue. There's also the historic Puerto Rican and other Hispanic communities of Southside that are as far east as Berry Street and mostly south of Grand Street to Flushing Avenue. South Williamsburg (between the Williamsburg Bridge/Grand Street and Flushing Avenue) is home to a vibrant Hasidic Jewish community. There's also a growing Chinese community that is working-class and immigrant, and includes senior citizens and multigenerational households clustered around the Mitchell-Lama public housing development by the Hewes and Lorimer JMZ subway stations. There are Polish, Spanish, Hebrew, and Chinese speakers who call these neighborhoods home.

Knowing the aforementioned context, I must oppose the IRC's draft map for Williamsburg and Greenpoint.

- The proposed map splits our community on the east-west axis of McGuinness Boulevard, keeping Greenpoint east of that boulevard together with Williamsburg to a few blocks south of Grand Street in the new AD 50. South Williamsburg remains within the proposed AD 50, but loses several blocks on the western and eastern side

to the south. This proposed AD 50 takes on more of the historically Puerto Rican core of the Southside with Havemeyer Street and the CTown as the new border.

- The new AD 53 maintains its Hispanic plurality, but gives up many blocks in Bushwick and takes on new parts of Ridgewood and Fresh Pond. It also loses several streets worth of blocks west of the BQE that represent the core of the Southside Puerto Rican community.
- East Williamsburg and the parts of Greenpoint east of McGuinness are included in this new mega-district AD 38. This district makes zero sense as it combines parts of our community with Maspeth, Ridgewood, Glendale, and Rego Park. I'm sure residents in these other areas see little in common with our community and likewise. It appears that they grouped the 'scraps' from their plans to draw other communities nearby into this strange creature of a district.

Please revert to the 2022 Assembly district maps as much as possible. The bottom line is that our communities of interest should *not* be joined with any Queens communities in a crossover district.

Thank you so much for your time.

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From: [Maggie Rossetti](#)
To: [Submissions](#)
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Maggie Rossetti, Bay Ridge Resident

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I am a resident of Windsor Terrace, Brooklyn which is in Assembly District 44. I understand that a redistricting plan has been proposed to move to District 51 all of Kensington and a small portion of Windsor Terrace beyond the Prospect Expressway.

This plan makes no sense as governments are finally recognizing the negative effects caused by decades of separating neighborhoods with expressways and other barriers. Not only will the southwest portion of Windsor Terrace be negatively affected, but the portion of Windsor Terrace that remains in Assembly District 44 will be, too. As 44's Park Slope constituency is proposed to grow under this plan, our constituency will shrink. Park Slope which dominates the district as it is, will get even more of a voice, as we get less.

When you discuss this plan on February 15th, please consider its negative effects on your constituents, and revise the plan to keep the natural boundary of Windsor Terrace at Green-Wood Cemetery and all of Kensington in District 44 as they have been for over 30 years. Thank you.

Marie Lellis

I don't know why AD52 would need to be re-lined, but I do know why it should remain as it is.

I was born in Long Island College Hospital in 1951 and currently live on Third Street. As a life long resident I can attest to the strength and beauty of this assembly district and, more importantly, this community.

Back in the day the neighborhood boundaries were determined by the sound of church bells. If you could hear the bells of St. Agnes, that was your parish. If you could hear St. Peter's bells, that is where you went to school and to mass. We were St. Paul's parishioners.

Now there are districting lines that determine who goes where. Cobble Hill, Carroll Gardens and Gowanus are not parishes, but they are established communities with common interests and values. As a member of the Third Street Block Association I have witnessed the strength of community members working together for the benefit of the whole:

.We joined to stop the illegal preparation of roofing materials from a commercial renter on 4th street.

.We joined to stop the approval of a liquor license for an after hours club on Hoyt and 3rd.

.We joined to endorse the approval of a liquor license for a Korean café on Smith and 3rd.

.We joined to participate in and monitor plans for Public Place along the canal.

.We joined together to also support the Superfund planning of the canal clean-up.

We are a family community. And there is no better testament to our strength and beauty than our annual block party. Ask anyone in Cobble Hill, Carroll Gardens or Gowanus, "Who throws the best block party in all of Brooklyn?" Third Street! And it is open to all. Our flyers encourage residents to invite friends from other blocks and neighborhoods and districts to come join us in celebrating our community here – and they do. It is a beautiful, joyous, annual gathering of neighborhood families celebrating their community.

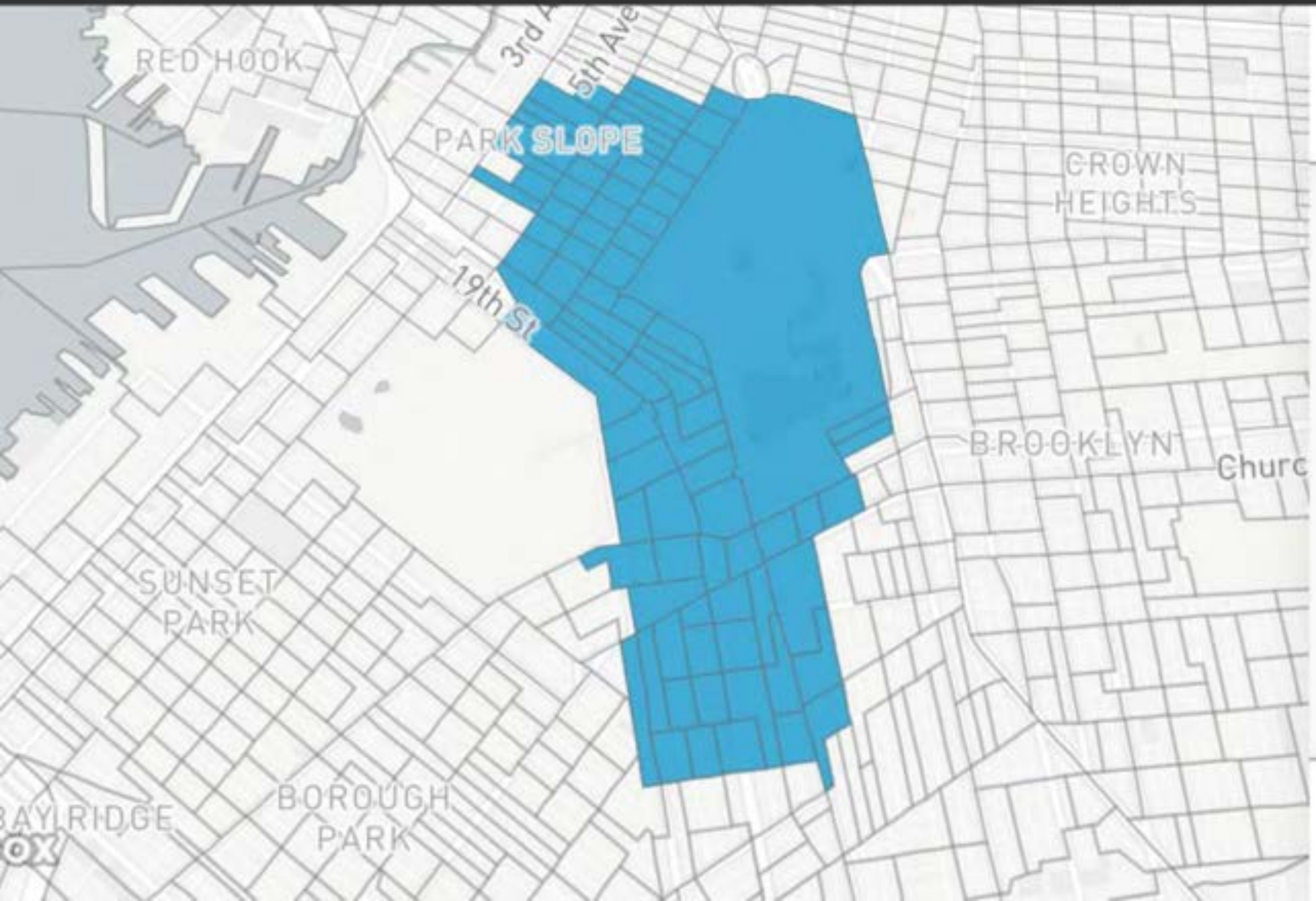
Third Street should not be separated from the rest of the community as the new proposed districting lines seem to indicate.

I worked in Fort Greene for 15 years at Brooklyn Technical High School. It was a great commute from Carroll Gardens. But it was and still is a very different kind of neighborhood. The new districting lines ignore those major differences, and lump both neighborhoods together.

Ft. Greene is very crowded with lots of skyscrapers and huge international corporations like Apple. It has a very active nightlife with a multitude of entertainment centers. It is a transportation hub with traffic coming from all directions and few pedestrian friendly walkways. It has become an exciting destination for thousands of visitors.

Cobble Hill and Carroll Gardens are sometimes referred to as “sleepy” neighborhoods. They are quiet, and small scale. They are family focused. Residents walk to their shops and doctors and day care centers, schools and churches. Our problems cannot compare to those of Ft. Greene.

Re-districting Carroll Gardens to exclude Third Street and include Fort Greene is not a solution to any problems in our community. In fact, it would do more harm than good.



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- 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!

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Thank you,

Marivi Manaluz

Windsor Terrace Resident

From: [MARTA SIERRA](#)
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Good Afternoon, and Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak today. My name is Mary Beth Crosby Carroll and I reside at 243 East 4th Street in Kensington, Brooklyn.

I was stunned when I saw the 44th Assembly District Lines as proposed by the Independent Redistricting Commission. You have separated Assembly Districts based on arbitrary boundaries not cohesive neighborhoods. Although, the Prospect Expressway runs through Windsor Terrace it does not divide the neighborhood. The neighborhoods of Park Slope, Windsor Terrace and Kensington are connected by the same school district, houses of worship, mass transit, parks and elected officials. I actually moved from an apartment in Park Slope to a house in Kensington because of this sameness. Having the same Assemblymember in these neighborhoods makes them strong. When you divide neighborhoods by political districts you weaken them.

The Commission's goal is to prevent gerrymandering and keep neighborhoods intact. The proposed 44th Assembly District, as you have drawn it, does just the opposite. You are marginalizing the citizens and weakening their

political voice by chopping up the neighborhoods of Windsor Terrace and Kensington.

The natural boundary for Windsor Terrace and Kensington is Greenwood Cemetery, on the West along 20th Street and McDonald Avenue and out to 39th Street on the Northern boundary.

Although I am still in the 44th Assembly District, as you have drawn it, my neighbors on East 4th Street and the north side of Caton Avenue are no longer in the 44th Assembly District. They live one half block away from me. My church, Immaculate Heart of Mary, which is 1 and a half blocks away is no longer in the district, nor is PS 130 my elementary school which is 2 blocks away. It is unwarranted to put these institutions and neighbors in the 51st Assembly District, which represents Sunset Park and Red Hook, and is separated from Windsor Terrace and Kensington by Greenwood Cemetery. The few blocks of Windsor Terrace and Kensington that are now attached to Sunset Park will undoubtedly be under served by this plan. Please do not make this mistake and divide the neighborhoods of Windsor Terrace and Kensington into two different Assembly Districts. The ramifications are vast.

Thank you for your time and attention.

From: [Mary Gazella](#)
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Mary Giosia
362 95th street
Brooklyn NY 11209

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From: [Mary Krause](#)
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Best Mary

From: marys2610@gmail.com
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From: [Karen Blatt](#)
To: [Submissions](#)
Subject: Fwd: I live at 1203 Albemarle Road, Brooklyn NY 11218
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 4:57:23 PM

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Mary K. Seery" <mkseery61@gmail.com>
Date: February 28, 2023 at 4:51:58 PM EST
To: Karen Blatt <blatrk@nyirc.gov>
Subject: I live at 1203 Albemarle Road, Brooklyn NY 11218

I live in a discrete neighborhood called Prospect Park South, only 210 homes—
we have a neighborhood association and it only makes sense to keep our WHOLE
neighborhood in the 44thAD

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This is in regards to the proposal to separate greenpoint and rezone it.

Absolutely not.

Nobody asked for this, it's obviously part of an agenda that does NOT benefit the people of greenpoint.

It's absolutely ridiculous.

Strongly against this pointless change.

From: [Maxwell](#)
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Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

From: [Melissa Plowden-Norman](#)
To: [Submissions](#)
Cc: [Melissa Plowden-Norman](#)
Subject: Testimony For February 15th Redistricting Hearing
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 11:33:52 PM

Dear Independent Redistricting Commission,

My name is Melissa Plowden-Norman, a resident of Bedford Stuyvesant. I am a Community Resource Advocate and very involved in the 56th Assembly District.

I would like to voice my support of the current lines containing the following boarders: Nostrand Avenue, Flushing Avenue, Broadway, Howard Avenue to Putnam Avenue, Ralph Avenue to Bergen Street to Utica Avenue, Utica Avenue to Prospect Place, Prospect Place to Troy Avenue, Troy Avenue to St. Marks Place, St. Marks Place to Kingston Avenue, Kingston Avenue to Bergen Street, Bergen Street to Nostrand Avenue.

Residents of Bedford Stuyvesant and Crown Heights would like to remain a united district as they value landmarking as a method to preserve their community.

Elected officials and residents are working together to create a cease and desist zone to protect homeowners from predatory realtors.

The Brownstoners of Bedford Stuyvesant and Crown Heights North Association are organizations created to preserve the legacy of homeownership.

Bedford Stuyvesant and Crown Heights have a shared ancestry and history in Weeksville.

The 56th Assembly District is home to the first Community Development Corporation.

The district is a global destination place for African Art and Culture.

Residents share longstanding traditions such as the 194 year old Brooklyn Sunday School Union parade and International African Arts Festival.

Bedford Stuyvesant was one of the first Aging Improvement Districts. Brooklyn received designation as an Age Friendly City.

Community was very active in saving Interfaith hospital, which provides health care for thousands of residents under the One Brooklyn Health Center.

Community is currently advocating for the redevelopment of the Marcus Garvey Armory, which would provide economic development and wellness opportunities for the district.

Community Board 3 Brooklyn has been and is actively engaged in many projects in Bedford Stuyvesant.

I oppose the draft map drawn by the IRC because:

- 1)It will reduce the already depleted Black population from 52% to 46%.
- 2)It will dilute the Black Vote.
- 3)Longstanding Crown Heights allies in small business development, arts and culture would

be lost.

4)The relationship with Community Board 8, who have common interest and share purpose for community development would be lost as well.

As a former Community Board 3 Member who is reapplying, actively involved on every committee, I am looking forward to the "Where do we go from here?" in our community. There is still work to be done, even though a great deal have been accomplished.

Post pandemic is being processed in communities, time is necessary as well as needed for assessment and sorting through. This will look different in each community despite similarities. I am looking forward to the great outcomes on the way. I love my community and very happy to be apart of it!

Thank you so much for your time and this oppportunity.

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January 25, 2023

Ken Jenkins
Chair, New York State Independent Redistricting Commission
Independent Redistricting Commission
250 Broadway, 22nd Floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chair Jenkins:

I am writing on behalf of the people of the 58th Assembly District, many of which I represent as the Member of the City Council from the 46th District.

