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Mr. Johnathan Ettricks
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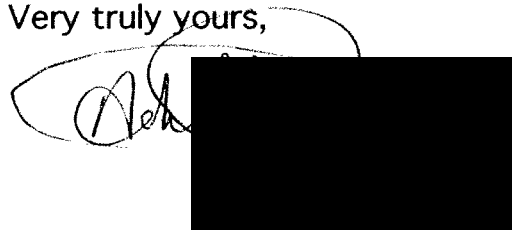
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Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Adelchi', is written over a large black rectangular redaction box.



Mrs. Anita Bernard
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Flushing, NY 11358-1325

January 8, 2013

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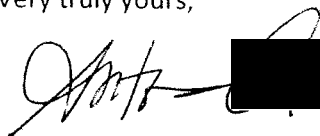
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Hearings

From: j [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2013 6:03 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: districting

Mr, Jonathan Etricks, I would like to express our opposition to the redistricting of the 19th and 20th district in Flushing. We have a wonderful community and there is no benefit to change the 19th and 20th district. I will not be able to attend the meeting and hope my email opposing the change will suffice. Thank you. Respectfully, John and Anna O'Hare [REDACTED] Flushing N.Y. 11358

Hearings

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2013 2:16 PM
To: Hearings
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: redistricting city council lines districts 19/20

I am writing in response to the proposed changes in boundary lines for City Council Districts 19 and 20. A public hearing on this issue is scheduled for Monday, 1/14/13 at 6:00 p.m.

I have lived in Flushing for 40 years, both in the downtown area and in north Flushing. During this time I have been involved with local civic and political organizations and served six years on District 25's Community School Board. I draw my opinion from these experiences.

Clearly, the proposed boundary changes do not conform to the requirement in the City Charter of identifying council districts by "communities of interest". Even a cursory knowledge of these areas (current council districts 19 and 20) would convince anyone that they are different from each other but each forms a cohesive whole as constituted. One is a very urban area (large apartment buildings, a transportation hub, department stores, etc) and the other is made up of 1 and 2 family homes. The residents in these communities have chosen them because each area fits the individual resident's needs and interests. The voting members of one district see many issues differently from the members of the other district based on these needs and interests.

I strongly urge the members of the Districting Commission to maintain the current city council lines for districts 19 and 20.

Anthony Daddiego, EdD

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Flushing, NY 11358

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From: benito [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2012 9:44 AM
To: Hum, Carl
Subject: FW: NYC Districting Commission

From: Arthur Viviani [[mailto:aviviani@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:aviviani@[REDACTED])]
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2012 3:22 PM
To: ROMANO, Benito (BR)
Cc: Daniel Halloran ([\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])); peter Koo ([REDACTED]); Frank Padavan ([REDACTED])
Subject: NYC Districting Commission

Hi Benito - As you may recall, I was an Assistant in the Southern District from January, 1970, to September, 1974, when I left and formed a firm with Andy Maloney (who became the US Attorney in Brooklyn in 1986 and prosecuted John Gotti) and Wally Higgins. You arrived after we left and remained longer especially when Rudy (who had the office next to me when we were young Assistants) was US Attorney and thereafter. I raise this common background of service in that great office in the hope it will give credibility to the following information I will provide to you in your position of Chair of the City's Districting Commission.

I have lived in Broadway Flushing since 1970. It was formed as a planned community in 1906 when a real estate company began sub-dividing large tracts of property in the area. Its boundaries are Northern Blvd. at the south and variously 29th and 32nd Avenues to the north. Its western limit is 155 Street and its eastern is 170th Street. Its residents formed a Homeowners Association in 1964 to address quality of life issues as a result of the new City zoning regulations that were passed in about 1963. The area is presently zoned R1-2A, the lowest density zoning available. The area is comprised almost entirely of single family homes with only a few apartments and co-ops that were grandfathered in with the 1963 zoning. The membership in the Association is active and diverse, it is open to all and joining is voluntary. The membership numbers have ranged from 300 to 500 households over the years. Broadway Flushing received Federal and State historic district status in about 2005. We have been seeking City preservation status with the overwhelming support of our diverse community.

We were shocked to learn that the Districting Commission split Broadway Flushing in half sending about 60% of the population into the 20th District now represented by Councilman Peter Koo and the rest into the 19th District now represented by Councilman Daniel Halloran. Previously, all of Broadway Flushing was in the 19th District. And, previously, the southern boundary of our Council District was always the same as our Association's southern boundary, Northern Blvd., a very long and very commercial area. Now, it has been moved north to 33rd Avenue, a very low density area of only one family homes and runs for the west/east boundary in Broadway's area from 155th Street to 169th Street. The Commission has effectively split a vibrant, active and diverse community in existence for about 106 years into two parts. This is incredible!! The President of our Association, Janet McCreesh and my wife Sandi (a former two time president of the Association) met with Councilmen Halloran and Koo about what has been proposed. Both Councilmen and Senator Frank Padavan support the position that Broadway Flushing should remain in the 19th District. Both Councilmen have written you to that effect. Our area is totally different from the 20th. The 20th is made up principally of many high-rise apartments, condos and co-ops and is very commercial along many streets including Main Street, Roosevelt Avenue, Northern Blvd., Union Street and streets and avenues off of Main Street.

Our Association's President, Ms. McCreesh, sent to you by certified mail a letter requesting a change in the proposal. It was received by a fellow named Driscoll at your office on December 4. Included in that letter were maps and photos. Please look at the photos - they are of 33rd Avenue looking west and/or east. One side of the Avenue, now in the proposed 20th District, is entirely the same as the other side of the Avenue that remains in the 19th District. The photos depict only one family homes. If at all possible, I ask you to tour our area to see for yourself the difference between the 19th and 20th Districts. My wife and I will be your guide and, if you don't mind, we will invite Senator Padavan to join us. Please call me at 718-7[REDACTED] or e-mail me at my e-mail address. Thank you for considering this request. Meanwhile, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family. Best regards. Art Viviani.

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From: [Henry Euler](#)
To: [Hearings](#)
Subject: Testimony for January 14, 2013 Districting Commission Hearing from Auburndale Improvement Association, Inc.
Date: Monday, January 14, 2013 12:23:37 PM

This testimony is for the January 14, 2013,
Queens Districting Commission hearing.

Auburndale Improvement Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 580331, Station A
Flushing, NY 11358
January 14, 2013

New York City Districting Commission
Attn: Jonathan Ettricks
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10007

To the New York City Districting Commission:

My name is Henry Euler and I am the First Vice President of the Auburndale Improvement Association, Inc. I am representing the president of my civic group, Terri Pouymari, as well as our Executive Board and our approximately six hundred members residing in the Auburndale, Flushing and Western Bayside communities in Queens County. Our group has been in existence for over one hundred years.

Our civic organization enthusiastically supports the district lines proposed by the Queens Civic Congress (QCC) done in conjunction with the civic organizations here in Northeast Queens. The Commission has received copies of those maps, together with a letter of support from Councilmen Halloran and Koo.

We had examined the Commission's "final" proposal for new district lines for the 19th, 20th and 23rd Council districts. Parts of our community are in each district. We were not pleased with many aspects of the Commission's "final" proposal.

The 20th district covers downtown Flushing and heavily populated areas that have very little in common with the greater Auburndale community, which is comprised of mostly one and two family homes. We had hoped to move as much of our area as possible into the 19th and 23rd districts, which is a much better fit than the 20th district. We also realize that because of the size of our community and the parameters that must be adhered to when drawing Council lines, it would be a most difficult task to fit all of Auburndale into the 19th and 23rd districts, given what adjacent communities are requesting. We want to be fair to all of our neighbors, so we are willing to compromise, however, we still have serious concerns about the "final" proposal drawn up by the Commission and are advocating instead for adoption of the Queens Civic Congress (QCC) model.

Here are some concerns and comments that we have with our own community's lines and those lines proposed for our neighbors.

1) One area of western Bayside, within our organization's boundary lines, has been moved from the 23rd district to the 20th district in the Commission's "final" proposal. This is a huge step backwards, in our opinion. We insist that that portion be moved back to the 23rd district. The boundaries are 48th Avenue on the north, the Clearview Expressway on the east, the Long Island Expressway on the south, and a

zig-zag boundary on the west near Francis Lewis Blvd. We can not understand why the Commission would extend the 20th district further east into Bayside, which is putting more one and two family homes into a district designed for high density areas.

2) We are also upset because one of the western vertical boundary lines between the 19th and 20th districts in the Commission's "final" proposal is 169th Street. That cuts right through the heart of the Station Road neighborhood of Auburndale. The proper placement of that boundary line would be at 166th Street, which was recommended by the Queens Civic Congress (QCC).

3) We were pleased that the Commission moved a portion of the 20th district into the 19th district in the vicinity north of 46th and 47th Avenues and Hollis Court Blvd., in the streets numbered in the 190s. That area is a very tight knit community and it is wonderful to see that part united into one district. Please do not undo that work!

4) My civic association wholeheartedly supports our western neighbors in the Broadway Flushing area who want the 33rd Avenue horizontal boundary line dropped down to Northern Blvd. What the Commission is doing by placing the line at 33rd Avenue is dividing that contextually consistent neighborhood into two parts. The southern part would go to the 20th district, which again is a totally inappropriate placement for this historical community of one family homes. Please undo this mistake by following the Queens Civic Congress (QCC) model.

5) We support the Queens Civic Congress (QCC) proposed lines to cover North Flushing. Those R2A neighborhoods should be in the 19th district and this is what the North Flushing Civic Association has been advocating for with support from that community.

6) We also support placing the Mitchell Linden complex entirely into the 20th district, which is what the residents living there want and is also the proper fit for this densely populated area.

Thank you for giving my organization the chance to express our position and viewpoint regarding the "final" proposed district Council lines. We hope that the lines will be amended to reflect our requests as well as the requests of the other various civic groups. The Queens Civic Congress (QCC) proposal is the best way of accomplishing most of our goals.

Henry Euler, First Vice President
Auburndale Improvement Association, Inc.

Cc: Councilman Daniel Halloran, 19th district
Councilman Peter Koo, 20th district
Councilman Mark Weprin, 23rd district

Queens Civic Congress

(This testimony is for the January 14, 2013 Queens Districting Commission hearing.)

Hearings

From: Karen Barbieri [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2013 11:29 AM
To: Hearings
Subject: Monday, January 14th 6:00PM-9:00PM for Broadway Flushing redistricting

Mr. Jonathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
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New York, NY 10007

Re: Hearing Monday, January 14th 6:00PM-9:00PM for Broadway Flushing redistricting

Dear Mr Ettricks:

We live in the Broadway Flushing area for over 20 years now. Our children were raised here. Our community is one of the very few remaining single family home enclaves with many original homes left in the city. The redistricting line would divide our community which is completely contrary to the mission of the redistricting commission. PLEASE PLEASE COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.....in person...not on a map.... This proposal would DESTROY our efforts to maintain this community the way it is.

Sincerely

the Barbieri Family
Sam, Karen, Angela and Samantha

Hearings

From: Joseph Bartolini <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2013 8:29 AM
To: Hearings
Cc: 'Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association'
Subject: January 14th Hearing - Attention Mr. Jonathan Ettricks

Mr. Jonathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001
January 7, 2013

Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013

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Very truly yours,

Angela Bartolini

Joseph Bartolini

From: Joseph Bartolini <[REDACTED]>

To: hearings@districting.nyc.gov

Cc: 'Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association' <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tuesday, January 08, 2013 08:29 am

Subject: January 14th Hearing - Attention Mr. Jonathan Ettricks

Attachments:

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NYC Districting Commission
c/o Mr. Jonathon Ettricks
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013

Dear Mr. Ettricks:

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My name is Janet McCreesh and I am the President of the Broadway-Flushing *in North Flushing*
Homeowners Association. Our association represents 1,300 households in an area
bounded by 155th Street, 29th Avenue, 170th Street, Crocheron Avenue and Northern
Boulevard. I attended the previous public hearing in August, before the Districting
Commission made its first proposal - the one that is on the table currently - dividing
Broadway-Flushing and its neighboring civic associations in two. **The community never
had a chance to voice their opinion about this proposed boundary line until after the
Districting Commission drew it.**

I am here to state our strongest objection to the outrageous proposed boundary line
presented by the New York City Districting Commission and support the concerns of our
local civic organizations. This proposal ignores our traditional neighborhood boundaries
and will weaken our single-family community and zoning by dividing us into two
Council Districts. **I would add that no public testimony has been in favor of the
current proposed boundary line of 33rd Avenue. All testimony has been in favor of
keeping the line at Northern Boulevard, where it has been since this Council District
was created.**

BFHA **must** remain united as one community in the 19th Council District, and continue
to be part of the larger continuous area of single-family neighborhoods that we are
attached to, including North Flushing, Bowne Park, Auburndale, Whitestone, Bayside,
Douglaston and Little Neck - the Council District we have always been in and clearly
should remain. Our immediate neighborhood, North Flushing, is almost entirely made up
of detached single-family houses in R1-2A and R2A. The total area is represented by a
number of civic and homeowner associations including BFHA who all work very closely
together to protect our common interest: North Flushing. We are proud of our ethnically
diverse neighborhood and strive to maintain the entirety of North Flushing as a beautiful
low-density home-owning community.

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In addition to ~~26~~ letters of testimony that I am submitted from homeowners who could
not attend the hearing, I have attached three maps created by the Queens Civic Congress
and local civic associations representing North Flushing - the Mitchell-Linden Civic
Association, North Flushing Civic Association, Broadway-Flushing Homeowners
Association and Auburndale Improvement Association - showing the boundaries of the
area that they - and I, as a homeowner - want adopted. I will also point out that
Councilmen Halloran and Koo sent the Districting Commission a letter dated Dec. 4,
2012 in agreement that our proposal is best for Northeast Queens. It would create two
districts where the population is consistent with the Commission's goals of keeping
'communities of interest' intact, zoning protected and neighborhoods united.

We urge the Districting Commission to make all of North Flushing whole again and place it entirely within the 19th Council District.

Respectfully,



Janet McCreesh, President

Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association

BROADWAY-FLUSHING HOMEOWNERS' ASSN., INC.
P.O. BOX 580031, FLUSHING, NY 11358-0031

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

November 29, 2012

The Honorable Christine C. Quinn
Speaker
The New York City Council
224 West 30th Street, Suite 1206
New York, New York 10001

Dear Speaker Quinn:

Several months ago, our combined associations - the Mitchell-Linden Civic Association, North Flushing Civic Association, Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association and the Auburndale Improvement Association in conjunction with the Queens Civic Congress, an umbrella organization representing over 100 civic and homeowner associations in Queens - submitted a proposal to the Districting Commission in response to their initial draft map for Queens (posted online at <http://nycqcc.org/>).

In the Districting Commission's draft proposal from September (*Figure 2*), only 11 blocks were shifted from the present district lines (*Figure 1*) that have been in place since 2003: 6 isolated blocks of the Mitchell-Linden Cooperative Apartments west of Union Street were moved from the 20th Council District to the 19th; and 5 blocks in Auburndale were also shifted from the 20th Council District to the 19th.

As all of the associations located in northern Flushing, located north of Northern Boulevard as well as all of Auburndale, which stretches from Whitestone to Fresh Meadows on the east side of Flushing, have worked closely together for decades, our collective concern was that neighborhoods that were once united had been divided by this proposal and other civic areas that were already divided remained divided.

Based on these draft lines, our proposal identified areas that should be moved from the 19th Council District to the 20th and vice versa, while maintaining the current boundary lines in other places where they make sense.

The most important thing was to make sure that our "communities of interest," which are defined as the long-time boundaries of civic and homeowners associations in our area - most of which closely adhere to development patterns that are, in some cases, over a century old - were kept together in one Council District. In short, this meant keeping all of Mitchell-Linden in the 20th; keeping all of Broadway-Flushing in the 19th; moving the rest of the Station Road area of Auburndale in the 19th; moving as much of Auburndale proper as possible into the 19th; and moving the lower-density areas of North Flushing into the 19th. The submitted report also showed clearly delineated boundaries based on the actual borders of these neighborhoods, which the civic and homeowner associations

This was specifically because the interests, dynamics and needs of the single-family neighborhoods in northern Flushing and Auburndale are completely different from the more densely-populated areas in Flushing proper. For example, while parts of the North Flushing Civic Association are only a few blocks from downtown Flushing, most of that neighborhood literally has nothing in common with the densely populated commercial center to the south. Similarly, the areas immediately south of Northern Boulevard east of 153rd Street to about 166th Street are also quite different - mostly a mix of apartment buildings, row houses and commercial districts - from the area north of Northern Boulevard, which consists primarily of single-family detached houses.

In October, we were optimistic that the Districting Commission was taking our needs into consideration. At the meeting held on October 18th, motions were made to move Mitchell-Linden back to the 20th; move North Flushing to the 19th; and move large sections of Auburndale to the 19th. We were encouraged, as the Districting Commission referred to the QCC report consistently during this process, and the motions passed unanimously.

Imagine our surprise when the Districting Commission met on November 15th and unanimously approved lines that were completely different from what the motions had described (*Figure 3*).

For example, while the movement of the Mitchell-Linden area west of Union Street back to the 20th Council District was considered "successful" according to the Districting Commission, they then moved the part of Mitchell-Linden east of Union Street into the 19th (*Photos 1A, 1B and 1C*)!

Parts of North Flushing were indeed moved from the 20th to the 19th, but a number of blocks were not, particularly those in the single-family areas that were requested south of 33rd Avenue (*Photos 2 and 3*). Also, portions of North Flushing that should have stayed in the 20th adjacent to Mitchell-Linden were moved into the 19th, against the wishes of both neighborhoods.

Additionally, the southern boundary line for the 19th Council District used for North Flushing - 33rd Avenue - was continued all the way to 169th Street and then turned south, severing the Broadway-Flushing neighborhood in two (*Photos 4-12*). Broadway-Flushing had never even been considered an area of concern, as in all previous maps its boundary line - Northern Boulevard - had been intact. Broadway-Flushing had never come up in any of the discussions of the Districting Commission and it is frankly shocking that a neighborhood that has always been within one Council District with a clearly demarcated boundary would be divided in this fashion.

The Station Road area of Auburndale, previously divided north/south mostly along Northern Boulevard, was now divided east / west along 169th Street.

And, while Auburndale proper had the blocks north of 48th Avenue moved into the 19th Council District - which was part of the area requested by the Auburndale Improvement Association and Queens Civic Congress - this should not have come at the cost of all of the other negative boundary decisions throughout the rest of northern Flushing.

In short, the Districting Commission has divided our communities and diluted their representation significantly.

Our response to the Districting Commission's revisions (*Figure 4*) show what we believe should be the boundary line between the 19th and 20th Council Districts and what areas need to be shifted (*Figure 5*). These boundaries meet the standards of the City Charter in terms of population - within the + or - 5% population deviation - and district shape for both Council Districts. We also closely examined the demographics of the area block by block, and, as we first stated several months ago, clearly shows that the changes will not have any affect on the voting rights of minority groups living there as these areas are ethnically diverse with no one group predominating over the entire area in question.

When examining the zoning in the area, there is a clear boundary between the R1-2A / R2A zones - the single-family detached neighborhoods - and the rest of Flushing (*Figure 7*). In the Station Road section of Auburndale, 166th Street south of Northern Boulevard is clearly delineated between single-family housing on the east side of the street (R2A zoning) and multi-family housing on the west side (R4-1) and is the western boundary of the civic association located there.

