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**The New York City Districting Commission 2022-23 Public Hearing**

**Tuesday August 16, 2022 @ 5:30pm to 9pm**

**Museum of the Moving Image,**

**Sumner Redstone Theater, 36-01 35 Ave Astoria, Queens 11106**

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| Witness Name     | Organization(s)  | Testimony  |
| Dr. Zulema Blair | Center for Law and Social Justice at Medgar Evers College<br><br>Unity Map Coalition | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unity Map – followed VRA and represented racial and language minorities to best extent possible</li> <li>• Kept northern Bronx whole (as is on draft map)</li> <li>• Want to draw lines in a way that represents the growth moving forward</li> <li>• District 41 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure Ocean Hill is kept whole – a lot of history in the area for people of African descent</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Keep communities and neighborhoods whole as much as possible</li> <li>• Districts 35 and 36 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Might not be beneficial to keep everything the same</li> <li>• How long can 35 be sustainable if some of Crown Heights (legacy families for people of African descent) is not reunited with Prospect Heights?</li> <li>• Keep 35 in a way that plurality is able to elect candidate of choice</li> <li>• Preserve 35 and 36 through 2030</li> </ul> </li> <li>• District 46</li> <li>• Make sure Flatlands line is respected to keep Canarsie whole</li> </ul> |
| Frankie Correa   |  | <b>District 38</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Red Hook and Sunset Park</li> <li>• Developers pushing people out</li> <li>• Draft will not represent working class in 38 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunset Park separated from Red Hook</li> <li>• Sunset Park divided by new district 43</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |

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|  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports creating Asian district but suggests creating district east of 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. to Bensonhurst, Dyker Heights, and Bath Beach area</li> <li>• Don't break up two communities to create another</li> <li>• Proposal would be a disservice to community by tearing it apart and combining with communities that are very different</li> </ul> |
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| Witness Name         | Organization(s)   | Testimony   |
| Barry Schneider      | East Sixties Neighborhood Association (President)                                 | <b>Districts 26 and 5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District lines proposed for Queens 26 and Manhattan 5 (portions of Sutton Place, UES, Roosevelt Island) should not be adopted</li> <li>• Violates criteria from charter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neighborhoods and communities of interest are not kept intact</li> <li>• Not compact</li> <li>• Extreme crossover district</li> <li>• Very oddly shaped</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Many communities of interest would be affected</li> </ul>  |
| Judith Schneider     | Community Board 8M – Parks Committee (co-chair)<br><br>*speaking as an individual | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft proposal for Manhattan and Roosevelt Island violates four of charter criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neighborhoods and communities of interest are not kept intact (Roosevelt Island and Manhattan will be torn apart by a river)</li> <li>• Not compact</li> <li>• Extreme crossover district</li> <li>• Oddly shaped</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Parks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would lose the Esplanade and Andrew Haswell Green Park phase 3</li> <li>• Esplanade needs \$ for repairs</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Community Board 8 has submitted plan</p> |
| Sharon Pope-Marshall | CIVITAS (executive director)  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>District 5</b></li> </ul>   |

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|                  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Testifying against carving out 50 blocks portions of Sutton Place, UES, and all of Roosevelt Island from district 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These are Manhattan based communities and would be incorporated with a Queens district</li> <li>• District 5 neighborhoods are economically, politically, and socially connected</li> <li>• Many issues of mutual concern</li> <li>• Unified voice would be substantially diminished</li> <li>• Roosevelt Island has been geopolitically linked with UES since its inception as residential community – Tramway is based in UES</li> <li>• Not compact, would result in unnecessary crossover, oddly shaped, neighborhoods of common interest and concerns would not be kept intact – violating charter criteria</li> </ul> </li> <li>• CIVITAS opposes draft for district 5</li> </ul> |
| Erica Bersin     |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>District 5</b></li> <li>• With draft plan – “Bedpan Alley” (hospital area) would become part of district 26</li> <li>• Importance of keeping this area in 5 where representatives have experience working with these institutions</li> <li>• Logistical issues if doctors’ offices associated with institutions are separated from their institution</li> <li>• Also splits Hunter College at Lexington Ave.</li> </ul>   |
| Frederick Bondy? |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manhattan</li> <li>• Four reasons he opposes draft <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will result in loss of funding for Manhattan East River parks</li> <li>• Will cause mayhem and confusing in administration of east side hospitals – Weill Cornell, Sloan Kettering</li> <li>• Will cause mayhem/confusing for schools</li> <li>• Same for libraries and recreational facilities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |

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| Ellen Pallove?<br>&<br>Olivia Safu? |  | District 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep Roosevelt Island in 5</li> <li>• Roosevelt Island</li> <li>• Connected with Manhattan</li> <li>• Went to Manhattan for high school rather than Queens</li> </ul> |
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| Witness Name             | Organization(s)                     | Testimony   |
| Council Member Julie Won | New York City Council – District 26 | <b>District 26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not want crossover district between Manhattan and Queens</b></li> <li>• <b>UES / Roosevelt Island should remain in Manhattan</b></li> <li>• office has heard from both Manhattan and Roosevelt Island side</li> <li>• adapted the Unity Map</li> <li>• District 26 Asian American population increase by 33%</li> <li>• Immigrant population – represents 60% of district</li> <li>• 66% People of Color</li> <li>• Protect minority groups under VRA</li> <li>• Keep communities of interest intact</li> <li>• Draft map violates those two criteria               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White population increases from 29% to 44%</li> <li>• Hispanic population decreases from 29% to 22%</li> <li>• Asian American population decreases from 31% to 25%</li> <li>• Black population decreases from 6% to 4%</li> <li>• Would double average income from \$70-80k to \$140-150k</li> <li>• Would go from mostly working class and people of color district to predominately wealthy white district</li> <li>• Violates charter</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Compactness goes from perfect square to a C shape</li> </ul> |