Since its creation following the 1990 Census, the 58th Assembly District has covered the area of Canarsie, north of Rockaway Parkway. However, the initial proposal further fractures Canarsie into three separate Assembly Districts (58, 59, & 60) creating a myriad of issues for residents of the neighborhood and leaving the 58th Assembly District to cover just the most far western part of our community. The splitting up of Canarsie continues to deny residents of the fair, effective, and consolidated representation they deserve in the New York State Assembly. A fragmented Canarsie will disrupt city services, and make funding for programs, infrastructure, and other vital initiatives very difficult. Canarsie is a community with unique needs, and several active and vibrant community and civic groups, who are comprised by people who are fully invested in doing what is best for our beloved neighborhood.

I ask that the 58th Assembly District solely cover the area north of Rockaway Parkway to the East 108th Street border, with the 59th Assembly District covering the area to the south. Keeping Canarsie within two Assembly Districts will allow residents to properly advocate for the needs of our beloved community.

I thank you for your thoughtful consideration and urge you to act to keep Canarsie within just two Assembly Districts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mercedes Narcisse'.

Mercedes Narcisse
Member of the City Council

From: [Michele Buenerd](#)
To: [Submissions](#)
Subject: Bay Ridge should be in one Assembly District, not four!
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 4:52:01 PM

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Testimony to IRC Members of the Commission

RE: NY ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 44 – Kensington and Windsor Terrace

REPRESENTED BY ROBERT CARROLL

My name is M.J. Rosenbluth and I reside in the Kensington neighborhood of Brooklyn. I am writing to express my feelings about the current unity and the proposed re-design of our 44th Assembly District.

Kensington and Windsor Terrace have been served so well as neighbors and neighborhoods in the 44th AD, as they have been for many years, currently represented by Robert Carroll and, before that, by James Brennan.

Your decision to put portions of Kensington and Windsor Terrace into different Assembly Districts (44 and 51) is an unsound one at so many levels. It creates less-than optimal, DISUNITY, with random slices of our neighborhoods removed from generally-accepted boundaries. The plan divides two long-established communities - with common interests, demographics and a history of positive civic activism – on some of the most awkwardly-determined boundary lines.

Simply stated, it is contrary to many of the bedrock principles which should guide fair redistricting and good government.

Specifically, there should be NO DIFFERENCE in the current 44th AD, where the entirety of Windsor Terrace (on BOTH SIDES of the Prospect Expressway) should be included. We ask that you make Green-Wood Cemetery - along 20th Street and McDonald Avenue – to be the western border of the 44th AD, not the Prospect Expressway as in the draft plan, and Green-Wood Cemetery along McDonald Avenue and Fort Hamilton Parkway out to 39th Street be the northern boundary between the 44th and 51st ADs. That makes complete geographical sense!

There is little to no justification for parts of Kensington (particularly the West Kensington blocks of Minna, Chester, Clara, Tehama, Louisa, etc. – just south of Green-Wood & Ft. Hamilton Parkway) and, in Windsor Terrace, on the remaining two-block, narrow stretch along the Prospect Expressway, to be cut out of the 44th AD. Those two areas are tied inextricably to and maintain strong identities within the above neighborhoods. If anything, they will be an afterthought in the 51st AD, divided from that district by the hundreds of acres of Green-Wood Cemetery.

Sunset Park is the dominant 51st AD neighborhood. I strongly believe that Kensington (and Windsor Terrace) will become underserved. This belief is based on prior instances where elected legislators – with constituents “on the fringes” – barely, if ever, visited our neighborhoods, and their communications were directed primarily towards the greater portions of their Districts.

The proposed plan also dilutes the ability of vital neighborhood institutions to advocate on behalf of their respective constituents. Residents send their children, in common, to local elementary schools, like PS 230, PS 130 and PS 154. They attend several local places of worship, such as Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church (Kensington/Windsor Terrace), the Flatbush Jewish Center, (in Kensington), and at least two local Mosques (Kensington). It will be UNFAIR to all of the above, now wholly within the 44th AD, to have a fractured District, divided in two - between the 44th and the 51st AD. The growing South Asian community in Kensington would then have to **petition to two different Assemblymembers rather than having a reliable single point of contact.**

Historically, the entirety of the two cohesive, 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. The local Assembly District Office contact number has been the same since my family moved here in 1989, and the office IS HIGHLY RESPONSIVE to local needs.

In the 1950s, Robert Moses built the Prospect Expressway and inflicted a still-obvious scar on Kensington and Windsor Terrace. The people banded together and protested Moses' plan, but unlike more affluent neighborhoods, such as Brooklyn Heights and Greenwich Village, they lost, and the Prospect Expressway was built. Over time and despite this "Great Divide", the Kensington & Windsor Terrace communities became

closer neighbors, and over the following decades, they jointly fought and defeated repeated ill-advised rezoning proposals to permit large-scale manufacturing and residential overdevelopment in these thriving working class, residential neighborhoods.

I ask that you keep the Kensington and Windsor Terrace neighbors unified and that they remain intact together, going forward in whole, not in part, in the 44th New York State Assembly District.

Please make the boundary for the 44th AD, on the Kensington side, at 39th Street (near Green-Wood Cemetery), and Green-Wood Cemetery itself on the Windsor Terrace side, those additional blocks WEST OF the Prospect Expressway, as the boundaries between the 44th AD and the 51st AD.

Thank you for listening!

Respectfully,

M.J. Rosenbluth

440 E. 3rd St.

Brooklyn, NY 11218

Resident, NY State Assembly District #44



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February 27, 2023

To Whom It May Concern

My name is Mohammad Razvi and I am the founder and executive director of the Council of Peoples Organization (COPO) at 1077 Coney Island Avenue. I am writing with the urgent request that the IRC allow for our block of Coney Island Avenue between Foster and Avenue H to remain in the 44th Assembly District.

In the wake of 9/11, I founded COPO in 2002, and have operated from a centrally located office on Coney Island Avenue in Midwood, Brooklyn and assisted low-income immigrant families in reaching their full potential as residents of New York City. COPO is a "one-stop-shop" that provides free, high-quality, and trusted social services to more than 12,000 households per year. Our food pantry programs help more than 150,000 people each year. COPO serves a citywide population with most clients coming from surrounding Brooklyn neighborhoods, many of which are from the 44th Assembly District. Our services are targeted to meet the specific language and cultural needs of immigrants from South Asia (Pakistan and Bangladesh).

For the past 30 years, COPO has been in the 44th Assembly District, but in the IRC's draft plan released on December 1, 2022, you have drawn our block out of the district and thereby divided the Pakistani community and the greater South Asian community from one another. The IRC map divides the 44th Assembly District at Foster Avenue, severing the Pakistani-American community and cutting key social services providers, Makki Mosque, and Al-Rayaan Muslim Funeral Services, Brooklyn's premier Muslim funeral home. To allow our community to remain whole and maintain our voice and political power, the 44th should continue to Avenue H, as indicated on the attached map, which was submitted by Assemblymember Robert Carroll.

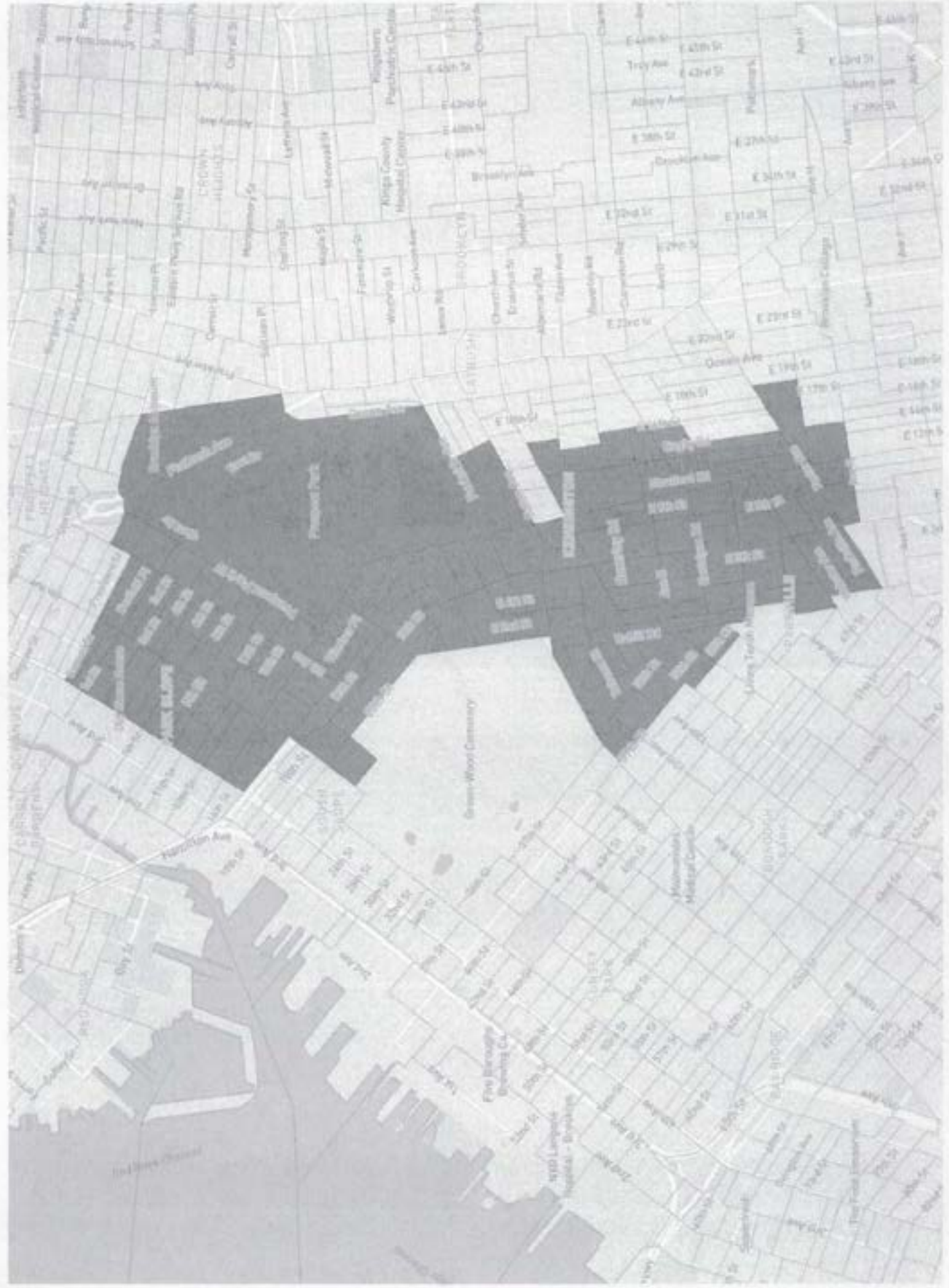
Thank you for your consideration

Please feel free to contact me if there is any question.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mohammad Razvi", written over a white background.

Mohammad Razvi
Chief Executive Officer



From: [Nancy Cummings](#)
To: [Submissions](#)
Subject: Bay Ridge should be in one Assembly District, not four!
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 10:45:17 AM

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Nancy Fox, resident in AD41

I am writing to submit comments on the proposed redistricting of AD41; as redrawn, the “new” sprawling AD41 is in violation of the requirement that districts be “as compact in form as practicable”. In addition, I find it curious that the area south of Avenue V and Nostrand Avenue and surrounding streets, which includes a large NYCHA complex, has been carved out and is to be a part of AD45. In terms of being part of a community of interest (education, public safety, transportation, etc.), this area is more logically part of AD41.

As a Board of Election poll worker for the last 15 years, I have become increasingly aware of and concerned about the growing cynicism of voters that I meet while working the polls. Voters suspect what they do not understand. Most are disinclined to use their resources to parse sweeping changes such as redistricting and assume any changes are “gerrymandering” and meant to help some and hurt others. Despite the best efforts of the Board of Election (through mailings directly to voters), voters often show up at the poll site and find that they no longer vote at the site they have known as “theirs” for decades. And undoubtedly the fallout from the 2020 election has increased the perception that elections can be “rigged and stolen”.

Our goal as a society should be to enable every citizen to vote and encourage participation. The 2022 General election, which included a strongly contested Gubernatorial race, produced a woeful turnout of only 30% of Kings County registered voters. This despite efforts to encourage participation through mail-in voting and early voting days in addition to election day. The missing 70% has surrendered their influence to a small minority of the motivated. It is hard to see what can reverse this trend.

From: [nancy.soto](#)
To: [Submissions](#)
Subject: Bay Ridge should be in one Assembly District, not four!
Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023 9:07:52 AM

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From: [Naomi Gersten](#)
To: [Submissions](#)
Subject: Assembly District 23
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 12:20:18 PM

February 2023

Dear Commissioners at the Independent Redistricting Commission:

I want to thank you for taking the time to read my letter to understand my concerns about the new proposed lines for the 23rd Assembly District. Sadly, I view these maps as problematic as they do not keep the widespread Jewish community of the current 23rd Assembly District together.

As you may know, throughout the southern part of the 23rd Assembly District there is a strong and proud Jewish community; and this extends across the entire Peninsula. Over the past decades the Jewish community has forged strong bonds and worked as a united front in one Assembly District to promote beneficial policies in the State Government and fight against anti-Semitism. Due to the way the map has been drawn for years, we have beneficially worked towards policies for our nonpublic schools, obtained funding for extra protection of our neighborhoods, and ensured a unified and community approach to Anti-Semitism. The current lines allow for the Jewish community to stay intact and allow all of us to have a unified voice. With these proposed lines, the Jewish community of Far Rockaway and Bayswater (on the eastern part of the Rockaway Peninsula) would be cut off from the Jewish community of western part of the Peninsula, reversing many years of progress.

It is my hope that you will allow the current and existing lines for the 23rd Assembly District to continue

I thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Naomi Gersten

806 Frisco Ave

Far Rockaway, NY 11691

From: [Nathan Davis](#)
To: [Submissions](#)
Subject: Bay Ridge should be in one Assembly District, not four!
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 10:38:36 AM

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To: [Submissions](#)
Subject: Bay Ridge should be in one Assembly District, not four!
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Very concerned!
Thank you.

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From: [Nereida Caka](#)
To: [Submissions](#)
Subject: Bay Ridge should be in one Assembly District, not four!
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Nicole Bernheimer
Cell: 917-650-0167

From: [nicole.papamichael](#)
To: [Submissions](#)
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Best,
Paula N.

From: [Pete Knese](#)
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PHARA SOUFFRANT FORREST
Assemblywoman 57th District
Brooklyn, NY

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February 28, 2023

Independent Redistricting Commission
250 Broadway, 22nd Floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear Commissioners:

I write to offer my opinion on the redistricting plan proposed by the Independent Redistricting Commission for the 57th Assembly District in Brooklyn. I oppose the division of Fort Greene into two Assembly districts under the draft plan; however, I support the proposed inclusion of western Crown Heights in the 57th District.

