

Niskayuna is a small and tightly-knit community of 22,278 (as of 2020). Located to the east of the city of Schenectady, it is the easternmost town in the county abutting our sister community, the town of Colonie.

- Adamantly opposed to splitting Niskayuna in half. If allowed it would ensure that our then Assembly district population of 11,100 or so, would have little attention paid to it by two representatives instead of the current one.
- Colonie, Niskayuna and Guilderland all have similar demographics when it comes to diversity and immigration (see chart below).
- Deeply concerned that pairing Niskayuna and Colonie with Halfmoon and Waterford in an Assembly district would dilute the population of our foreign-born and minority residents, and these communities would have less resources. This was not the case when Niskayuna was paired with either Schenectady or Guilderland (Guilderland has strikingly similar demographics as Niskayuna and Colonie).
- Halfmoon and Waterford do not have a single house of worship that is non-Christian. The Islamic Center of the Capital District in Colonie (but with a Schenectady address) serves Albany and Schenectady Counties, as do the Congregation Gates of Heaven Synagogue and Agudat Achim in Niskayuna (though they have a Schenectady address). The Vietnamese Buddhist Temple is in Colonie. The Sikh temple in Niskayuna serves both Niskayuna and Colonie. There are two Hindu temples in Colonie that serve Niskayuna and Guilderland. In Albany and Schenectady counties (Colonie, Niskayuna and Schenectady) all have shared membership.
- Halfmoon and Waterford, according to the demographics of race, immigration, and religion, do not have any common interest with Niskayuna and Colonie. This constitutional provision is of great importance to my community.
- I am the first African-American and Latina Supervisor ever elected to the Town of Niskayuna. Our town residents have elected African American, Latina, and Asian Americans to serve on the Town Board and the School Board. Similarly, Colonie currently has an African-American Town Board member and has had a female Hispanic Town Board member in the past.
- Splitting Niskayuna in half is aimed at disadvantaging the incumbent and advantaging the Republican Party. Niskayuna is not a solid Democratic municipality in terms of enrollment, yet the current Democratic incumbent wins with over 60% of the vote. In the last election, Republicans sent out emails stating that they were not competitive in Niskayuna though they claimed to be competitive in other parts of the district. The evidence shows that Niskayuna is being split in half for no reason other than disadvantaging the incumbent, which is contrary to the terms of our state constitution and will ultimately disadvantage Niskayuna.
- The school districts of Niskayuna and Colonie overlap. There are Colonie residents in the Niskayuna School District and Niskayuna residents in the South Colonie School District. Neither Niskayuna or Colonie SDs serve Halfmoon or Waterford. Interestingly, the Niskayuna Central School District has a Schenectady mailing address.
- We share common transportation arteries in Routs 5 and 7, as well as the common issues that come with this state roadways.

· We share the Mohawk River. We share a bike path. Flooding of the Mohawk is a joint concern of Schenectady, Niskayuna, and Colonie. Assemblymember Steck testified at a federal hearing on the problem. The attention he brought to the matter led to State investment in addressing the flooding issue. The area of flooding is in the area of the paved bike path (paved with Assembly SAM funds) that links Niskayuna and Colonie.

Colonie:	Nisky:	Guilderland:	Schenectady:	Halfmoon:	Waterford:
76% white	78% white	80% White	56% white	90% white	92% white
6% black	3% black	5% black	20% black	2% black	1% black
10% Asian	11% Asian	9% Asian	6% Asian	3% Asian	3% Asian
5% Latino	4% Latino	5% Latino	12% Latino	5% Latino	6% Latino
11% foreign born	12% foreign born	13% foreign born	16% foreign born	8% foreign born	6% foreign born