

February 28, 2023

New York State Independent Redistricting Commission  
250 Broadway, 22<sup>nd</sup> Fl.  
New York, N.Y. 10007

Dear members of the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission:

I, Arleny Alvarado, am writing to express my apprehension as it relates to the proposed changes to the 54<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. The change to the district that causes the most disquiet is the proposed inclusion and crossing of the Queens County boundary into Ridgewood.

As the District Leader of the 54<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, it is my belief that redistricting should be respectful of the organizational structures of the two counties as well as the community in question. When decisions are made on a county level, Brooklyn County Committee has no jurisdiction over Queens County Committee's policies or procedures and vice versa. The Queens constituents of the proposed 54<sup>th</sup> Assembly District would be disadvantaged since they would not have a say or vote in any Brooklyn County proceedings. By that same token, I would also have no say or vote in Queens County elections. This would create logistical and operational confusion for voters and other community leaders.

It is my belief that this potential modification would not be beneficial to either county on any level. In view of this, I ask that the Commission revise their proposal and provide a plan that eliminates any voter disenfranchisement and prevents the disruption of organizational structures already in place.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arlen Alvarado-McCalla', written in a cursive style.

Arleny Alvarado-McCalla