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Testimony to the New York City Districting Commission

Thank you to Chair Walcott and the distinguished members of the Districting Commission for holding this public hearing and for the opportunity to present testimony. I am New York City Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, and I have the honor and privilege of representing the 46th Council District in Brooklyn.

Allow me to publicly thank you for your great service to our city, and for your crucial work in guiding the redistricting process to completion as required by legal requirements set by the U.S. Constitution, federal law, state law, and the Charter of the City of New York.

To make the 46th District more compact, I suggest the removal of the Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Beach portions of the district. Residents of the neighborhoods of Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Beach share many cultural similarities, and in my opinion would be best served by inclusion into the 47th Council District.

To make up for the population loss caused by the removal of the Nostrand/Sheepshead NYCHA Houses, I suggest adding Canarsie's Breukelen Houses into the 46th District. The inclusion of Breukelen into the 46th District would add to the compactness of the district and allow the entirety of Canarsie to be represented by one member of the City Council.

These revisions to the current map, as exhibited in the map I have submitted for your review, would meet all population and redistricting criteria by keeping the neighborhoods of Canarsie, Mill Basin, Bergen Beach, Flatlands, and Marine Park intact, and providing for the inclusion of the entire 11236 zip code into one compact district.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.