

My name is Juleigh Chin and I'm the Chairperson of the Herricks Korean Community and have been a Trustee (and past Presy) for the Herricks School District Board of Education for the past 10 years. I reside at 10 Cricket Club Dr, North Hills, NY 11576. I am against the new draft proposal for District 16 for the following reasons and would like the map to stay as is or as close to it as possible.

First, school districts should not be separated. Residents of a school district should not be in different assembly districts. Schools are at the heart of our community in Long Island and our voices need to be heard clearly when it comes to policies and laws that affect our schools. Splitting school districts also makes it harder to have them represented in Albany when two Assemblymembers need to coordinate to advocate on a school district's behalf. The proposed draft splits both the Herricks School District and Great Neck School District and that is unacceptable.

Second, District 16 is almost 30% Asian. As Asian Americans we have a strong voting block in District 16, higher than anywhere else in Long Island. That should be applauded and respected, not taken away from us. The draft proposed would significantly cut that percentage to only 20%, diminishing the strength of our Asian vote.

For these reasons, I urge you to keep the current map for District 16 and reject the proposed draft. Thank you.