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November 17: Queens 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](#).

Queens County Hearing Key Takeaways: The Queens County public hearing took place on November 17, 2021, and lasted 6.5 hours. The majority of concerns were about not dividing communities and maintaining communities of interest. There were also concerns raised about a potential majority Asian district reflecting the growth in this population and maps reflecting the growth in the Latinx community. Concerns were raised to keep Queens districts separate from Long Island. Many testifiers were in support of the Unity Maps proposed by the Unity Map Coalition

Organizations Named:

- American Pakisani Advocacy Group
- APA Voice Redistricting Task Force
- Caribbean Equality Project
- Central Queens Redistricting Coalition
- CHHaya
- Eastern Queens Alliance
- Jahajee Sisters
- Korean Community Services
- Make the Road New York
- Mapping Our Future Coalition
- MinKwon Center for Community Action
- Muslim Census Club of New York
- NALEO Educational Fund
- National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA)
- New York Immigration Coalition
- New York State Latino Restaurant, Bar, and Lounge Association
- South Queens Women's March
- Unity Map Coalition
 - Latino Justice PRLDEF
 - Center for Law and Social Justice at Medgar Evers College
 - Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund

Communities of Concern and Specific Issues:

- AD 24: keep all of Hillside Avenue and extend to Jamaica Avenue to the south
- AD 29: do not group with Long Island

- AD 31: should not put Queens with Long Island
- Astoria: keep together
 - Boundaries include between Broadway and Astoria Boulevard and between 50th and 21st street
- Brookville: should not be divided
 - Idlewild Park should be included in a district
 - South Conduit Avenue should be the northern border
 - Brookville Boulevard should be the southern border
- CD 5: should extend more into South Ozone Park and Ozone Park but should not go into Long Island
- CD 6: should be maintained
- CD 8: should include Howard Beach
- CD 14: should remain rooted in Latinx and immigrant communities
 - Should not extend to Riverdale in the Bronx
 - Jackson Heights, Woodside, and Corona should be kept together
- College Point: do not connect with the Bronx
- College Point, Bayside, and Whitestone: not a community of interest with Astoria
- Elmhurst, Woodside, and Jackson Heights: keep together
- Elmhurst, Rego Park, Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, and Briarwood should be kept whole
- Flushing, Auburndale, Bayside, and Oakland Gardens: keep together
- Jackson Heights: should be kept whole
- Kew Garden Hills, Pomonok, Electchester, and Hillcrest: Should be kept together; Jewish community of interest
 - In a state senate district, these communities should be with northern Forest Hills, Middle Village, Glendale, Maspeth, Freshmedows, Oakland Gardens, Little Neck, Douglaston, Bayside, and Bay Terrace
 - Boundaries eastward should be to the Long Island Expressway
- Long Island City: keep together
- Ozone Park and Howard Beach: should be separate
- Rego Park, Forest Hills, and Kew Gardens: should be kept whole
- Richmond Hill: Van Wyck should be a firm boundary on the east
- Richmond Hill, Ozone Park, and South Ozone Park: keep together and keep whole; community of interest
 - Support for proposed SD AL
- Ridgewood: should be kept whole
- Rockaway: keep separate from Long Island
 - Do not separate from Edgemere in an AD
- Rosedale: keep separate from Long Island
- Rosedale, Springfield Gardens, and Brookville: keep separate from Long Island
- SD 11: should be maintained and improved
- SD 16: should be anchored by Flushing
 - Keep Flushing, Linden Hill, and Murray Hill together
 - Borders:
 - Horace Harding Expressway to the South, 20th Avenue to the North, and 160th Street to the East

- Southeastern Queens: should not be with Long Island
 - Should be with JFK Airport
- Sunnyside: keep whole
- Woodside: keep whole
- Woodside and Sunnyside: should not be with the Upper East Side

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