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Hon. Christine Quinn
Speaker
New York City Council
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Fax and Mail

Dear Speaker Quinn:

I am writing to you on behalf of Mitchell-Linden, North Flushing, Broadway-Flushing Homeowners, and Auburndale Improvement Civic Associations regarding the proposed Council District boundary lines by the New York City District Commission.

I was recently approached by civic leaders and residents in the area, most of whom I represented during my tenure in the City Council from 2002 to 2009, who are extremely concerned with the newly proposed lines. Specifically, the Civic Associations and the residents agree that the District Commission has not done its stated job, which is to keep "communities of interest" grouped together. These lines, if adopted, will divide each of these communities in half in terms of City Council representation, which is particularly unacceptable considering that both Mitchell-Linden and Broadway-Flushing have always been located in a single Council District.

In addition, it seems ludicrous not to unite the Station Road area of Auburndale into a single Council District, or all of the areas in North Flushing as proposed. Judging by the demographics and boundary lines, the Districting Commission can easily redraw the proposed lines to match the lines proposed by the Civic Associations and Queens Civic Congress without any negative effects to the surrounding areas. The lines proposed by the community will in fact correct the problems that the Commission has created.

My constituents have long been concerned about decisions made that are contrary to the wants and needs of their neighborhoods. Diluting political representation through what appear to be arbitrary boundary lines, does little to change their opinion. I therefore urge you to reject the Commission's proposed lines and support the changes proposed by the affected Civic

Associations and Queens Civic Congress. I have attached a copy of their map which clearly demonstrates where the boundary lines should be drawn. To do anything less would make a mockery of the District Commission's own rules and a charade of the City Council redistricting process.

Under the circumstances, I would appreciate your reviewing this matter as soon as possible and sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Avella', written in a cursive style.

Tony Avella
Senator
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