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|                                     |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supposed to limit crossover districts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• but now Queens and Manhattan crossover</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Hearing loudly from Community Board 8 on Manhattan side and neighbors in Roosevelt Island and UES – do not want crossover</li> <li>• Carolyn Maloney; Julie Menin; Mark Levine; Gale Brewer – wrote letters re UES and Roosevelt Island remaining in Manhattan</li> <li>• Community Board 2 and herself support this fully</li> <li>• Not contiguous – would have to leave district to get to land bridge to Roosevelt Island</li> <li>• Oddly shaped</li> <li>• Will hear from other communities to keep their communities whole – fractured into four different districts (Woodside)</li> <li>• Understand district is about 11,000 people over the limit</li> <li>• Tibetan Americans = geopolitically persecuted community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have been part of district 26 since 90s when they first sought asylum here</li> <li>• Predominately reside in Woodside and Sunnyside</li> <li>• Cutting into four different districts will diminish their political power they have been building</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Noted importance of Blissville to district – would like to remain in district</li> </ul> |
| Council Member<br>Nantasha Williams | New York City<br>Council – District 27 | <p><b>District 27</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Keep more of downtown Jamaica in 27</b></li> <li>• <b>Keep Rochdale Village whole</b></li> <li>• Southeast Queens - Cambria Heights, Hollis, Jamaica, St. Albans, Queens Village, Addisleigh Park, parts of Springfield Gardens</li> <li>• Opposed to draft map lines</li> </ul>  |

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|                                 |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rochdale Village is split between two districts             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would disenfranchise community</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Leaves downtown Jamaica out of district 27             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Downtown Jamaica is critical to 27 – historically has been a part of the district, would stall many ongoing revitalization projects (Downtown Jamaica Taskforce)</li> <li>• York College</li> <li>• Bus terminal</li> <li>• Should be representing more of downtown Jamaica</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |
| Council Member<br>Robert Holden | New York City<br>Council – District 30 | <p><b>District 30</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Natural border of District 30 should be Queens Blvd.</b></li> <li>• <b>Keep Glendale united</b></li> <li>• <b>Include Elmhurst Triangle in 30 (on the map he submitted)</b></li> <li>• <b>The Crescents in Rego Park should be in 30 (same housing stock)</b></li> <li>• Maspeth, Middle Village, Glendale, parts of Woodside, Woodhaven, and Ridgewood</li> <li>• Submitted memo and map with proposed lines for District 30</li> <li>• Draft plan splits neighborhoods</li> <li>• Takes places with one-two family homes out of 30             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Divides communities with same interests re housing stock</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Emphasized using natural borders of major highways and blvds</li> <li>• Draft map extends 30 north of Queens Blvd. to include parts of Woodside and removes sections of Glendale (splits Glendale up)</li> <li>• Losing Liberty Park             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should not lose southern part of district that has same housing stock</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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|   |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• And would add larger Woodside apartments to district – not consistent with housing stock of 30</li> <li>• Also removes parts of Glendale – arbitrary line drawing</li> </ul>  |
| Council Member<br>Selvena Brooks-Powers | New York City<br>Council – District 31 | <p><b>District 31</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Consider adopting map:</b><br/><a href="http://Districtr.org/plan/137797">Districtr.org/plan/137797</a></li> <li>• <b>Keep lines the way they currently exist except for JFK – make JFK wholly in 31 (as it is in preliminary draft map)</b></li> <li>• <b>Bring two important assets back into 31:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stop &amp; Shop Plaza at Merrick and Springfield Blvds</b></li> <li>• <b>Montbellier? Park</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Rockaway peninsula should remain as is</b></li> <li>• Arverne, Brookville, Edgemere, Far Rockaway, Laurelton, parts of Rockaway Beach, Rosedale</li> <li>• Need for minimal disruption</li> <li>• Black and Brown communities should not see voting power marginalized</li> <li>• Noted state redistricting disenfranchising communities of interest</li> <li>• Southeast Queens = predominately African American, one-two family homeowners, community of interest</li> <li>• Southeast Queens encompasses districts 27, 28, and 31 – represented by only three Black elected officials in Queens</li> <li>• Downtown Jamaica in 27</li> <li>• Rochdale Village in 28</li> <li>• JFK airport in 31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep JFK wholly in 31</li> <li>• Communities in 31 are most impacted by JFK flight path</li> <li>• Especially Rosedale, Springfield Gardens, and Far Rockaway</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |



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|                             |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noise mitigation</li> <li>Environmental justice</li> <li>JFK is represented by one congressional member, one state senator, one assembly member, and should also be represented by one council member in 31</li> <li>Hammels Houses and Arverne by the Sea should remain in 31</li> <li>Do not cut out portions of Springfield Gardens and replace it with parts of Ozone Park</li> </ul>   |
| Council Member Joann Ariola | New York City Council – District 32                                 | <p><b>District 32</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep communities of interest intact from perspective of common interests and concerns             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>East Glendale and Woodhaven share common transportation interests (both should be in 32)                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would have to pass through District 30 or Brooklyn to get to Liberty Park part of 32</li> </ul> </li> <li>Retain South Ozone Park south of Rockaway Blvd. between 114<sup>th</sup> St. and Lefferts Blvd. – more similar housing stock and other similar city interests</li> </ul> </li> <li>Rich in cultural diversity</li> <li>Racial diversity</li> <li>Emphasized importance of competitive districts</li> </ul> |
| Emilia Decaudin             | State Committee Member and District Leader for Assembly District 37 | <p><b>District 26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Limit a crossover districts and keep Woodside together</b></li> <li>Assembly District 37 (Long Island City, Hunters Point, Sunnyside, and Ridgewood)</li> <li>Testifying against current proposed plan for District 26 and surrounding districts</li> <li>Echo what Council Member Won said</li> <li>Emphasized importance of Woodside and other communities not being split up – having to talk to multiple council members makes advocacy exponentially more difficult</li> </ul>  |