This is also true in North Flushing for the northerly boundary line along 146th Street between Willets Point Boulevard and 28th Avenue, where the west side of the street is zoned R4 (medium-high density multi-family rowhousing and apartment buildings) and the lower density R4A on the east side (one- and two-family detached houses) Our boundaries take into account these divisions, while the Districting Commission's boundary line summarily ignores them (*Figure 6*). Similarly, our civic and homeowner associations closely adhere to the zoning of our neighborhoods. **The current boundary line does not reflect this (*Figure 8*), nor does the proposed boundary line from the Districting Commission, which divides every single neighborhood (*Figure 9*) without taking our "communities of interest" into consideration.**

Our boundary line (*Figures 10A and 10B*) makes sure to include each association area within one Council District only, except for North Flushing: Mitchell-Linden is located entirely in R4 and R5 zones and the boundary line reflects this; Broadway-Flushing is located entirely within R1-2A and R2A zones, making Northern Boulevard the natural boundary; and Station Road in Auburndale is entirely within an R2A zone. North Flushing has a number of different zones - some low density and some high density - and has proposed boundaries that split their civic area based on that zoning, with the single-family and lower-density zoning moved into the 19th and the higher-density zoning (R4, R5, R6 and R7) remaining in the 20th Council District, where it has more in common with downtown Flushing and Mitchell-Linden.

The boundary line is specifically delineated on the map, with street names visible (*Figure 10B*). As written, the boundary line between the 19th and 20th Council Districts within northern Flushing and Auburndale should be as follows:

Starting at the Whitestone Expressway in the northwest corner of Council District 20:

25th Drive east to Union Street;
Union Street east to Willets Point Boulevard;
Willets Point Boulevard east to 146th Street;
146th Street south to 28th Avenue;
28th Avenue west to Parsons Boulevard;
Parsons Boulevard south to 29th Avenue;
29th Avenue west to Union Street;
Union Street south to 33rd Avenue;
33rd Avenue east to 147th Place;
147th Place south to 34th Avenue;
34th Avenue east to 153rd Street;
153rd Street south to Northern Boulevard;
Northern Boulevard east to 166th Street;
166th Street south to 46th Avenue;
46th Avenue east to Hollis Court Boulevard;

and then following the rest of the Districting Commission's current revisions in Bayside, Douglaston and Little Neck to the Queens County border.

To summarize:

Our neighborhoods should not be held hostage to political gerrymandering or decision making that is completely contrary to the Districting Commission's mission statement as described by the City Charter: to make sure "communities of interest" which can be defined through demographics, religion, history, geography or otherwise - including zoning and long-recognized neighborhood boundaries - are united, not divided as is the case presently.

We have been closely following the events and controversies that have been increasing at a seemingly exponential pace over the last two weeks around the Districting Commission's decision making process and want to make our position crystal clear:

A) the City Council must reject the current Districting Commission lines and have them revised according to the official objections that will be submitted to unite our neighborhoods as they are defined by the attached map (*Figure 10B*) and

B) do it in a timely fashion, i.e. with the entire process of the City Council and Districting Commission revisions and final voting completed by the end of January 2013.

A final note: Our combined neighborhoods have more than 40,000 registered voters including more than 6,000 Primary Democrats, a significant number of which are members of our civic associations. This does not include our neighboring civic associations in northeast Queens - including the Greater Whitestone Taxpayers Association, Bowne Park Civic Association and North East Flushing Civic Association - who all support us in this endeavor and will be closely monitoring the results, nor the Queens Civic Congress, whose member organizations represent neighborhoods in Queens with over 200,000 registered voters.

The Honorable Christine C. Quinn

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November 29, 2012

We urge you to act quickly and appropriately in solving this matter of utmost importance in order for our neighborhoods to have fair representation over the next decade.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet McCreesh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Janet" and last name "McCreesh" clearly legible.

Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association
Janet McCreesh, President

Auburndale Improvement Association
Terri Pouymauri, President

Mitchell-Linden Civic Association
Arlene Fleishman, President

North Flushing Civic Association
Tyler Cassell, President

cc: The Honorable Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor
Benito Romano, Chair - NYC Districting Commission
Carl Hum, Executive Director - NYC Districting Commission

19th and 20th Council District
Existing Boundaries and Population

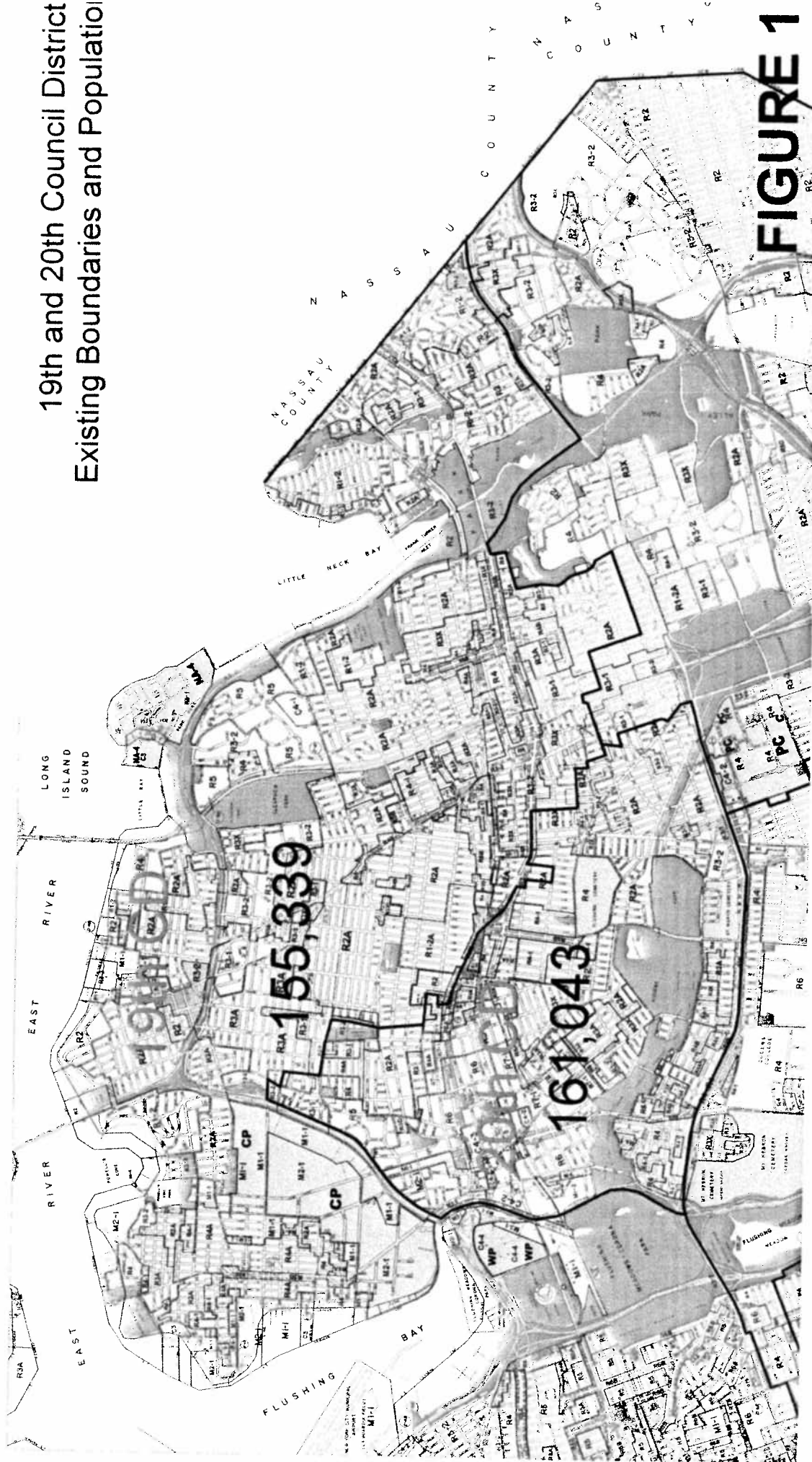


FIGURE 1

19th and 20th Council Districts Draft Council District Revisions NYC Districting Commissioner September 2012

- Proposed addition to 19th CD
- Proposed addition to 23rd CD

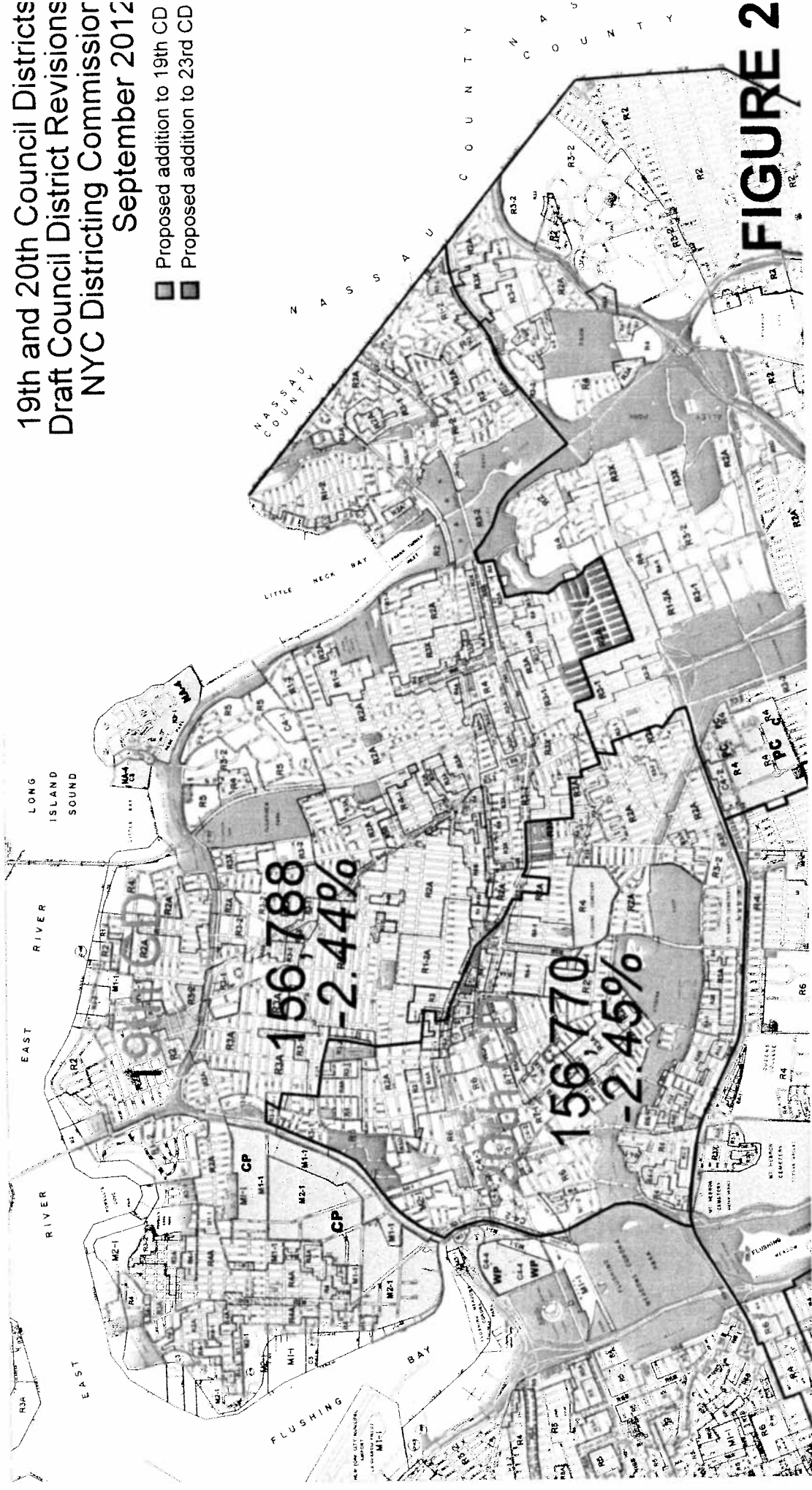


FIGURE 2

19th and 20th Council Districts
 Council District Revisions
 NYC Districting Commission
 November 15th, 2012

- Proposed addition to 19th CD
- Proposed addition to 20th CD
- Proposed addition to 23rd CD

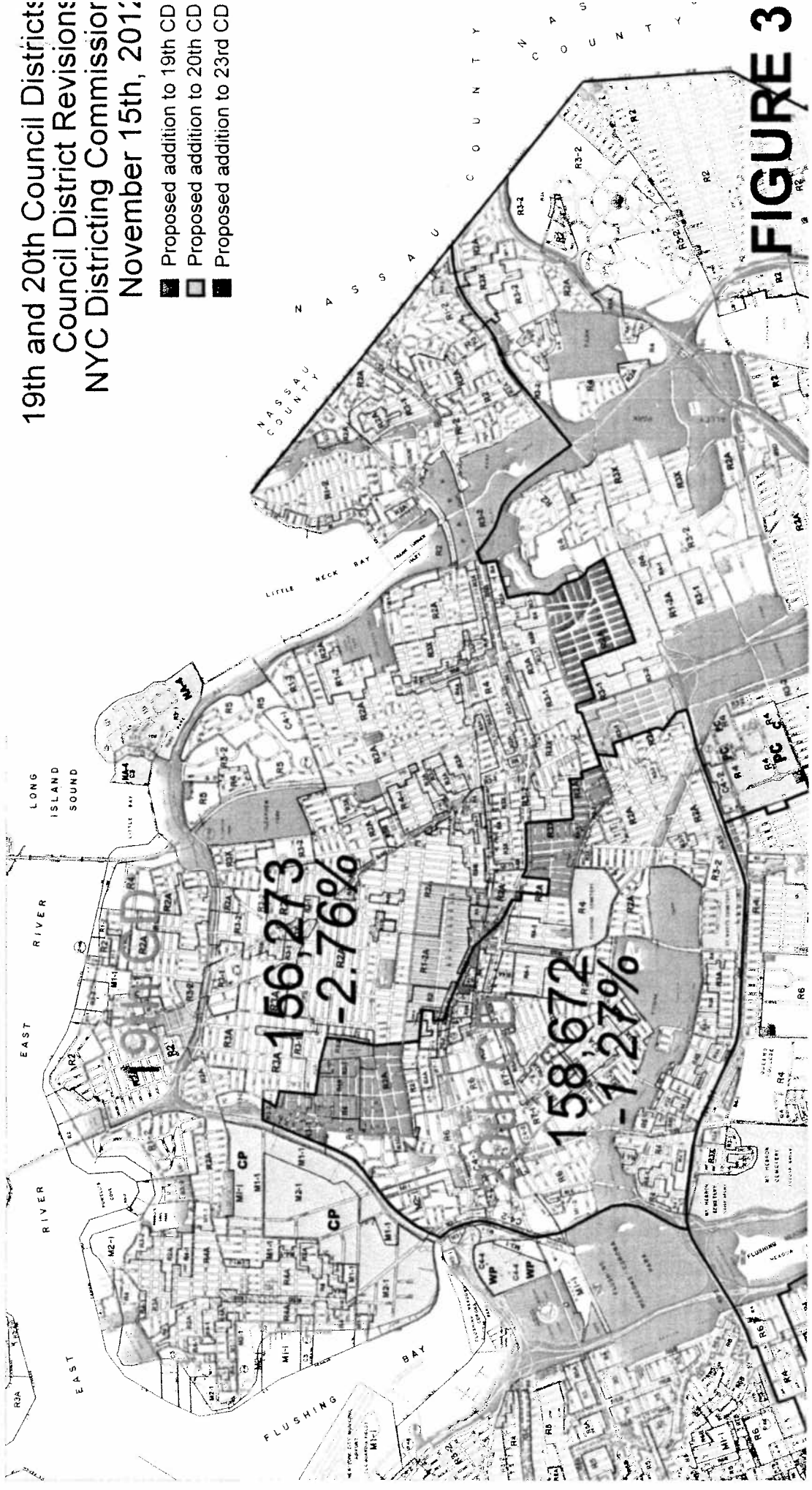


FIGURE 3

19th and 20th Council Districts Council District Revisions QCC / Civics Response November 16th, 2012

- Proposed addition to 19th CD
- Proposed addition to 20th CD
- Proposed addition to 23rd CD

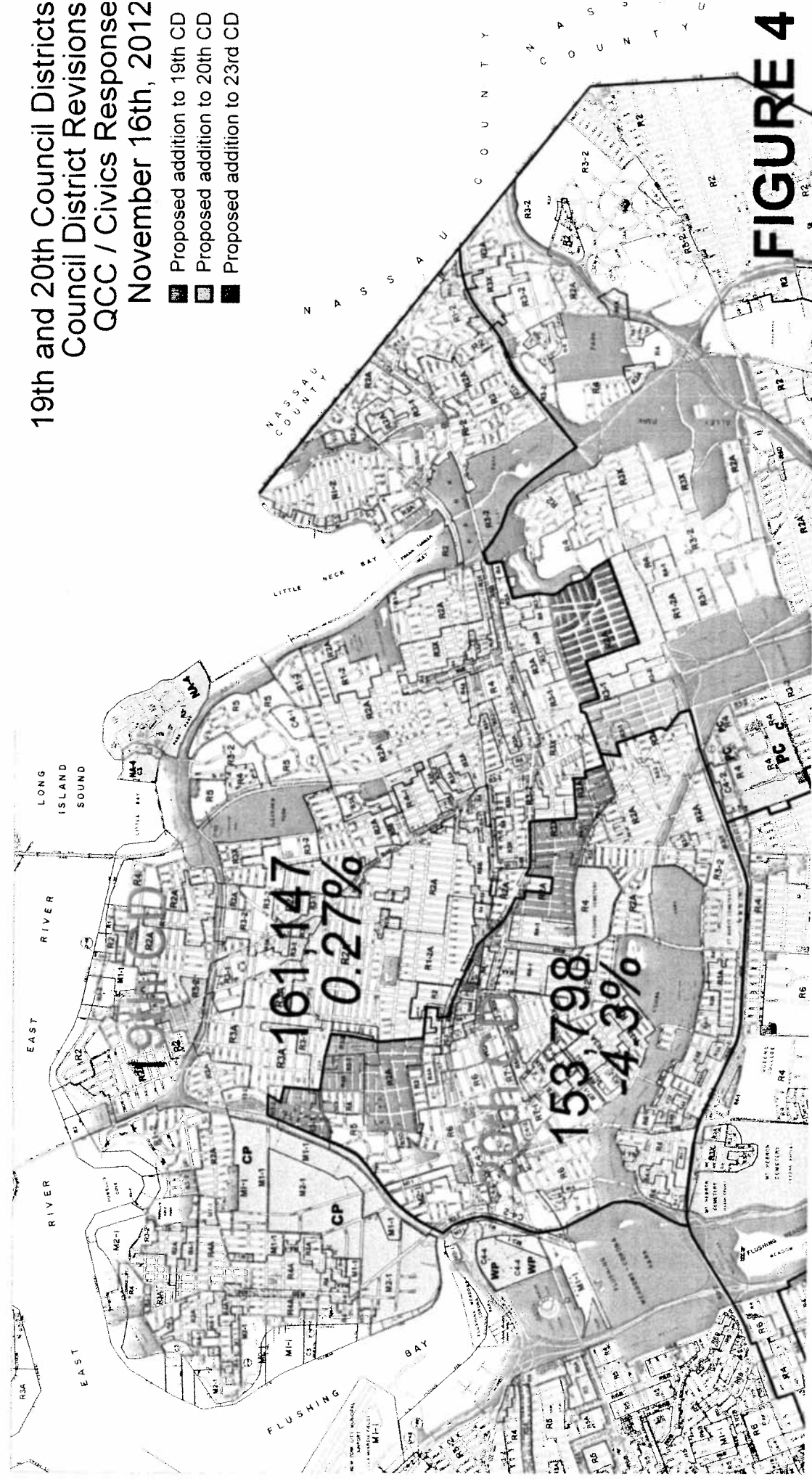


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- Proposed addition to 19th CD
- Proposed addition to 20th CD

