

My name is Carina Nieves and I'm a member of SQWM. I have been a resident of Richmond Hill for over twenty five years! I have become more politically educated in the last decade and know we need a change in how our community is represented in Albany. For decades Richmond Hill has been fractured into many different State Assembly districts for which has meant the services that we need go unaddressed; quality of life, investments in infrastructure streets, parks, schools and services like libraries, summer meals, after school programs, summer programs, senior centers, community programming and addressing the affordability crisis.

I fully support the draft map proposed by the IRC. This map keeps Richmond Hill whole with our neighbors South Ozone Park. It's important that neighborhoods like ours be kept together, since we are a community with common interests. This gives us a chance to elect a representative who comes from our area who knows about the issues our neighbors face daily.