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RE: Redistricting Maps, Greenpoint, Brooklyn

Dear Chair and Commissioners:

Over 100 community members and neighbors of North Brooklyn have signed on to this public testimony, written in collaboration by County Committee Members, to express our concerns over the newest IRC map that divides our community in half. The newest proposed AD50 encompasses the western half of Greenpoint and Williamsburg, while the eastern half of our community is becoming part of AD38. AD38 is a Queens-centric district that would represent at least five different neighborhoods including Greenpoint, Long Island City, Maspeth, Glendale, and Rego Park.

The bifurcation of McGuinness Boulevard under the current redistricting plan will serve to separate the longstanding Greenpoint Polish Community, diminishing its heritage, unique character, heart and spirit, like the BQE did to our Williamsburg neighborhood. The split of AD50 along McGuinness Boulevard and lower along Driggs Avenue will also divide a community that has successfully faced environmental challenges threatening our neighborhood. This includes the designation of two federal superfund sites, the building of at least three power plants, and flood resiliency planning. The separation of North Brooklyn is a direct threat to organizers and community members who have worked together to accomplish important climate resiliency, mitigation, and clean-up projects and ensure city/state funding for this work.

The split of North Brooklyn denies us the ability to function as one community and places neighbors at odds with respect to funding for various programs including education, mass transit, economic development, infrastructure repairs and environmental remediation. The proposed maps create an untenable situation for those neighbors who will be moved into AD38, a small but important part of the community, who have a long history in protecting our neighborhood's transition to residential from industrial. Our neighbors will face a tremendous environmental burden if the current maps move forward.

We request for the community of Greenpoint to be kept whole, so we can better coordinate with city agencies and our representatives on the provision of services. The 2005 Greenpoint-Williamsburg rezoning left this community desperately striving to have NYC fulfill its commitments for creating more affordable housing and open space. Our community has been and must continue to work together to achieve these needs and to preserve our neighborhoods and support its residents.

Together we makeup less than 30 blocks east to west and we believe there is a necessity to keep the neighborhood cohesive and recognize Greenpoint as a longstanding Community of Interest.

Thank you,

Genevieve Vaida, AD50, ED20, County Committee Member, Greenpoint resident for 8 years

We asked community members and county committee members to review this [testimony](#) and sign an online [form](#) to keep North Brooklyn one cohesive community. We submit the names below, and their Assembly District and Election District, of individuals who agreed to "Sign-on" to the testimony above and wish to keep North Brooklyn neighborhood one, cohesive district.

AD53 Residents

Adam Redstone, ED13
Edward Kopp, ED9
Erica Levine, ED60
Maria Janasz, ED61
Meghan O'Malley, ED60
Reginald Lin, ED40
Stephen Roesink, AD53, ED62

AD50 Residents (presented alphabetically)

Adam Moorad, ED61
Alija Craycroft, ED17
Amanda Gale, ED17
Amanda Katz, ED15
Amy Coleman, ED5
Andrew Gheraldi, ED13
Andrew Rindlaub, ED1
Anna Berdan, ED21
Anne Ray, ED12
Bess White, ED11
Brian Roth, ED5
Bryan Maygers, ED6, CC Member
Chloe Koslen, ED5
Christian Long, ED16
Christian Morales, ED19, CC Member
Christine Facella, ED63, CC Member
Christopher Smith, ED2
Cindy Luong, ED6
Claire Sullivan, ED23
Corey Zaloom, ED2
Cullen MacDonald, ED7
Daniel Nissimov, ED21
David Prentice, ED5
DeLaine Mayer
Diana Hubbard, ED19
Diana Viglucci, ED16
Elana Ehrenberg, ED1, CC Member
Elizabeth Beeby, ED53
Elizabeth Jackson, ED4, CC Member
Elizabeth Kang, ED22
Eric Giraldo-Gordon, ED13
Eric Kun, ED63, CC Member
Erica Tachoir, ED22
Erin Chung, ED21
Evan Gregory, ED61, CC Member

Finley Martin, ED20
Gabriela Moore, ED21
Gamze Ceylan, ED5
George Korin, ED3
Gleb Zhgun, ED22, CC Member
Jacob Shipley, ED11
Jamie Cogar, ED28
Janine Sopp, ED13
Jesse Cannon, ED18
Jessica Pearson, ED3
Jocelyn Coombs, ED18
Jodie Love, ED21
Julie Abbas, ED3
Kaitlyn Creegan, ED3, CC Member
Karrie Witkin, ED19
Keith Garrison, ED19
Kevin Costa, ED17, CC Member
Kevin Dwyer, ED21
Kim Fraczek, ED31
Kiri Oliver, ED4
Kristen King, ED17
Lana Schwartz, ED20
Lauren Balliet, ED12
Lauren Holmes, ED10
Maeve Bell-Thornton, ED19
Margot Spindelman, ED2
Marlow Riley, ED3
Martin Olson, ED20
Matthew, ED17
Maureen Traynor, ED61
Maxwell Reid, ED20
Michele Kaufman, ED61, CC Member
Michelle Mrowka, ED20
Mikayla Savuto, ED18
Miriam Fogelson, ED18
Mitch Jones, ED19
Nikki Cohen, ED5
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Patricia Edwards, ED11
Patricia Maples, ED6
Peter Pearson, ED21
Rachel McMinn, ED14
Randy Liu, ED21
Rayan Parikh, ED11
Roman Belopolsky, ED16
S. Peaches Harrison, ED18
Sandi DuBowski, ED6
Sara McGee, ED16
Sarah Oakes, ED15
Sarah Turner, ED15

Shana Kimball, ED18
Shanna Kohn, ED11
Shannon Casey, ED11
Steven Fox, ED3, CC Member
Steven Hasty, ED5
Summer McCorkle, ED14
Summer Walker, ED20
Susan Liou, ED10
Taylor Adams, ED17
Taylor Belopolsky, ED16
Teresita Mills, ED56
Todd Condie, ED7, CC Member
Tom Vigliotta, ED28
Victoria Rich, ED20, CC Member
Waleska Layes, ED28, CC Member
Warren Bennett, ED63
William Vega, ED61, CC Member
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