As a lifelong resident of the 57th District, as well as its elected representative, I object to the proposed division of Fort Greene into two separate Assembly districts. Fort Greene is a historic and culturally significant neighborhood whose boundaries are well-recognized as being Flushing Avenue to the north, Flatbush Avenue to the west, Atlantic Avenue to the south, and Vanderbilt Avenue to the east. There is strong cohesion throughout the neighborhood and a significant cultural difference with Boerum Hill and Park Slope, on the other side of Flatbush Avenue. The proposed map would ignore the boundaries of Flatbush and Atlantic Avenues and carve out the portion of Fort Greene south of DeKalb Avenue and west of Clermont Avenue, placing it into a different Assembly district.

Although the Black population of the district has declined due to gentrification in recent years, Fort Greene remains a historically Black neighborhood with a number of important cultural institutions, such as the Brooklyn Academy of Music, Fort Greene Park, and the Brooklyn Hospital Center. These institutions offer culturally competent programming and services to the residents of Fort Greene and neighboring Clinton Hill, which would remain part of the 57th Assembly District under the proposed map. Fort Greene remains home to a significant population of Black seniors and families, many of whom rely on neighborhood organizations for support. It is both a historic and present community of interest, and it would be a mistake to divide it into two Assembly districts.

However, I do support adding the portion of Crown Heights that lies west of Classon Avenue, south of Bergen Street, east of Washington Avenue, and south of St. Johns Place, along with the Brooklyn Botanic Garden and Brooklyn Museum, into the district. This area was part of the 57th Assembly District prior to the 2022 redistricting and forms a community of interest with the portion of western Crown Heights that is currently in the district. Its housing stock consists largely of rent-stabilized apartment buildings occupied by a mix of older Caribbean residents and young professionals, with Washington Avenue forming a well-recognized boundary between Crown Heights and the more gentrified Prospect Heights to the west.

Thank you for considering my testimony. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phara', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Phara Souffrant Forrest
NYS Assemblywoman, 57th District, Brooklyn

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To: [Submissions](#)
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Testimony of Rabbi David Niederman, President of the United Jewish Organizations of Williamsburgh and North Brooklyn

Submitted to the NYS Independent Redistricting Commission

February 15, 2023

Thank you, Members of the Commission, for allowing me the opportunity to testify today. My name is Rabbi David Niederman and I am the President of the United Jewish Organizations of Williamsburgh and North Brooklyn, a central social service agency for more than half a century representing more than 75,000 Yiddish Speaking, North Brooklyn residents, that predominantly reside in the current New York State Assembly Districts 50, 52, 53, 56, 57.

Before the redistricting, we have been mainly in the 50th Assembly district, with small pockets of our community in the 53rd and the 56th.

The Yiddish speaking population, traditionally resided in South Williamsburgh and has since flourished tremendously. As the community has grown, it has expanded beyond the borders of Williamsburgh, into Bedford-Stuyvesant and Clinton Hill.

Based on that population growth, we have advocated, during the previous redistricting process, to be considered as a “Community of Interest” and kept whole in one district. Unfortunately, during the last redistricting we were split up into 5 Assembly districts. It really hurts the community’s ability to advocate for itself and our voice is diluted.

The current draft plans reinsert into the 50th district a small part of our neighborhood that had been sliced off into the 52nd district. We appreciate that change.

However, this is only a minor change and we urge you to reinsert the other portions that were cut off from the 50th, south of Flushing Avenue, and combine our entire neighborhood into the 50th district as outlined in the map we include.

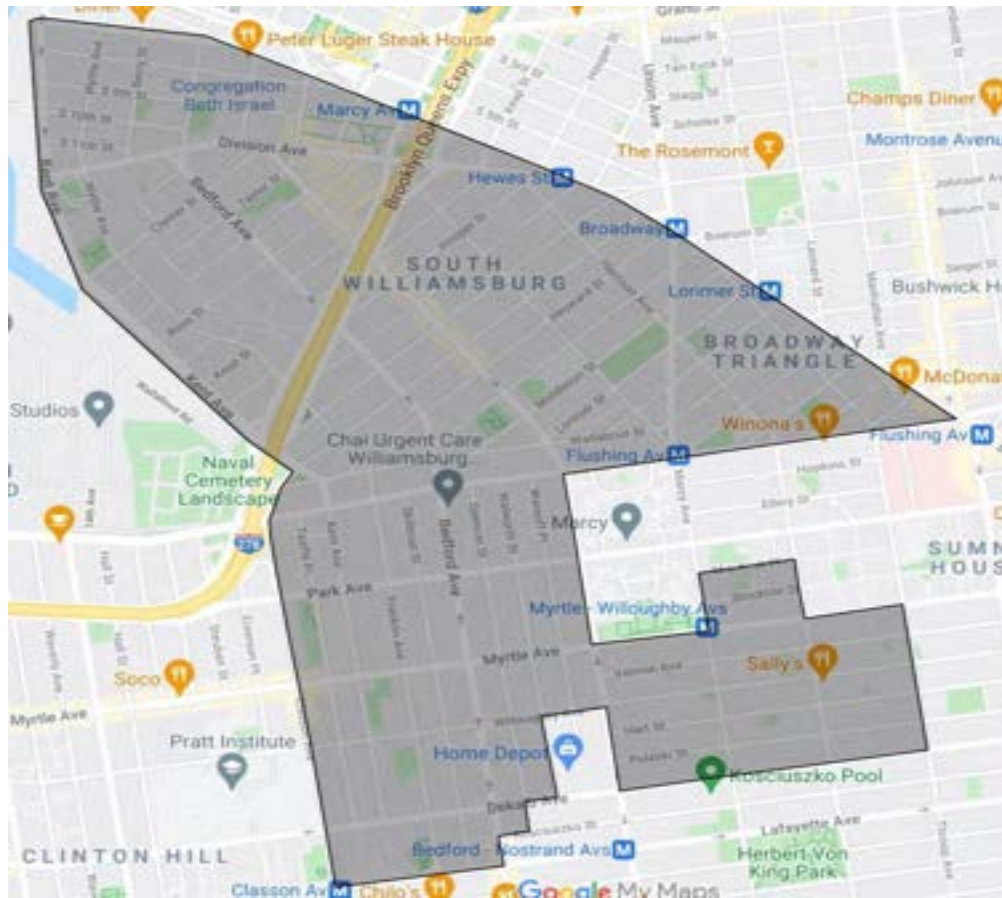
On behalf of our community, I respectfully ask and submit to the commission that our Yiddish speaking community in South Williamsburg, Bedford Stuyvesant and Clinton Hill be recognized for what it is- one “community of interest”.

Our community of interest has unique language, distinctive dress, religious background, common history and other shared ties and identifiable interests.

Some of additional key unifiers of our community, are the large households with many children, the need for security and protection from anti-Semitic hate crimes which has reached crisis proportions in our neighborhood, a unique Yiddish language social service delivery and advocacy system, an independent private school system. Furthermore we have cultural and language issues that have to be addressed by government and the public sector in a unified manner.

In sum, it is crucial for the community to be unified and centralized so our community residents’ interests and needs are adequately represented. We request that we be united in a single district and our borders expand to include the areas of community growth. Thank you.

Attached is a map of the area in Brooklyn that we are referencing and request to be included in a single Assembly district:



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Windsor Terrace/Kensington

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak today. My name is Rebecca Lehde Coates. I reside in Windsor Terrace and am speaking on behalf of myself and my community. 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.

Specifically, we ask that you make Greenwood Cemetery along 20th Street the western border of the 44th AD not the Prospect Expressway as in the draft plan, and Greenwood Cemetery along McDonald Avenue and Fort Hamilton Parkway out to 39th Street the Northern boundary between the 44th and 51st ADs. This is a shift of only a few blocks but makes complete sense geographically. Without this change the portions of Kensington and Windsor Terrace cut out of the 44th AD will be a small after thought in the 51st AD divided from that district by the hundreds of acres of Greenwood Cemetery. The 51st AD contains the entirety of the thriving neighborhood of Sunset Park and that neighborhood historically dominates that district. The inevitable result of the draft plan is that the few blocks of Windsor Terrace and Kensington attached to the vast bulk of Sunset Park will be underserved. The proposed plan also dilutes the ability of vital neighborhood institutions to advocate on behalf of their respective constituents. Multiple local Elementary Schools including PS 154, PS 130, PS 179 and PS 230, several local places of worship such as Immaculate Heart of Mary RC Church, The Flatbush Jewish Center, which despite its name is in Kensington, and the Darul Jannah Masjid and Masjid Nur Al-Islam will all see their catchment areas, now wholly within the 44th AD, divided between the 44th and the 51st AD. This is especially troublesome with respect to the Mosque's which serve the growing South Asian community in Kensington and will now have to petition two different Assembly Members rather than having a single point of contact.

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.

In the 1950's Robert Moses built the Prospect Expressway and inflicted a still obvious scar on Windsor Terrace and Kensington. The people of Windsor Terrace and Kensington banded together and protested Moses' plan but unlike more affluent neighborhoods such as Brooklyn Heights and Greenwich Village they lost and the Prospect Expressway was built. Moses' wound however drew the Windsor Terrace and Kensington communities closer together and over the following decades they jointly fought and defeated repeated ill advised rezoning proposals to first permit large scale manufacturing and then residential over development in these thriving working class neighborhoods. We ask that you not reopen the wound Robert Moses inflicted. 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. I take note that the IRC plan for the Assembly districts in Brooklyn has uniform district populations of 134-135,000 persons. By contrast, the current Brooklyn districts have populations ranging between 128,000 and 141,000. It is appropriate for the districts to be more balanced in population. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

R. Lehde Coates

Rebecca Lehde Coates

From: [Jackson K](#)
To: [Submissions](#)
Subject: Bay Ridge should be in one Assembly District, not four!
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 11:37:48 AM

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From: [Reem Jaafar](#)
To: [Submissions](#)
Subject: Bay Ridge should be in one Assembly District, not four!
Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023 9:39:50 AM

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Dear Chair Jenkins and members of the State Assembly Redistricting Commission,

I am writing to express my strong concerns about dividing Bay Ridge into four assembly districts. Currently, Bay Ridge is represented by two assembly districts, the 46th, and the 64th.

Bay Ridge should not be represented by more than two assembly districts as it currently is. Splitting it further will not give the residents the representation they deserve in the State Assembly.

The suggested maps even further divide some communities of interest, such as the Arab Community. It would be great to unify these communities in North Bay Ridge as one and include the towers of Bay Ridge in the State Assembly.

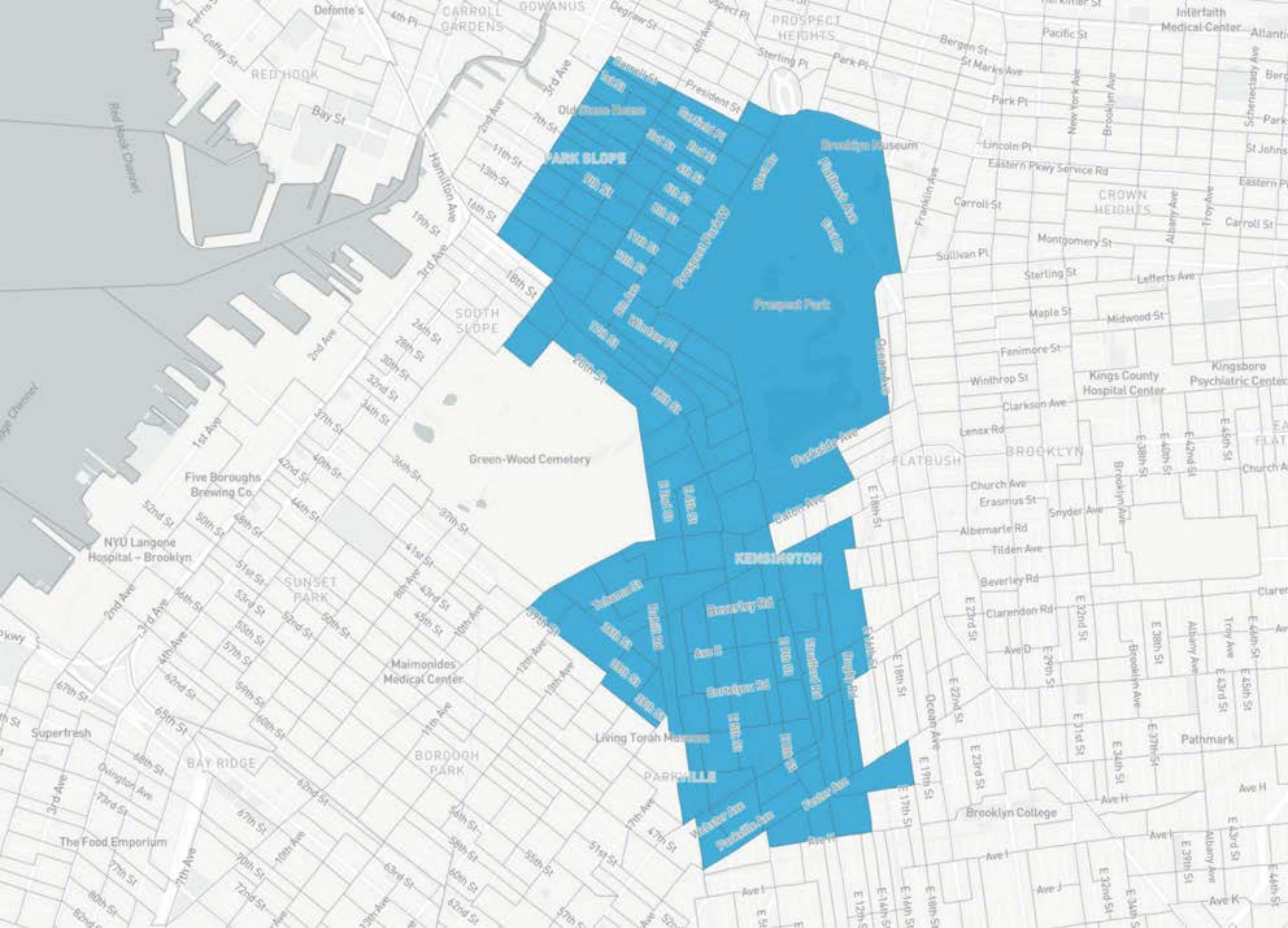
Bay Ridge residents are represented in the same community board and share the same NYC school district (D20). Therefore, it is essential that our community be represented by a single or at most two representatives who understand and address our common priorities.

Bay Ridge has been always connected to Coney Island in the State Assembly and the newly redistricted New York City Council (D47) ties Bay Ridge to Coney Island. Therefore, the commission should take this fact into consideration in their revised maps. If Bay Ridge were to be divided into multiple assembly districts, our community would be at risk of losing the cohesive and effective representation that we have come to rely on. It would be hard for our representatives from multiple elected offices to collaborate to address our unique needs.

Willfully splitting Bay Ridge into multiple Assembly districts would deny the residents the representation they deserve in the State assembly. Therefore, I urge the Redistricting Commission to take these considerations into account as you finalize the new assembly district maps. I believe that maintaining Bay Ridge as one or two districts is essential to ensuring that our community continues to be well-represented in the years to come.

