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OF WILLIAMSBURGH AND NORTH BROOKLYN
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Hon. Patrick F. McAllister and Special Master Cervas
Steuben County Supreme & County Court
3 East Pulteney Square
Bath, NY 14810

Re: Tim Harkenrider, et al. v. Governor Kathy Hochul, et al.

Index No. E2022-0116CV

Submission of Interested Party: United Jewish Organizations of Williamsburg and North Brooklyn.

Dear Justice McAllister and Special Master Cervas:

We are once again writing on behalf of the United Jewish Organizations of Williamsburg and North Brooklyn (UJO) as a follow up on our earlier letter and study which showed that, by every metric, our community must be considered a community of interest for redistricting purposes.

Firstly, we want to thank you for keeping our community mostly intact on the Congressional maps and for expanding the share of our community within a single State Senate District.

Nevertheless, we continue to be disappointed with the fact that the new maps do not include our entire community. The State Senate maps remain particularly troubling as they leave out near 25% of our community by area and population. As shown by our previously submitted map, the southern boundary of the Jewish community extends 13 blocks south past Flushing Ave. all the way down to

Lafayette Ave. Yet, the proposed State Senate map sets Flushing Ave. as our district's boundary, which splits the community of interest.

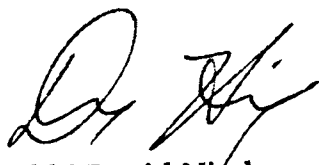
Less troubling, but also disappointing, is the omission, from our new Congressional district, of the area bordered on the South by DeKalb Ave., by Nostrand Ave. to the East and Marcus Garvey Blvd. to the West. Thousands of members of our community will be left out if the maps stay the way they are now.

In both districts, these areas can be added without increasing the district populations. One option is to compensate by swapping back portions from the 18th Senate district and the 7th Congressional district west of Classon Ave. or East of Broadway to their neighboring districts.


As we stated in our previous filing, our community is already but a small part of any Senate District. Slicing us up even further and thereby reducing our say within New York politics will disenfranchise our voters at least for the next decade. What's worse, the failure to recognize us as a community of interest that must be kept together will set the precedent for future redistricting efforts to similarly neglect our community for generations to come.

We respectfully ask that you take our request into consideration as you finalize the maps. As our prior filing demonstrated, our request is thoroughly grounded in the new census data. We ask that you likewise follow the data in making your determination.

Respectfully submitted,

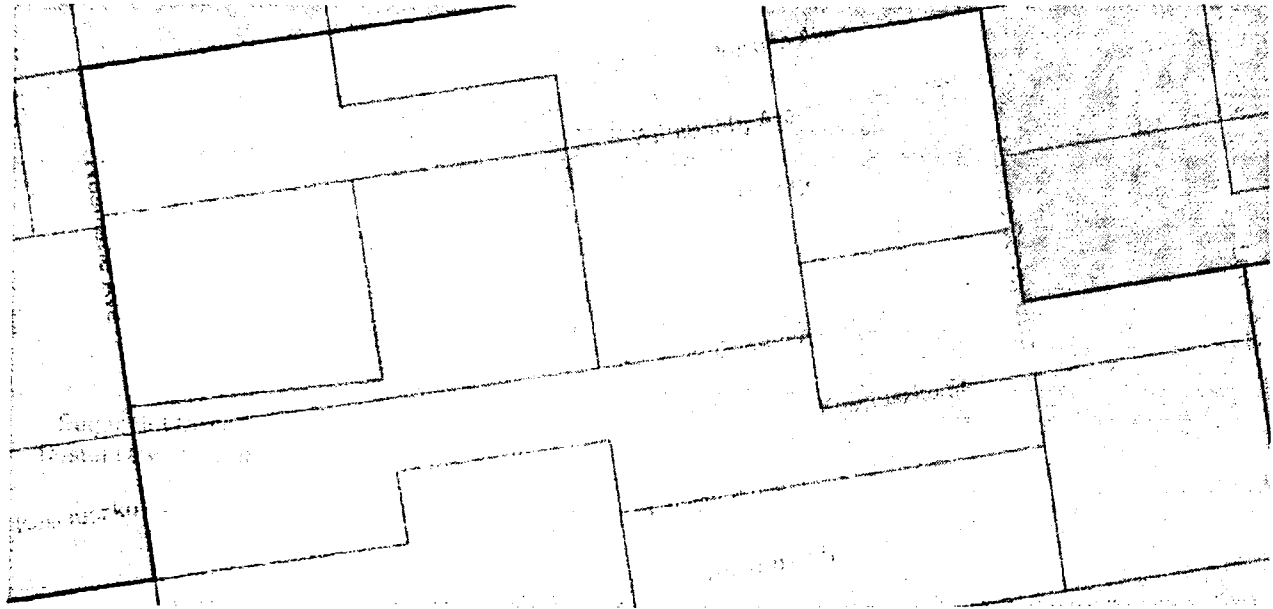


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Omitted Area From the Congressional Map Bordered by DeKalb Ave. on the South, Nostrand Ave. on the East and Marcus Garvey Blvd. on the West which should be included District 7



Omitted Area From the State Senate Map. Southern Boundary Should be Moved from Flushing Ave. South to Lafayette Ave. which should be included in District 18