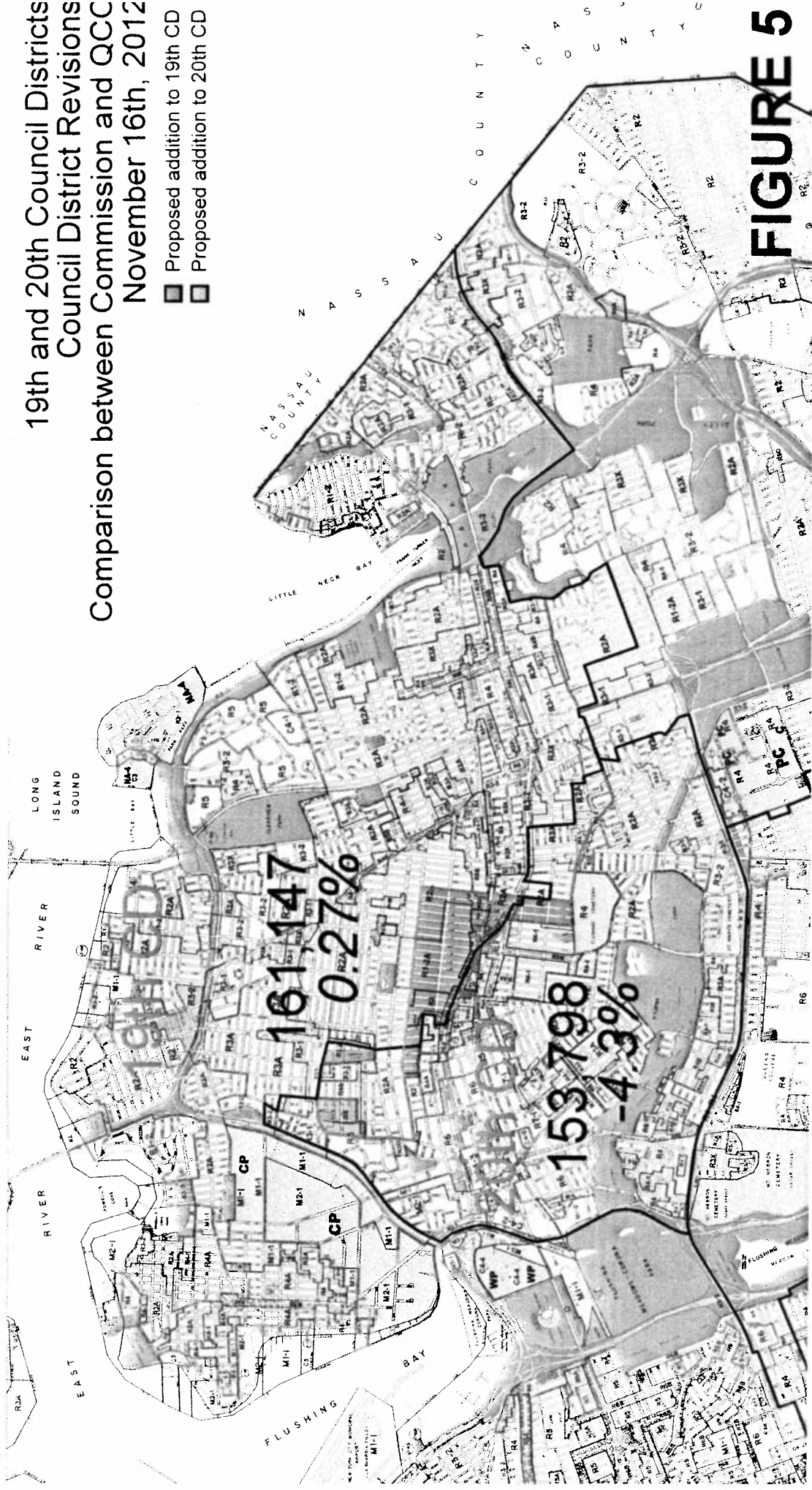
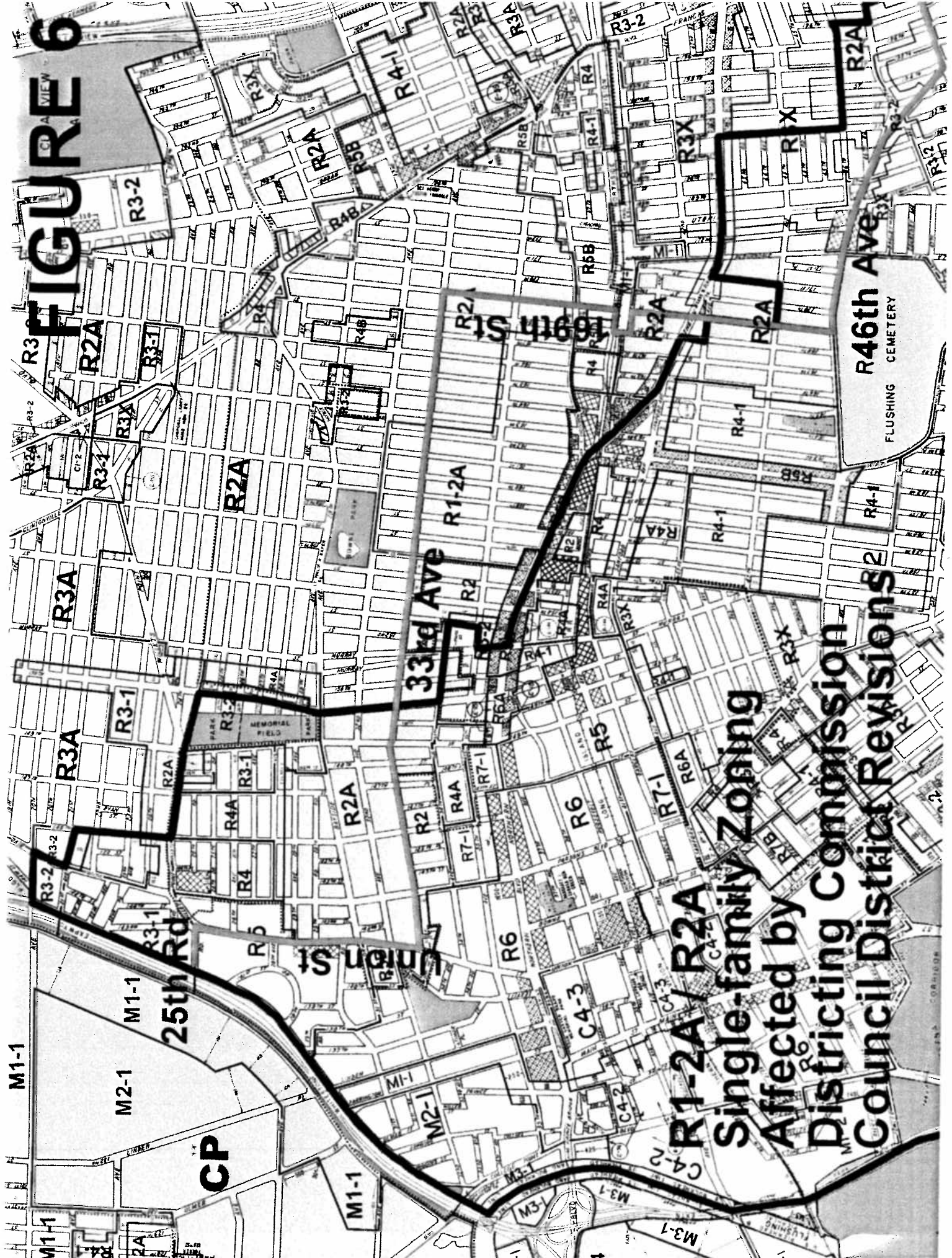


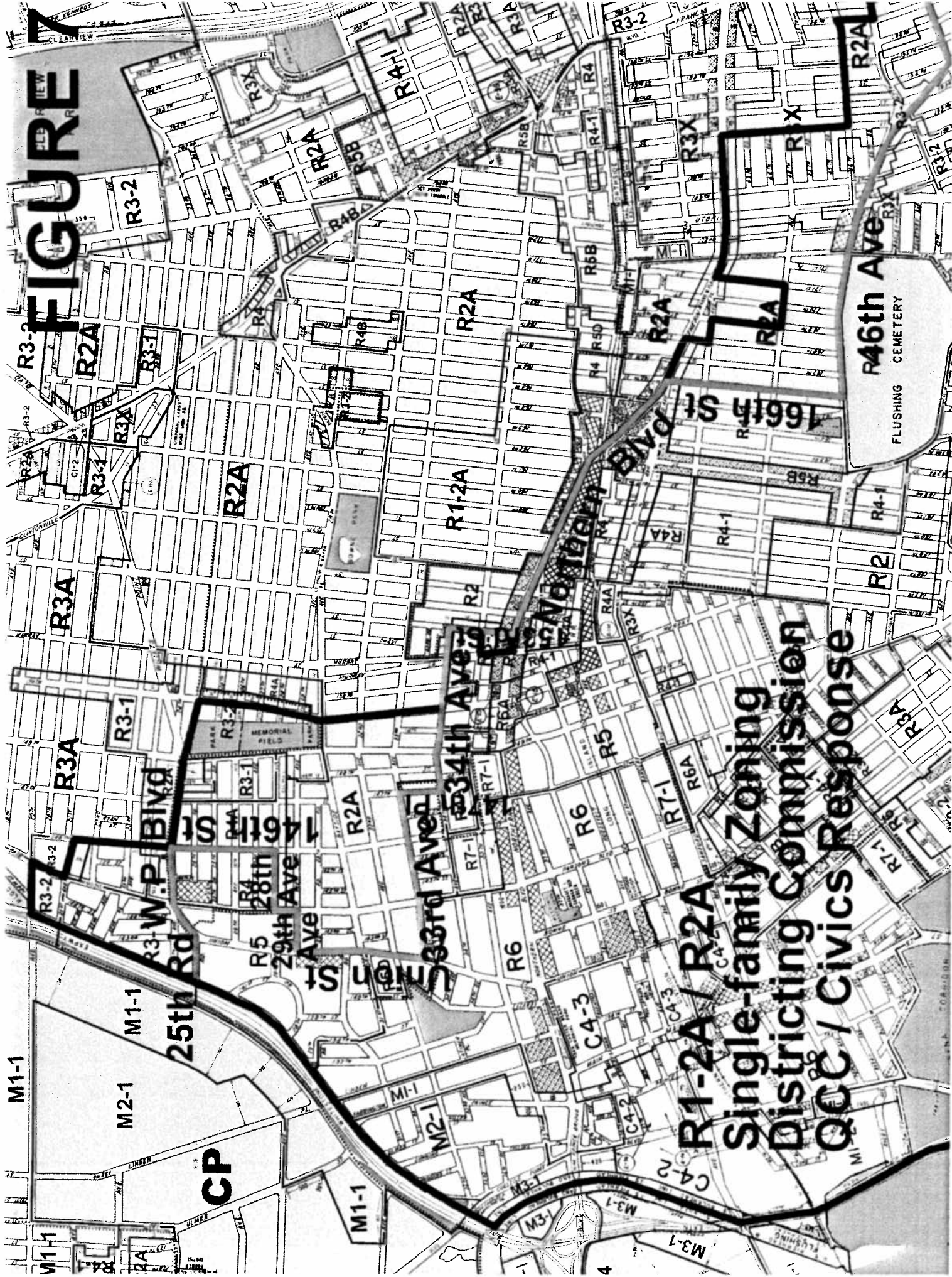
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R1-2A / R2A
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Affected by
Districting Commission
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FIGURE 7



R1-2A / R2A
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QCC / Civics Response

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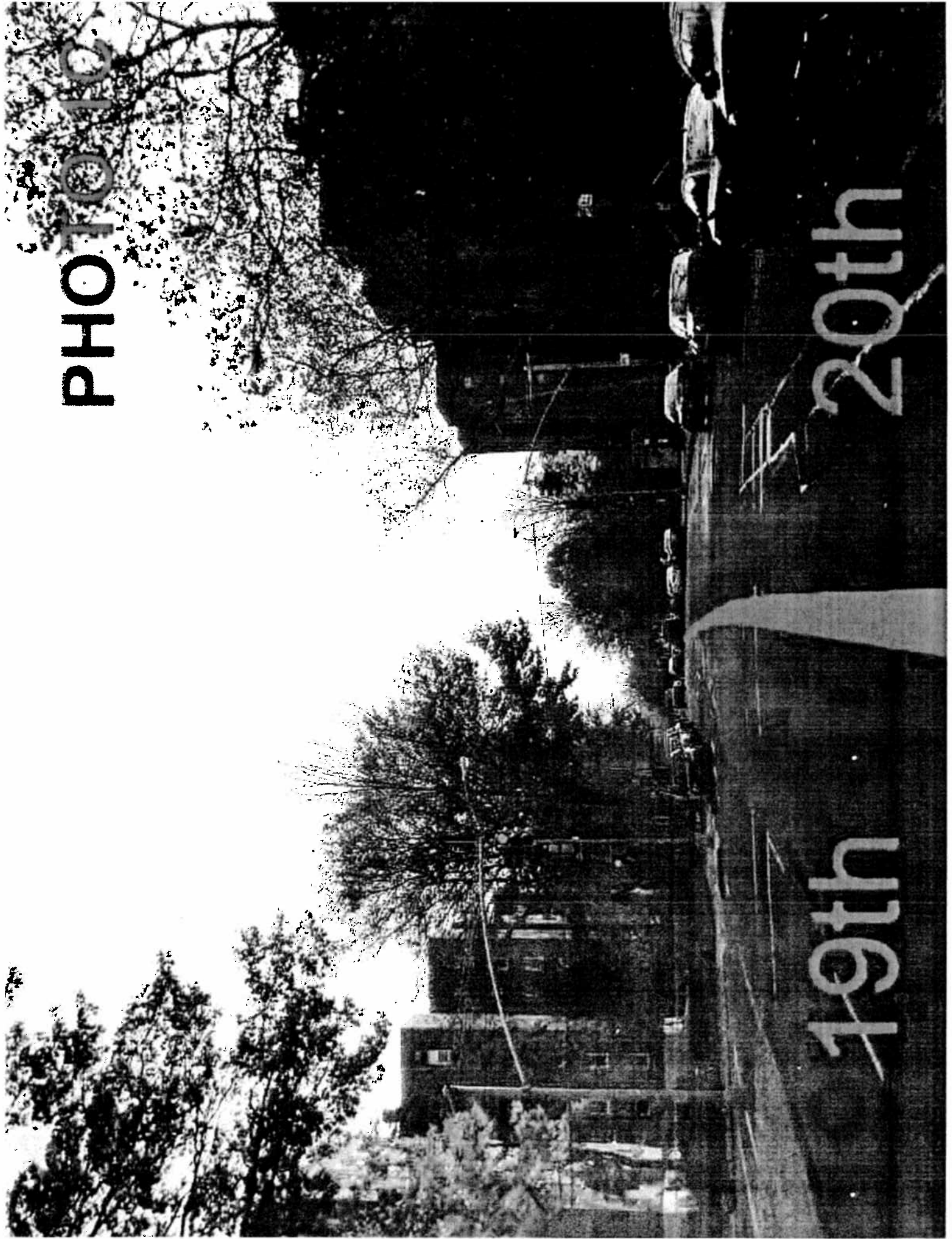


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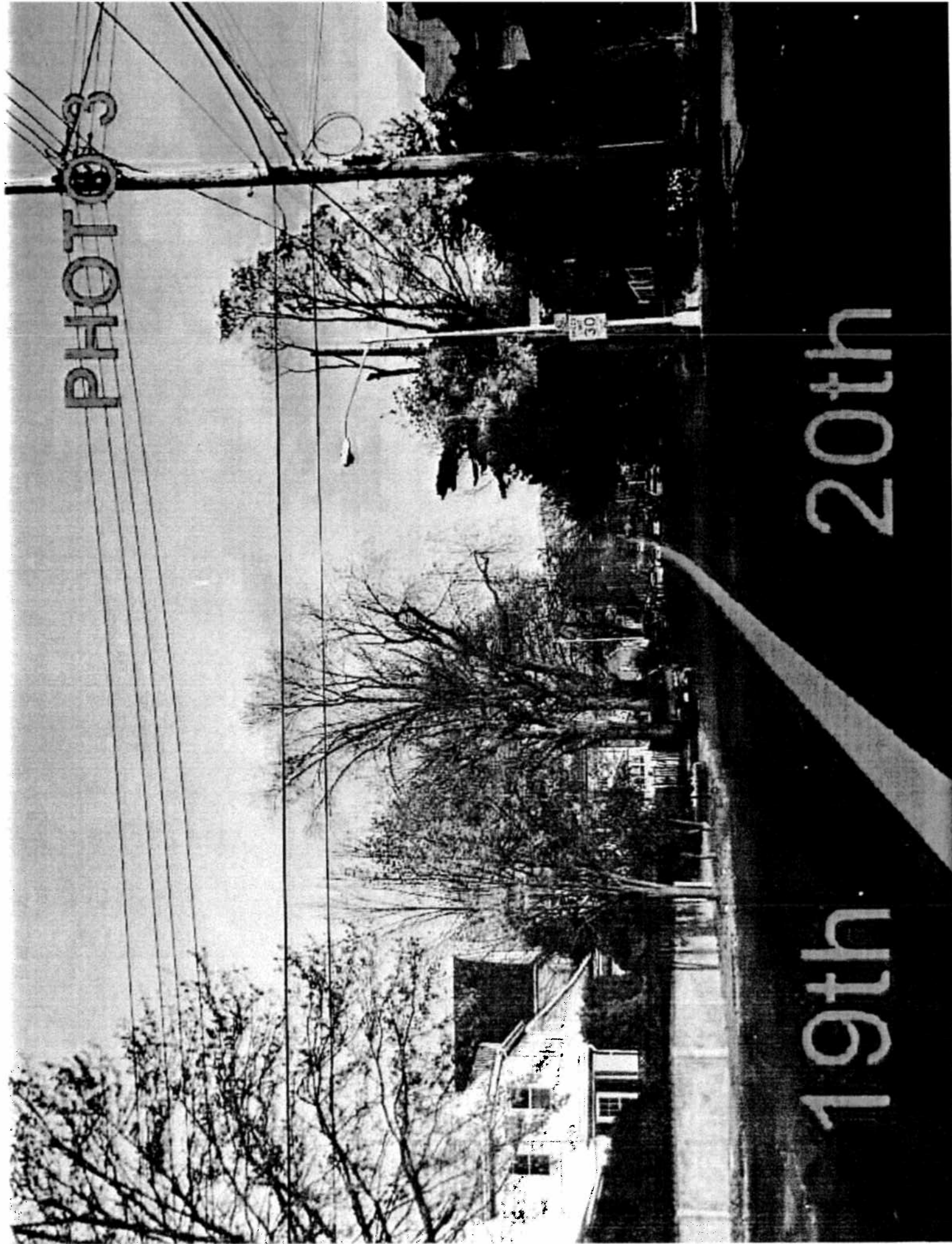
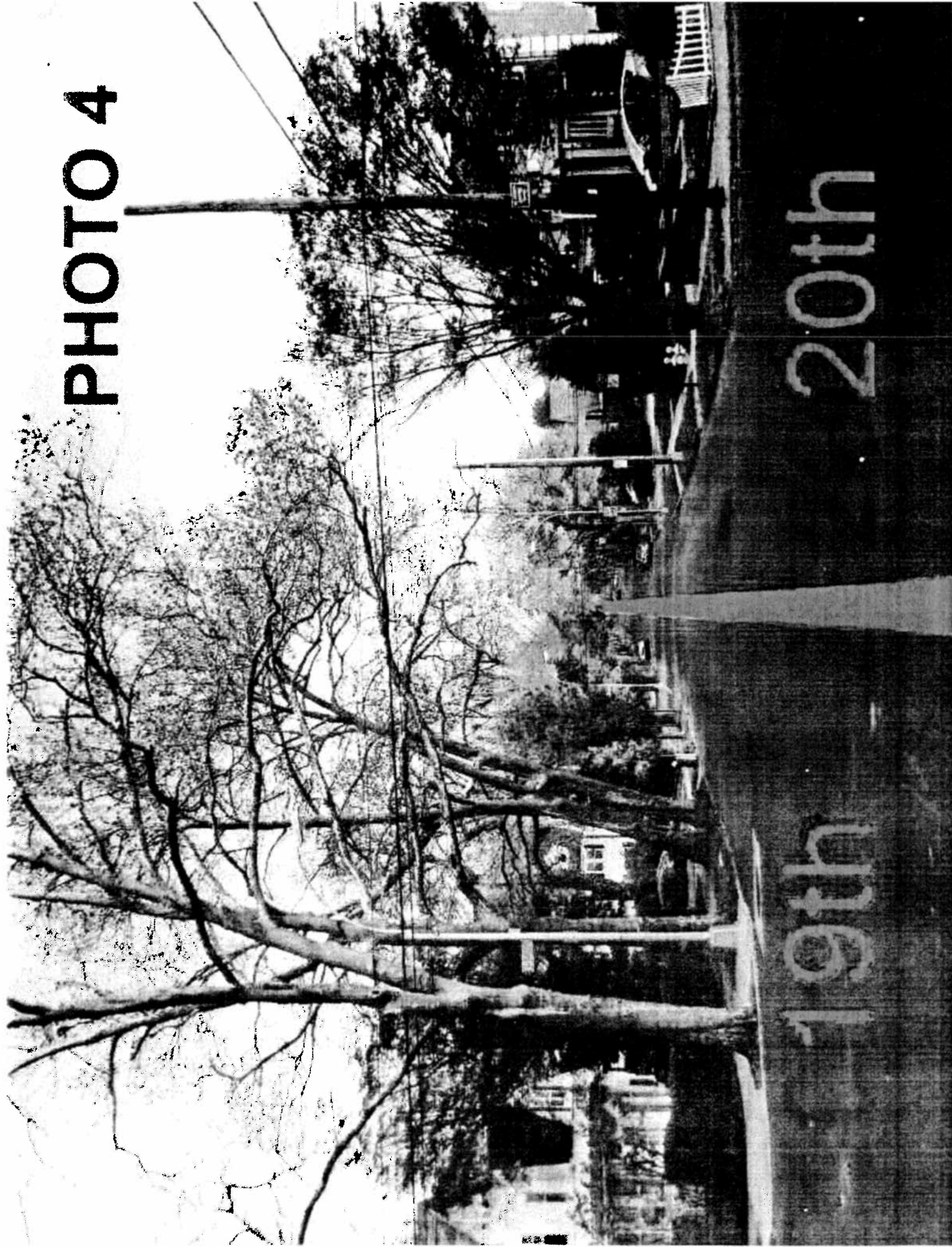


