



## **ADDISLEIGH PARK CIVIC ORGANIZATION**

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**New York City Districting Commission  
253 Broadway  
New York, NY 10007**

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Dear Commission members,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide a brief testimony in regard to your efforts to draw new City Council districts as required after the 2020 census.

As the president of the Addisleigh Park Civic Organization (APCO), I am writing with one specific request. We are asking that the whole of Addisleigh Park remain intact in the 27<sup>th</sup> Council District. We are an historic community of about 800 homes in Southeast Queens that is predominantly middle class and working class African- American. Our community has a long history as a jazz and music mecca and as the former home to an amazing array of entertainment, sports and political luminaries. We are very proud of our community's roots, and strive to maintain our community as a desirable place to live and a destination for many people who live in other communities.

The residents of Addisleigh Park work hard to maintain the community's quality of life, and in order to do so we strive to work closely with our elected officials, to support their efforts on our behalf as well as to hold them accountable for representing our values and our needs. We have always been in the 27<sup>th</sup> Council District since the district was created in the 1970s and was represented by the late Archie Spigner. This has allowed us to look to our councilmember for support and to push for the delivery of municipal services that we are entitled to receive but do not always get without persistence and united effort. We thus wish to ask this commission to ensure that this community will remain wholly in the 27<sup>th</sup> Council District. Our community is bounded roughly by Sayres Avenue to the north, Merrick Blvd. to the east, 115<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the south and 180<sup>th</sup> Street to the east. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William Scarborough, president  
Addisleigh Park Civic Organization