

NYC Districting Commission Public Hearing

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Dear Chair:

I live in the seaview village area of Canarsie Brooklyn. I want to make a suggestion on the redistricting of the Canarsie community. Please do not split Canarsie up as of now Canarsie has 3 three council members which one is connected to the 60<sup>th</sup> assembly District according to the new lines drawn up from the Assembly district. And the other side of East 108<sup>th</sup> street is within the 58<sup>th</sup> Assembly district. Canarsie lines should be drawn from Ave D' to the shore line and from Ralph Ave to East 108<sup>th</sup> which would put all of Canarsie together and within the bounties of the 69<sup>th</sup> Pct.

The way the lines are now with the 3 Council members is very hard to get anything done in this area, for example: there was an issue with the fresh creek Nature preserve and I needed to get in touch with my community leaders for that area. I got in contact with the council member, and the assembly in Canarsie who I thought was my community leaders only to find out that neither one of them was responsible for that area of Canarsie . When I did get in touch with the council member and the Assembly member neither one helped solve the problem with the Nature preserve, I reached out to my State Senator and organized a community clean up to the attention of the park dept. to finally agree to restore the Fresh Creek Nature Preserve. So you can say from east 108<sup>th</sup> to seaview we don't not have leadership as far as our Assembly person and Council member.

Please do not leave The Seaview Village area of Canarsie out in the cold for the next 10 years.

P.S. I started the Fresh Creek Association because I wanted to show we care about our area and our beautiful Nature Preserve.

Thanks for your time and I truly hope you don't chop up Canarsie.

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