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|                |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roosevelt Island very different from communities in 26</li> </ul>  |
| James Hong     |  | <p><b>Districts 20 and 26</b></p> <p><b>District 20</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed map divides Flushing through Murray Hill (center of Korean community)</li> <li>Northern Blvd should not be used as a boundary</li> <li>Move northern boundary for 20 further north to include all of Flushing including Murray Hill             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use 20<sup>th</sup> Ave. or Willets Point Blvd. as northern edge of District 20</li> </ul> </li> <li>Auburndale and Bayside – look at boundaries of community boards, police precincts, and school districts of Northeast Queens – none join Flushing with Auburndale across Utopia Pkwy</li> <li>Utopia Pkwy is where Flushing ends</li> </ul> <p><b>District 26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Woodside belongs with Sunnyside and Long Island City in 26</li> <li>Maspeth has different politics, transportation, demographics</li> <li>Splitting Woodside in this way is an anti-Asian change</li> </ul> <p>Prioritization of Staten Island should not be done to the detriment of the rest of NYC</p> |
| Tenzin Tseyang |  | <p><b>District 26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Keep Woodside together with Long Island City, Sunnyside, and western Astoria</b></li> <li>Tibetan Community</li> <li>Similar language and cultural challenges</li> <li>Over 15,000 Tibetans in 26 – mostly in Sunnyside and Woodside</li> <li>Tibetan Community center in Woodside             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Largest Tibetan nonprofit organization in North America</li> </ul> </li> <li>Wish to stay together with other Asians and similar cultures in District 26</li> <li>Don't divide into four districts</li> </ul>   |

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| Michael Nussbaum | Representing: Jewish Community Relations Council<br><br>Queens Jewish Community Council (President) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>District 24</b></li> <li>• Emphasized not focusing on politics</li> <li>• Uniqueness of Queens</li> <li>• Submitted map for 24 concerning Jewish community spread out through 24 in Kew Garden Hills, Utopia, Hillcrest, Fresh Meadows</li> <li>• Looking to include Cedar Grove area (Asian American), Hillcrest area, and make sure Utopia and Fresh Meadows area is not divided</li> <li>• Need to follow structures of communities</li> </ul>   |
| Kevin Livingston |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>District 31</b></li> <li>• Southeast Queens</li> <li>• Approves of draft map keeping JFK whole in 31</li> <li>• Bring back Springfield Gardens to 31             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently represented well and want to keep that</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Keep Rochdale Village whole</li> </ul>  |
| Annie Fordous    | Bangladesh Institute of Performing Arts (founder and artistic director)                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>District 26</b></li> <li>• <b>Keep Woodside together with Long Island City, Sunnyside, and western Astoria</b></li> <li>• Little Bangladesh – Sunnyside, Woodside, Long Island City</li> <li>• Together with other Asian communities built political power</li> <li>• Celebrate social and cultural identities in many different ways</li> <li>• Made friends with other organizations in the area</li> <li>• On draft map, area is divided into 4 parts             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will lose all their cultural and social power</li> <li>• Language assistance needs</li> <li>• Council office provides services for immigrants that they don't want to lose</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| I. Daneek Miller | Former Council Member – District 27   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>District 27</b></li> <li>• Southeast Queens</li> <li>• Lack of density in 27 – many single-family homes</li> </ul>  |

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|                                    |                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 and 27 splitting downtown Jamaica area</li> <li>• Rochdale Village is being divided into multiple districts</li> <li>• Expand 24 east west instead of north south</li> </ul>  |
| Alexandria Serochy?                |                      | <b>District 19</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports draft</li> <li>• Keep district the way it is</li> <li>• Preserves historical significance of district</li> <li>• District represents the diversity of the city – community that supports each other</li> </ul>   |
| Jennifer Barrata?                  |                      | <b>District 23</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not always well represented</li> <li>• Issues with Con Ed</li> <li>• Would like area to be represented better in eastern Queens</li> </ul>  |
| Assemblymember<br>Khaleel Anderson | Assembly District 31 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Southeast Queens</li> <li>• Look at history of district <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Created to ensure African American and Caribbean American community could be represented in city council</li> <li>• JFK airport was historically in one council district</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Keep Rockaway peninsula together <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public housing developments</li> <li>• Respect consolidation of Hammel Houses and Carleton Manor</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Rochdale Village should not be divided</li> <li>• Growing South Asian American community should be represented by uniting parts of district 32</li> </ul> |
| Nick Gulotta                       |                      | <b>District 26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Keep Woodside whole</b></li> <li>• <b>Supports map proposed by Julie Won</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Boundary should be 31<sup>st</sup> Ave. to the north</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Queensbridge and Ravenswood Houses should remain in 26</b></li> <li>• <b>Keep 26 a Queens district</b></li> <li>• Opposed to incorporation of Manhattan's east side and Roosevelt Island – would dilute political power of working-class residents of color in 26</li> </ul>   |