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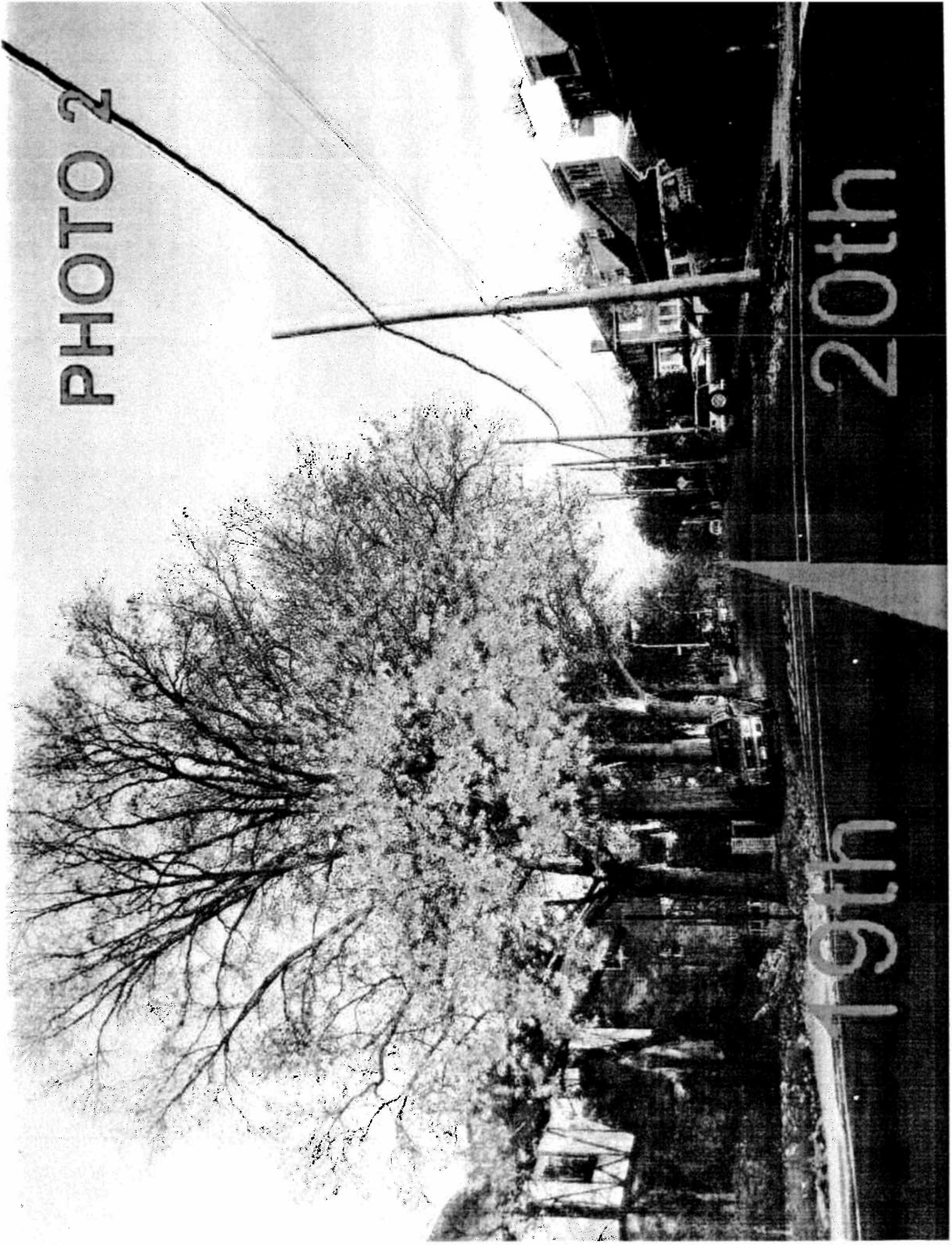
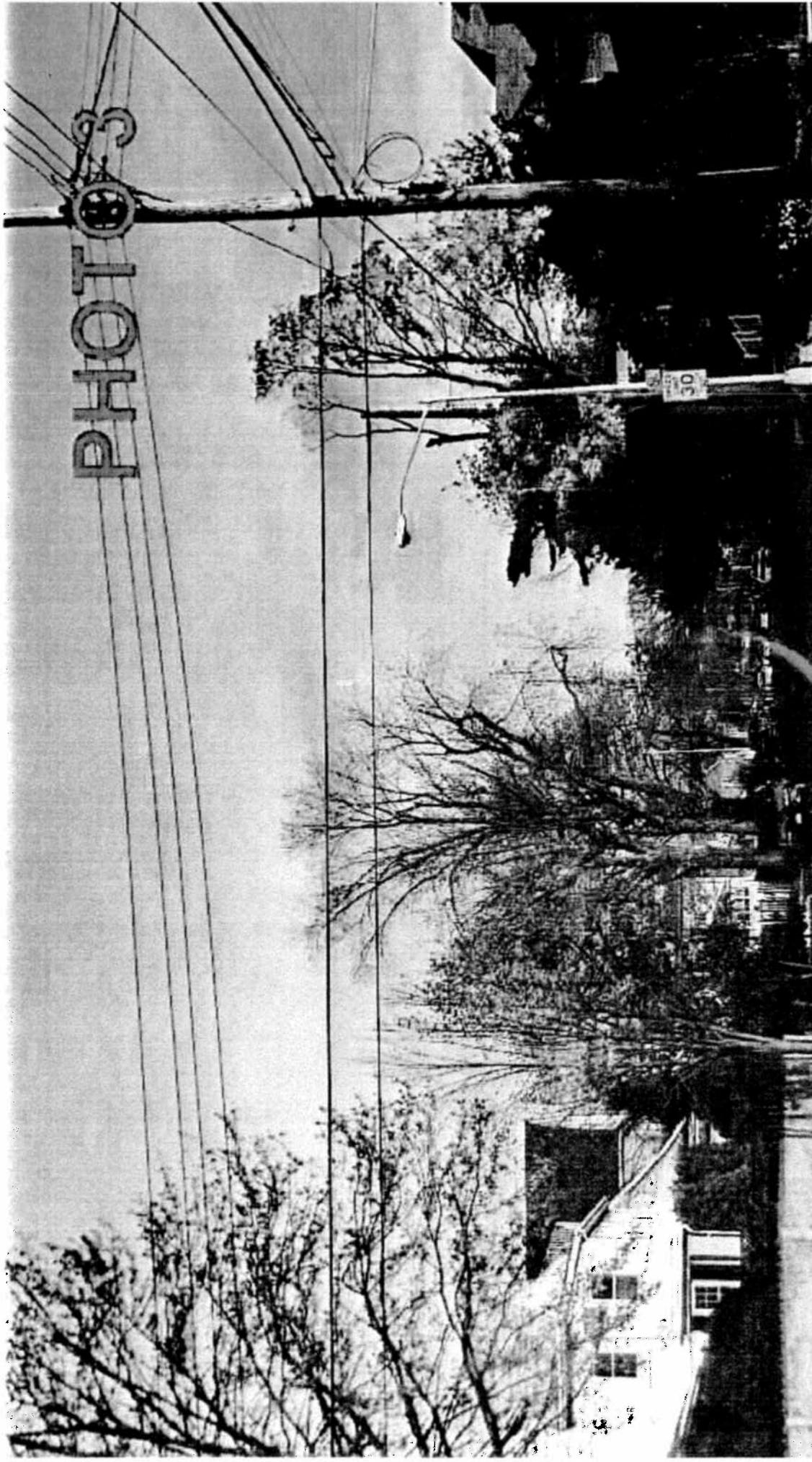


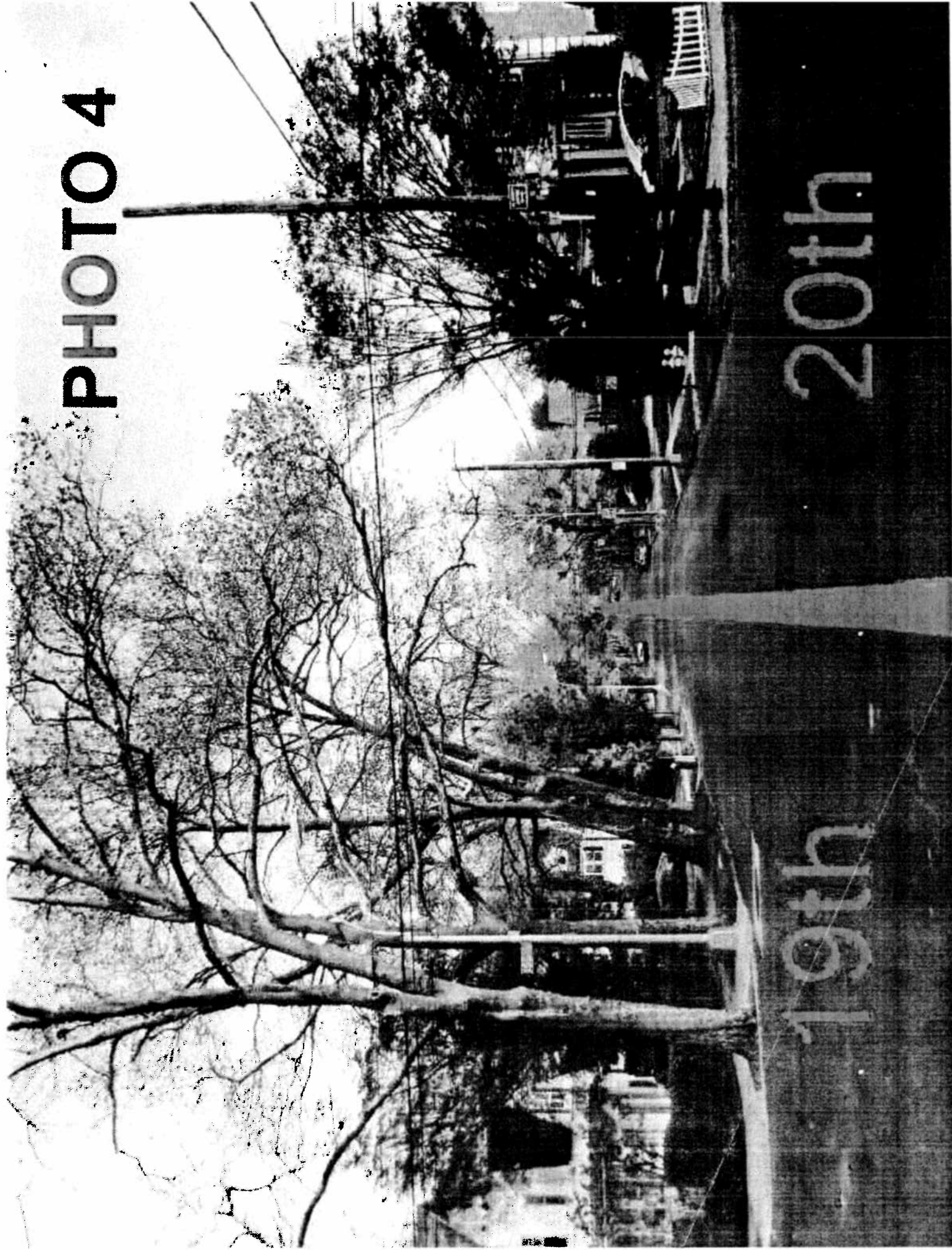
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Hearings

From: Carl J. Rabinowitz [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 13, 2013 3:02 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: NYC Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013

CARL J. RABINOWITZ
[REDACTED]

FLUSHING, NEW YORK 11358-1814
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

January 13, 2013

Mr. Jonathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013

Dear Mr. Ettricks

I am a homeowner in Broadway-Flushing, Queens. I am writing to express my strong desire for the Commission to keep our neighborhood united as one community in the 19th Council District, and be part of the larger community of single-family home neighborhoods like North Flushing, Bowne Park, Whitestone, Bayside, Douglaston and Little Neck- the district that we have always been in and clearly should remain.

Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

Carl J. Rabinowitz

electronically signed

CAROLYN CESTARO

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

December 19, 2012

Via Email and US Mail

Mr. Johnathan Ettricks
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NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

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I purchased my home 11.5 years ago specifically because it is such a lovely, single-family environment with a "suburban" feel with "city" amenities. Had I wanted to live in a downtown area, I would have purchased elsewhere. I have lived in this part of Queens my entire life and would love to spend the rest of my life right here in North Flushing. I cannot imagine why we would be redistricted to the 20th district with which we do not have anything in common. I fear that changing the district of our neighborhood would be its demise. I cannot imagine staying in the neighborhood if it is on that track, which would be so unfortunate because I do love it.

Please consider those who live there and cherish their homes and way of life and have invested time and money to keep a quality of life that is certainly not too much to ask for. I truly believe that we do not belong in District 20.

Thank you very, very much for your kind attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

 [REDACTED]

Carolyn Cestaro

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Hearings](#)
Subject: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013
Date: Friday, December 14, 2012 10:42:57 AM

Mr. Johnathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013

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Very truly yours,

Charlie LoMonaco

Mr. Jonathan Ettricks
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NYC Districting Commission
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New York, NY 10001


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Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,


Chen WANG and Nan WANG

Jan 8, 2013


Flushing, NY 11358

Tel: 

Email: 

Hearings

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 12, 2013 9:42 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: Please do not change districting in Flushing North (Broadway) Hearing date January 14, 2013

I am a life long resident of Flushing North. I am extremely concerned after hearing that you drew a line right through the heart of Broadway-Flushing. This move is completely contrary to the Districting Commission's mission statements described the City Charter--to make sure "communities of interest" are united, not divided. Clearly, the long standing community of Broadway is such a community of interest (as evident by the Rickert Finlay covenant which even controls many of the homes on blocks that you are trying to divide into different districts). The interests, dynamics and needs of the single family neighborhood are completely different from the more densely populated areas of Flushing proper.

I urge you to review this decision and allow our neighborhood to remain, as it always has been, in one district, specifically in the 19th Council District.

Sincerely,

Christina Hanophy Ryan
Resident of 19th district
Sent from my iPad

Colleen Lanning

[REDACTED]
Flushing, NY 11358

January 8, 2013

Mr. Jonathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013

Dear Mr. Ettricks:

I have owned my home in the Broadway-Flushing, Queens neighborhood for the past nine years. It is a lovely area dominated by single-family homes. I am writing to express my fervent desire for the Commission to keep my neighborhood united as one community in the 19th Council District, and be part of the larger community of single-family home neighborhoods like North Flushing, Bowne Park, Whitestone, Bayside, Douglaston and Little Neck - the district that I have always been in and clearly should remain. Splitting up this community into two districts is wrong. Please re-evaluate the proposal that intends to split the community into two districts.

Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Regards,


[REDACTED]
Colleen Lanning

From: S [REDACTED]
To: [Hearings](#)
Subject: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013
Date: Friday, December 14, 2012 10:39:42 AM

Mr. Johnathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013

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Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

Concetta Ciacciarelli

From: [C \[REDACTED\]](#)
To: [Hearings](#)
Subject: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013
Date: Friday, December 14, 2012 10:26:52 AM

Mr. Johnathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

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Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

Connie LoMonaco

From: [H \[REDACTED\]](#)
To: [Hearings](#)
Subject: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013
Date: Friday, December 14, 2012 10:40:51 AM

Mr. Johnathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013

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Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

Connie Visintini

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NYC Districting Commission
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New York, NY 10001

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This neighborhood, as-is, has nothing in common with Main Street, Flushing. It is comprised primarily of one family homes, is clean, uncluttered and not laden with second rate illegal construction. I want to keep it this way. I hope you do too!

Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

Daniel R. Gorman

Hearings

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2013 10:34 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: Jan 14, 2013 hearing

Mr. Jonathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013 6-9 pm. LaGuardia CC

Dear Mr. Ettricks:

I am a homeowner in Broadway-Flushing, Queens. I first moved here in 2001, after my first child was born. When it came time to expand due to 2 additional children, the only place we really looked was in the immediate area, since we loved it so much! In fact, I even picked out my favorite block in the neighborhood and nearly bought a house on that block! We ended up moving to another block, but it was only 2 blocks away from my previous home and a block over from my favorite block. The point is, I love this neighborhood! I am writing to express my strong desire for the Commission to keep our neighborhood united as one community in the 19th Council District, and be part of the larger community of single-family home neighborhoods like North Flushing, Bowne Park, Whitestone, Bayside, Douglaston and Little Neck - the district that we have always been in and clearly should remain. Splitting the community would not be considered progress. It is important to the town that you have neighborhoods united enough to want to fight for its survival. Broadway-Flushing is one of them! Let's keep the character of the neighborhood intact!

