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November 16: Kings County Public Hearing

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The following material consists of themes and key points raised during the public hearings planned by the NYS Independent Redistricting Commission after the release of their preliminary maps. It also provides a list of organizations from each region that were identified and the communities of concern that were raised.

Access the NYS Independent Redistricting website [here](#). Watch or listen to all sessions [here](#).

Kings County Hearing Key Takeaways: The Kings County public hearing took place on November 16, 2021, and lasted 6 hours. The majority of concerns were about not dividing communities and maintaining communities of interest. Many testifiers were in support of the Unity Maps proposed by the Unity Map Coalition

Organizations Named:

- Academy of Medical and Public Health Services
- APA Voice Redistricting Task Force
- Bed Stuy and Crown Heights North Crown Redistricting Commission
- Brooklyn Community Improvement Association
- Brooklyn NAACP
- Chinese American Planning Council
- CPC Brooklyn Community Services
- Crown Heights North Association
- Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island
- Make the Road New York
- Mapping Our Future Coalition
- New Leaf Democratic Club
- Unity Map Coalition
 - Latino Justice PRLDEF
 - Center for Law and Social Justice at Medgar Evers College
 - Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund
- Women's Empowerment Coalition of New York City
- Yalla Brooklyn

Communities of Concern and Specific Issues:

- AD 46: Coney Island should be with Sheepshead Bay and not with Brighton Beach
- AD 48: keep Borough Park intact; connection with Midwood
- Bayridge: keep the Arab population intact
- Bayridge: keep whole
 - Put with Staten Island
 - Should not be the connecting strip for CD 11; not a community of interest with the Upper West Side

- Bayridge and Dyker Heights: keep together
- Bedford Stuyvesant, Crown Heights, Brownsville, and East Flatbush: keep together
- Bensonhurst: should not be with CD 11
- Borough Park, Midwood, and Flatbush: keep together in CD
- Brighton Beach: do not split; should be with Seagate
- Brownsville: should be kept whole in AD 55; should be kept with Ocean Hill
- Bushwick: do not divide; keep with Williamsburg
- CD 7: keep intact
- CD 10: should not hook into Brooklyn as currently proposed; should include Downtown Brooklyn that commutes into Manhattan
- Coney Island: keep together
 - Should be with a Brooklyn SD and not with Staten Island
- Crown Heights: should be kept whole and intact in an AD
- Crown Heights North: keep together; the southern border is Lincoln Place
- Dyker Heights, Bayridge, Sunset Park: keep together; community of interest
- Sheepshead Bay: should not be divided
 - Keep with Gravesend
- Southern Brooklyn Coastal Communities: keep together; communities of interest
 - Should be in same CD
 - Seagate, Coney Island, Sheepshead Bay, Brighton Beach, Howard Beach, and Hamilton Beach
- Sunset Park and Bensonhurst: should be kept whole and together
- Sunset Park and Manhattan Chinatown: keep in the same CD

You can view the specific hearing for Kings County [here](#).