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Independent Redistricting Commission
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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.

Thank you,
Tom Pavlich