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Dear Esteemed Commissioners,

Brooklyn Asian Voice Organization (BRAVO) is a 501C-3 not-for-profit community organization mission in inspiring and empowering young Asian American in Brooklyn to achieve professional and personal growth. To accomplish our goals we have created variety of programs and activates for BRAVO members since 2008. Some of the programs are: Career Training Forums and Tours, Mural project in Bay Ridge, Annual Street Cleaning in Bensonhurst and Voter Registration Drive throughout the Asian communities in Brooklyn.

We are writing to support the changes to District 47 in the map submitted by local resident, Dr. Wah Lee, who is also a representative of OCA-NY, and member of ACCORD.

In the Dec 4 map proposed by the Districting Commission, the northwest boundary of District 47 ends at Bay Ridge Ave, between 18th Ave and 21st Ave. We agree with Dr. Wah Lee, OCA-NY, member of ACCORD that extending the boundary from Bay Ridge Ave to 62nd Street would better preserve the community of common interest in this north-western Bensonhurst neighborhood. This version would also be more in line with the boundaries supported by the UNITY map, which was designed to keep neighborhoods intact.

As population would be removed from District 44 and added to District 47 in this change, We further support Dr. Wah Lee, OCA-NY, member of ACCORD's proposal to return population to District 44 from District 47 by the neighborhood east of MacDonald Ave. This neighborhood is currently in District 47, but has many interests in common with District 44/Borough Park.

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We support the changes to District 47 in the map submitted by local resident, Dr. Wah Lee, OCA-NY, member of ACCORD because it would better preserve neighborhoods of common interest in both District 47 and District 44, without causing a ripple effect of change in the neighboring districts, while maintaining a compact geometry for both districts.

Sincerely,

 
Lanny Chen, Director