Respectfully,

Reem Jaafar



PARK SLOPE

Prospect Park

KENSINGTON

PARKVILLE

RED HOOK

CARROLL GARDENS

PROSPECT HEIGHTS

CROWN HEIGHTS

Five Boroughs Brewing Co.

NYU Langone Hospital - Brooklyn

SUNSET PARK

Maimonides Medical Center

BOROUGH PARK

BAY RIDGE

The Food Emporium

Green-Wood Cemetery

Brooklyn Museum

Kings County Hospital Center

Brooklyn College

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**Testimony from Assemblymember Robert Carroll Related to the 44th Assembly District in
Brooklyn**

My name is Robert Carroll, and I grew up on East 4th Street between Albemarle Road and Caton Avenue at the border of Kensington and Windsor Terrace, Brooklyn. I was elected to represent the 44th Assembly District in 2016 and assumed office on January 1st, 2017. I am testifying to speak out against the removal of large portions of Windsor Terrace and Kensington from the IRC map of the 44th Assembly District and the smaller but significant portions of Ditmas Park and Prospect Park South that were also removed from the IRC map of the 44th Assembly District. The 44th Assembly District IRC map should not have removed portions of those neighborhoods from the 44th Assembly District because they split communities of interest and make the district less contiguous and compact. The IRC map draws portions of Windsor Terrace and Kensington into the 51st AD, which contains the entirety of the thriving neighborhoods of Sunset Park and Red Hook and those neighborhoods historically dominate that district. Without drawing the portions of Kensington and Windsor Terrace back into the 44th AD, these neighborhoods will be a small after thought in the 51st AD divided from that district by the hundreds of acres of Green-Wood Cemetery. The inevitable result of the IRC map is that the few blocks of Windsor Terrace and Kensington attached to the vast bulk of Sunset Park and Red Hook will be underserved. I have attached a map that differs from the IRC map and the current lines of the 44th Assembly District; but I believe the attached map is a more appropriate district because it is more compact, contiguous and ensures that communities of interest are kept together and not split apart. The map attached also represents the historical contours of the 44th Assembly District.

The IRC was correct in expanding the portion of Park Slope that is within the 44th Assembly District. The 44th has included portions/majority of Park Slope for over 50 years. It makes sense to have the majority of Park Slope in one Assembly District and the 44th AD is the correct district to place that neighborhood.

The IRC was also correct in eliminating the portion of Prospect Heights from the 44th Assembly District. The portion of Prospect Heights that is currently within the 44th Assembly District was added in 2022, and is not in fact connected to any other portion of the district but instead was connected through the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Prospect Heights does not share the same communities of interest, nor is it contiguous to most of the district. Prospect Heights shares no Community Boards, School Districts, or other significant governmental or community links with

any of the other neighborhoods that have historically been within the confines of the 44th Assembly District.

Finally, the IRC was incorrect to include portions of Carroll Gardens and Gowanus in the 44th Assembly District. Those neighborhoods have historically been a part of the 52nd Assembly District and share much more in common with Cobble Hill, Boerum Hill, Downtown Brooklyn and Brooklyn Heights than they do with Park Slope, Windsor Terrace, Kensington, and Prospect Park South/Ditmas Park. A swap of Carroll Gardens and Gowanus for the portions of Windsor Terrace, Kensington and Prospect Park South/Ditmas Park which were removed by the IRC, would create a more appropriate district. See attached map.

Since 1992 the 44th Assembly District has included all of Windsor Terrace and Kensington and large portions of Park Slope, Prospect Park South/Ditmas Park (sometimes referred to as Victorian Flatbush). These neighborhoods are linked via transit, schools, houses of worship, and parks. Further, these neighborhoods have worked together to downzone their neighborhoods, save supermarkets (the Green Beans not Walgreens campaign), create institutions (Good Neighbors of Park Slope, Park Slope Food Coop, Prospect Park Track Club, the multiple Prospect Park Little Leagues, Park Slope Food Coop, Windsor Terrace/Kensington Food Coop, Albermarle Road Association, the Father's Guild, Council of People's Organization, People In Need, Pakistani-American Youth Society, Pakistani-American Youth Organization, and many more) build new religious institutions, rename sections of neighborhoods (Little Bangladesh and Little Pakistan) and support schools. These neighborhoods deserve to have cohesive representation in the State Assembly. For instance, the Council of People's Organization ("COPO") along with other South Asian nonprofits fed tens of thousands of hungry Kensington and Ditmas Park residents during the pandemic. Under the IRC map the offices of COPO at 1077 Coney Island Avenue would be cut out of the 44th Assembly District. The IRC map in-fact cuts out the most important block of the Pakistani American Community in Brooklyn from the rest of the Pakistani Community that lives directly south.

Below I highlight the transportation, school, and religious links between the communities of Park Slope, Windsor Terrace, Kensington, and Prospect Park South/Ditmas Park.

The neighborhoods of Park Slope, Windsor Terrace, Kensington, and Prospect Park South/Ditmas Park are connected via numerous public transportation links and major arterial roads. This creates tremendous movement between these neighborhoods for schools, religious ceremonies, shopping and recreation.

Major Transportation Links between the neighborhoods:

The F/G runs through the middle of Kensington, Windsor Terrace, and Park Slope making stops at Ditmas Avenue, Church Avenue, 15th Street, 7th Avenue, and 4th Avenue. The IRC cuts western portions of Windsor Terrace and Kensington into the 51st Assembly District which is primarily served by the R and N Line. These residents would be at a disservice; thus the current lines of the 44th AD for the neighborhoods of Windsor Terrace and Kensington are more ideal than the IRC map. The map attached expands portions of Kensington (from what is included in the 2022 44th AD) to what has historically been within the 44th Assembly District.

The B/Q Subway runs through Prospect Park South/Ditmas Park making stops at Church Avenue, Beverly Road, Cortelyou Road, Newkirk Plaza and Avenue H. The B/Q subway also services the eastern half of Kensington, especially those individuals in Kensington that live between Ocean Parkway and Coney Island Avenue. The IRC map eliminates parts of Prospect Park South/Ditmas Park and parts of Southern Kensington that use these transportation links. These communities should be grouped together and the attached map links those communities best, but the current 44th Assembly District lines are also an improvement to the IRC map.

Other transit links between our neighborhoods:

B16 connects Prospect Park South/Ditmas Park to Kensington/Borough Park.

B35 connects Ditmas Park/Prospect Park South to Kensington, as well as to the F/G at Church Avenue and the B/Q at Church Ave.

B61 connects Park Slope and Windsor Terrace

B67 connects Kensington, Windsor Terrace and Park Slope

B68 connects Prospect Park South/Ditmas Park, Kensington, Windsor Terrace and Park Slope

B69 connects Kensington, Winsor Terrace and Park Slope

B103 connects Prospect Park South/Ditmas Park and Kensington

Major Roadways that connect our neighborhoods:

Coney Island Avenue acts as a main corridor running from Bartel-Pritchard Square (where the road is called Prospect Park Southwest) all the way South through the 44th Assembly District and finally terminating in Coney Island. The road links all the historically connected neighborhoods of the 44th Assembly District: Park Slope, Windsor Terrace, Kensington and Prospect Park South/Ditmas Park. This connects residents to shopping, religious institutions, and schools on 7th Avenue, Prospect Park West, Church Avenue, Cortelyou Road, Newkirk Plaza,

and the heart of little Pakistan - Coney Island Avenue between Foster Ave and Avenue H. The IRC map divides the 44th Assembly District at Foster Avenue, severing the Pakistani-American community and cutting key social service providers, Makki Mosque, and Brooklyn's premier Muslim funeral home into a district that is predominantly orthodox Jewish. To make that community whole the 44th should continue to Avenue H as is indicated on the attached map.

Ocean Parkway and the Prospect Expressway also acts as a main corridor connecting Kensington from Avenue H all the way to Park Slope. The IRC map cuts out parts of southern Kensington. The map attached makes that community whole.

Schools:

Park Slope, Windsor Terrace, Kensington, and Prospect Park South/Ditmas Park are connected via numerous schools. I will highlight those schools where the IRC map divides school communities. The IRC should also be aware that Park Slope, Windsor Terrace, and the northern portions of Kensington are all within District 15. The IRC's elimination of western portions of Windsor Terrace and Kensington dramatically weaken school communities and make no logical sense since they are all within District 15.

The current IRC map divides the school communities of PS 154, PS 130, and PS 230; as well as cuts the Bishop Ford Academic Center that houses K280 (one of the largest 3-K and Pre-K Centers in NYC) and two middle schools (BUGS and New Voices). These school communities are cut in half because the IRC map incorrectly uses the Prospect Expressway as a border and thus divides large portions of western Windsor Terrace and Kensington from their neighbors. Both the current 44th AD and the map attached make these communities whole.

The IRC map cuts out the southern portion of the 44th Assembly District below Foster Avenue. This divides the Pakistani American community and will greatly impact the PS 217 school community, as well as the larger Pakistani American Community. The current 44th Assembly District and the map attached makes this community whole and is an improvement over the IRC map.

Further, the elimination of parts of Prospect Park South, in the IRC map, splits that micro neighborhood in two. The section of Prospect Park South between Church Avenue and Albemarle Road from Coney Island Avenue to Buckingham should be in one district. This area has a very active neighborhood association and is served by PS 139 and PS 217. The IRC map divides this neighborhood; both the map attached and the current 44th Assembly District makes the neighborhood whole.

Religious Institutions:

The IRC splits in half the congregations of many religious communities

By cutting the western part of Windsor Terrace and the western part of Kensington, Holy Name of Jesus, Immaculate Heart of Mary, and the Flatbush Jewish Center are divided. The current 44th Assembly District lines and the map attached keep these religious communities whole.

In western Kensington the congregations of multiple Mosques are divided by the IRC map; including Masjid Nur Al-Islam, Baitul Jannah Zane Masjid, Darul Jannah Masjid, the Brooklyn Islamic Center, and the Bangladeshi Muslim Center. The Bangladeshi community recently came together to rename the corner of Church and McDonald – “Little Bangladesh” the current Assembly District and the map attached keeps these religious communities whole while the IRC map divides them. The Bangladeshi community deserves to be kept whole.

In southern Kensington and Ditmas Park, the IRC map cuts out some of the most important Pakistani-American social service providers like COPO, as well as a mosque and funeral home that are integral to that community by drawing the 44th border at Foster Avenue instead of Avenue H. The current Assembly District Lines and the map attached are an improvement on the IRC lines because they do not divide the Pakistani-American community.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns. As someone who has lived in Kensington, Windsor Terrace and Park Slope my entire life, making sure that our community institutions, schools, houses of worship, and businesses have representation in the state Assembly is especially important to me. The map attached links all of these communities of interest and is an improvement on both the IRC map and the current Assembly District map.

Proposed 44th AD Map



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To: [Submissions](#)
Subject: Bay Ridge should be in one Assembly District, not four!
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I'm a lifetime resident of Windsor Terrace, Brooklyn. I am active in my community and I was surprised to learn from a neighbor that the assembly district lines are being redrawn for my community and as a result half of our neighborhood would be redistricted to District 51, which is primarily composed of Sunset Park and Red Hook. I am concerned about this potential outcome and feel especially dismayed that these changes haven't been widely publicized. I have spoken to a number of senior, longtime residents who are among the most active and invested in the community and none of them were aware of these changes. As these changes have the potential to impact the neighborhood in terms of advocacy, I fear that many of the most vulnerable voices are not being heard in this process due to lack of publicity of the changes.

The existing lines of Assembly District 44 have been in place and largely unchanged for over 30 years. As someone who lives outside of the neighborhood you might see the Prospect Expressway and think that's a natural dividing line, however, Windsor Terrace is an old established working class community that long predates Robert Moses cutting through this area with the Prospect Expressway. Though a highway tears through our neighborhood the two sides are united footbridges and surface streets that have kept the community intact. People who live in Windsor Terrace regularly cross over from one side to the other throughout the course of the day without thought or care to access shopping and the trains/buses, churches and schools. We are one community. We are all Windsor Terrace.

According to the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission Website

"A community of interest is a population which shares enough social and economic interests of importance that suggest said community should be included in a single district for effective and fair representation. These might include similar standards of living, shared methods and patterns of transportation, or similar economic and societal concerns. The commission shall consider the maintenance of cores of existing districts, of pre-existing political subdivisions, including counties, cities, and towns, and of communities of interest."

With this in mind Windsor Terrace should be kept whole and in the 44th assembly district, if we are divided our voices will not be heard and we will have poorer representation in Albany. Currently our neighborhood is facing potential cuts to bus service that will impact both sides of the neighborhood and it makes sense to have one assembly member taking those transportation concerns to the MTA. I am taking the time to write in because I know for many of my senior neighbors navigating your website is challenging and you aren't going to be getting the feedback from the hundreds of other people who feel the same way. So in writing today, I am speaking for myself and my many neighbors who are unable to get online due to lack of awareness or access. Thank you for your hard work, I know it must not be an easy job, I hope this gives you a better understanding of our neighborhood and how we need to have the same representation.

From: [rusmirkadeljanin](#)
To: [Submissions](#)
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Good Afternoon,

My name is Saiyeda Momona Akhter and I live at 7 Story Court in Kensington. I am a native of Bangladesh but have lived in the US since 1997. Together with my husband and son, I have resided in Kensington since 1997. My comments relate to your draft decision to divide Kensington between the 44th and 51st ADs. Since it involves only a few blocks I believe it should be wholly in the 44th AD. This may seem like a small thing to you but it will have profound consequences for the people of Kensington.

As with most Brooklyn neighborhoods, Kensington is ethnically, economically, and religiously diverse. It does, however, contain within it one of New York's largest and growing South Asian communities. It is this that I ask you to consider. Neighborhood institutions including mosques, such as Masjid Nur Al-Islam and Darul Jannah Masjid, Churches such as Immaculate Heart of Mary, numerous fraternal organizations and merchants catering to the South Asian community should be kept together, not divided by artificial political boundaries.

I propose that you keep all of Kensington in the 44th AD. This neighborhood, from Ocean Parkway on the East to 39th Street on the West and from Green-Wood cemetery on the North to Foster Avenue on the south is a geographic whole with clearly defined boundaries. It has for as long as I can remember been apart of the 44th AD and the Assemblymember for that district, Robert Carroll, is well known and has been very responsive to the needs of the South Asian community. We would like to continue our work with him. Additionally, it is vital that Little Pakistan and the surrounding blocks that the IRC removed around Coney Island Avenue remain whole with the Prospect Park South Neighborhood all within the 44th AD. Please do not cut us out of the 44th AD.

I know the lines must be drawn somewhere and that not everyone can be happy. The minor changes in your plan which I propose however, would be of great help to my neighbors generally, and to the South Asian community specifically.

Thank You.

