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New York State Independent Redistricting Commission – Queens County Public Hearing
Thursday, February 16, 2023 @ 4:00pm
York College (CUNY)

Name	Organization	Testimony
Perla Silva	Make the Road NY	<p>Maintain 2022 lines for Western Queens – AD 34, 36, 39</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to draft for western Queens • Would reduce representation for communities of color • AD 30, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39 – are now represented by people of color • Should not include Manhattan in the Queens district
Thomas Merowsky?	Civic Association	<p>Maintain 2022 AD 38 – Keep Liberty Park whole</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liberty Park in Glendale • Opposed to draft for Liberty Park • Has long been in one AD with rest of Glendale
Raj Korpan	Central Queens Redistricting Coalition	<p>Make Rego Park whole in one district</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to draft for AD 38 – includes communities that are vastly different • Rego Park should be in same district as Forest Hills – many similarities • Limit cross-borough districts • 2022 map also splits Rego Park
Cameron Nahar		<p>Supports APA Voice map that splits AD 26 into two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • creating a district that keeps the diverse South Asian, Indo-Caribbean and Black communities together • Hillside Jamaica
Dr. Abdul Mahmood?		<p>Supports APA Voice map that splits AD 26 into two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • creating a district that keeps the diverse South Asian, Indo-Caribbean and Black communities together • Hillside Jamaica
Nissar Bouyan	DRUM	<p>Supports APA Voice map that splits AD 26 into two</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • creating a district that keeps the diverse South Asian, Indo-Caribbean and Black communities together • Hillside Jamaica
Mark Laster	Central Queens Redistricting Coalition	<p>Make Rego Park whole in one district</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't further divide Rego Park • AD 28 • Rego Park and Forest Hills have been together for many years • Opposed to draft AD 38 • Will submit map
Assemblymember Nily Rozic	AD 25	<p>Advocating for 2022 AD 25 with some changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make these neighborhoods whole: West Cunningham Park, Hillcrest Estates, Briarwood, and Oakland Gardens
Heather Beers-Dimitriadis	Central Queens Redistricting Coalition Chair, Community Board 6	<p>Make Rego Park whole in one district</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep communities whole • Would prefer 2022 districts for Rego Park than the draft but the 2022 lines split Rego Park as well • Draft AD 38 divides communities
Shamsul Hawk - Along with neighbors and 1250 signed petitions Muhammad Allam? Nobi Hussain? Arashadar Sadiki? Raman?		<p>Jackson Heights - AD 30 – submitted preferred map</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted that he is there with dozens of his neighbors and 1250 signed petitions • Draft and current map divides community into four ADs • South Asian community in Jackson Heights • Draft removes important masjids from the district
Richard David		<p>Supports IRC Draft AD 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeps most of Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park whole
Amir Abadi		<p>Maintain 2022 AD 29 – put Jamaica and Laurelton back together; Jamaica Estates region should go to AD 33</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current district allows Black homeowners to get adequate representation in Albany

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft would dilute homeownership by adding more renters
Aaron Fernando	DRUM	<p>Supports IRC Draft AD 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeps most of Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park whole <p>Supports APA Voice map that splits AD 26 into two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep Hillside Corridor together
Carmen Garcia	Make the Road NY	<p>Maintain 2022 lines for Western Queens – AD 30, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opposed to draft for western Queens – would harm Latino community Should not include Manhattan in the Queens district – very different communities
Lillian Gee?		<p>Supports APA Voice map that splits AD 26 into two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bayside Queens – Asian population has grown substantially Opposed to IRC draft for AD 26 Not compact Should not be grouped with Hillside Corridor or Glenoaks
Connie Atamorano?		<p>Maintain 2022 lines for Western Queens – AD 30, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep Ridgewood whole in one district (2022 AD 37)
Carmen Santana		<p>Maintain 2022 AD 37 - Keep Ridgewood whole in one district</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changing lines would disrupt delivery of services
Elizabeth OuYang	APA Voice Redistricting Taskforce	<p>Submitting remaining 4 maps that APA Voice Redistricting Taskforce is submitting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Supports IRC Draft AD 24 Submitted preferred map for AD 40 (minor changes to IRC draft) Propose dividing draft AD 26 into two districts Woodside, Jackson Heights, Elmhurst – submitted preferred map for AD 30 (minor changes to IRC draft)
Josh Bentley	Korean Community Services	<p>Supports APA Voice map that splits AD 26 into two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep Bayside together with Little Neck, Douglaston, and College Park? in one district