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|                                    |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports Unity Map – keeps South Asian and Indo-Caribbean communities in one district in Richmond Hill and Ozone Park</li> <li>• Woodside divided into four districts</li> <li>• Tibetan and larger Himalayan communities of interest in this area would be affected</li> <li>• District 25 and 26</li> <li>• Would disconnect these communities</li> <li>• Would cause harm to these communities</li> </ul>   |
| Carolina Gill                      |   | <b>District 26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Keep District 26 together in Queens only</b></li> <li>• Diverse community</li> <li>• Communities of interest</li> <li>• Draft plan decreased Latino population</li> <li>• Queensbridge Houses, Ravenswood Houses, and Woodside Houses – have been part of this district since 1940s</li> <li>• Draft plan would break up immigrant communities and communities of color into four districts</li> <li>• Violates city charter criteria – fair and effective representation</li> </ul> |
| Sarah Mohammed                     | South Queens Women's March  | <b>District 32</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Keep South Ozone Park and Richmond Hill whole</b></li> <li>• Submitting testimony that includes Asian American Legal Defense Fund communities of interest map</li> <li>• Draft map splits community across 28, 29, 32</li> <li>• Opposed to draft plan as part of APA Voice Redistricting Taskforce</li> <li>• Supports Unity Map</li> </ul>   |
| Assemblymember William Scarborough | <p>Former NY State Assemblymember</p> <p>Addisleigh Park Civic Association</p> <p>Testimony on behalf of organizations:</p> | <b>District 27</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern re draft map moving most of downtown Jamaica out of 27 and into 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Important economically for surrounding Black community</li> <li>• Importance of Black council members in 27 directing funding into Jamaica</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |

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|                     | <p>Brinkerhoff Action Association</p> <p>St. Albans Civic Improvement Association</p> <p>Greater TriAngular Civic Association</p> <p>149<sup>th</sup> Street South Ozone Park Civic Association</p> <p>Octagon Neighborhood Association</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People in 24 do not patronize Jamaica like those in 27</li> </ul> <p><b>District 28</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't split Rochdale Village             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Microcosm of Civil Rights Movement</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>In support of maps proposed by council members from 27, 28, 31</p>   |
| Christina Sovereign | Liberty Park Homeowners' Association  | <p><b>District 30</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Keep Liberty Park in District 30</b></li> <li>• Glendale Queens</li> <li>• Historic neighborhood – about 500 homes</li> <li>• Draft map places neighborhood in 32 – removes Liberty Park from rest of Glendale</li> <li>• They are active members of Glendale community</li> <li>• Would like same council person as rest of Glendale</li> <li>• Strange shape – stretches to Howard Beach and Rockaway Beach – nearly 10 miles away</li> <li>• Severed from rest of 32 – cemeteries and parks between</li> </ul> |
| Jean Hall           | Rochdale Village Board of Directors   | <p><b>District 28</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Keep Rochdale Village whole in District 28</b></li> <li>• Opposed to draft lines for Rochdale Village</li> <li>• Would divide community into 27, 28, 31</li> <li>• Would be devastating to the housing community</li> <li>• Keeping Rochdale Village in one district and avoiding crossover districts is key</li> <li>• Would dilute voting power</li> <li>• Splits one of the buildings in half</li> </ul>   |
| Isaac Blasenstein   |   | <b>District 26</b>  |

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|                        |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sunnyside and Woodside should be together in geographically compact Queens district</b></li> <li>• Draft for 26 would not result in quality representation</li> <li>• Would place working class community with zip codes in Manhattan where people make twice as much</li> <li>• Would place diverse district with whiter, wealthier residents, reduce Black population by nearly a third</li> <li>• Strangely shaped to cut out Ravenswood and Queensbridge and add UES and Roosevelt Island</li> <li>• Divides Woodside</li> <li>• Need to keep neighborhoods and communities of interest intact</li> </ul> <p>Council member would have to attend meetings for four community boards</p> |
| Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos | Queens Community Board 2<br>*Testifying in own personal capacity | <p><b>District 26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Roosevelt Island belongs either in Astoria (contiguity) or Manhattan</b></li> <li>• <b>Bring Woodside back completely in 26</b></li> <li>• <b>Manhattan belongs in Manhattan</b></li> <li>• Opposed to proposed boundaries for 26</li> <li>• Add Manhattan and Roosevelt Island and take out diverse blue color sections of Woodside</li> <li>• Must be contiguous – would have to leave 26 to get to Roosevelt Island</li> <li>• Many hospitals on UES – not where Queens locals go for emergency care</li> <li>• Splits Woodside – disenfranchising ethnic enclaves</li> </ul>  |
| Derek Evers            | Queens Community Board 5 (member)                                | <p><b>District 30</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Make Ridgewood whole again</b></li> <li>• One of oldest neighborhoods</li> <li>• Falls fully within one community district, one education council, has clear borders – Brooklyn to west, Metropolitan Ave. to the north, commercial train line and cemetery to the east and south</li> <li>• Singular community of interest</li> </ul>  |

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|                       |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Split between 30 and 34</li> <li>• Largest Hispanic population is right where district is split</li> <li>• Draft map would split Ridgewood up into three districts</li> <li>• Extend district 34 to include all of Ridgewood from Grover Cleveland Park up to Fresh Pond Road and along commercial train line to Cypress Hill Cemetery</li> <li>• Unite rest of Hispanic community</li> </ul>  |
| Sheila Lewandowski    | Community Board 2<br>– redistricting taskforce  | <b>District 26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opposed to draft for 26</li> <li>• Call for more feedback and more hearings in the fall</li> <li>• would make needed amenities harder to get if combined with Manhattan area that already has these amenities</li> </ul>  |
| Mark Laster           | Central Queens Redistricting Coalition<br><br>Forest Hills Green Team<br><br>Queens Community Board 6 | <b>District 29</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft plan               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• divides Richmond Hill</li> <li>• separates Sunnyside from Woodside</li> <li>• moves parts of Elmhurst into one district although residents have asked to be moved to another</li> <li>• splits Mitchell Linden neighborhood into two districts</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Central Queens Redistricting Coalition will submit map that addresses these concerns</li> <li>• Concern re Staten Island being kept whole</li> </ul> Asked what conflict of interest policy is for commission |
| Nick Berkowitz        | Democratic district leader and state committee member for AD 37<br><br>Queens Community Board 2       | <b>District 26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Keep Woodside and Sunnyside together</b></li> <li>• Could reduce access to resources and ability to advocate on Queens side of district</li> <li>• Statistics re healthcare access and greenspace will be distorted</li> <li>• Woodside – split into four and separated from Sunnyside</li> </ul>  |
| Martha Flores-Vazquez | District leader in 40 <sup>th</sup> Assembly District   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern for public service</li> <li>• Need to be mindful of underserved populations</li> </ul>   |