Thank you for your kind attention to this very important matter.

Very truly yours,

David & Essa Leung



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DAWN BUSTO

Flushing, New York 11358-1814

Mr. Jonathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing
January 14, 2013

Dear Mr. Ettricks:

I have been a homeowner in Broadway-Flushing, Queens for over forty years. Despite many negative housing changes that have occurred over the past decade – many of which are illegal and have never been enforced by the City – Broadway-Flushing is still a lovely neighborhood. I am aghast that the Commission would even consider dividing our neighborhood into two separate districts.

I am grateful to the Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association for bringing this matter to my attention. I cannot attend tonight's meeting; however, I urge you to keep our neighborhood united in the 19th District. This is no doubt the best thing for the larger community. Neighborhoods such as North Flushing, Bowne Park, Whitestone, Bayside, Douglaston, and Little Neck are what keep people from moving to the suburbs; dividing this district could have a negative effect and should not take occur. Please respect the character and constituency of this district and do NOT split us in two.

Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

Dawn Busto

Hearings

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2013 10:46 AM
To: Hearings
Subject: Broadway Homeowner
Attachments: Legal Disclaimer.txt

Mr. Jonathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Fl.
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mr. Ettricks:

We are homeowners in Broadway-Flushing, Queens and we are writing to express our strong desire for the Commission to keep our neighborhood united as one community in the 19th Council District. Our family has been living in this peaceful neighborhood for nearly 10 years. Having carefully selected a community with single family homes, quiet streets and access to a beautiful Bowne Park, we have always been proud to be part of the Northern Flushing community. We consider ourselves partners with our neighboring communities such as Bowne Park, Whitestone, Bayside, Douglaston and Little Neck in maintaining the 19th Council District's beautiful and historic neighborhoods. We take our commitment to our adjoining communities and to the District at large seriously, and would be immensely concerned should we not be able to continue to do so because of redistricting outcomes. The 19th Council District is the district that we moved into, take pride in and where we want to remain.

Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

Diane Sabena

[REDACTED]
Flushing, NY 11358

Diane Neligan

[REDACTED]

Hearings

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2013 9:31 AM
To: Hearings
Subject: Mr. Jonathan Ettricks

Mr. Jonathan Ettricks

Director of Outreach

NYC Districting Commission

253 Broadway, 7th Floor

New York, NY 10001

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Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

Donald Pirone

Hearings

From: Edgar Bayrami <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2013 7:22 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: Redistricting

As a homeowner in the Broadway-Flushing area of Queens I wish to make it clear that I am totally opposed to any tampering with the 19th Council District. This has historically been a community of single home low density neighborhoods making living here something to aspire to. There is no fathomable reason to destroy what hard work and dedication to community have created, which is exactly the intent of the redistricting. Thank you. Edgar Bayrami 718-[REDACTED]

EDWARD FRAIM

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Flushing, New York 11358-1814

Mr. Jonathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing
January 14, 2013

Dear Mr. Ettricks:

I am writing to urge you to keep the 19th District as one. My wife grew up in Broadway-Flushing; I have been living here for over 20 years now. The 19th District belongs together – to split the district into two has the potential to destroy this beautiful neighborhood. The character of the neighborhood is what attracts people to move here and what motivates them to keep their homes well maintained. Please do not encourage further destruction of this great borough.

Therefore, I am writing to beg you to please honor the wishes of the Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association and retain the integrity of this lovely neighborhood. We are a diverse mix of people and a diverse mix of nice homes, and do not deserve to be divided.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Edward Fraim

Hearings

From: eileen [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2013 12:21 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: DO NOT SPLIT DISTRICT 19!!!

Mr. Johnathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013 Dear Mr. Ettricks:

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Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

Eileen and Ralph Starace
[REDACTED]
Flushing, NY 11358

Mr. Jonathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013

Dear Mr. Ettricks:

As a lifelong resident and twenty-year homeowner in Broadway-Flushing, Queens, I am writing to express my strong desire for the Commission to keep our neighborhood united as one community in the 19th Council District. We are currently, and should remain, part of the larger community of single-family home neighborhoods like North Flushing, Bowne Park, Whitestone, Bayside, Douglaston and Little Neck. This is the district that we have always been in and clearly the one that it makes most sense for us to remain in.

Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Nacinovich

[REDACTED]

Flushing, NY 11358

FELICIA BUSTO-FRAIM, Esq.

[REDACTED]
Flushing, New York 11358-1814

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Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing
January 14, 2013

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I am a homeowner in Broadway-Flushing, Queens. I cannot fathom why the Commission would tear our lovely neighborhood into two separate districts. I am writing to urge you to keep our neighborhood united as one community in the 19th District – to be part of the larger community of single-family home neighborhoods such as North Flushing, Bowne Park, Whitestone, Bayside, Douglaston, and Little Neck. This is the district we have always been in; we absolutely should remain within it permanently.

Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

Felicia Busto-Fraim

From: M [REDACTED]
To: [Hearings](#)
Subject: NYC Council Districting
Date: Monday, January 14, 2013 2:33:22 PM

Dear Mr. Ettricks,

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Very truly yours,

Maria Flaherty
Bruce Flaherty
James Flaherty

Mr. Jonathan Ettricks
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NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

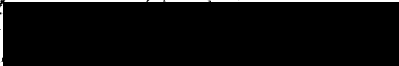
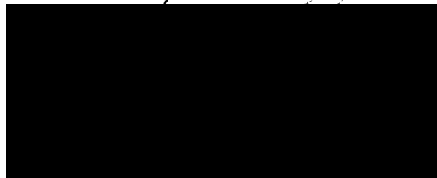
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Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

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Mr. Jonathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

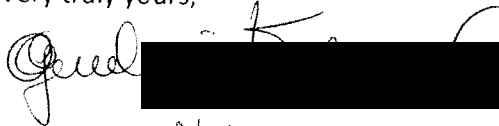
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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Giuliana', followed by a solid black rectangular redaction box.

Giuliana Valenzano .



**GREATER WHITESTONE TAXPAYERS
CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

P.O. Box 570499

FLUSHING, NEW YORK 11357-9997

PHONE: 718.767.1562 • FAX: 718.767.9247

EMAIL: GWTCA@VERIZON.NET

January 25, 2013

NYC Districting Commission
Mr. Jonathan Ettricks
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10007

My name is Kim F. Cody and I am the President of The Greater Whitestone Taxpayers Civic Association. I represent the homeowners and families who reside in our boundaries that are on the east Utopia Parkway, on the west 138th Street, on the south 25th Avenue and the north by the east river This area is all encompassed by the zip code of 11357.

We are glad that the Districting Commission has moved the last piece of Whitestone, a small area bounded by the Whitestone Expressway, 20th Avenue, 146th Street and Willets Point Boulevard that had previously been in District 20 for ages, into the 19th Council District. Our association has been concerned, however, by the proposed boundary lines that have affected our neighboring civic associations. Most notably Mitchell Linden Civic Association, North Flushing Civic Association, Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association and Auburndale Improvement Association.

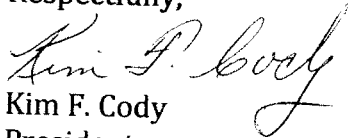
The GWTCA works very closely with these and other civic associations, including the Queens Civic Congress of which we are a member. We all fight for the fair representation of our neighborhoods, political and or otherwise. We work very closely with those civic groups located in the north Flushing, Clearview and Auburndale neighborhoods, as our issues tend to be the same. We all have low-density neighborhoods (mostly R1 and R2 single family zoning) that are better served by being in the 19th Council District, rather than the 20th District, which is centered by downtown Flushing.

Therefore, we wholeheartedly support the boundaries that our neighboring associations are proposing, which have been approved by the Queens civic Congress, as well as Councilman Dan Holloran and Councilman Peter Koo (who have submitted a joint letter agreeing on requested boundary lines) Please take the wishes and concerns of these communities into consideration. So that they are not divided into two separate council districts as we have been for to long a time.

We are only beginning to become whole as communities with the hope of better serving the people who reside here. I have attended some hearings though not to give testimony and have listen to all concerns voiced by the various association. I am enclosing three (3) maps prepared by the Queens Civic Congress and local civics.

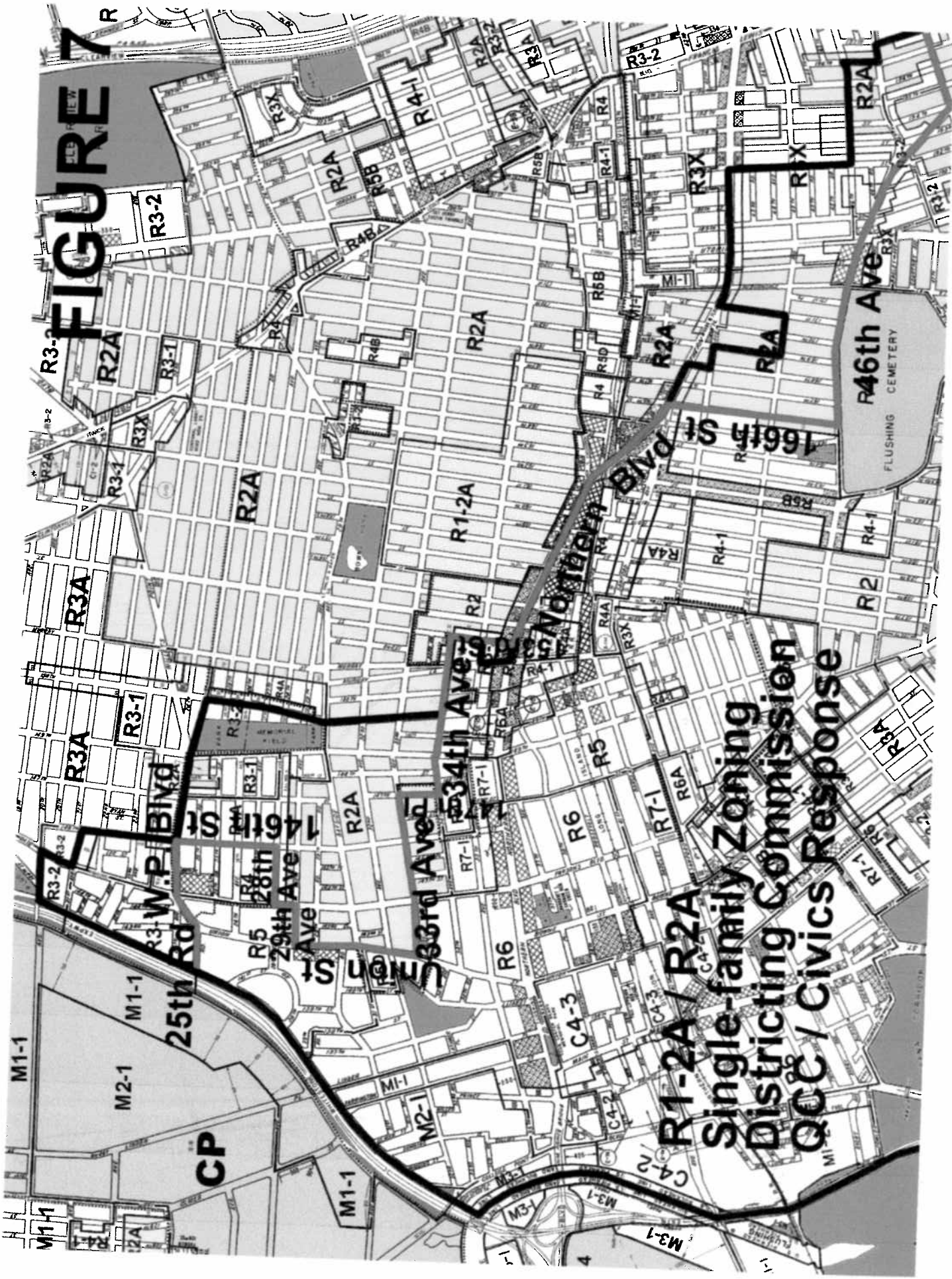
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for taking the time to read my correspondence and take its request into consideration when drawing the district lines

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kim F. Cody".

Kim F. Cody
President
GWTCA

FIGURE 7



R1-2A / R2A
Single-family Zoning
Districting Commission
QCC / Civics Response

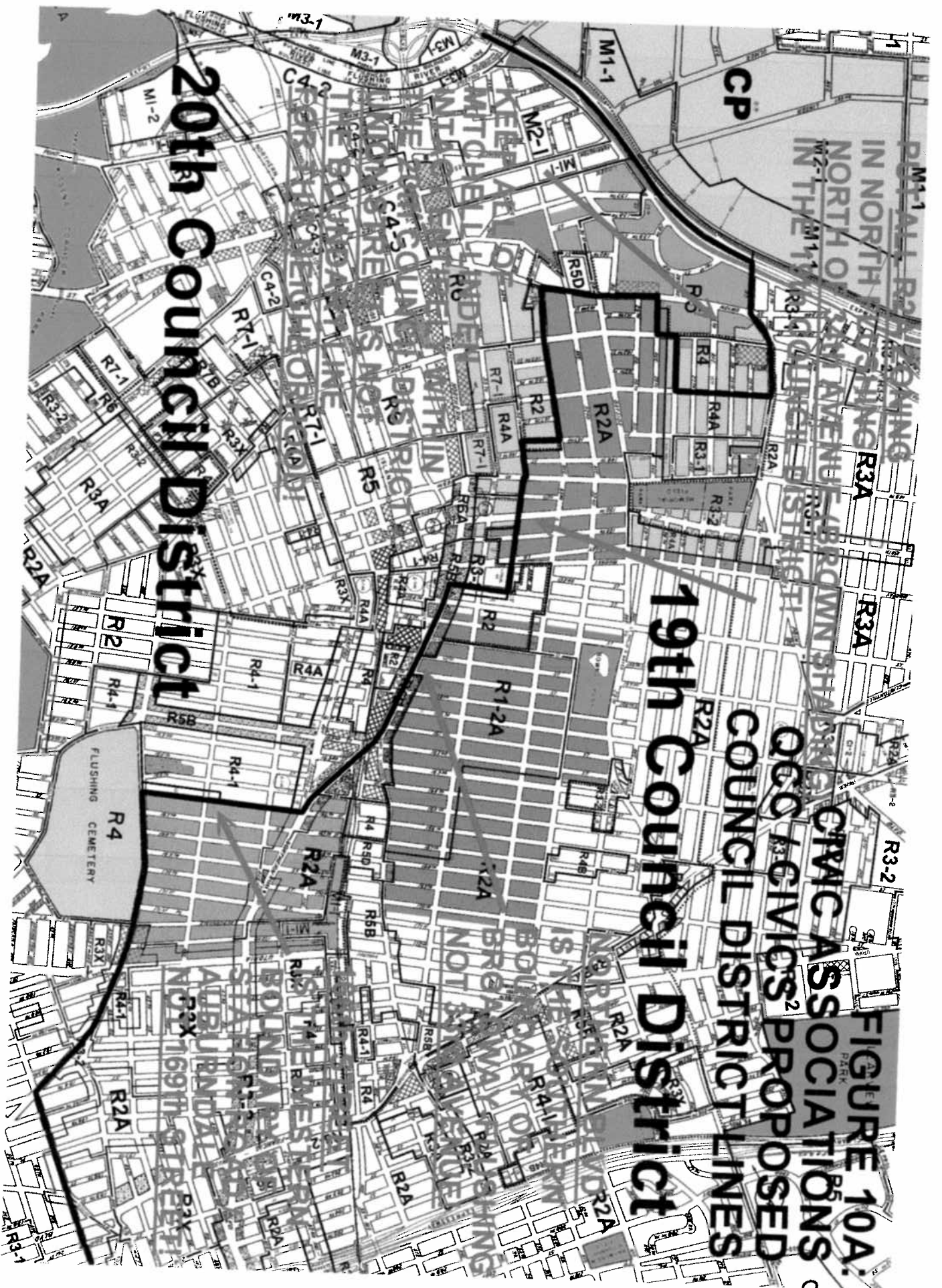
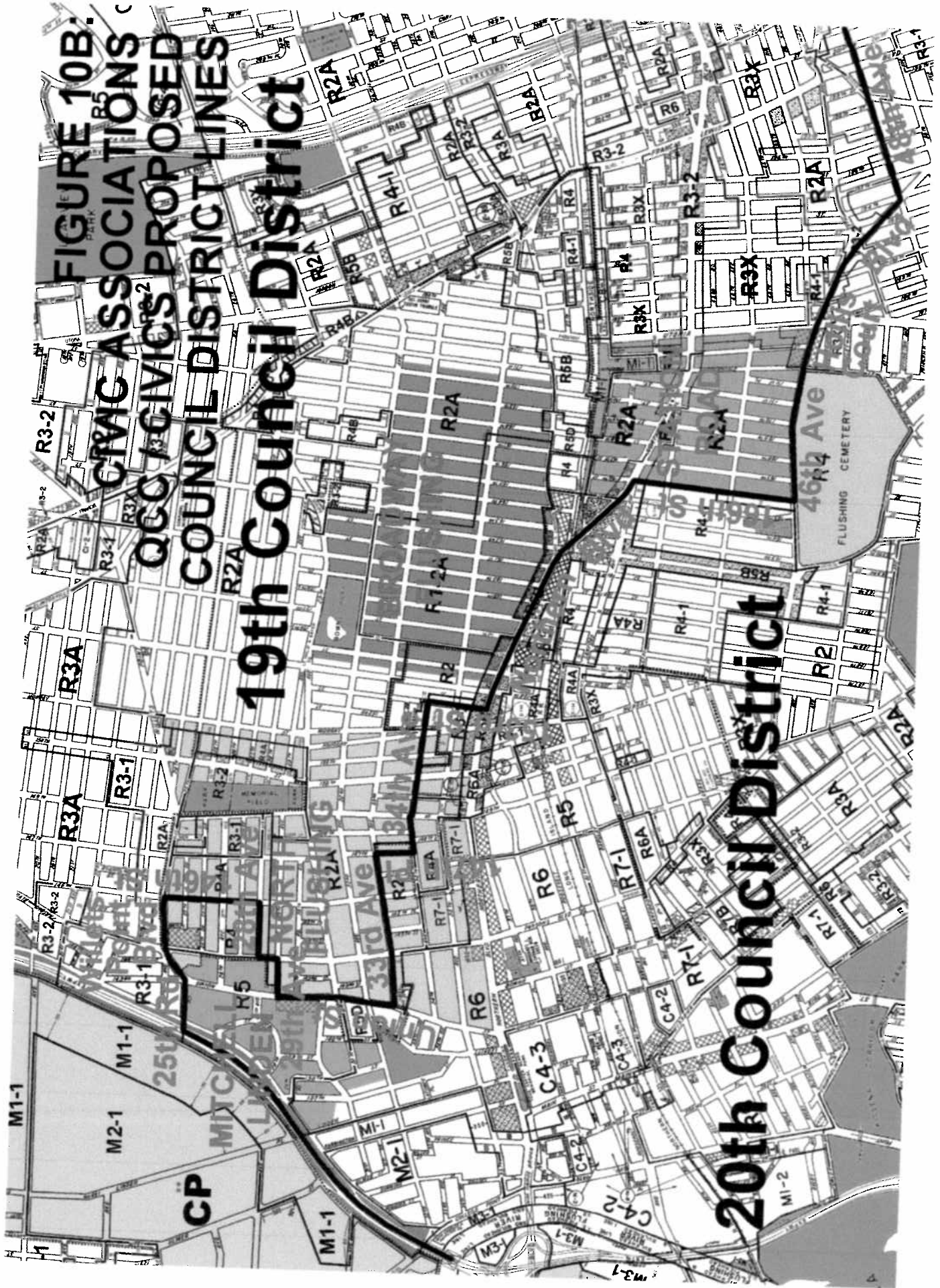


FIGURE 10B:

CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS
QCC / CIVICS PROPOSED
COUNCIL DISTRICT LINES

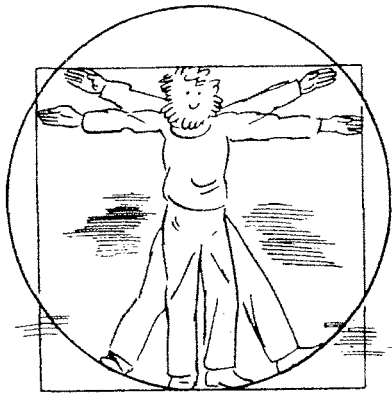
19th Council District

20th Council District



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Hearings](#)
Subject: Redistricting of 19th CD to 20TH cd
Date: Monday, January 14, 2013 1:34:53 PM

As a homeowner in the 19th CD, I want to remain part of the larger community of single-family homes that make up this community (19thCd). We purchased this home because it was in a singl home neighborhood with lots of children. Please allow our children to remain in this district (19cd) I we wanted to live in and around Main St. we could have bought there 50 years ago. Thank You Henry and Diand Miller [REDACTED] . Broadway Flushing 11358 NY (718) [REDACTED]



January 9, 2013

Mr. Jonathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

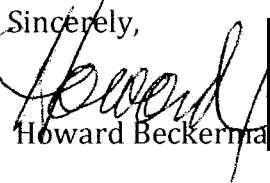
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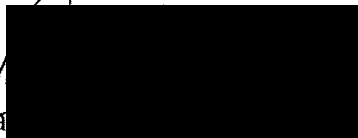
Dear Mr. Ettricks,

Please keep our neighborhood in tact. I am referring to the area of Broadway-Flushing, in the 19th Council district. Queens. As one of many homeowners in this community of single-family homes I am concerned that it should hold on to its long established boundaries. My neighbors and I expect Broadway-Flushing to remain a defined district in the manner of other Queens locations like Whitestone, North Flushing, Bowne Park, Douglaston, Bayside and Little Neck.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Howard Beckerman



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Hearings](#)
Subject: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013
Date: Friday, December 14, 2012 10:42:04 AM

Mr. Johnathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013

Dear Mr. Ettricks:

I am a homeowner in Broadway-Flushing, Queens. I am writing to express my strong desire for the Commission to keep our neighborhood united as one community in the 19th Council District, and be part of the larger community of single-family home neighborhoods like North Flushing, Bowne Park, Whitestone, Bayside, Douglaston and Little Neck - the district that we have always been in and clearly should remain.

Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

Isabella LoMonaco

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Jack Kadian** [REDACTED]

Date: Mon, Jan 14, 2013 at 3:35 PM

Subject: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013

To: hearings@districting.nyc.gov

Dear Mr. Ettricks: I am a homeowner in Broadway-Flushing, Queens. I am writing to express my strong desire for the Commission to keep our neighborhood united as one community in the 19th Council District, and be part of the larger community of single-family home neighborhoods like North Flushing, Bowne Park, Whitestone, Bayside, Douglaston and Little Neck-the district that we always been in and clearly should remain. Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter. Very truly yours, Jack Kadian [REDACTED] Broadway-Flushing, Queens N.Y.
11358

From: Jacob Munn <[REDACTED]>

To: hearings@districting.nyc.gov

Cc: [REDACTED]

Date: Wednesday, January 09, 2013 11:25 am

Subject: Redistricting 19th and 20th Council District

Attachments:

Mr. Jonathan Ettricks

Director of Outreach

NYC Districting Commission

253 Broadway, 7th Floor

New York, NY 10001

Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013

Dear Mr. Ettricks:

I am a homeowner in Broadway-Flushing, Queens. I am writing to express my strong desire for the Commission to keep our neighborhood united as one community in the 19th Council District, and be part of the larger community of single-family home neighborhoods like North Flushing, Bowne Park, Whitestone, Bayside, Douglaston and Little Neck - the district that we have always been in and clearly should remain.

Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

Jacob Munn and Diane Munn

[REDACTED]
Flushing, NY 11358

[REDACTED]

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Jacob (Jake) Munn

Hearings

From: Janet McCreesh <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, January 12, 2013 4:17 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: Public Hearing Jan. 14
Attachments: Figure 07 - R1-2A R2A Single-family Zoning QCC Response.jpg; Figure 10a - Civic Associations QCC-Civics Proposed Council District Lin....jpg; Figure 10b - Civic Associations QCC-Civics Proposed Council Districts -jpg

Dear Mr. Ettricks:

My name is Janet McCreesh and I am the President of the Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association. Our association represents 1,300 households in an area bounded by 155th Street, 29th Avenue, 170th Street, Crocheron Avenue and Northern Boulevard. I attended the previous public hearing in August, before the Districting Commission made its first proposal - the one that is on the table currently - dividing Broadway-Flushing and its neighboring civic associations in two. As you may know, the community never had a chance to voice their opinion about this proposed boundary line until after the Districting Commission drew it, which is why we are in attendance.

I am here to state our strongest objection to the current proposed boundary line presented by the New York City Districting Commission and support the concerns of our local civic organizations. Since the release of this plan, we have been contacted by many civic leaders, residents and other community leaders in Northeast Queens. Clearly, this proposal ignores our traditional neighborhood boundaries. Furthermore, we believe it will weaken our single-family community and zoning by dividing us in to two Council Districts. I would add that no public testimony has been in favor of the current proposed boundary line of 33rd Avenue. All testimony has been in favor of keeping the line at Northern Boulevard, where it has been since this Council District was created.

BFHA must remain united as one community in the 19th Council District, and continue to be part of the larger continuous area of single-family neighborhoods that we are attached to, including North Flushing, Bowne Park, Auburndale, Whitestone, Bayside Douglaston and Little Neck - the Council District we have always been in and clearly should remain. Our immediate neighborhood, North Flushing, is almost entirely made up of detached single-family houses in R1-2A and R2A. The total area is represented by a number of civic and homeowner associations including BFHA who all work very closely together to protect our common interest: North Flushing. We are proud of our ethnically diverse neighborhood and strive to maintain the entirety of North Flushing as a beautiful low-density home-owning community.

I have attached three maps created by the Queens Civic Congress and local civic associations representing North Flushing - the Mitchell-Linden Civic Association, North Flushing Civic Association, Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association and Auburndale Improvement Association - showing the boundaries of the area that they - and I, as a homeowner - want adopted. I will also point out that Councilmen Halloran and Koo sent the Districting Commission a letter dated Dec. 4, 2012 in agreement that our proposal is best for Northeast Queens. It would create two districts where the population is consistent with the Commission's goals of keeping 'communities of interest' intact, zoning protected and neighborhoods united.

We urge the Districting Commission to make all of North Flushing whole again and place it entirely within the 19th Council district.

Respectfully,

Janet McCreesh, President
Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association

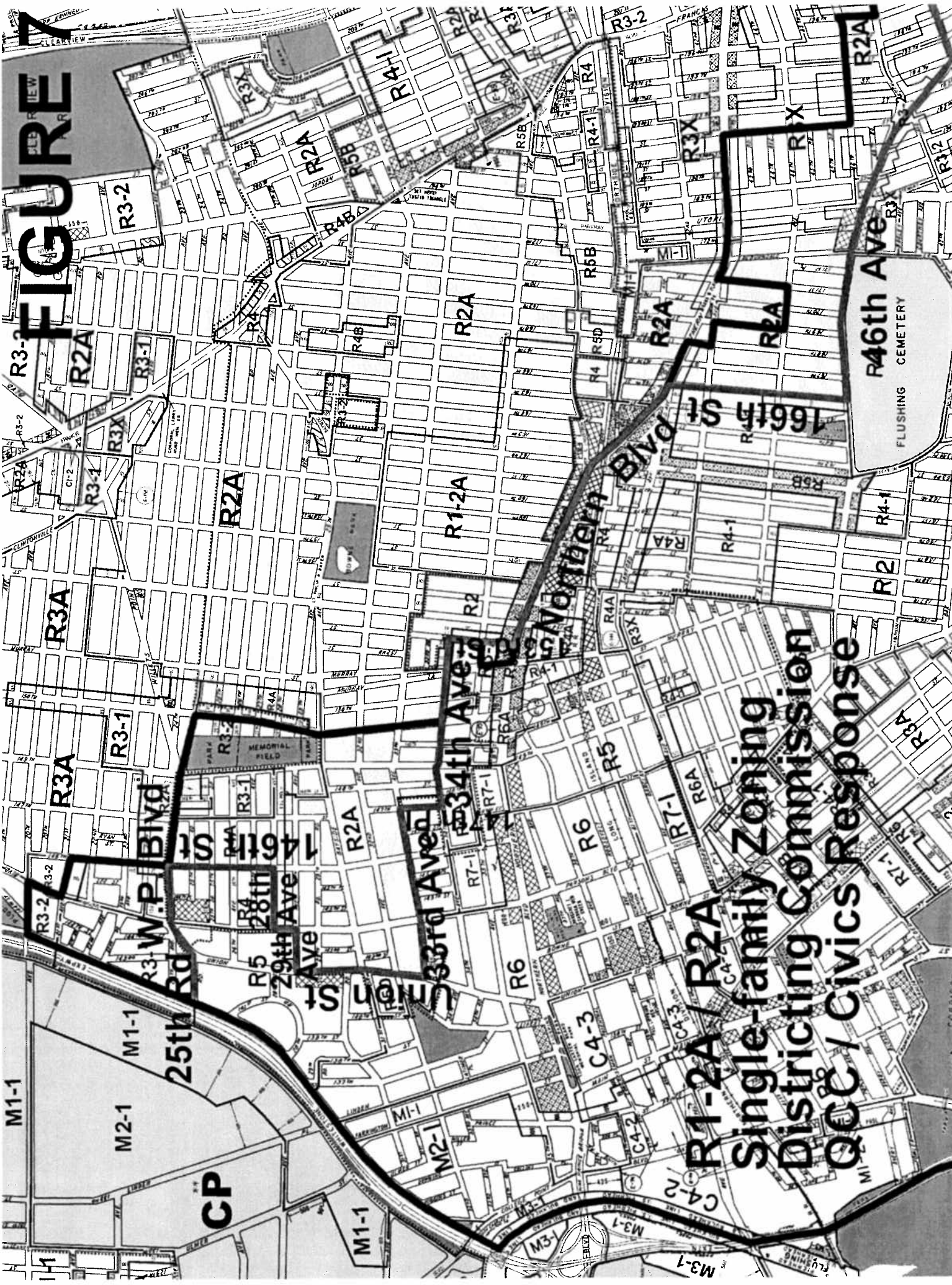


FIGURE 7

R1-2A / R2A
Single-family Zoning
Districting Commission
QCC / Civics Response

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FIGURE 10

19th Council District

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20th Council District

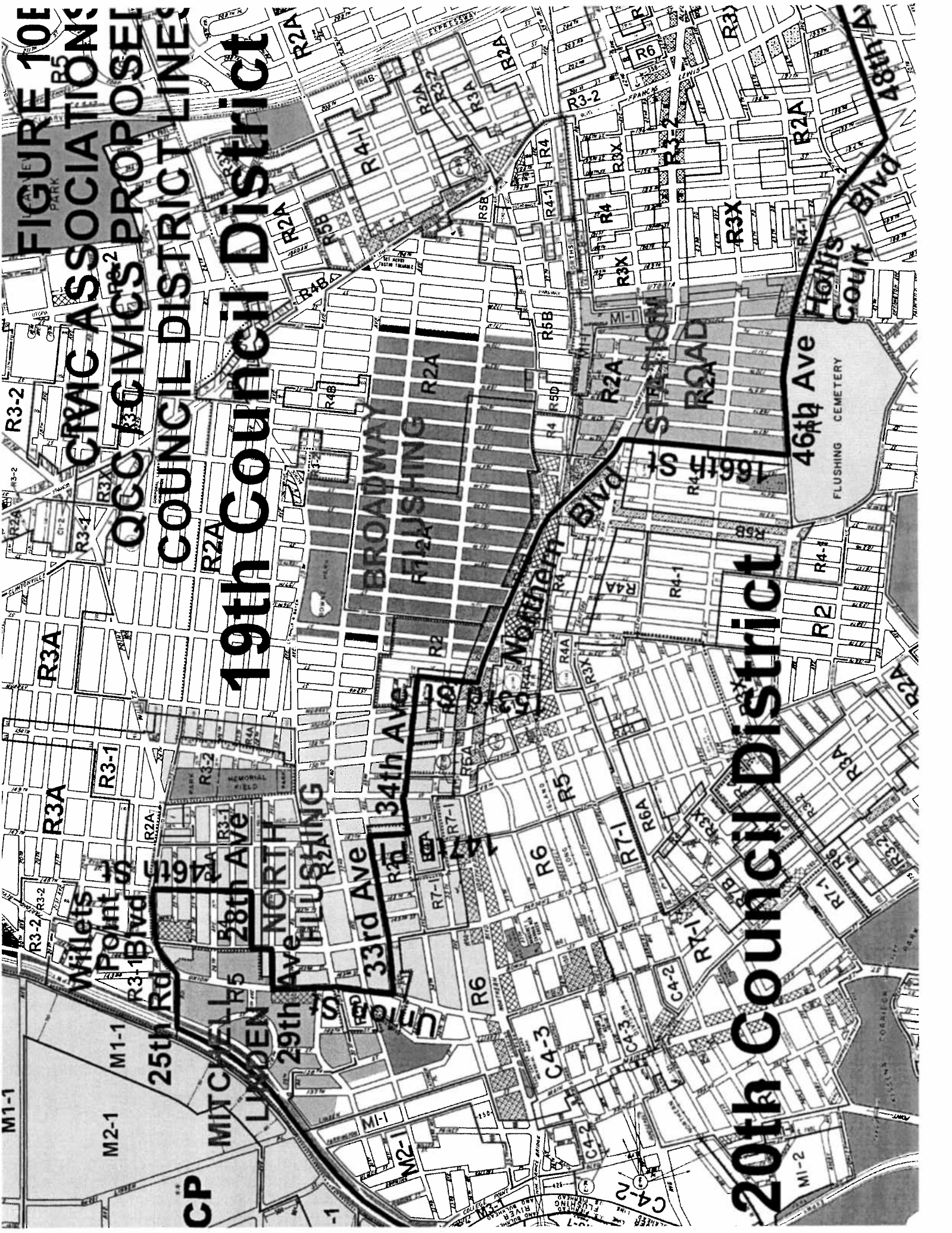


FIGURE 10E
CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS
QCC CIVICS PROPOSED
COUNCIL DISTRICT LINES

19th Council District

20th Council District

46th Ave
Flushing Cemetery
Court Blvd
48th Ave

Hearings

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2013 11:08 PM
To: Hearings; [REDACTED]
Subject: District 19

Dear Mr. Ettricks:

I am a homeowner in Broadway-Flushing, Queens. I am writing to express my strong desire for the Commission to keep our neighborhood united as one community in the 19th Council District, and be part of the larger community of single-family home neighborhoods like North Flushing, Bowne Park, Whitestone, Bayside, Douglaston and Little Neck - the district that we have always been in and clearly should remain.

Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

jean

jeanmchin [REDACTED]

From: [Jeffrey](#)
To: [Hearings](#)
Subject: District 19
Date: Friday, December 14, 2012 11:45:21 AM

I cannot attend the near-secret redistricting meeting on January 19.

However I am a homeowner on [REDACTED] in Flushing who feels strongly that our district should NOT be divided; for political purposes or otherwise.

Thank you.

Jeff Cohen
[REDACTED]
Flushing, NY

Podcast @ mrjeff2000.podbean.com * twitter.com/#!/MrJeff2000

From: [Jerry Morreale](#)
To: [Hearings](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: 19th Council District
Date: Tuesday, December 18, 2012 5:06:26 PM

Mr. Johnathan Ettricks:

I am writing with regard to the proposed redistricting of the 19th Council District.
I reside at [REDACTED], Flushing, NY 11358 and have been living there since 1973.
My house would be on the south side of the proposed redistricting.
I strongly oppose to the proposed redistricting of the 19th Council District.
The date of the hearing regarding this redistricting is: Monday, Jan. 14th, 6:00--9:00 pm, 2013.
The neighborhood that I live in has always been and should continue to be part of the larger community of single-family homes.
Again, please keep the 19th Council District intact as it has been and do not divide the community as is proposed.

Sincerely,
Jerry Morreale
[REDACTED]
Flushing, NY 11358

From: [Joe Calviello](#)
To: [Hearings](#)
Subject: Redistricting In Flushing
Date: Tuesday, December 18, 2012 12:17:34 PM

Attention Districting Commission,

WE MUST REMAIN UNITED AS ONE COMMUNITY IN THE 19TH COUNCIL DISTRICT, AND BE PART OF THE LARGER COMMUNITY OF SINGLE-FAMILY HOME NEIGHBORHOODS LIKE NORTH FLUSHING, BOWNE PARK, WHITESTONE, BAYSIDE, DOUGLASTON AND LITTLE NECK – THE DISTRICT THAT WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IN AND CLEARLY SHOULD REMAIN.

DO NOT CHANGE THE EXISTING BOUNDARY LINE!

Thank You

Joe Calviello

Hearings

From: Jose A. Munoz Jr. [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2013 8:08 AM
To: Hearings
Cc: [REDACTED] Lucile Noel-Munoz
Subject: Resident Comments - Broadway-Flushing Redistricting - Public Hearing 1/14/2013

Dear Mr. Jonathan Ettricks:

We were informed that there will be a hearing on Monday, January 14, concerning the redistricting of our neighborhood. Neither my wife nor I can attend the meeting.

We are very concerned about the redistricting that is being considered and the changes it may cause to the nature of the community we decided to settle in 4 1/2 years ago. We feel that the redistricting will permanently change the community character, historic feel and closeness to neighbors we currently enjoy and value.

My family and I moved to the Broadway-Flushing area of Queens in 2008 (Council District 19). We currently reside at [REDACTED] Prior to moving here we lived in Fresh Meadows (a similar community). We have always looked for areas of single family homes due to the community feel that they have. We have two little girls that go to Holy Trinity School in Whitestone near where I grew up (Whitestone / Malba) and where my parents still live.

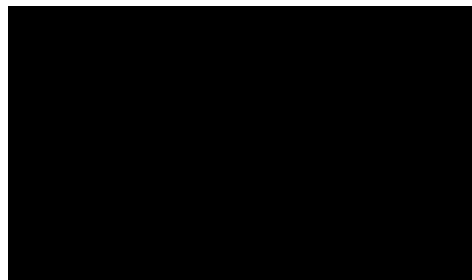
At this time we do not plan to move and with the housing crash and drop in house values, we have committed to stay in the area. We know that by keeping the community of Broadway-Flushing together that we can continue to thrive as a single family home area and that values will continue to increase.

With the lovely houses, long streets and Bowne Park we came here to raise our family in a suburban community that is still within New Your City.

Please consider our request and our neighbor's request to keep our area of Broadway-Flushing (between 155th St. and 169th St. between 33rd Avenue and Northern Blvd. / Crocheron Avenue) within Council District 19.