From: [Sally McMahon](#)
To: [Submissions](#)
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Sally McMahon

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**The Arab American
Association of
New York**

**Testimony of the Arab American Association of New York to the New York
State Independent Redistricting Commission**

Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today on behalf of the Arab American Association of New York (AAANY). We are a community based-organization in Brooklyn that primarily serves the Arab immigrant population of Bay Ridge. AAANY is a member of the New York Immigration Coalition's (NYIC) Mapping Our Future coalition, a statewide coalition of advocates dedicated to mobilizing the grassroots to get involved in redistricting and advocate for a fair process and fair maps.

AAANY has long been a champion for immigrants' rights. We work tirelessly to engage Arab immigrants in various political campaigns. Unfortunately, the reality is that many immigrant communities feel alienated by the electoral process in the United States. Whether it is the surveillance of Muslim communities or the collusion between ICE and police departments across the nation, it is clear that the rights of immigrants in the US have been undermined again and again. The gerrymandered maps of the State Assembly only serve to reinforce the further alienation of immigrant populations. We know that immigrants greatly contribute to the economy and play a major role in every area of the economy. Our hope is that creating maps that accurately represent our neighborhoods will encourage community members to feel seen and heard, thus centering our voices in the political process.

The redistricting process, and the districts as they are now, are difficult for some of our community members to fully understand. This is unfortunate because it diminishes our community's ability to participate in democracy. The districts, as they are now, confuse the boundaries of our neighborhoods which ultimately reduces our voting power. According to the most recent American Community Survey data, Bay Ridge contains approximately 9,000 people of Arab ancestry. This represents 11% of the neighborhood's total population of approx 80,000.

According to tract-level data, the Arab population is concentrated in part of the neighborhood where the boundaries of three different Assembly Districts converge, resulting in the community being split between three different representatives. In the current map, our community is divided between Assembly Districts that reach as far north as Red Hook, as far south as the southern half of Staten Island, and as far west as Brighton Beach. The IRC's proposed maps similarly divide Bay Ridge into three districts, and connect portions of it to far flung neighborhoods in Brooklyn and Manhattan. Splitting our community in this way has historically resulted in our community being unable to elect candidates who share their experiences and who will prioritize their needs.

Our demand is entirely reasonable. We are not asking for other groups in our neighborhood to be excluded from democracy. All we are asking is that the Assembly Districts of Bay Ridge be redrawn to accurately reflect and keep together our community, so that their voice can be heard. We ask that our districts receive clear, easy to understand boundaries, and that partisan and political gerrymandering be eliminated from the electoral map.

It's no secret that the history of South Brooklyn is a history of politicians more interested in protecting their seats than representing the neighborhoods of our city. We ask that this committee takes steps to write the wrongs of the past and draw clear democratic boundaries for our assembly districts to increase democratic fairness and ensure that everyone in our community receives the representation they deserve.

Thank you.

Hello,

I am writing to urge you to not split up our beloved community, Greenpoint.

I moved to Greenpoint in August 2021 & it didn't take long for me to feel at home in this neighborhood. As a woman with Polish heritage, I greatly appreciate seeing and living amongst this community. I would be distraught to see it torn apart.

It did not take long for me to identify as a "Greenpointer." I cherish the people & businesses who have built up GP, we are a United front. Please keep us together.

Sincerely,
Sara McGee

Testimony Regarding the Proposed Changes in 52nd AD Map

My name is Sarah Jean Avery and I have lived and been involved in community organizing in what once was the 52nd Assembly District for close to 50 years. However, according to the recently re-drawn map, I now live, literally, across the street from the 52nd AD (I'm on the south side of Butler Street, between 4th and 5th Avenue.) The odd and seemingly arbitrary decision to use Butler Street (which abuts a public school) as a demarcation point between Assembly Districts is just one example of how the weirdly configured "new" 52nd district bisects several communities of interest and splinters neighborhoods where residents have acted together in common cause for as long as I've lived in Brooklyn. As the co-chair of Forth On Fourth Avenue (FOFA), an advocacy group promoting a safer, cleaner, and more vibrant 4th Avenue and a member of the newly established (and City mandated) Oversight Committee for the Gowanus Rezoning Project, I'd like to highlight two of the problems/damage the proposed redistricting would inflict on my community.

The Fourth Avenue corridor between Times Plaza and 9th Street (from the still unfinished pedestrian park promised at Times Plaza to the still empty store fronts under the ill-lit 4thAve/9th St subway entrance) has, for over 10 years, been the focus of advocacy by local safety groups, transportation alternative advocates, climate change activists and residents living deep into the side streets that intersect the Avenue¹. This corridor was once fully in the old 52AD. The community of interest there has been united in efforts to hold the NYC Department of Transportation accountable to fulfill their promised Vision Zero-based redesign of our stretch of 4th Ave, which was intended to advance traffic calming by green scaping along the side of the road and in the medians, improving the safety of cyclists through sturdy barriers, protecting pedestrians by expanding medians and, with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection, reducing chronic flooding on Fourth Avenue. It has been a long hard struggle, but the community has remained committed to achieving our goals.

But now, half (the southern part) of the residents of this Fourth Avenue corridor have been lopped off from the 52nd District in the proposed redistricting plan. Where we (who are unpaid volunteers) once had a strong relationship with a single State Assembly member for support of related infrastructure initiatives and even interactions with agencies such as the MTA, we will now have to approach two different Assembly members, as well as bring one of them up to speed. Although not directly responsible for the oversight of City agencies, an Assembly member weighing in on the concern of his or her district members obviously is a valuable public resource that helps propel change. It makes no sense to split up Assembly representation of this distinctive corridor. The 52nd AD boundaries need to go back to the cohesive ones that include the 4th Avenue corridor from Times Plaza down to 9th Street and at least up to Fifth Avenue.

Similarly, ***The Gowanus Rezoning Project***, and the almost 10 years of preceding Gowanus neighborhood studies, brought together another community of interest that was very active in

¹ The depth of interest on side streets intersectin 4th Ave is relevant because it represents more stable, longer-term homeowners with institutional memories of the promises made by city agencies. Residents on 4th Avenue are more likely to be in the new co-ops and condos that have sprung up on the Avenue and while there is some interest and advocacy among them, as a group they are more likely to be focused on internal maintenance and board affairs.

shaping the parameters of the ultimate Gowanus Rezoning Plan and the extensive Points of Agreement that were critical to the NYC Council and Mayoral approval of that plan. Virtually all of the re-zoned Gowanus neighborhood was in the old 52ndAD, and the community of advocacy was there too, but in the revised plan, even the **actual Gowanus Canal** (a lynchpin for development in the area) is barely in the new 52nd district. Where there was once an Assembly district boundary that followed actual neighborhood parameters, yet again we see a zigzagging, illogical boundary that meanders through (breaking up) the actual Gowanus neighborhood.

Gowanus is a community where New York State has a significant interest in issues such as remediation of land around the heavily polluted canal as well as the safe clean-up of the canal itself, which is a designated Superfund site. It simply makes no sense to split State representation of the cohesive Gowanus neighborhood in half, but that is what the new District lines would do. The Assembly District boundaries should respect to cohesiveness of the Gowanus community and need to revert to those that go down along 5th Avenue, to 12th Street, then to the Gowanus Expressway and out to the docks.

There's an old saying – "If it ain't broke, don't fix it". That surely applies to discarding and redrawing Assembly District lines when the old ones work well for the people and communities of interest the Assembly members are supposed to represent.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed redistricting of the 52nd AD.

Sarah Jean Avery

392 Butler Street

Brooklyn, NY 11217

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To: [Submissions](#)
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Redistricting Testimony 2/15/23

Good afternoon members of the NY State Independent Redistricting Commission. My name is Sewaa Codrington. I'm a long-term resident of Bedford-Stuyvesant, and I'm speaking on behalf of many other long-term residents of the community. I reside in Assembly District 56. I'm a County Committee Member of the 44th E.D., President of the Macon Street & Tompkins Avenue Block Association and Cofounder & Director of KowTeff Cultural Arts Organization.

- Weeksville was one of the earliest settlements within the historic community of Bedford-Stuyvesant. There have been ongoing waves of people who have come and gone. However, the community of interest representing the descendants of Weeksville, Tompkinsville, Carsville & Clarksville have been in "Bed-Stuy" from the beginning and have **remained** - surviving ongoing tribulation and adversity.
- Currently, **gentrification** has had a major impact. A sizable number of the population have suffered displacement, forcing many to leave our beloved community. This has contributed to the decimation of the population of legacy residents in Bedford Stuyvesant. Nevertheless, the community of interest **remains consistent and in plurality**.
- For over 70 years the community of Bedford-Stuyvesant has been **intentional** in its struggle for unity and self-determination. Our historical borders have constantly been shifted, resulting in the possible risk of a deterioration of political power and fiscal allocations for our long-term residents.

Many of us are in favor of keeping as much as possible the historical boundaries of Bed-Stuy intact. We are in favor of **the Current Boundaries Lines of AD 56** which contain the following borders: Nostrand Ave. & to Flushing Ave., Flushing Ave. to Broadway, Broadway to Howard Ave., Howard Ave. to Putnam Ave., Putnam Ave. to Ralph Ave., Ralph Ave. to Bergen St., Bergen St. to Utica Ave., Utica Ave. to Prospect Pl., Prospect Pl. to Troy Ave., Troy Ave. to St. Marks Ave., St. Marks Ave. to Kingston Ave., Kingston Ave. to Bergen St., Bergen St. to Nostrand Ave.

We support this map because:

- The residents of Bedford Stuyvesant and Crown Heights share longstanding traditions, ancestry and our Weeksville history.
- Both communities have like-minded organizations created to preserve the legacy of homeownership such as The Brownstoners of Bedford Stuyvesant and Crown Heights North Association.
- With the current boundary lines, as members of a community of interest, we will be ensured to a greater degree equitable representation and political power.
- The district is a major **cultural** center & global destination place for African Art and Culture.
- These lines will enable our community to better focus on our common issues such as:
 - shopping areas and business corridors,
 - transportation,
 - community physical / mental / & emotional health
 - NYCHA developments and other low-income housing complexes
 - the needs of our houses of worship
 - the needs of our schools, libraries, & senior services
 - new issues of flooding and other impending issues resulting from global warming
 - and the ramifications of gentrification on the long-term residents of our community

We oppose the draft map drawn by the IRC because:

- We will lose our relationship with our families & friends in Crown Heights who we have ties with, common interest and shared purpose for community development.
- We will lose longstanding allies in Crown Heights in small business development, arts, culture.
- It will reduce the already depleted Black population from 52% to 46%.
- It will attenuate the African Diaspora Voting Bloc.

Commissioners, I urge you to fulfill the ethical obligations to this community of interest in our ongoing struggle for equity and empowerment by maintaining the **current boundaries lines of AD 56**. Thank you for your time and the opportunity to testify today.

Testimony for the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission

02/14/2023

Dear members of the Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC),

I want to express my gratitude to the IRC for organizing public hearings on the upcoming redistricting cycle. My name is Somia Elrowmeim, and I am the Executive Director of the Women's Empowerment Coalition of NYC, representing my clients and students at WECNYC.

As an organization that provides various training and resources to empower and build capacity for women, we believe that fair districts are crucial for fair representation. This opportunity to draw fair districts only arises once every 10 years, and it is crucial that we get it right this time. If we do not, our communities will have to bear the consequences for the next decade.

New York City is a unique place where people can feel at home even though they are far away from their country of origin. Communities like Little India in Jackson Heights, Little Yemen in the Bronx, and Chinatown in Sunset Park form the foundation of their respective districts. These communities attract people with similar interests, ethnic or racial backgrounds, or political alignments. WECNYC is located in the heart of a heavily concentrated Arab and immigrant population, and we serve the needs of the most vulnerable in our communities. Unfortunately, due to the separation of Arab and Muslims from our district by a single block, many of our clients are not in our district, making our job much harder due to the bureaucracies we have to go through.

For example, one of our clients had problems with a housing case, and although we have an established relationship with our local Assembly member, this client was not from Assembly District 51. Her Assembly representative was the only one who could assist her in this matter, and it took about 4 months for her case to be resolved, even though she lived just a few blocks away from another client we had who lived in the 64th Assembly district. A good redistricting process can remedy

this. Well-drawn districts that keep communities together can protect New York's immigrants and communities of color, allow challengers to have a fair shot at winning elections, and energize civic engagement.

I urge the IRC to consider the entire redistricting process as a public one. More community education events and transparency are needed, and it is essential to have translators and materials translated into different languages so that everyone can understand and engage with the process. It is crucial to ensure that the voices of all communities impacted by this process are heard.

Thank you for your time, and I hope you will take into account the interests of the different communities affected by having their voices suppressed and separated in this crucial process

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To: [Submissions](#)
Subject: Bay Ridge should be in one Assembly District, not four!
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Sophia Delgado-Watson
718-644-8522



February 15, 2023

ATTENTION: Submissions
Independent Redistricting Commission
250 Broadway, 22nd Floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chair and Commissioners:

St. Nicks Alliance is a 48 year old community based not-for-profit organization located in North Brooklyn. We are submitting this testimony to oppose the proposed change in the in the New York State Assembly lines to create District 38 combining the east part of Williamsburg with neighborhoods in Queens.

St. Nicks Alliance has our Central office and numerous service sites located in the proposed 38th Assembly District. St. Nicks Alliance assists more than 17,000 individuals annually with activities including, housing, education, healthcare and employment. A substantial number of these individuals live in the contiguous community of Greenpoint and Williamsburg. We also manage affordable rental and cooperative properties and community facilities providing services. We operate community centers, afterschool and senior centers including the Afterschool program at the Grand Street Campus high schools which would be part of this 38th district. The clients of our programs are substantially comprised of low income Black and Latino residents.

The proposed Assembly district lines will arbitrarily and needlessly split North Brooklyn neighborhoods. The residents living in the proposed new 38th Assembly District will have their electoral voice diluted by inclusion with the Queens neighborhoods that have very different profiles. These residents are low income renters, persons of color which is not the predominant profile of the small homeowners located in the Queens communities. Those neighborhoods are separated from Brooklyn physically by Newtown Creek and as well as demographically, economically and in many other ways. The Brooklyn clients and residents have concerns about the roads, public transit, schools and commercial districts in Brooklyn not Queens. The resulting 38th Assembly district would be focused on services and resources not accessed by the Brooklyn community. Brooklyn is

East Williamsburg should stay included with a Brooklyn Assembly District, either the 50th or 53rd Districts. We request the commission keep our area of Brooklyn whole and not create a negative impact for the minority voters of this community by diluting their electoral voices.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank F. Lang".