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|                | <p>Community Prevention Alternatives for Families in Crises</p> <p>DA Melinda Katz for the Latinos (advisory board member)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Underserved in Flushing</li> <li>• Not many voices representing Hispanics</li> <li>• Asking diverse commission to please serve the underserved</li> </ul>   |
| Albert Baldeo  |  | <p><b>District 32</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't put Rochdale Village with Ozone Park, South Ozone Park, and Richmond Hill - No commonality</li> <li>• Richmond Hill, Ozone Park, and South Ozone Park should stay together – very integrated</li> <li>• He submitted map - Unity Map is similar</li> <li>• Same heritage, ancestry, customs, churches, similar homes</li> <li>• Howard Beach is different</li> <li>• Don't divide Rochdale Village</li> </ul> |
| Bill Perkins   |  | <p><b>District 31</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Include all of JFK in district</b></li> <li>• <b>Rest of 31 should remain intact – shared characteristics and interests</b></li> <li>• Working with 27 and 28 and elected officials</li> <li>• Submitting written testimony</li> <li>• included map from Selvena Brooks-Powers</li> <li>• Matches Queens Civic Congress map</li> </ul>   |
| Timothy Mercer |  | <p><b>District 28</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Don't cut Rochdale in half</b></li> <li>• Rochdale Village is solely a village – no through streets – city within a city</li> <li>• Has its own powerplant</li> <li>• Fractures the community</li> <li>• Could hurt vulnerable seniors and access to resources</li> <li>• Violates criteria</li> </ul>   |
| Sherry Algreto | <p>Community Board 9</p> <p>*Speaking as resident</p>  | <p><b>District 28</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep Richmond Hill together</li> </ul>  |

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|   |                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Important organizations and institutions run from Van Wyck, Jamaica Ave., and Woodhaven Blvd.</li> <li>• Should be part of 28</li> <li>• Keep community together under one district as much as possible</li> <li>• Importance of community needs</li> </ul>  |
| Anil Shahi  | Adhikaar                        | <b>District 26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Keep Woodside and Sunnyside whole in 26</b></li> <li>• Nepali speaking community – fastest growing Asian ethnic group in the city</li> <li>• Keep community whole</li> <li>• Little in common with rest of population of 30 – language, culture, lifestyles</li> <li>• Supports Unity Map</li> </ul>                                       |
| Group with translator<br><br>Maria Signora?<br>Claudia Nunez<br>Gerard Nunez<br>Sandra Dominguez<br>Vasilio? Garcia |                                 | <b>District 26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't divide community into four separate districts</li> <li>• Diverse immigrant community</li> <li>• Woodside, Sunnyside, Long Island City</li> <li>• Would increase white population</li> <li>• Keep lines the same as they have been for past 30 years</li> <li>• Emphasized VRA protections</li> </ul>                                    |
| Osman Chaudry ?   |                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunnyside</li> <li>• Oppose draft map</li> <li>• Dividing Woodside into four parts – not acceptable</li> <li>• Supports Unity Map</li> <li>• Sunnyside and Woodside are very connected</li> <li>• large Bangladeshi community</li> </ul>   |
| Lakrani Ray?  | DRUM – Desis Rising Up & Moving | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports Unity Map – keeps Woodside and Sunnyside together and whole</li> <li>• Currently majority Asian district</li> <li>• If split up will create two white majority districts</li> <li>• Woodside and Sunnyside mostly rely on public transportation while Maspeth and Middle Village mostly rely on driving</li> <li>• Very few things in common</li> </ul> |

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| Tamang Lama?<br>Representing group | Community Board member<br><br>Tamang Society of North America?<br><br>Society of American and Nepalese Community | <b>District 25 and 26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nepalese community</li> <li>Statement together from 18-20 Tibetan community</li> <li>Nepali community settled in Woodside, Sunnyside, Elmhurst, Astoria</li> <li>Want community to stay together</li> <li>Oppose map for 25 and 26</li> </ul>   |
| Ambika Prasad?                     | South Queens Women's March   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community of interest – Woodhaven Blvd to the west, Jamaica Ave. to the north, Van Wyck Expressway to the east, and Conduit Ave. to the south</li> <li>Draft divides community across 28, 29, 32</li> <li>Opposed to draft</li> <li>Supports Unity Map – creates plurality APA district in 32</li> <li>Open to any option that will keep Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park together</li> </ul> |
| Mahtab Khan                        |  | <b>District 24</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opposed to draft map for 24</li> <li>Similar to past district 24 maps</li> <li>Violates VRA – by not acknowledging South Asian growth</li> <li>Not receiving adequate representation</li> <li>Will upload map</li> </ul>   |
| Juan Manzella?                     |  | <b>District 34</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ridgewood</li> <li>Many immigrants and undocumented families</li> <li>Diverse language and cultures</li> <li>Explained 2020 census – low count for Latino families – numbers are not accurate</li> <li>Don't divide Ridgewood</li> <li>34 should expand more into Queens to represent more Latino families</li> </ul>  |
| Dirk McCall                        |  | <b>District 26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Sunnyside, Woodside, Southern Astoria, Long Island City – very similar, should be together</b></li> <li>Strong opposition to draft map</li> </ul>   |