Best,

Mr. Jose A. Munoz Jr. and Mrs. Lucile Noel-Munoz



Joseph R. Brostek

35-19 160th Street

Flushing, NY 11358

JANUARY 6, 2013

Mr. Johnathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013

Dear Mr. Ettricks:

I have owned a home in Broadway-Flushing, Queens for over 40 years. After speaking with the neighbors on my block, I am writing to let you know of our overwhelming consensus to keep our neighborhood intact as one community in the 19th Council District. It should continue to be part of the larger community of single-family home neighborhoods such as North Flushing, Bowne Park, Whitestone, Bayside, Douglaston and Little Neck. We have long been in the 19th Council District and we clearly should remain in it.

Over the years, legions of neighbors have worked very hard to maintain the integrity and beauty of the Broadway-Flushing community. Not too long ago the New York Times feature: "If You're Thinking of Living In" described the neighborhood as:

"A quiet residential enclave just north of Northern Boulevard...the Broadway-Flushing neighborhood of Queens is known for large gracious houses set behind spacious front lawns, sidewalks that are shaded by a profusion of maple, oak, tulip and beech trees and residents determined to keep their neighborhood intact."

I personally prepared a half hour video show about the community which was commended by legislators. People really care about this community.

We sincerely trust that the Commission will respect the wishes of its residents

Very truly yours, *Joseph R. Brostek*

December 18, 2012

Mr. Johnathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013

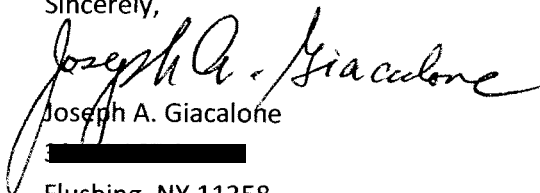
Dear Mr. Ettricks:

As a homeowner in Broadway-Flushing, Queens, I am writing to express my strong desire for the Commission to keep our neighborhood united as one community in the 19th Council District. My family came to this area in 1972, attracted by its special character. Broadway-Flushing is a unique neighborhood and has been so recognized by the New York Times and other media and real estate sources. It is on the National Register. Northern Boulevard was such a natural dividing line that to split the neighborhood at 33rd Avenue seems like an arbitrary arrangement that ignores the history of Broadway=Flushing.

It is our desire to be part of the larger community of single-family home neighborhoods like North Flushing, Bowne Park, Whitestone, Bayside, Douglaston and Little Neck - the district that we have always been in and clearly should remain.

Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph A. Giacalone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joseph" and last name "Giacalone" clearly legible.

Joseph A. Giacalone

Flushing, NY 11358

718- [REDACTED]

Hearings

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2013 6:30 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: Jan 14, 2013 Redistricting hearing 6-9 PM

Dear People,
The potential splitting in half of the long established community of
Broadway-Flushing is in total contradiction of the mission of the
Districting Commission to "...maintain communities of interest."
I trust that you will correct this potential grievous error.
Sincerely, J.R.Brostek, [REDACTED] ushing, N.Y. 11358

RIVERA

[REDACTED]
Flushing, NY 11358

Mr. Jonathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013

Dear Mr. Ettricks:

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Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

Julia [REDACTED]

Hearings

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2013 10:02 AM
To: Hearings
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013

Dear Mr. Ettricks,

I am a homeowner in Broadway Flushing, Queens. I grew up in my house and my husband and I ultimately purchased it. My family and I have always enjoyed living in this neighborhood - it has a real sense of community. We know all our neighbors - rely on each other - and celebrate the Christmas holiday by carolling as a group each year.

I am writing to express my strong desire for the Commission to keep our neighborhood united as one community in the 19th Council District, and be part of the larger community of single-family home neighborhoods like North Flushing, Bowne Park, Whitestone, Bayside, Douglaston and Little Neck - the district that we have always been in and clearly should remain.

Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

Julianne Romanello

Karen Crep Perez
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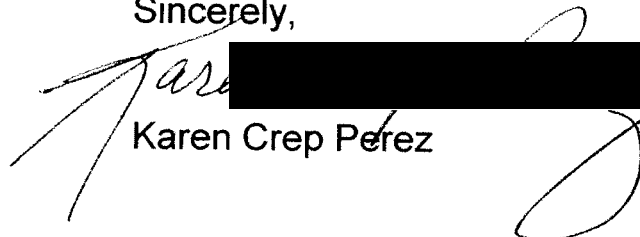
Flushing, N.Y. 11358
November 10, 2013

Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway - 7th Floor
New York, N.Y. 10007
Dear Mr. Johnathan Ettricks,

My name is Karen Crep Perez. I grew up in North Broadway and have owned my own home in this same area for 35 years. North Broadway is a beautiful area with tree lined streets and stately single family homes. It is a quiet and lovely residential neighborhood. It has been placed on the National and State Historic District Register. We have always been in the 19th District, joined with communities very similiar to ours. Our issues were identical to our neighbors issues. The present redistricting plan cuts Broadway Flushing in two by running the dividing line up 33rd. Avenue rather than Northern Blvd.

Our community is completely different than the 20th District. In that district there are countless highrise apartment buildings and condos as well as coops. In addition the 20th has a huge congested commercial area that encompasses Main St., Union St., Roosevelt Ave., Kissena Blvd. and the side streets that run off the above main areas. This proposed plan has divided us in half after 106 years of unity in which a single representative spoke for all of us with one voice. I oppose the present proposal and want all of North Broadway to remain in the 19th District.

Sincerely,


[REDACTED]
Karen Crep Perez

Hearings

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 01, 2013 2:09 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013

Mr. Johnathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013

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Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

Kathy Cestaro

[REDACTED]

Flushing, NY 11358

Kearns Family
[REDACTED]

Flushing, New York 11358
December 30, 2012

Mr. Johnathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013.
Keep our entire Broadway Flushing neighborhood in the 19th District. We do not want to be put into the 20th district.

Dear Mr. Ettricks,

We are writing to express our deep desire for the Commission to keep our neighborhood united as one community in the 19th Council District. We want to stay part of single family neighborhoods such as Bowne Park, Whitestone, Bayside, Douglaston and Little Neck. We have been part of that district and we should stay in that district with our community.

It is completely contrary to the Districting Commission's mission statement as described by the City Charter: to make sure "communities of interest" which can be defined through demographics, religion, history, and geography or otherwise - including zoning and long-recognized neighborhood boundaries - are united, not divided as is the case presently being proposed.

Broadway-Flushing, between 155th and 169th Streets, between 33rd and Northern Blvd/Crocheron Avenue should remain as part of the 19th Council District - the district that we have always been in and clearly should remain.

Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

Karen Kearns
Karen Kearns [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Kevin Kearns

Flushing, New York 11358
January 9, 2013

Mr. Johnathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

Re: Keep our entire Broadway Flushing neighborhood in the 19th District. We do not want to be put into the 20th district.

New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013.

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Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Kevin', is written over a black rectangular redaction box.

Kevin Kearns

Hearings

From: Mary Ellen Morris - [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2013 8:47 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: Districts 19 and 20 -- Flushing

To Jonathan Ettrick

Dear Mr. Ettrick:

I have been told that the Committee on Redistricting intends to assign an area of Flushing to District 20. This area is bounded by 155th Street, Northern Blvd., 169th Street, and 33rd Avenue.

I grew up in a house on 158th Street and 35th Avenue in the '50's. In 1979 I bought a house on 160th Street, between 35th Avenue and Northern Blvd. Needing more space in 1987, I relocated to [REDACTED] Street between [REDACTED] Avenue and [REDACTED] Avenue.

All locations are SINGLE FAMILY HOMES. The homeowners of this type of residence, which is QUICKLY DISAPPEARING from all boroughs of New York, are best served in a district of similar dwellings. Adding a tract with a suburban ambiance to a district dominated by commercial and multi-family properties gives the councilperson a new set of issues to address in an already hectic agenda.

If Flushing is to accept denser development, let it go forward in an area already zoned for that purpose. This has occurred without problems on College Point Blvd. and Roosevelt Avenue, on the site of a former Con Ed equipment yard. Including single family homes in a multi-family district puts pressure on housing plots and their owners, which is unwanted and unwelcome. Conversion to a denser neighborhood is antithetical to the layout of this tract and to the desires of the homeowners.

Yours truly,
Kevin Morris

[REDACTED]
Flushing

Hearings

From: Koula Delianides <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2013 8:25 AM
To: Hearings
Subject: Hearing: Mon Jan 14, 2013 - Attn: Jonathan Ettricks

Dear Sir,

I am dismayed to hear that the NYC Districting Commission is proposing drawing a line through the heart of the Broadway-Flushing neighbourhood. We moved to this area in 1998 and have enjoyed many beautiful years in our home. Our family has grown and we have made many new friends and neighbours.

It would be a shame to redefine the boundary line from Northern Boulevard to 33rd Avenue. The housing between Northern and 33rd Avenue are very distinct and have nothing in common with the more densely populated zones of Main Street & Roosevelt Avenue. The single-family homes in District 19 drew us here along with many of our neighbours. It is quiet and friendly. We actually know everyone on our block and the immediate surrounding area.

Please do not change a wonderful environment that has given so many families a chance to breathe in a hectic city. Once we lose that core ambiance for the neighbourhood it will be very difficult to find it again.

Respectfully,

Koula Delianides and family
[REDACTED]

Hearings

From: Mr Leonard Fliedner [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2013 2:35 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: Public Hearing Queens Districting Commission 1/14/12 6-9 PM

Dear Mr. Ettricks:

I am a homeowner in Broadway-Flushing, Queens and have lived in the same house for 75 years. The decision to divide our community into two separate Council Districts, the 19th and 20th, is a poor one. As you know, Broadway-Flushing is listed on both the National and State Register of Historic Districts and is considered an area worth preserving for its substantial, well-maintained and unique single-family houses dating to the early 20th century and earlier. We have absolutely nothing in common with the commercial areas of Downtown Flushing/Main Street/Roosevelt Avenue where it is proposed to place half of the Broadway-Flushing Community. We have always been part of the residential neighborhoods of North Flushing and would like to remain so.

Yours truly,
Leonard J. Fliedner

[REDACTED]
Flushing, NY 11354

Hearings

From: Lydia <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, January 12, 2013 4:57 PM
To: Hearings
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: redistricting

I am strongly opposed to the redistricting of the Broadway-Flushing area . This area has always been represented by one council, the 19th, and there is no valid reason for change now. I have been a resident of this community for over sixty years. Lydia Sarnataro

My name is Maria Becce and my husband and I have been homeowners in Broadway-Flushing for 32 years. I have been an Officer and Committee Member of the Broadway-Flushing Homeowners' Association for almost as many years and trained by some of its founders including Marjorie and Nick Ferrigno. This Association prides itself on working alongside our elected officials to ensure that zoning regulations are upheld and services provided by the City to our homeowners are maintained.

I am here today to ask the Redistricting Commission to keep Broadway-Flushing UNITED in the 19th District of the New York City Council.

Broadway-Flushing was designed as a planned community and many of its homes carry restrictions on their deeds known as the Rickert Finlay Covenant. The realty company of Rickert and Finlay are the same developers as Douglas Manor, and our neighborhoods shared a joint 100th Anniversary celebration some years ago. Broadway-Flushing is an OASIS of beauty and grace for ALL residents of New York City who choose to live and raise their families in a neighborhood comprised of primarily single family homes. The neighborhood is rich in ethnic diversity, beautiful gardens, landmark and preservation worthy architecture, conveniently serviced by all modes of transportation, choice of schools and religious worship, with SPACE and PRIVACY. In 2006, Broadway-Flushing was recognized by the US Department of the Interior and the State of New York, and the neighborhood was listed on the National and State Register of Historic Places. (HOLD UP PLAQUE) In 2009, the NY City Planning Department granted the most restrictive zoning available for property in New York City. As mentioned, many of our homes carry restrictions in their deeds, known as the Rickert-Finlay Covenant. The Covenant has been declared "enforceable" by the Courts and members of Broadway-Flushing Homeowners' Association will continue to uphold zoning and the Covenant. Efforts to be recognized as an historic district by the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission are ongoing, and this initiative will continue until the neighborhood of Broadway-Flushing is appropriately recognized.

If the Redistricting Commission does not keep Broadway-Flushing united in one district in the New York City Council, our neighborhood CANNOT be fairly represented. Broadway-Flushing is certainly a neighborhood of interest for the all the reasons previously stated. We do not share the same architecture, density of population and concerns of the residents of downtown Main Street Flushing and Roosevelt Avenue. The United States Census confirms that Broadway-Flushing is an ethnically diverse neighborhood, same as it has always been. A quick check on the Queens Neighborhood Profile for Flushing on the webpage, ABOUT.COM states the following problems for Flushing: traffic, congestion, and overdevelopment along with pollution cleanup and development of the Flushing River and Willets Point Iron Triangle. Broadway-Flushing has NONE of these concerns in our neighborhood. Certainly Downtown Main Street Flushing should be commended and applauded for its revitalization and bustling commerce, and the concerns of its residents deserve proper attention. However, the concerns of Broadway-Flushing are NOT the same as Downtown Main Street Flushing and our homeowners deserve the same attention.

In closing, please respect the boundaries of Broadway-Flushing that have been in place for over a hundred years, and allow us to be fairly represented in the New York City Council. We must remain united in the 19th District and aligned with the similarly designed neighborhoods of North Flushing, Bayside, Whitestone and Auburndale. The lines we are requesting and supported by Councilmembers Halloran and Koo, if adopted, are within the standard population deviation and District 19 would .27% and District 20 would be -4.3%.

I speak here tonight not just for my family, but for ALL families of ALL ethnic backgrounds who choose to live in the spacious, green and historic neighborhood of Broadway-Flushing. Thank you.

Mario Pecunia

[REDACTED]

Flushing, N.Y. 11358

Mr. Jonathan Ettricks

Director of Outreach NYC Districting Commission

253 Broadway, 7th Floor

New York, N.Y. 10007

January 9, 2013

Dear Mr. Ettricks:

I have been living in the Flushing North community for 50 years. It is an extremely unique area because of its historic homes. I, as a resident in the area, am strongly opposed to having it divided into two council districts. Such a division would be a threat to preserving its character.

Sincerely,



Mario Pecunia

[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Ettricks,

1-8-13

I am a homeowner in Broadway-Flushing Queens. I am writing to express my strong desire for the Commission to keep our neighborhood united as one community in the 19th Council District, and be part of the larger community of single-family home neighborhoods like North Flushing, Bowne Park, Whitestone, Bayside, Douglaston and Little Neck – the district that we have always been in and clearly should remain. Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

I have lived my entire life in Broadway- Flushing and have been a member of the Broadway Homeowners Association for years. My mother Abigail Murphy and even her parents raised their children in the Broadway- Flushing area. My mother and her siblings spent their days at Bowne Park. I ice skated and played football at Bowne Park. I went to St Andrews with my 7 other siblings. My 3 boys all went to Holy Cross and still play Basketball at Bowne Park. What does Broadway-Flushing have to do with Downtown/ Flushing/ Main Street?

The hearing for this is at LaGuardia Community College, are you kidding me. I have 2 kids in College and 1 in Holy Cross and work 3 jobs to pay for them. I can not take off from work for this insane garbage. All of you people from the Districting Commission should be fired. All of this is about Politicians rigging the outcome of elections. Read the papers!!! Maybe someone with big money wants to start putting up Apartment Buildings on Northern Blvd like where Monahan Ford was, it looks like crap by the way. **Leave Broadway- Flushing in the 19th Council District**
We the people who live here want it to stay the way it is.

Martin Murphy-718-309-2903

Hearings

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2013 11:48 AM
To: Hearings
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Hearing, Monday, January 14 re: Broadway-North Flushing redistricting proposal

Dear Mr. Ettricks,

I have been a resident of Broadway-North Flushing for my entire life. For more than 70 years I have lived in District 19 -- first on 163 Street, then 156 Street and now [REDACTED] Street between [REDACTED] Avenues. This is my neighborhood; I met my husband in this neighborhood and we scrimped and saved so that we could buy this home in this wonderful, quiet, residential neighborhood and raise our children here.

It has come to my attention that our neighborhood is about to be divided with our section being attached to District 20. I am writing to voice my strong objection to this suggested change.

In the first place, know that both elected officials of Districts 19 and 20, Mr. Halloran and Mr. Koo, realize that this move is not necessary and are both opposed to this change as well. I add my objection.

District 19 is a single-family residential neighborhood. Our modest, well-cared for homes are part of what was a covenant with the original farm owners in this area more than a hundred years ago. The covenant provided that builders would respect the integrity of the area and keep it one of single-family homes.

The people who live here take great pride in Broadway-North Flushing. Our homes are well taken care of and the people are genuinely concerned about one another. This area is still one of the most desirable areas in Queens because of our location, our neighbors and our homes.

It makes no sense to break up this low-density area! It is completely contrary to the Districting Commission's mission statement to make sure "communities of interest" ...are united, not divided. The concerns, the interests and the needs of our neighborhood are much different from downtown Flushing, District 20. We are residential; District 20 is mainly commercial. We are an enclave of single-family dwellings; District 20 has multi-family dwellings as well as commercial buildings.

For as long as I have lived here, and my parents and grandparents before me, Northern Boulevard has been the southern border for Broadway-North Flushing. I sincerely hope that this boundary will remain. We live in District 19 and do not want to be divided from our neighbors.

Respectfully,
Mary Catherine Moore Sclafani
Leonard Sclafani

Mr. Jonathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

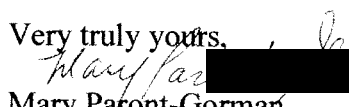
Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013

Dear Mr. Ettricks:

I have lived in my Broadway-Flushing, home for just about my entire life. I write so that the Commission on NYC Districting understands that we who have lived here want to keep our neighborhood united as one community in the 19th Council District, and be part of the larger community of single-family home neighborhoods like North Flushing, Bowne Park, Whitestone, Bayside, Douglaston and Little Neck - the district that we have always been in and clearly should remain. We are not a commercial area. We are an area of families with children, pets and gardens. There are streets safe to walk on; places to play; roads where one can run or jog. None of these elements are similar to the Main Street Flushing area. The goals and interests of that section have little in common with the Broadway-Flushing single family home owners. Please do not destroy our quality of life by putting our homes and families into a district in which they would have no sincere and honest representation and clearly do not belong.

Thank you for your respect of and attention to our needs and wishes in this very important matter.

Very truly yours,


Mary Paront-Gorman

From: Mauricio Betancourt [REDACTED]

To: hearings@districting.nyc.gov

Cc: [REDACTED]

Date: Saturday, January 12, 2013 12:26 pm

Subject: Hearing for Monday, January 14th 6:00PM-9:00PM

Attachments:

Mr. Jonathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013

Dear Mr. Ettricks:

I am a homeowner in Broadway-Flushing, Queens. I am writing to express my strong desire for the Commission to keep our neighborhood united as one community in the 19th Council District, and be part of the larger community of single-family home neighborhoods like North Flushing, Bowne Park, Whitestone, Bayside, Douglaston and Little Neck - the district that we have always been in and clearly should remain.