Frank Lang
Deputy Executive Director for Housing

From: [STEPHANIE ARMOCIDA](#)
To: [Submissions](#)
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Stephen Chesler
980 Manhattan Ave., Apt #3
Brooklyn, NY 11222
Assembly District 50

February 14, 2023

New York State Independent Redistricting Commission

Re: Draft Assembly Plan

Dear Chair and Commissioners,

My name is Stephen Chesler. I am 21-year resident of Greenpoint, Brooklyn, a member of Brooklyn Community Board #1 serving as its Environmental Protection Committee Chair, the Newtown Creek Community Advisory Group and two North Brooklyn park friends groups. During my entire time living and working in this community, and I know for many many decades prior to that, Greenpoint has been unified within one Assembly District. As a whole community we have been able to formidably face incredible environmental and land use challenges over these decades. A giant trash incinerator, extreme over burdening with waste transfer sites, 3 power plants, 3 superfund sites, a giant oil spill and hurricane storm surge flooding that spilled over our waterfronts are the main environmental goliaths that only a unified Greenpoint has been best able to work through together. Storm surge flooding from Hurricane Sandy caused highly polluted Newtown Creek to spill over its banks and flow down McGuinness Boulevard, impacting both the east and west side of Greenpoint. We must justly continue to be able to work as one, as most of these issues will persist into the future. They all affect and will continue to affect the entirety of Greenpoint, together with Williamsburg.

Greenpoint is also home to one of the largest Polish communities outside of Poland. This community has been the backbone of this neighborhood for generations. Polish residents and businesses span both sides of McGuinness Boulevard, which as proposed as a new de facto district dividing line, will serve to tear up this core fabric of our neighborhood and dilute its rich history, which would be a tragedy. Let's not make the mistake that was made by constructing the Brooklyn Queens Expressway through the middle of Latino and Italian neighborhoods in Williamsburg.

In 2005 Greenpoint and Williamsburg experienced one the largest rezonings in New York City history. Significant commitments were made by the City to North Brooklyn to create large amounts of affordable housing and open space, and to protect manufacturing. However most of these commitments remain grossly unfulfilled. A unified district was very powerful in obtaining these commitments upfront, but getting full delivery on them will require us to remain together as one strong network in our current assembly district.

Greenpoint has so much work to do regarding infrastructure improvements, environmental remediation, economic development, education and climate resiliency (almost the entire neighborhood is surrounded by water!). We live, work and fight for our neighborhood together, for generations. It is a wonderful big village. Please don't break it up!

I strongly recommend that the commission revise its draft map to keep the neighborhood of Greenpoint fully intact as it currently is, within Assembly District 50.

Thank you for your time.

Stephen Chesler
Greenpoint, Brooklyn
AD 50

From: [Steven Chin](#)
To: [Submissions](#)
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Tamara Goncharuk

From: [Tara Cardone](#)
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Co-Executive Directors Bratt Breakell and Members of the New York State
Independent Redistricting Commission

February 6, 2023

As a resident of the Jimerson Houses, I am asking you to keep the current State Assembly lines intact. We are a complex of some 420 units, with nearly all units housing multiple family members. As a Black community, we have been historically subjected to racial injustice, the deprivation of resources that would improve education, and economic and social injustice. We are a community with unique needs. Keeping District 58 whole allows residents of common interest to advocate on their own behalf as a voice that is strong enough to be heard

Splitting our district weakens our ability to secure the resources and would unfairly deny us the responsible and effective representation in the State Assembly that we deserve.

Teresa Davis
1415 Linden Blvd
Brooklyn, NY 11212

From: [Theresa Feeney](#)
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Sincerely,
Thomas Nevins

To:
Independent Redistricting Commission
250 Broadway, 22nd Floor
New York, NY 10007

From:
Tom Pavlich
109 Freeman St. Apt. 1L
Brooklyn, NY 11222

Subject: Keep Greenpoint in one Assembly District

I've been a resident of Greenpoint, Brooklyn for the past 15 years. During my time in the neighborhood, I've lived on both sides of McGuinness Boulevard and can attest that Greenpoint is one cohesive neighborhood and should remain whole as a neighborhood in one Assembly District.

The proposed divide splitting the neighborhood in two down McGuinness is an arbitrary split that divides a neighborhood that has long worked together for progress in North Greenpoint.

Along the water around Newtown Creek, there are quite a few industrial businesses and their pollution, trucks, and noise is not limited to one side of the neighborhood. There are two superfund sites in Greenpoint that affect the community as a whole and we still do not know the extent of their destruction and the resulting long-term damage - these toxins will not limit themselves to the Assembly district lines in the air or under the ground.

Just as Greenpoint struggles with industrial business and former pollutants we also have a lot in common with the Williamsburg Waterfront. As our neighborhoods continue to change, highrise towers go up, and more people move to the neighborhood AS50 makes sense so that the communities of the North Brooklyn Water Front can be united on issues that matter to them as large capital projects change the landscape of our neighborhood.

McGuinness Boulevard - the proposed dividing line for the AD50 & AD38 is also a serious discussion in the neighborhood. This major thoroughfare has been the cause of many pedestrian deaths and injuries due to reckless driving. Splitting the neighborhood two would make it increasingly more difficult for our representatives to enact change in the community and make this historically dangerous street safer. .

Our community has worked hard for open streets, park improvements, dog-run clean-up, holiday celebrations, and more. The quality of life issues in our neighborhood are the same no matter if you live East or West of the proposed dividing line.

For the five years that I lived on Jewel Street (proposed AD38) I had to walk across McGuinness to my polling site to vote - located in what would become a different Assembly District. This may seem trivial but to me, it sings loudly that the neighborhood has always been viewed as a whole even by voting districts.

We will continue to work as a community to make this neighborhood better & safer and would like the Independent Redistricting Commission to keep this in mind while redrawing the Assembly Districts.

Please keep Greenpoint as a neighborhood as a single Assembly District.

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To: [Submissions](#)
Cc: williamc8@verizon.net
Subject: 47th AD redistricting
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 12:58:50 PM
Attachments: [colton_redistricting_2_12_23.docx](#)
[BRW485F99CA1469_002607.pdf](#)

My name is William Colton. I reside at 208 Van Sicklen Street Brooklyn NY 11223 and I am the Assembly Member of the current 47th Assembly District in Kings County.

I am submitting these comments supporting the current lines approved by the Legislature in 2022 be used for the new lines, rather than the preliminary lines proposed by the Redistricting Commission impacting the NYS Assembly 47th District (Kings).

The preliminary plan for the 47th Assembly District (Kings) would drastically alter, undermine and break up many of the long standing common interests and relationships which the current existing 47th Assembly district has enjoyed for at least some 40 years.

Under the current 2022 lines passed by the legislature the 47 Assembly District continues to include the common interests it has shared for some four decades with other municipal governing districts, such as Community Planning Board #11, Police Precinct 62, Community Education Council (CEC) #21 and 20 and Sanitation District BK#11. Under the preliminary proposal of the Redistricting Commission these longstanding common ties would be broken up and the 47AD under the proposed preliminary plan would be split into smaller portions of new governmental entries, most of which previously it has not included.

McDonald Avenue between Avenue O and Avenue U is the traditional dividing line between Community Board #11, which starts west of McDonald Avenue and which has a longstanding common interest with the 47 Assembly District while east of McDonald Avenue begins Community Board 15 which has had little common interest with the existing 47 Assembly District. The overwhelming existing 47th Assembly District is within Community Board #11 representing a strong common interest not only with CB#11 but also with Sanitation District BK 11, which mirrors CB#11.

Likewise McDonald Avenue, between Avenue O and Avenue U, is the dividing line between the 62nd Police Precinct, which starts west of McDonald Avenue and which has a longstanding common interest with the existing 47 Assembly

District, while east of McDonald Avenue starts 61st Police Precinct, which has little common interest with the existing 47 Assembly District.

The newly proposed 47th Assembly District, under the preliminary plan proposed by the Commission, would break apart the existing neighborhoods of Bensonhurst, Gravesend, Bath Beach and Dyker Heights connecting them to the new proposed 46 Assembly district which encompasses Coney Island and Sea Gate with which they have little common interest, and the proposed changes add to the proposed 47th Assembly portions of Midwood, Mapleton and Sheepshead Bay, which have little common interests with the remaining Bensonhurst and Gravesend neighborhoods. After the proposed changes, the newly proposed 47th District would then find itself encompassing small portions of CB#13, #15 and #18, in addition to a significantly smaller portion of CB #11; smaller portions of Police precincts 60th , 61st , 67th would be added to a smaller remaining portion of the 62nd etc.

The common interests which the current 47th Assembly District shares, have greatly benefitted the neighborhoods represented in the district and have united the diverse population into effectively working together in improving the quality of the neighborhood which the mission of the commission, in redistricting, is mandated to protect and prioritize.

The existing boundaries of the 47 Assembly District under the current lines approved by the Legislature in 2022, which I am asking the commission to propose are the area west of McDonald Avenue running from Avenue U to Avenue P, then along 61 Street to 21st Avenue or 20th Avenue on the north side to 81st Street or 82nd Street to 14th or 15th or 16th Avenue on the east boundary and then along Shore Parkway or Cropsey Avenue on the south boundary until 27 Avenue and then back up West 11 Street past Avenue V to Avenue U and back up to Lake Street West of McDonald Avenue

If the requirement for equalizing the number of persons in each Assembly District finds there is an overpopulation in the Current 47 Assembly District, I recommend this excess be resolved by removing from the current 2022 drawing of the 47 Assembly District parts of the areas between 14 Avenue and 16th

Avenue and between Cropsey Avenue and 86 Street, which were just added to the traditional 47th Assembly district in the 2010 redistricting.

I am requesting the Commission to keep the current existing 47th Assembly District as opposed to the proposed new proposed 47th Assembly District. Using area west of McDonald Avenue from Avenue O to Avenue U and including the area west of Macdonald Avenue.

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The existing currently existing 47th Assembly district is geographically tight and compact. As currently existing, the 47th District unites a large portion of the Bensonhurst neighborhood with a large portion of the Gravesend neighborhood to the adjoining neighborhood of Bath Beach and Dyker Heights. The proposed changes to the existing 47 AD would break up common interests which have existed for some 40 years.

I also oppose any proposed change recommended to the Commission by others purporting to be a unity map of the 47th District which seeks to move the eastern boundary of the Current 47th Assembly to West 5 Street, instead of the existing west of McDonald Avenue breaks off the area between West 6 Street and the existing area west of McDonald Avenue from the common interests it has longtime shared with the rest of the existing 47 Assembly District All of these communities traditionally for some 4 decades shared the common interests of a large portion of Community Board #11, and Sanitation District BK11, a large portion of NYPD 62nd precinct, and Community Education Council Districts 20 and 21. Further such changes to that proposed

new 47th District under then preliminary would reduce and dilute the Asian vote from some 46 % in the current existing 47th District to the mid thirties percentage in the proposed district, thereby with the lower Asian Voting Population in the areas replacing those areas newly added under the plan, possibly diluting the Asian voting patterns in both new districts.

I ask the Commission to consider the existing common interests and keep the underrepresented Asian vote intact. Keeping the current existing 47th Assembly district intact avoids the undesirable adverse concerns with the proposed changes being recommended.

February 15 2023

Respectfully Submitted

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February 3, 2023

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Attn: Submissions

To whom it may concern:

I am opposing to the new redistricting lines because:

The 41st District changes will deprive many of us to easy access to representation and resources as we have had it in the past decades.

As a Coordinator for the Board of elections at P. S. 52 for 10 years up to now I have already seen the last district changes made. Many voters have opted NOT TO VOTE because they were sent to new poll sites for them to go to. The current changes you plan to make will quadruple that effect and we will be losing thousands of voters. I myself am a disabled citizen will have to change to another poll site that I may not be able to go because of the distance from where I live.

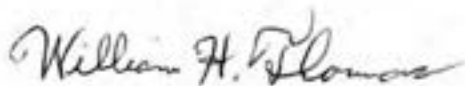
As Executive Vice President of the 41st Democratic Club we have community affairs such as our Toys for Tots annual toy drive which is the largest in Brooklyn will be impacted by changes of the new lines of redistricting because a lot of the residents who normally will be part of the toy drive will no longer belong to the 41st District! that is an insult to our community who looks forward every year to this event!

Furthermore, the relationship we have with our elected and trusted officials will be broken. Our district will be disarray.

Our district is diversified in cultures and that is what make us special I request your consideration to all my points and to please leave our district as it is!

I thank you for taking my letter into your consideration.

Sincerely,



William H. Thomas

To the Members of the Commission

My name is Yeruchim Silber and I serve as Director of Government Relations for Agudath Israel of America, a national advocacy group serving the orthodox Jewish community. I have also been a resident of Kensington and specifically the 44th Assembly District for over 30 years. For the last 17 years I have also been a member of Community Board 12, where I serve as second vice chair.

For all the years I have resided in this neighborhood both Kensington and Windsor Terrace have been integral parts of the district. The natural boundary of the district on the west has always been Greenwood Cemetery. Therefore, I was quite dismayed to see that commissions' proposed map moves that boundary to the Prospect Expressway. The effect of moving the boundary will result in the splitting of both the Windsor Terrace and Kensington neighborhoods.

Furthermore, the portions of Windsor Terrace proposed to be removed from the 44th will be placed in the 51st AD. That is problematic for two reasons. Firstly, the 51st is comprised of Sunset Park, Red Hook and Dyker Heights, neighborhoods that have not traditionally been in the same AD and are different communities of interests. In addition, the large area of Greenwood Cemetery would effectively cut that portion off from the rest of the district thus leaving the residents of Western Windsor Terrace underserved.

In the Kensington portion of the proposed district, the western boundary is again moved from Fort Hamilton Parkway to Dahill Road which also serves to remove people that have long been a part of this district. It also serves to split the growing orthodox Jewish population of Kensington this diluting their interest.

As a result of these proposed changes, that places portions of both Windsor Terrace and Kensington into different Assembly Districts, both impacted ADs would be less compact and contiguous. It would also divide 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 ask that you make Greenwood Cemetery along 20th Street the western border of the 44th AD not the Prospect Expressway as in the draft plan, and Greenwood Cemetery along McDonald Avenue and Fort Hamilton Parkway out to 39th Street the Northern boundary between the 44th and 51st ADs. This is a shift of only a few blocks but makes complete sense geographically

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. Please keep Windsor Terrace and Kensington intact.

Thank you

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From: [Submissions](#)
To: [Patrick Cameron](#)
Subject: FW: Don't Redistrict Windsor Terrace
Date: Friday, March 31, 2023 9:44:10 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Deirdre T <dtouring2@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 3:41 PM
To: Submissions <submissions@nyirc.gov>
Subject: Don't Redistrict Windsor Terrace

Dear Sirs,

Please do not redistrict slivers of Windsor Terrace & Kensington out of our historical representation in AD 44. Our small communities natural geographic boundary at Greenwood Cemetery etc should be allowed to remain together as voters, to more democratically allow local interests to be explained, rather than subsumed, by the larger & geographically distinct communities of Red Hook & Sunset Park. Every voice should be heard.