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|                 |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted new state senate district that combines Astoria with east side – don't want same situation for city council</li> </ul>  |
| Diana Salamano? |   | <p><b>District 34</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ridgewood – keep together</li> <li>Hispanic, Latin families – makes sense to keep families together rather than dividing them</li> </ul>  |
| Tania Sharmino? |   | <p><b>District 34</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must expand towards Ridgewood because 34 represents Ridgewood in Queens and Bushwick in Brooklyn – share similar concerns</li> <li>Hispanic, Latin families – sense of unity</li> <li>Draft map divides Ridgewood into three districts</li> <li>Will damage working class families in Ridgewood</li> </ul>  |
| Cesar Ruiz      | LatinoJustice<br>Unity Coalition<br>AALDEF<br>CLSJ                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Adopt Unity Map in full</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keeps Woodside and Sunnyside whole</li> <li>Keeps 26 exclusively in Queens</li> </ul> </li> <li>Three wholly contained districts in Staten Island violates charter and doesn't match demographic growth – malapportionment concerns</li> <li>Coalition districts must be protected</li> <li>38 on draft removes Red Hook and part of Sunset Park</li> </ul>   |
| Jerry Vattamala | AALDEF<br><br>APA Voice<br>Redistricting Task<br>force<br><br>Unity Map Coalition | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Adopt Unity Map</b></li> <li>Problematic to start with Staten Island</li> <li>Must start with communities protected by VRA</li> <li>Can't dismantle performing coalition districts – protected by VRA</li> <li>27, 28, 31 (performing Black districts) unity map turns 28 into majority Black district – would have 3 majority Black districts</li> <li>Richmond Hill / South Ozone Park – protected community of interest – Asian American – must first ensure fair and effective representation for that community before looking at Howard Beach and</li> </ul> |

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|                     |  | <p>Breezy Point and Broad Channel that were consolidated in draft plan in 32</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Woodside kept whole in 26</li> <li>• Previously submitted communities of interest map</li> </ul>   |
| Selima Ashraf Islam | Bangladesh Institute of Performing Arts (BIPA)   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Astoria, Long Island City, Sunnyside, Woodside</li> <li>• Redistricting this area is not a good idea</li> </ul>   |
| Potri Ranka Manis?  | <p>Woodside on the Move</p> <p>National Alliance for Filipino Concerns</p> <p>Asian Advisory Council for NYC Mayor</p> | <p><b>District 26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunnyside, Woodside, Long Island City, parts of Astoria</li> <li>• Draft would cause change to the area – new district would see much of Astoria removed and Queensbridge and Ravenswood, and much of Woodside would be gone</li> <li>• White population would increase and minority groups would decrease</li> <li>• Will lose representation</li> <li>• Concerned about Little Manila</li> <li>• Don't divide Woodside into four</li> </ul> |
| Haley Kim           | MinKwon Center for Community Action  | <p><b>District 26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep Sunnyside and Woodside together in District 26</li> <li>• Don't need to have crossover</li> </ul>  |
| Jay Williams        | Rochdale Village – general manager   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Keep Rochdale Village whole</b></li> <li>• District 28 that includes one part of Rochdale Village should not split Rochdale Village</li> <li>• One community, common interests,</li> <li>• Proposed lines cuts through one of the buildings</li> </ul>   |
| Thomas Murowski     |  | <p><b>District 30</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opposed to draft map re section of Liberty Park in Glendale</li> <li>• Removes small section of Glendale from 30 and places it in 32</li> <li>• Don't want to be detached from rest of district</li> </ul>  |
| Elizabeth OuYang    | APA Voice Redistricting Taskforce (coordinator)  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Richmond Hill, South Ozone Park</li> <li>• Draft map prioritizes Staten Island</li> <li>• Population in other boroughs has grown more than Staten Island</li> </ul>   |

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|                                 |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking commission to release other draft map</li> <li>• Unity Map – best keeps 16 APA communities of interest whole               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keeps Woodside whole in 26</li> <li>• APA community in Elmhurst whole in 25</li> <li>• Considers growth of APA population in northern Flushing in 20</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Creates plurality APA district in Richmond Hill, South Ozone Park in 32</p>  |
| Mohamed Q. Amin                 | Caribbean Equality Project<br>(founder/executive director) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Echoes Liz's sentiments re Staten Island</li> <li>• Little Guyana in Richmond Hill</li> <li>• Little Punjab in South Ozone Park</li> <li>• These communities of interest are divided into 28, 29, 32</li> <li>• Dilutes political power</li> <li>• Boundaries of community:</li> <li>• Woodhaven Blvd. to the west, Jamaica Ave. to the north, Van Wyck Expressway to the East, and Conduit to the south</li> <li>• Draft map further divides into five districts – 27, 28, 29, 31, and 32</li> <li>• Keep this community of interest whole</li> </ul> |
| Anlisa Outar &<br>Farzana Linda | Chhaya CDC<br><br>APA Voice Redistricting Taskforce        | <p><b>District 28</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Severely underserved community</li> <li>• Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park – natural lines are Woodhaven Blvd. to the west, Jamaica Ave. to the north, Van Wyck Expressway to the East, Conduit Ave. to the south – keeps communities of interest together</li> <li>• Keep Woodside whole in 26 - Supports Unity Map for Woodside</li> <li>• Keep Elmhurst whole in 25 as in draft</li> <li>• Ensure south Asian and Indo-Caribbeans in these key neighborhoods are not divided</li> </ul>                                 |
| Tenzin Tehen?                   |  | <p><b>District 26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tibetan American Community in 25 and most importantly in 26</li> <li>• Draft map scatters community across 4-5 districts</li> </ul>  |