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	APA Voice Redistricting Taskforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft is not compact and is too big
? Ramgopal		<p>Supports IRC Draft AD 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeps most of Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park whole (Little Guyana, Indo-Caribbean community) Has long been divided – causing lack of services and representation
Huan Jin Lee?		<p>Supports APA Voice map for Northeastern Queens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eastern boundary of AD 40 should be 166th St.
Joshua Harris		<p>Supports IRC Draft AD 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeps most of Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park whole (Little Guyana, Indo-Caribbean community)
Mohamed Islam		<p>Supports APA Voice map that splits AD 26 into two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> creating a district that keeps the diverse South Asian, Indo-Caribbean and Black communities together
Mohamed Q. Amin	Caribbean Equality Project APA Voice Redistricting Taskforce	<p>Supports IRC Draft AD 24 and all of APA Voice maps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeps most of Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park whole (Little Guyana, Indo-Caribbean community)
Lokmani Rai?		<p>Supports APA Voice revised map for AD 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Woodside, Jackson Heights, Elmhurst – Keep communities together and whole Asian community
Urgen Sherpa	Chhaya APA Voice Redistricting Taskforce	<p>Supports APA Voice revised map for AD 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Woodside, Jackson Heights, Elmhurst – Keep communities together and whole Don't split Asian community, small businesses, cultural centers
Karina Kaufman Gutierrez	Street Vendor Project	<p>Maintain 2022 AD 30, 35</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Street vendor areas – important to keep these communities together Draft breaks up South Asian vending community into two districts
Albert?		Supports IRC Draft AD 24

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeps most of Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park whole (Little Guyana, Indo-Caribbean community)
Pamela Bluford	District Leader AD 29a	<p>Maintain 2022 AD 29 Keep these communities together:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rosedale, Laurelton, Springfield Gardens, Addisleigh Park, Jamaica, and Hollis
Preston Baker	District Leader AD 29a	<p>Maintain 2022 AD 29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft includes Jamaica Estates - more upper-class community (18% African American), and eliminates Laurelton and Rosedale AD 29 = 69% African American Draft would hurt African American vote Noted difficult sign-up process to speak at hearing
Dinasar Singh?		<p>Supports IRC Draft AD 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Richmond Hill
Rabbi Garth Merchant?		<p>Supports IRC Draft AD 24 Maintain 2022 AD 29, 31, 33</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rosedale, Laurelton = heart of the community
Kazi Fouzia	DRUM (testifying as resident)	<p>Supports APA Voice map that splits AD 26 into two And supports all APA Voice maps</p>
Rina?	Teacher	<p>Supports IRC Draft AD 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unites Richmond Hill, Ozone Park, and South Ozone Park
Mandeep Singh?		<p>Supports IRC Draft AD 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unites Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park
Eduardo Valentine		<p>Maintain 2022 AD 34, 39 for Jackson Heights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diverse community, LGBTQ interests
Darrel Sakteo?		<p>Supports IRC Draft AD 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unites Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park
Tina Hon?	MinKwon Center	<p>Supports APA Voice map for AD 40 – Downtown Flushing</p>
Sandra Choi	MinKwon Center APA Voice Redistricting Taskforce	<p>Supports APA Voice map for AD 40 – Downtown Flushing, Murray Hill, Linden Hill And supports all APA Voice maps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Important district for building Asian American power
Geeta Atakari?	DRUM	<p>Supports APA Voice revised map for AD 30 – Woodside, Jackson Heights, Elmhurst And supports all APA Voice maps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeps community together Currently Asian majority

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Sophia Rivera	Make the Road NY	Maintain 2022 AD 34 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigrant, Latino community • Happy with Assembly representation
Fausto Jimenez	Make the Road NY	Maintain 2022 AD 30, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39
Jane Jiang?	Korean Community Services of Metropolitan NY	Supports APA Voice map that splits AD 26 into two And supports all APA Voice maps
Shengbo Ding?	MinKwon Center	Supports APA Voice map for AD 40 – Flushing And supports all APA Voice maps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern border should be 166th St – area east of 166th has different interests • Immigrant concerns • Mail theft in Flushing – representatives helped • Need to keep community together
Wah Go?	MinKwon Center	Supports APA Voice map for AD 40 – Flushing And supports all APA Voice maps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern border should be 166th St – area east of 166th has different interests • Language needs, tenant rights, tax preparation
Bao Chun Chiang?	MinKwon Center	Supports APA Voice map for AD 40 – Flushing And supports all APA Voice maps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern border should be 166th St – area east of 166th has different interests • Immigrant concerns, language needs, tax preparation, need elected officials that understands needs
Soo Ha Lee?	MinKwon Center	Supports APA Voice map for AD 40 – Flushing And supports all APA Voice maps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern border should be 166th St – area east of 166th has different interests • Immigrant concerns, language needs, need representation
Nunez?		Maintain 2022 AD 37 Western Queens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently have 6 Assemblymembers that reflect community – Latino and South Asian community • Draft would harm this representation
Gurung?		Supports APA Voice revised map for AD 30 - Jackson Heights And supports all APA Voice maps

