I am writing to you as a concerned citizen, and as President of the Board of Directors of Amalgamated Warbasse Houses. I am also a long time member of Community Board 13.

AWH is a Mitchell-Lama co-op located in the 47th Council District in Coney Island. We are 5 - 24 story buildings with 2600 apartments, over 8000 residents and on 26 acres, host a small shopping center, and a NORC community. I write this today to share my thoughts about the redistricting process and how illogical it was to separate Warbasse from other high rise developments in the area.

The communities of Brighton Beach, Trump Village, Luna Park, Warbasse, and Brightwater Towers, all located within 2 square blocks of each other, should all be in one district (47th) like it was before the 2002 redistricting. It is totally illogical to have neighboring high rises/co-ops like Brightwater Towers, Trump Village, Luna Park in the 48th District while Warbasse is alone in the 47th District. We have similar makeup, problems, issues, interests and demographics. Coney Island, Sea Gate, Brighton Beach (Ocean Parkway to Coney Island Ave.) Trump Village, Luna Park, Brightwater Towers are often referred to as Greater Coney Island.

We are all currently parts of the same Community Board (CB-13), the 60th Police precinct, the 46th Assembly District, the 23rd State Senate District, and the 8th Congressional District. These neighborhoods should be in the same Council District (47th) as we are for the Boardwalk and the beaches in Coney Island and Brighton Beach.

Sincerely,
Michael J Silverman