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|             |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• preserve 26 as much as possible</li> </ul>   |
| John Bahia  | <p>Woodside on the Move</p> <p>Queens Community Board 2</p>                         | <p><b>District 26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Woodside's Filipino community in Little Manila – 70<sup>th</sup> St. to 63<sup>rd</sup> St. along Roosevelt Ave. in Woodside</li> <li>• Woodside and Little Manila should be kept whole and remain in 26</li> <li>• Draft creates majority white district – dismantling minority performing district</li> <li>• Supports Unity Map proposal</li> </ul>   |
| Farah Salam |   | <p><b>District 26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bangladeshi community in 26</li> <li>• Little Bangladesh</li> <li>• In Sunnyside, Woodside, Long Island City, and Astoria from 36<sup>th</sup> Ave. to Woodside Ave.</li> <li>• Get translation services from council office now</li> <li>• Want to stay together with larger APA community in 26</li> <li>• Keep Woodside together with Long Island City, Sunnyside</li> </ul>  |
| Sandra Choi | <p>MinKwon Center for Community Action</p> <p>APA Voice Redistricting Taskforce</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopt Unity Map</li> <li>• Flushing</li> <li>• Important transportation hub</li> <li>• Linden Hill, Murray Hill, Auburndale, and Bayside</li> <li>• Asian American community makes up more than 50% in these neighborhoods</li> <li>• Restore original boundary for division of 19 and 20 – same on Unity Map</li> <li>• Murray Hill – Korea Town on map – divided into two – they don't call it that</li> <li>• Keep Murray Hill whole – Unity Map reflects that</li> </ul> |
| Raj Korpan  | Central Queens Redistricting Coalition  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will submit map</li> <li>• District 29 keeping much of central Queens together - good</li> <li>• Consequence is splitting many surrounding neighborhoods</li> <li>• Don't split Woodside</li> <li>• Issue with 32</li> </ul>   |

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|                 |                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't artificially force Staten Island to have three districts</li> </ul>  |
| Ivan Mossop Jr. | Assembly District Leader   | <p><b>District 28</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Keep Rochdale Village whole in 28</b></li> <li>• Draft divides Rochdale Village into 28 and 27 – splitting a building in half</li> <li>• 2nd largest cooperative village in the world</li> <li>• Utilities provided by common power plant, own public safety officers, community center that serves all buildings, senior center</li> <li>• Enclave of people from the African diaspora</li> <li>• Charter – keep neighborhoods and communities of interest intact</li> </ul>   |
| John Ortiz?     |                            | <p><b>District 26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Keep Woodside and Elmhurst whole</b></li> <li>• <b>Supports Unity Map</b></li> <li>• Filipino community in Little Manila in Woodside = community of interest</li> <li>• Draft splits Woodside into four districts and puts part of Woodside including Little Manila with 30 (predominately white community)</li> <li>• Very different communities – doesn't make sense</li> <li>• Would cause disenfranchisement for Little Manila community</li> <li>• Concern re transportation lines – 7 train, bus lines being cut</li> </ul> |
| Eric Duncan     |                            | <p><b>District 26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ravenswood Houses</li> <li>• Referenced Julie Won's great work during the pandemic and now</li> <li>• Good representation</li> <li>• Don't take Ravenswood and Queensbridge Houses out of district</li> <li>• Requested hearings starting earlier in the day</li> </ul>  |
| Nalima Amin?    | Caribbean Equality Project | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park - home to largest South Asian and Indo-Caribbean communities in Queens</li> <li>• Currently divided into 28, 29, 32</li> </ul>  |



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|                  |                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gerrymandered political power</li> <li>• Draft fractures community further into 27, 28, 29, 31, 32</li> </ul>   |
| Danielle Brecker | Queens Community Board 2           | <p><b>District 26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opposed to draft plan for district 26</li> <li>• Does not comport with city charter and will have adverse impact on community</li> <li>• Adding portion of Manhattan and Roosevelt Island – violates districting requirements               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fails to keep neighborhoods and communities intact – also divides Woodside into four districts</li> <li>• Fails to keep district compact</li> <li>• Creates an oddly shaped crossover district</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Shifts racial makeup of 26 to majority white</li> <li>• Inflates average income to 110k</li> <li>• No hospitals in CB 2</li> <li>• Less representation and resources on Queens side</li> </ul> |
| Kashri Seshadri? | Indo-Caribbean Alliance Inc. (ICA) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Keep all of South Ozone Park and Richmond Hill together</b></li> <li>• Against plan to split Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park into several districts</li> <li>• Indo-Caribbean community</li> <li>• One of hardest hit by COVID pandemic</li> <li>• Keep communities together</li> </ul>   |
| ? Lee            |                                    | <p><b>District 25</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amhurst / Jackson Heights</li> <li>• Most diverse neighborhood</li> <li>• Supports Unity Map</li> <li>• Keeps Asian American interests in mind</li> <li>• Woodside and Sunnyside have always been combined</li> <li>• Unity Map would address this issue – keeps entirety of Woodside and Sunnyside in 26 and Amhurst and Jackson Heights in 25</li> <li>• Also advocating for Unity Map for Flushing and Bayside</li> <li>• Also follow Unity Map for Murray Hill</li> <li>• Murray Hill should be entirely in 20</li> </ul>   |