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Asian small business corridor should be in one district
Han Jin Chen?	MinKwon	<p>Supports APA Voice map for AD 40 – Flushing And supports all APA Voice maps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eastern border should be 166th St – area east of 166th has different interests Immigrant needs, language needs, social services
Abdul Rahman?		<p>Supports APA Voice map that splits AD 26 into two Supports IRC Draft AD 24 And supports all APA Voice maps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southern part of current AD 26 consists of South Asian and Indo Caribbean community South Asian and Indo Caribbean communities have major differences in terms of ethnic, culture, economics, cuisine to the Eastern Asian community
Olivia Bowa?	Caribbean Equality Project APA Voice Redistricting Taskforce	<p>Supports IRC Draft AD 24 And supports all APA Voice maps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unites Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park (Little Guyana)
Aminta Kilawan-Narine	South Queens Women’s March APA Voice Redistricting Taskforce	<p>Supports IRC Draft AD 24 And supports all APA Voice maps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held meeting where over 95 individuals voiced their support for AD 24 Worship together, take same trains
Charles Newman		<p>Opposed to IRC draft AD 38 “Serpent of Central Queens” Would prefer something similar to current 2022 AD 27 and 38 Also supports IRC Draft AD 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft AD 38 includes bits and pieces of 8 different neighborhoods, including Maspeth, Middle Village, Ridgewood Keep neighborhoods whole
Savita Prasad	South Queens Women’s March APA Voice Redistricting Taskforce	<p>Supports APA Voice Map for Hillside Corridor (splitting AD 26 into two) And supports all APA Voice maps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft would reduce Asian population APA map would create an Asian plurality of 44.5% South Asian and Indo-Caribbean small businesses
Gorbenda Nagra?		Supports IRC Draft AD 24

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		<p>Supports APA Voice map that splits AD 26 into two</p> <p>And supports all APA Voice maps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unite Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park • Important for Sikh community - Gurdwaras kept in same district
Isabella Fernans?	<p>Caribbean Equality Project</p> <p>APA Voice Redistricting Taskforce</p>	<p>Supports IRC Draft AD 24</p> <p>And supports all APA Voice maps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unites Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park (Little Guyana) • Community of interest
Karina Nevus?		<p>Supports IRC Draft AD 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unites Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park (Little Guyana) • Community of interest • Richmond Hill has been disenfranchised • Share same trains • Need senior services
Nurajan Akhtar?	DRUM	<p>Supports IRC Draft AD 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unite Richmond Hill, Ozone Park, South Ozone Park • Diverse community – same shops, community centers, libraries, schools • Immigrant issues
Sharifa Williams		<p>Supports IRC Draft AD 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unite Richmond Hill, Ozone Park, South Ozone Park
Israel Pescowitz		<p>Maintain 2022 AD 27 (at least for area south of LIE) – Kew Gardens Hills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft divides neighborhood into three districts • Boundaries should be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southern boundary = Union Tpke • Eastern boundary = 164th St. • Western boundary = Grand Central Pkwy • Northern boundary = Long Island Expy • Keep Queens College in the district • Keep Kew Gardens Hills, Pomonok, Hillcrest, Electchester together <p>Also supports IRC Draft AD 24</p>

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Benjamin Kim	Woodside on the Move APA Voice Redistricting Taskforce	Supports APA Voice map for AD 30 - Woodside, Jackson Heights, Elmhurst – (minor changes to IRC draft) And supports all APA Voice maps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Keeps Little Manila together • But needs some adjustments to keep Tibetan Community Center in the district, make Jackson Heights community whole
Jakpreet Singh		Supports IRC Draft AD 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unite Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park • Noted rise in hate crimes and other tragedies • If map needs to be extended, ok to extend east to 145th St.
Simran Thind	DRUM	Supports IRC Draft AD 24 And supports all APA Voice maps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unite South Asian and Indo-Caribbean communities • Healthcare, housing, language needs
Derek Evers		Maintain 2022 AD 37 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ridgewood – has long been gerrymandered • Current district has only 2 community groups and only 2 school districts • Draft crosses multiple boroughs, school districts, and community groups • Going all the way from Greenpoint to Middle Village
Ronak Patel	AALDEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep Asian American communities whole • Will be submitting Asian communities of interest maps – places where community shares schools, houses of worship, groceries, etc. • Superimpose CoI maps on drafts to ensure communities are kept intact • Unity Map Coalition submitted complete plan • APA Voice submitted 9 district maps • Asian community in Queens has grown by 29.2% • Asian majority district must be maintained to comply with NY and federal VRA (AD 30) • Supports IRC draft AD 24 • Supports splitting AD 26 into two (APA Voice map)
John Park	MinKwon Center	Supports APA Voice map for AD 40 (Flushing) Supports all APA Voice maps

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	APA Voice Redistricting Taskforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor tweaks to draft AD 40 on southern border • Remove small section of east Flushing • Would better define the community in Flushing and make district more compact • Language needs
Mark Glogowski		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should assign assembly seats to counties • Districts should be contiguous and compact • Maintain counties, cities, towns, communities of interest • Draft won't achieve this
Dr. Minewattie Gayadin Ali		<p>Supports IRC Draft AD 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeps community whole – South Ozone Park, Ozone Park, Richmond Hill • Community has long been divided at all levels of government • Community faces the same issues and has similar interests – schools
Mohammad Abdul Jalil		<p>Submitted map for AD 30 But if not, would prefer 2022 AD 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asian community of interest • Draft divides community
Mohammad Chowdhury		<p>Supports map that was submitted for AD 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • draft divides community into four districts