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My name is Shazia Bibi and I have been a community activist since 2008 and during this entire period of time I have noticed that we as a Pakistani American Community and as a Muslim American feel alienated because we as a community could not get any resources during this entire 13-14 years

The Muslim women need access and resources to advance ourselves and our families and to empower our younger generation so they do not feel left behind. They need to avail of similar benefits available to other communities.

If we have more opportunities to educate our children and provide opportunities to them then they will become productive members of our combined communities where all will benefit.

This can only happen if we have our communities in CD 47 so we can benefit in the electoral process and have a candidate of our choosing or one that will provide our community with opportunities and resources to grow.

Coney Island, Brighton Beach (from Ocean Parkway till Coney Island Avenue), Trump Village, Warbasse, Luna Park, Brightwater Towers and adjacent Ocean Parkway are currently parts of the same Community Board 13, same 60th Police Precinct, same 46th Assembly District, same 23rd State Senate District and same 8th Congressional District. These neighborhoods should be in one 47th Council District. Today's 47th Council District includes Boardwalk and beaches at both Coney Island and Brighton Beach.

In the current set up we are part of CD 48 and we are unable to get proper representation since we are not a large enough community. If our area of residence is included in CD 47 we will have much larger representation and we will have some say in the electoral process.

Sincerely,
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