Dear Commissioners,

My name is Fior Ortiz-Joyner. I am a proud resident of Crown Heights North and President of my block association. The way CHN has been carved diminishes our electoral power and robs us of our full potential. We deserve the same equity other communities have been afforded.

The Crown Heights North residents deserve to live in a community that is not fractured and cracked We believe this can be achieved by making us whole either in the 56AD or in the 43AD.

We have commonality with Bed Stuyvesant—a rich culture and legendary history, beautiful historic districts which include architecture built by the same architects in the late 1800s and early 1900s. We also share some of the same issues—both communities are experiencing a lack of low-income affordable housing, deed theft and displacement, including a decline in black homeownership.

We also have commonality with Crown Heights South and Prospect Lefferts Gardens. Both Crown Heights North and South support Caribbean communities and culture. This is displayed annually during the Labor Day parade on Eastern Parkway. Prospect Lefferts Gardens has a beautiful historic district with amazing architecture and like Crown Heights North it is also on a quest to continue to landmark deserving areas in their community. Crown Heights South and Prospect Lefferts Gardens are also experiencing displacement issues.

The community of Crown Heights North wants to be absorbed either in the 56AD or the 43rdAD as a whole and intact with the boundaries described. I hope our map proposals will be considered in determining Central Brooklyn’s Assembly District lines. Thank you for your time.

~Fior Ortiz-Joyner