Regards,
Your Windsor Terrace voter,

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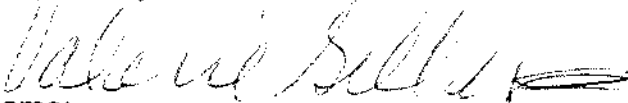
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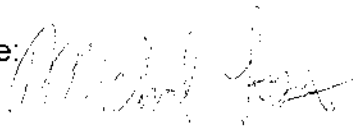
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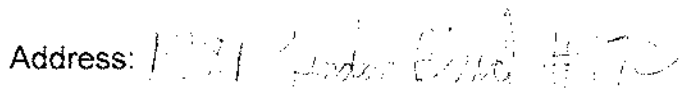
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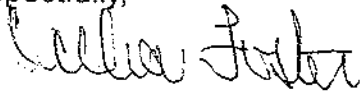
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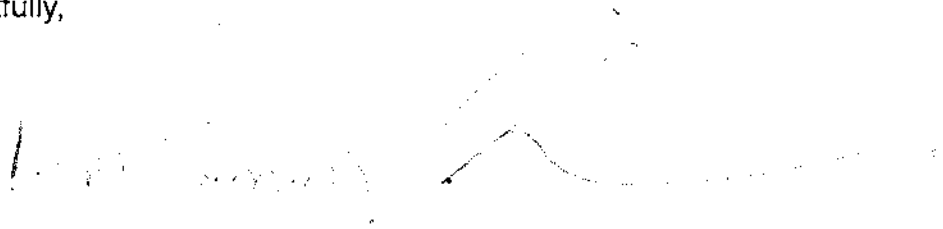
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ASSEMBLYWOMAN LATRICE M. WALKER, 55TH A.D.

February 14, 2023

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Our districts have uniquely diverse communities with residents from different races, ethnicities, religions, cultures, and socio-economic strata. The map proposed by the IRC will only serve to disrupt 30 years of work that have gone into meeting the needs of our constituents. The current district lines ensure communities of common interest have their needs addressed by the legislators who know them.

Our predominantly Black and Brown communities work together to address common interests, including, but not limited to, mental health, education, criminal and social justice issues, and economic development. I point out these specific challenges not to highlight the challenges our communities are dealing with but rather to highlight the importance of understanding the impact of culture in addressing these issues.

As proposed, the lines would remove Jimerson-Gorman Houses from District 58 where an incredible amount of work has gone into creating a cohesive and trusting community. Civic engagement continues to increase, and residents attend community events without hesitation. In addition to government resources, we have been able to infuse the support of local businesses and community-based organizations to support and uplift residents.

Jimerson-Gorman is a working-class community deeply woven into the district's fabric, and we would like to continue our work.

We posit that removing Jimerson-Gorman would, at best, be disruptive and, at worst, undermine and deny this community the resources needed.

Similarly, we implore the IRC to preserve the traditional boundaries of communities in the 55th Assembly District, including the neighborhoods of Ocean Hill and Brownsville.

We recognize a statewide requirement to address areas where district lines demand reformation, but this is not true for the 58th and 55th Assembly Districts. The lines as proposed will weaken, not strengthen, the voice of the people who share common interests.

The aforementioned districts have successfully led and advocated for their diverse constituencies, and redrawing decades-long district lines would no doubt lead to new and old communities' disenfranchisement. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Latrice M. Walker
Assemblywoman, 55th A.D.



Monique Chandler-Waterman
Assemblywoman, 58th A.D.



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ASSEMBLY MEMBER BRIAN CUNNINGHAM, 43rd A.D.

February 28, 2023

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Dear Chair Jenkins and Vice Chair Nesbitt,

As elected officials representing the 58th and 43rd Assembly Districts, we write to respectfully oppose the proposed modifications to our adjacent district lines proposed by the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC). We are hereby requesting that the current district lines be kept intact.

Our districts represent uniquely diverse communities with complex matters, including race, religion, and socio-economic strata. The map proposed by the IRC will serve to disrupt 30 years of work that have taken place to meet the needs of our constituents. The current district lines ensure communities of common interest have their needs addressed by the legislators who know them.

District 43 is a diverse community that is home to historic Caribbean enclaves, historic districts, and a rapidly gentrifying community, while District 58 remains as it has for the past three decades, a predominantly Black and Brown immigrant community. Previously, zoning and major construction projects have fundamentally changed the composition of the neighborhood, and we are working to stave off of that change.

The needs of a community in transition differ greatly from those of a historically Black and Brown neighborhood. We recognize the statewide requirement to address areas where district lines demand reformation, but this is not true for the 58th and 43rd Assembly Districts. The proposed lines will weaken, not strengthen, the voice of the people who share common interests.

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For decades, the Assembly Districts have represented a collection of diverse communities, an opportunity for the undersigned as representatives to advocate on any number of complex issues associated with the unique various racial, ethnic, religious, or socio-economic matters that affect all of our constituencies.

Upon review of the IRC's proposal, we find the planned adjustments - seemingly in the pursuit of district population parity and fair and just representation – disrupt these communities by ignoring the following naturally drawn district lines.

Namely, the modification and/or elimination of the Canarsie area from the 58th Assembly District will lead to devastating results for the constituency residing therein. One needs to carefully understand Canarsie's importance and the need for it to remain as part of its current Assembly Districts.

Canarsie is a diverse area with a proud and rich history. Carrying a name from the Lenape tribe of Native Americans that originally made up the area, this rich history continues into our modern day. Bounded on the east by Fresh Creek Basin and East 108th Street; on the north by Linden Boulevard; on the west by Ralph Avenue; on the southwest by Paerdegat Basin; and on the south by Jamaica Bay. The unique composition of the area and its nearness to the numerous waterways unite its residents. In fact, the community's name is adapted from a Lenape word meaning "fenced area,"; largely due to its close proximity to the waterways.

Most of the constituencies currently residing within the Canarsie area have a common factor: the survival and overcoming of Superstorm Sandy. This resiliency, common interest and experience must be considered when understanding Canarsie's demographic and dynamics.

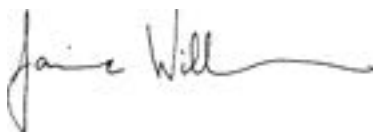
This unifying aspect of survival and perseverance requires an understanding and familiarity with the residents therein. The trust and faith that the residents of Canarsie have placed in its elected official can not be looked over. Rather it is a key component for representation. The destruction that befell the area may be a memory but a recent one. The scars of Superstorm Sandy still remain, and empathy to the residents of Canarsie must always be a paramount concern.

Canarsie was developed as a largely Italian American and Jewish suburb and then flourished into an eclectic neighborhood supporting different nationalities and ethnicities. The unique nature and history of Canarsie requires a “voice” that understands the nature and importance of Canarsie within the overall New York State makeup.

The undersigned recognize a statewide need to address areas where district lines demand reformation, but this does not fall within the parameters of the 58th, 59th, and 60th Assembly Districts. Other examples are less defined but impair the vox populi, the voice of the people; while the goals of redistricting are noble in cause, the current proposal metes out an apparent inadequate representation of the actual diversity that originally made up and comprises these Assembly Districts.

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February 15, 2023

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Good Day Chairman Jenkins and Vice Chairman Nesbitt:

I am Assemblywoman Monique Chandler-Waterman, and I have the honor of representing Brooklyn's 58th Assembly District which includes East Flatbush, parts of Canarsie, Crown Heights, and Brownsville. Chairman Jenkins and Vice-Chair Nesbitt, I would like to thank you and your fellow commissioners for your service to the people of Brooklyn and, indeed, New York State as we continue the necessary process of redistricting in compliance with the law.

The goal of the redistricting process is to benefit the public. It is with that in mind, I am respectfully expressing my opposition to the district lines proposed by the New York Independent Redistricting Commission for the 58th Assembly District.

The 58th Assembly District comprises mostly Black and Brown residents who work together to address common interests, including, but not limited to, mental health, education, criminal and social justice issues, and economic development. I point out these specific challenges not to highlight the ills our community and nation are dealing with but rather to highlight the importance of shared culture and understanding in addressing these trigger issues.

Residents of Assembly District 58 comprise one of the largest Caribbean communities in New York State. We are indeed a community of common interests and, beyond that, common ancestry. As a predominantly immigrant community, we highly value cultural sensitivity and awareness because they shape how our unique needs are addressed. Like other Black communities across our City and nation, we live with the effects of structural inequities.

The proposed lines disregard thirty years of community building and progress toward shared goals and aspirations. Specifically, the removal of the Jimerson-Gorman Houses and the Canarsie neighborhood

would undermine the work done to address the specific concerns and bring resources to the two communities.

An incredible amount of work has created a more cohesive and trusting community at the Jimerson-Gorman Houses. Civic engagement has increased, and residents attend community events without hesitation. In addition to government resources, we have been able to infuse the support of local businesses and community-based organizations within Assembly District 58 to support and uplift residents not only during holidays but year-round. Jimerson-Gorman is a working-class community deeply woven into the fabric of the district, and we would like to continue the work to support residents.

Canarsie is one of the few communities in New York City where most homeowners are Black and Brown. In addition, the majority of Canarsie residents are Caribbean. Our work to educate and protect Black homeowners from known predatory practices targeting them and our advocacy for resources to support resiliency have been rigorous. We have worked to engage residents and gain trust by ensuring requests for services and resources are advanced and needs to be met.

Over the past 30 years, we have prioritized and pursued resources from our federal, state, and local governments based on Assembly-wide goals that address these structures. Unfortunately, the lines as proposed would undermine our ability to build upon what we've done to shore up the community organizations that meet our needs, the schools that educate our children, and public safety goals that support a better quality of life.

As you proceed with the redistricting process, please consider the impact of your proposal, and leave Assembly District 58 intact.

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Testimony Regarding Redistricting of Assembly Lines in Brooklyn 2023

Submitted to the New York Independent Redistricting Commission

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Thank you for taking time to consider community input. Here is the link to my District maps are here:

<https://districtr.org/plan/178889>

About me: I have been a community activist in Brooklyn since 2003 when I first got involved in the 57th Assembly District (AD) politics focusing on the Atlantic Yards and Downtown Brooklyn rezoning. Since then, I have worked as a staffer in the 20th State Senate District when it covered Brooklyn Community Boards 8, 9, 16, 17, 6 and 7. I then worked as a staffer in the 36th Council District covering Community Boards 3 and 8, and I am currently Director of Constituent Affairs in the 43rd Assembly District. I have spent 20 years promoting the Abolitionist history of Downtown Brooklyn, which covers Community Board 2. I am currently a Judicial Delegate and member of County Committee in the 44th AD, and I am active in attending 44th AD meetings.

I co-founded Prospect Heights Democrats for Reform, which filled a need when Prospect Heights was ignored part of the 57th Assembly District. I would say the neighborhood became more prominent in local elections in 2018 to 2021, but with the redistricting of 2022, it has again become a leftover thought: It's at the extreme east of the 10th Congressional District and the extreme west of the 25th State Senate district, for instance. Because of the very odd proposed maps in the current Independent Redistricting Commission's effort, I have revived the club simply for the purpose of addressing the problems of the current proposal.

I spent a few months trying to talk to as many stakeholders as possible, including District Leaders and club presidents based in the 44th, 52nd, 57th and 43rd Assembly Districts. I have also spoken as much as possible to elected officials and activists from the 55th and 56th Assembly Districts as well. I made an extensive effort to speak to as many current residents of Prospect Heights and organized both in person and online forums about redistricting.

My top priority: Keep Assembly lines simple, using major landmarks as anchor points. After many many conversations, I found that most people don't understand our assembly lines, even in the highly engaged and high voter turnout neighborhood of Prospect Heights. I can understand the logic of putting Prospect Heights in the 52nd when looking at demographics. However, in order to have effective representation, I strongly believe Flatbush Avenue should be the boundary.

At the public hearing at Medgar Evers College on February 15, 2023, the IRC Commissioners frequently asked people why it was a problem if a community such as a NYHCA development was split. The gist of the commissioners' questions was "Isn't it better to have two representatives instead of one?" Having been an activist in Prospect Heights for many years, I

can firmly state the answer is no. A bit of Prospect Heights has long been part of the 52nd, but consistently over decades with various representatives, the 52nd ignores the part in Prospect Heights. The weight of the district is elsewhere. In my many years, never have 52nd AD representatives attended a Community Board 8 meeting.

The current and the proposed lines cause only confusion among voters and potential voters.

Pushing Back Against the Commissioners: During the February 15th hearing, Commissioners frequently asked people testifying, roughly speaking, “Do you support the existing 2022 lines or the proposed IRC districts?” I thought this was the wrong way to frame the question. Many people came to testify about the 44th Assembly District, and all of them said they wanted to keep the 44th the way it was. However, after listening to people for four hours while attending the meeting in person, NOT ONE of the people testifying about the 44th mentioned Prospect Heights, which is currently in their district. I don’t think people are aware that Prospect Heights is in their district, and my neighborhood is ignored by the current District Leaders. Assembly Member Robert Carroll wrote in his testimony that Prospect Heights should be cut out of the 44th. I agree, but the point I am making here is that this whole discussion was undermined by the question of the Commissioners on whether the 2022 lines or 2023 proposal was better. Both are bad from a perspective of Prospect Heights.

My Second Priority: Respect the Community Board boundaries. The current proposal puts a bit of Brooklyn Community Board 8 into the 58th Assembly District. Speaking from personal experience, this makes it extremely difficult for staffers of state elected officials to attend the meetings for every part of their district. It would ensure that that part of both districts will get ignored. It doesn’t seem to improve the 58th AD in any way to include a tiny bit of CB8.

Assembly Districts lines change every 10 years, but Community Board (CB) districts very rarely change. Community Boards also develop their own culture. For instance, the African American and Chabad Jewish communities in CB8 (and CB9) have spent decades working to build collaborations and partnerships. While the census might consider these distinct groups, in reality they are a very unique “community of interest.” I truly hope the IRC to keep them together.

Please respect the input of Crown Heights North Association (CHNA). In my many conversations, the most thoughtful and thorough input came from CHNA. Their priority was to keep the area of Crown Heights from Rogers and Troy together in Crown Heights North. I mostly support this (more details below).

The 57th AD

My biggest problem with both the 2022 and the proposed 57th AD maps is that they ignore Flatbush Avenue. That should be the boundary between the 52nd AD and the 57th. Flatbush Avenue dates back to the Lenape era and predates European roads in Brooklyn. It remains a dividing line between neighborhoods and a reference point in many senses.

There are several housing developments that have long developed mutual alliances and communications. The Ingersoll, Walt Whitman and Farragut NYCHA developments are

interconnected communities. While the Ebbets Field Apartment Complex might seem far away, in terms of the culture and politics of the 57th, they have historic connects that allow this constituency to keep its voice in a neighborhood that has become quite rich.

I would put the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens in the 57th Assembly District. It is so much closer to Crown Heights and Prospect Heights than to the 44th AD, which has long represented Prospect Park and neighborhoods to the west. The area just east of the Botanic Gardens has a large immigrant and African American community that would benefit from closer connections with the gardens, more so than the areas of Park Slope near Prospect Park, which is much richer and has access to more cultural institutions, including Prospect Park.

I am glad Empire Boulevard is kept as the southern boundary of the 57th. This is a natural division. I support this line in both the current and proposed maps.

