

My name is Gil Cygler and I am a life long resident of Congressional District 8 living currently in Mill Basin with prior residence in Georgetown.

I am a member of the Community Board, President of my Synagogue, involved in the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce interacting with local business, the JCC of Canarsie, a social service organization serving those in need living within Congressional District 8, the Boy Scouts and other community based groups.

The communities of Mill Basin, Sheepshead Bay, Coney Island and Manhattan Beach share both commonality of geography and community. These communities would be best served by common representation.

In geographical terms the southern Brooklyn communities along the water have shared common and similar impacts inflicted by various storms from Sandy in 2012 to Storm named Ida in 2021. Common representation allows communities experiencing similar hardships to collectively turn to their elected representatives to have their voices heard and their needs and districts understood.

In terms of residents/ constituents, the neighborhoods of southern Brooklyn have the greatest number of Russian speaking residents allowing the elected representation to employ Russian speaking staff which would not be possible had the community been separated among different congressional districts. Moreover, these communities house the largest number of Holocaust survivors anywhere in New York City and the entire country which allows these residents to have a common voice in Congress.