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Mr. Dennis M. Walcott  
Chair  
NYC Districting Commission  
253 Broadway, 3rd Floor  
New York, NY 10007

Re: 35th New York City Council District

Dear Mr. Walcott:

Bounded by Flatbush Avenue, Atlantic Avenue, Washington Avenue and Eastern Parkway, Prospect Heights is one of the smallest neighborhoods in the borough of Brooklyn. It is home to a socially and economically diverse population, which is seen by many of its residents as contributing to the quality of life in the neighborhood. Prospect Heights has seen significant development over the last two decades and is expected to see more in the near future, as the Atlantic Yards project and a neighborhood rezoning increase residential density along Atlantic Avenue. At the same time, there are concentrations of rent-regulated housing in the northwest and southeast corners of Prospect Heights that are home to many long-time residents who can be at risk of displacement. Increased population will also affect infrastructure and public services, such as schools and emergency services.

Under these circumstances, we urge the Commission to keep the entirety of the Prospect Heights neighborhood within the 35th City Council District to ensure cohesive representation of the community. Our neighborhood is already represented by two Assembly members and two State Senators, and will be represented by two members of the next Congress. Representation of its population should not be further diluted over multiple City Council districts.

We further note the historic ties between Prospect Heights and the Crown Heights neighborhood to the east, both within Brooklyn Community District 8. We believe this relationship should be reflected by retaining the western boundary of the 35th City Council District at Flatbush Avenue, coterminous with the boundary of the community district.

Thank you for the opportunity to share these recommendations.

Sincerely,

Gib Veconi  
Chair