The current IRC map moves the line between the 57th and the 43rd east to Nostrand. I want to strongly object to this. I currently work as Director of Constituent Affairs for the 43rd Assembly District, and our office is on the west side of Rogers and the north side of Empire, putting us in the 57th AD. Three of the last four District Offices for the 43rd AD were in this area between Rogers and Bedford in Crown Heights South between Empire and Eastern Parkway. The current and the last few assembly representatives have found this to be the heart of the 43rd and have chosen to put their offices there. The fourth of the last four offices was on Empire between Nostrand and Rogers Avenues. Instead, I support moving the eastern boundary of the 57th to Bedford Avenue.

For simplicity's sake, I would keep the boundary between the 57th and 43rd districts on Bedford between Eastern Parkway and Atlantic Avenue.

I am flexible about the line between the 57th and 56th north of Atlantic Avenue. Bedford would make sense as a major thoroughfare, but so is Nostrand. And the line between CB2 and CB3 is Classon, but putting the line there would probably make the population size of the 57th too small and the 56th too large.

In general I like to keep major streets as boundaries, but the exception to this is the area just north of Flushing Avenue between Classon and Bedford, give or take. The Satmar Jewish community has expanded here from the 50th AD, and it makes sense to keep them with the rest of their community. Between Navy Street and approximately Classon, the northern boundary of the 57th should clearly be Park Avenue. Because of the Brooklyn Queens Expressway, this has long been the northern edge of the historically Black community. Also, the waterfront areas have their own needs that are best represented by the 50th AD.

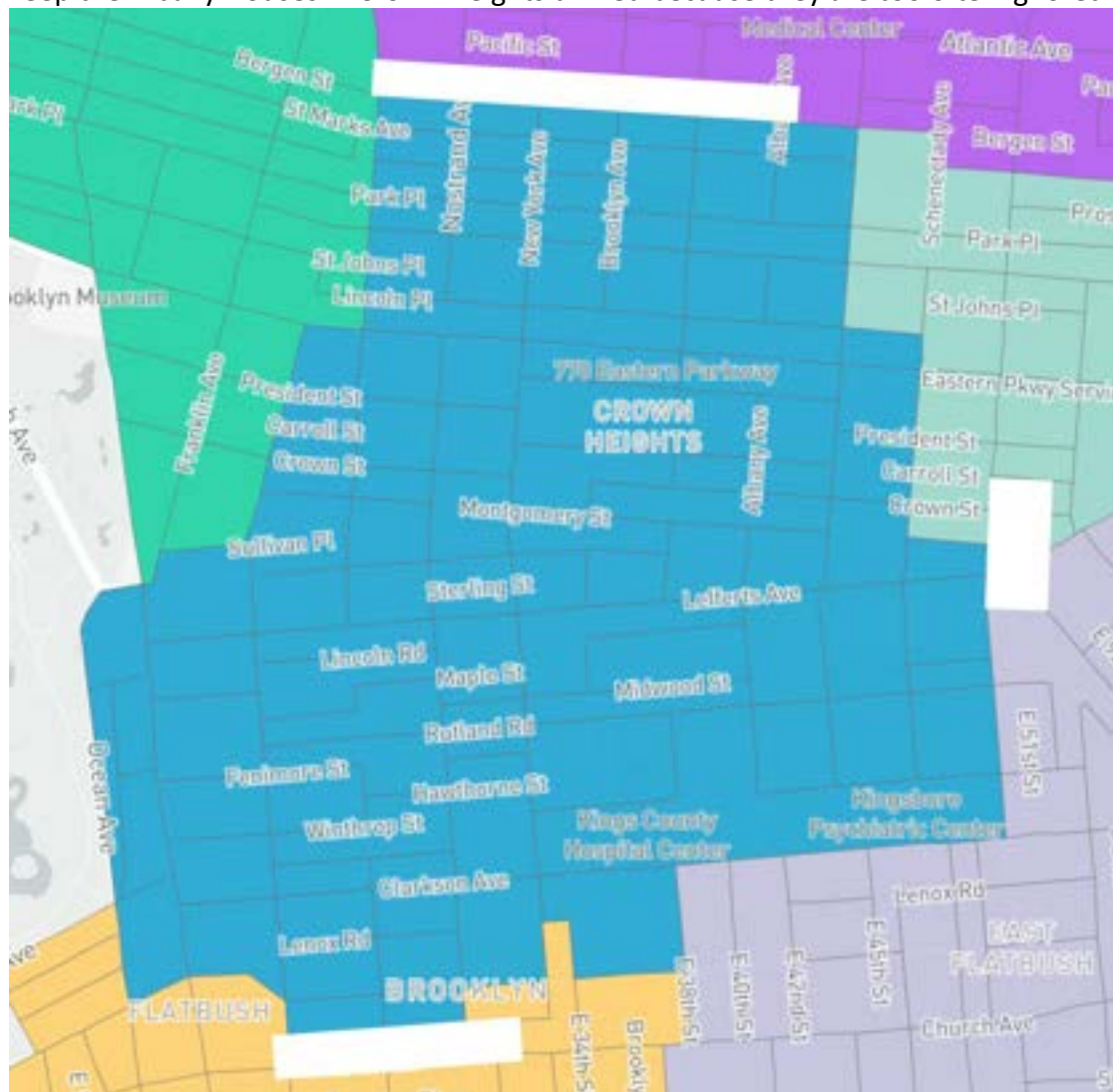
The northern boundary of the 57th AD should remain at York Street, in order to keep Farragut Houses together.

The 57th has historically been a majority African American assembly district. But it would be extremely difficult to keep it that way given how much this community has been pushed out. My proposal would make the 57th a little than one third African American and the white popular

a little more than one third. It is still possible and important to keep the 56th and 43rd ADs majority African American.

The 43rd AD

I have spoken with Assembly Member Brian Cunningham about the exact lines, and I want to support the exact district he is proposing. I do believe it's important to move the line between the 57th and 43rd east to Bedford Avenue, as I mentioned before. I also think it's important to keep the Albany Houses in Crown Heights unified because they are too often ignored.



The 56th AD

I mentioned above that I deeply respect the opinion of Crown Heights North Association (CHNA). However, I do have a few disagreements with them. Several people testified at the Feb. 15 hearing from the 56th AD to keep the Weeksville Heritage Center in the 56th, and I agree. Its history is deeply tied to several cultural, religious and political organizations from Bed-Stuy/56th AD. For instance, Berean Baptist Church, Bridge Street AME, Concord Baptist and Weeksville

have a unified history that dates to before the Civil War. I am a passionate defender of Brooklyn's Abolitionist and Underground Railroad history, and all of those institutions were central to that history. They should be kept together.

I also am a big fan of Brownsville's unique character. It is also a predominantly African American community, but it was Jewish until the mid-20th century. Its history is powerful and important, but it is quite distinct from the Bed-Stuy history. Just because they are both historically African American communities does not mean they are the same.

One of the goals of CHNA is to avoid cutting up CB8 into too many assembly districts. They would put the line between the 56th and the 43rd at Atlantic Avenue, as the draft IRC proposal does. However, Atlantic Avenue is facing huge development issues. The area between Bergen and Atlantic Avenue is zoned for industrial purposes, as is the area north of Atlantic. It deserves to have a comprehensive discussion, and it would be better to have one representative to truly understand and represent those complexities. Also, Fulton Street is the main commercial district of the 56th, and its economy is more tied to Bergen Street. I think there can be some creative solutions to re-envision this area, but it's quite disconnected from the economy of Prospect Lefferts Gardens, represented by the 43rd. We have a chance to create new synergy between the Fulton Street commercial district and the industrial area between Atlantic and Bergen, so one Assembly representative would be much preferable.

Broadway and Flushing Avenues are very clear dividing lines between neighborhoods. I would keep them, and for the most part the current 56th lines are excellent. The IRC proposal to bring the 56th north of Flushing would divide CB1 and would break up well-defined neighborhoods.

52nd AD

I'd like to find a polite words to describe the IRC proposal for the 52nd, but I have to say it's nuts. First of all, it cuts up Fort Greene, a historically African American community. But the proposal also cuts up Carroll Gardens seemingly at random, and the Gowanus in a ways that make no sense to me. I have talked to as many people as possible, and not one person like the proposal. I would throw it out completely.

Also, the population density numbers for the 52nd are probably quite inaccurate. Downtown Brooklyn has had one of the most dramatic population growths of any neighborhood in the country in the last few years. I suspect that the population has increased since the maps were written, and even since I started writing these words. I have kept my Districtr numbers intentionally low for the 52nd for that reason.

44th AD

I read the testimony of Assembly Member Robert Carroll and agree almost completely with him. I would want to keep the home of Lori Knipel in the 44th. She has been the Female District Leader for 30 years, and regardless of whether she remains in that position, her block has a long history as part of the 44th.

I also want to support the many activist who objected to moving the area around 36th Street into the 51st AD. That community has many connections to the rest of the 44th, and it would

dilute the community of the 51st, which includes the Spanish speaking areas of Sunset Park and beyond.

I should note that our map uses 4th Avenue as a straight dividing line between the 44th and the 52nd. I consider this a good dividing line between Park Slope and Gowanus, as well as being a major thoroughfare.

55th AD

While Utica Avenue makes a good dividing line as an important transportation and commercial street, I feel it has been a bit neglected as a business district. I think it would help the community to move the line west to Schenectady or Troy.

In general, the existing 55th lines are better than the draft IRC proposal. Pennsylvania Avenue is a major dividing lines between neighborhoods, and I do not like extending it to the east. I don't have strong feelings about the line between the 55th and 58th.

58th AD

Wow, the activists from the 58th were very passionate at the February 15, 2023 hearing. They preferred the current version of their district and the removal of the southern portion in the IRC draft maps. If people want to stay in their assembly district as much as they do, I hope the IRC listens to them.

I was also struck by the silences. Nobody advocated for bringing the 58th up to Eastern Parkway. Nobody seemed to notice that the IRC draft map would put Lincoln Terrace Park in the 58th. I believe it should stay in the 55th AD.

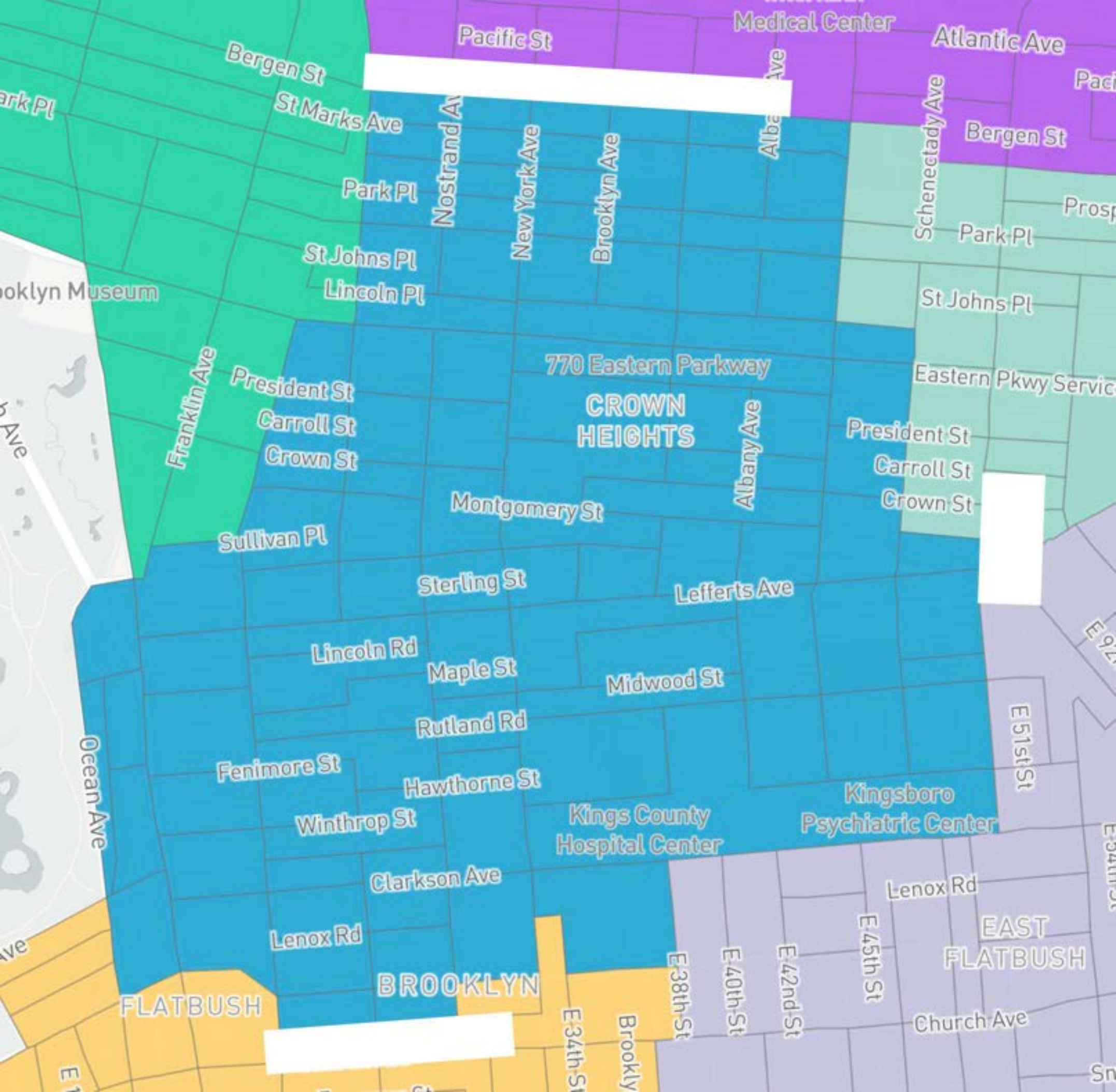
I am not that familiar with the granular details of the 58th, so while I put it on Districtr, this was mostly so I could submit better testimony for other districts.

42nd AD

I have included a draft map of the 42nd, but I want to emphasize that below Cortelyou I don't know this district very well. Again, the focus of this testimony should be the 43rd, 44th, 52nd and 57th ADs. Nevertheless, I do think that it is important to keep the Caribbean majority of the 42nd.

Final Thoughts

I was very impressed with the patience of the IRC Commissioners. I do want to encourage even more communications. Please feel free to contact me and the other activists.



Pacific St

Medical Center

Atlantic Ave

Bergen St

St Marks Ave

Nostrand Ave

New York Ave

Brooklyn Ave

Albany Ave

Schenectady Ave

Bergen St

Park Pl

St Johns Pl

Lincoln Pl

Park Pl

St Johns Pl

Brooklyn Museum

770 Eastern Parkway

CROWN HEIGHTS

Eastern Pkwy Service

President St

Carroll St

Crown St

President St

Carroll St

Crown St

Montgomery St

Albany Ave

Franklin Ave

Sullivan Pl

Sterling St

Lefferts Ave

Lincoln Rd

Maple St

Midwood St

Rutland Rd

Fenimore St

Hawthorne St

Winthrop St

Kings County Hospital Center

Kingsboro Psychiatric Center

Clarkson Ave

Lenox Rd

Lenox Rd

FLATBUSH

BROOKLYN

EAST FLATBUSH

Church Ave

E 34th St

Brooklyn

E 38th St

E 40th St

E 42nd St

E 45th St

E 51st St

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