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| Morry Galonoy  | Queens Community Board 2<br>(chairperson)   | <b>District 26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opposed to draft map for 26</li> <li>• Does not align with charter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not compact</li> <li>• Does not limit crossover – crosses three land masses</li> <li>• Does not keep communities intact – splitting Woodside will lead to disenfranchisement</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Parks and hospitals – will appear that district has a lot of these but they're all in Manhattan</li> <li>• Diminished representation</li> <li>• Requesting commission hold additional hearings</li> <li>• Will submit more thorough testimony</li> </ul> |
| Benjamin Kim   | Woodside on the Move (project coordinator)<br><br>APA Voice Redistricting Taskforce | <b>District 26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Keep Woodside whole – Unity Map</b></li> <li>• Draft map splits Woodside into 22, 25, 26, 30</li> <li>• Puts bulk of Woodside into 30</li> <li>• Will create two white majority districts at expense of a performing minority district (elected Julie Won)</li> <li>• Disregarding City Charter and VRA</li> <li>• Sunnyside would also be separated from Woodside</li> </ul>   |
| Pema Children? |   | <b>District 26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Majority of Tibetan Americans live in Astoria, Sunnyside, Long Island City, and Woodside</li> <li>• Important community centers are in Woodside</li> <li>• Finally have office that provides language services for Tibetan community</li> <li>• Supports Unity Map</li> </ul>  |
| Nowang ?       | Tibetan Community of New York and New Jersey (Vice President)                       | <b>District 26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Make sure Woodside stays together with Sunnyside, western Astoria, and Long Island City</b></li> <li>• Tibetan community in Astoria, Sunnyside, Woodside, and Long Island City</li> </ul>   |

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|                   |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't divide community into multiple districts</li> <li>• Keep together in 26</li> </ul>   |
| Richard David     | <p>District Leader<br/>Assembly District 31<br/>– Southeast Queens</p> <p>Indo-Caribbean<br/>Alliance (board<br/>member)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvements to map for Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park</li> <li>• Indo-Caribbean community</li> <li>• Lack basic access to services</li> <li>• Need to correct years of being overlooked</li> <li>• Draft map does not go far enough</li> <li>• Must include Smokey Park – where they have outdoor festivals (125<sup>th</sup> St. and Atlantic Ave.)</li> <li>• 6 blocks cut out of Ozone Park and put with Rockaways</li> <li>• Use these boundaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jamaica Ave. to the north</li> <li>• Conduit Expressway to the south</li> <li>• Woodhaven Blvd. to the west</li> <li>• Van Wyck Expressway to the east</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |
| Will Thomas       | Open New York  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing shortage</li> <li>• Staten Island point – substantially lower in residents than ideal district size, unfair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staten Island's political representatives have actively worked with Bloomberg administration to impose exclusionary zoning – should face those consequences</li> <li>• Should extend those districts out to Brooklyn</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Should take into account expected future residential change over time – far west side of Manhattan, downtown Brooklyn, Williamsburg, Greenpoint, Long Island City, and Astoria – growth will likely be concentrated in those areas</li> <li>• Err on side of historical data</li> <li>• District 26 – already over ideal population, growth is likely to continue</li> <li>• Will submit written testimony</li> </ul> |
| Arianne Maliwanag | National Federation of Filipino American Associations  | <p><b>District 26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Supports Unity Map</b></li> </ul>   |

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|              | APA Voice Redistricting Taskforce | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Keeps Woodside whole in 26 and Elmhurst whole in 25</b></li> <li>• Filipino community in Woodside and Elmhurst</li> <li>• Opposed to draft map as it splits Woodside into 22, 25, 26, 30</li> <li>• Puts Little Manila in 30 instead of remaining whole in 26</li> <li>• Fourth largest AAPI population in NYC and NY State</li> <li>• This area contains highest concentration of Filipino small businesses in NY</li> <li>• Splitting Woodside would negatively impact community's representation</li> </ul>   |
| Pasam ?      |                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tibetan Community Center is in Woodside</li> <li>• Tibetan language weekend classes</li> <li>• Most of community is in Woodside and Sunnyside</li> <li>• Draft plan weakens voice of Tibetan community</li> </ul>   |
| Zoila Alonzo | Queens Latinos Presente           | <p><b>District 21</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of Latino opportunity districts – only have one</li> <li>• Latino community is the largest minority group in Queens</li> <li>• Representation in council does not reflect this</li> <li>• Propose three Latino districts in Queens             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District 21 – majority Latino district and has been represented by a Latino since 2002 – East Elmhurst, Corona, Jackson Heights, and Elmhurst</li> <li>• Reconfiguring 25 – take into account large Latino population in Jackson Heights, Elmhurst, Woodside, East Elmhurst, and parts of Corona</li> <li>• Take into account large Latino population in Woodhaven, Ridgewood, Ozone Park, South Ozone Park, Jamaica, and Richmond Hill</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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|          |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will submit district maps</li> </ul>   |
| Vishnu ? |  | <b>District 26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Keep Woodside together with Sunnyside, Long Island City, and western Astoria</b></li> <li>• Draft map - Woodside divided into four districts</li> <li>• Nepali community will be separated</li> <li>• Against community's interest</li> <li>• Importance of language access</li> </ul> |

| Witness Name                            | Organization(s) | Testimony   |
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| Francie Scanlon?                        |                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opposed to gerrymandering</li> <li>• Emphasized importance of this process</li> <li>• "lines don't make a district, people make a district"</li> </ul>   |
| Dan Kaminsky                            | Citizens Union  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commenting on process</li> <li>• Recommendations from Citizens Union <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain the reasons behind line drawing decisions (kept three whole districts on Staten Island)</li> <li>• Have mapping deliberations in public – concerned about backroom deals</li> <li>• Disclose any meetings commissioners have with elected officials</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| William Stanford Jr. / Five Borough Man |                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complaint re timing of his testimony</li> <li>• Should use bus corridors to draw lines</li> <li>• Don't separate communities</li> </ul>  |