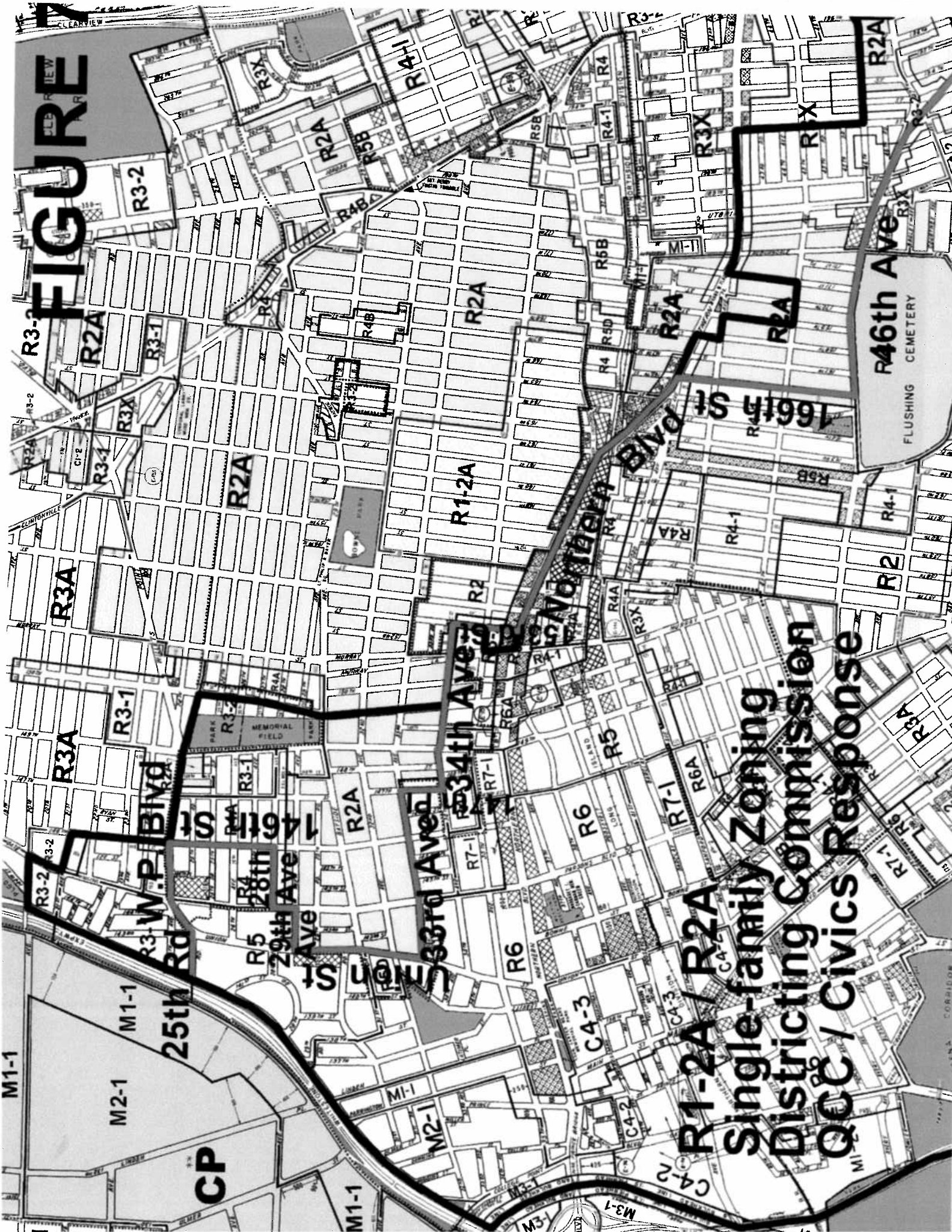
Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

Ma [REDACTED]

Mauricio Betancourt

FIGURE 7



Hearings

From: Mitchell S. Ross [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 03, 2013 10:54 PM
To: Hearings
Cc: 'Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association'
Subject: CRAZY

GENTLEMEN:

I HAVE HEARD ABOUT THE PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGE WHICH WOULD PUT MY HOUSE (LOCATED ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF 33RD AVENUE IN BROADWAY/FLUSHING) IN PETER KOO'S MOSTLY DOWNTOWN FLUSHING DISTRICT, WHICH IS PRIMARILY A COMMERCIAL, AND/OR HIGH DENSITY APARTMENT BUILDING CONSTITUENCY.

I KNOW THIS AREA'S HISTORY AND CHARACTER BETTER THAN MOST. I AM AN ATTORNEY WHO WORKED FOR THE BROADWAY/FLUSHING HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION YEARS AGO TO HELP PRESERVE ITS DETACHED, SINGLE FAMILY HOME WITH LARGE FRONT YARD CHARACTERISTICS. IN A LAWSUIT WHICH MADE THE FRONT PAGE OF THE LAW JOURNAL, WE CONVINCED JUDGE KASSMAN OF QUEENS SUPREME COURT TO PERMANENTLY ENJOIN A DEVELOPER (WHO HAD GOTTEN APPROVED BY THE CITY OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS A MULTIPLE FAMILY DEVELOPMENT ON A SINGLE LOT) FROM DEMOLISHING THE EXISTING HOME AND FROM BUILDING THE NEW BUILDING(S). IN SO DOING, THE COURT UPHELD THE CURRENT RELEVANCY AND POWER OF A COLLECTION OF **100 YEAR OLD** DEED RESTRICTCIONS KNOWN AS THE RICKERT/FINLAY COVENANTS, WHICH APPLY TO EVERY HOUSE IN THE CORE OF THE BROADWAY FLUSHING AREA. THIS SET OF CONVENANTS WERE BRILLIANTLY CREATED BY THE COMPANYYY WHICH BUILT THIS BEAUCOLIC NEIGHBORHOOD A HUNDRED YEARS AGO OUT OF A CHAOTIC JUMBLE OF LAND. THESE DEED RESTRICTIONS WERE EVEN UPHELD BY THE COURT TO STOP INAPPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT EVEN THOUGH THE APPLICABLE GOVERNMENTAL ZONING WOULD HAVE ALLOWED THE DEVELOPMENT.

ALL OF THIS WORK WAS DONE BY RESIDENTS OF THIS AREA WITH CONTRIBUTED TIME AND MONEY. I WAS SO MOVED BY THIS COMMUNITY, THIS PLANNED NEIGHBORHOOD, AND THESE PEOPLE THAT MORE THAN 10 YEARS AFTER I WON THIS CASE, I MOVED MY FAMILY TO THIS AREA. I DESIRED PRECISELY ITS QUIET, PARK LIKE CHARACTER. I WANTED MY SMALL DAUGHTERS TO NOT BE CRAMMED UP AGAINST THEIR NEIGHBORS AND TRAFFIC AND CONGESTION LIKE WE WERE IN ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL BUT VERY DIFFERENT NEIGHBORHOOD OF CARROL GARDENS, BROOKLYN. I WANTED THEM TO BE ABLE TO RIDE BICYCLES WITHOUT GETTING RUN OVER BY THE CONSTANT TRAFFIC WE HAD IN BROOKLYN. IT IS A VERY WELL PLANNED COMMUNITY, AND THERE IS LITTLE QUITE LIKE THIS ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK. IT SHOULD NOT BE SPLIT BETWEEN TWO DISTRICTS! ESPECIALLY SINCE THAT WOULD LUMP HALF OF THIS AREA TOGETHER WITH DOWNTOWN FLUSHING. THE TWO AREAS COULDN'T BE MORE DIFFERENT IN CHARACTER, AND PETER KOO HAS NO INTEREST NOR SHOULD HE BE CHALLENGED TO TAKE ON THIS DIFFICULTY TASK OF MAKING SENSE OUT OF THIS.

BROADWAY/ FLUSHING IS A NATURALLY COHESIVE COMMUNITY TIED TOGETHER BY THE VISION OF ITS CREATORS AND THE HARD WORK OF ITS RESIDENTS. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS INSANELY STUPID IDEA TO COME TO FRUTION.

Mitchell S. Ross, Esq.

Mr. Jonathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013

Dear Mr. Ettricks:

As a lifelong resident and twenty-year homeowner in Broadway-Flushing, Queens, I am writing to express my strong desire for the Commission to keep our neighborhood united as one community in the 19th Council District. We are currently, and should remain, part of the larger community of single-family home neighborhoods like North Flushing, Bowne Park, Whitestone, Bayside, Douglaston and Little Neck. This is the district that we have always been in and clearly the one that it makes most sense for us to remain in.

Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Nacinovich

32-28 164 Street

Flushing, NY 11358

Mr. Jonathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013

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Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,


Chen WANG and Nan WANG
35-58 162nd Street
Flushing, NY 11358
Tel: 917-367-9345
Email: nanchenwang@yahoo.com

Jan 8, 2013

Mr. Jonathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013

Dear Mr. Ettricks:

We are homeowners in Broadway-Flushing, Queens and we are writing to express our strong desire for the Commission to keep our neighborhood united as one community in the 19th Council District. Our family has been living in this peaceful neighborhood for nearly 15 years. Having carefully selected a community with single family homes, quiet streets and access to a beautiful Bowne Park, we have always been proud to be part of the Northern Flushing community. We consider ourselves partners with our neighboring communities such as Bowne Park, Whitestone, Bayside, Douglaston and Little Neck in maintaining the 19th Council District's beautiful and historic neighborhoods. We take our commitment to our adjoining communities and to the District at large seriously, and would be immensely concerned should we not be able to continue to do so because of redistricting outcomes. The 19th Council District is the district that we moved into, take pride in and where we want to remain.

Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,
Anthony and Peggy Natale
33-55 163rd Street
North Flushing, NY 11358

Hearings

From: Elaine Juran - [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2013 7:59 AM
To: Hearings
Cc: NIKOLETTA CHRYSOCHOOS
Subject: NYC Council Districting Commission Hearing January 14, 2013

Dear Mr. Ettricks:

I am a homeowner in Broadway-Flushing, Queens, and have been since 1972. I am writing to express my strong desire for the Commission to keep our neighborhood united as one community in the 19th Council District, and be part of the larger community of single-family home neighborhoods like North Flushing, Bowne Park, Whitestone, Bayside, Douglaston and Little Neck - the district that we have always been in and clearly should remain.

I am also writing as an individual who has lived across the street from a home which has been converted to a place of religious observance. While I have no objection to personal observation of religion, and frequently attend my own church in commercially zoned districts, I know from personal experience the health and other disadvantages of mixing commercial (even non profits) with residential zoning, which I fear will be the result of the proposed redistricting in our otherwise pristine area of single family homes. Please help to retain the unique character of our idyllic area.

Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

Nikoletta Chryssochoos

[REDACTED]
Flushing, N.Y. 11358

Jun. 13, 2013

Dear Mr. Ettricks,

I have lived in Broadway-Flushing for 62 years, first in an apartment on 165 St. & later in a house my husband & I bought 54 years ago. The neighborhood has remained a lovely enclave of one & two family homes. It's a lovely, quiet, pleasant place to live in. The character of Broadway-Flushing is nothing like that of District 20. District 20 is a bustling, busy area which reminds me of Manhattan. In fact, driving along Main St. & the nearby areas is often more difficult than driving through Manhattan. The atmosphere of Broadway-Flushing is much more like Auburndale & North Flushing. To divide this district & include Broadway-Flushing with the completely different areas of District 20 would be a tremendous mistake.

Please do not change the boundaries of District 19. It's taken many, many years to develop this lovely oasis in Queens. It would be a horrendous mistake to destroy our wonderful neighborhood.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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Hearings

From: Patricia Battista <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2013 9:37 AM
To: Hearings
Subject: Broadwa-Flushing redistricting

Gentlemen:

Our neighborhood is primarily residential homes (19th District) which you now want to divide and make part of Downtown Flushing/Main Street and Roosevelt Avenue.

The 19 District has no direct connection to Downtown-Flushing. It is unthinkable to break up our community as it is contrary to the Districting Commission statement as stated in the City Charter.

For decades this community has been unique because of its proximity to Manhattan while maintaining a small town ambiance. The demographics and need of the Broadway-Flushing neighborhoods are completely different from the Main Street Flushing area.

This is clearly catering to a select group without any thought or consideration to the rest of the community.

Patricia Battista

From:

Paul Graziano
146-24 32nd Avenue
Flushing, NY 11354

To:

NYC Districting Commission
Attn: Jonathan Ettricks
253 Broadway, 7th Fl.
New York, NY 10007

January 14th, 2013

My name is Paul Graziano. I am a life-long resident of North Flushing and an urban planner by trade. My house is located at [REDACTED] Avenue in an area represented by the North Flushing Civic Association, currently proposed to be moved into District 19 from District 20, which I support wholeheartedly.

I have attached three maps created by the Queens Civic Congress and local civic associations representing North Flushing - the Mitchell-Linden Civic Association, North Flushing Civic Association, Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association and Auburndale Improvement Association - showing the boundaries of the area that they - and I, as a homeowner - want adopted.

These proposed lines will ensure that the low-density, detached single-family character of these neighborhoods will all be included within one Council District - the 19th - while the higher density areas with large apartment complexes, such as Mitchell-Linden and the blocks south of 34th Avenue west of 153rd Street, are included in the 20th Council District, which includes the densely developed area of downtown Flushing.

This is made clear in the attached map entitled **Figure 7** which shows the R1-2A and R2A neighborhoods in yellow (or shaded if viewed in black and white) and how the civic associations' proposed boundary line would keep them in their entirety within the 19th Council District. **Figures 10a** and **10b** show how the civic associations' proposal would ensure that the Council boundary line for the most part would match up with each civic association's neighborhood boundary. The exception is the North Flushing Civic Association; however, as described above and shown on the supplied figures, the boundary line would separate the R2A detached single-family zoning in the north and east from the high density zones - R4, R5, R6 and R7-1 - to the south and west, which the North Flushing Civic Association approves of, as the suburban detached single-family housing stock should be included in District 19 while the urban parts of North Flushing should be included within District 20.

Our local elected officials have also agreed with these **exact lines** that the civic associations have delineated, including Councilmembers Halloran and Koo (who submitted their own joint testimony to the Districting Commission on December 4th, 2012, which I have attached) as well as State Senator Tony Avella and Congresswoman Grace Meng.

If the current lines that the Districting Commission designed in November of 2012 are adopted, it will negatively affect all of these low-density detached single-family neighborhoods, as the current proposed line bisects these neighborhoods and divides them between the 19th and 20th Council Districts.

Please adopt the lines as shown on these maps, also described as follows:

From the Whitestone Expressway,

25th Drive east to Union Street;
Union Street east to Willets Point Boulevard;
Willets Point Boulevard east to 146th Street;
146th Street south to 28th Avenue;
28th Avenue west to Parsons Boulevard;
Parsons Boulevard south to 29th Avenue;
29th Avenue west to Union Street;
Union Street south to 33rd Avenue;
33rd Avenue east to 147th Place;
147th Place south to 34th Avenue;
34th Avenue east to 153rd Street;
153rd Street south to Northern Boulevard;
Northern Boulevard east to 166th Street;
166th Street south to 46th Avenue;
46th Avenue east to Hollis Court Boulevard;

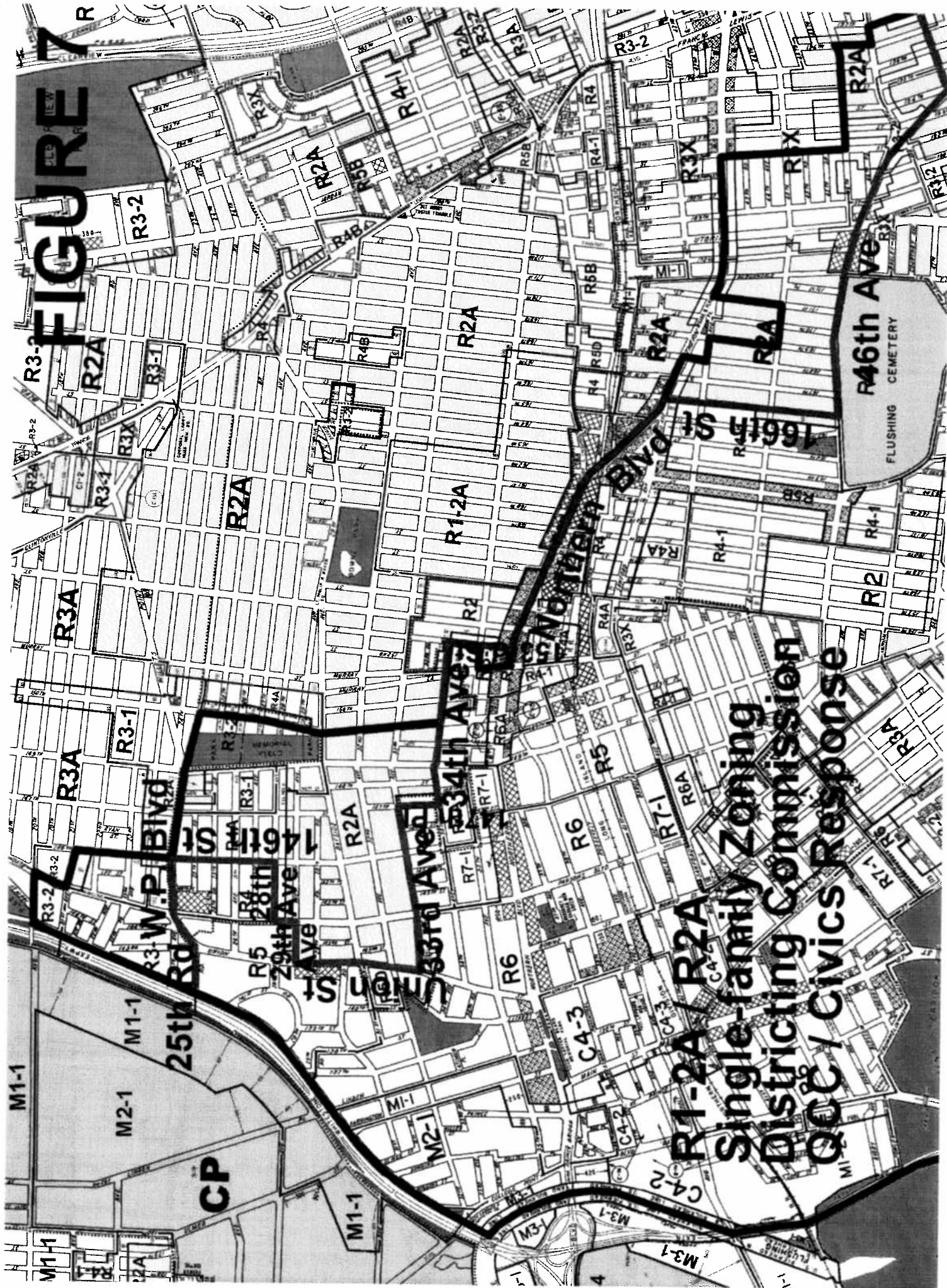
and then following the rest of the Districting Commission's current revisions in Bayside, Douglaston and Little Neck to the Queens County border.

I urge you to adopt this boundary line between the 19th and 20th Council Districts in order to keep these 'communities of interest' - low-density, detached single-family neighborhoods with longstanding civic/homeowners associations that represent them - whole and intact.

Very Truly Yours,

Paul Graziano

FIGURE 7



R1-2A / R2A
Single-family Zoning
Districting Commission
QCC / Civics Response

PUT ALL R2A ZONING
IN NORTH FLUSHING
NORTH OF 134th AVENUE
IN THE 19th COUNCIL DISTRICT!

FIGURE 10A:
CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS
QCC & CIVICS² PROPOSED
COUNCIL DISTRICT LINES

19th Council District

KEEP ALL OF
MITCHELL LINDEN
INTACT ENTIRELY WITHIN
THE 20th COUNCIL DISTRICT
UNION STREET IS NOT
THE BOUNDARY LINE
FOR THIS NEIGHBORHOOD!

NORTHERN BLVD R2A
IS THE SOUTHERN
BOUNDARY OF
BROADWAY FLUSHING
NOT 3rd AVENUE

169th STREET
IS THE WESTERN
BOUNDARY OF
STATION ROAD
AUBURNDALE
NOT 169th STREET!

20th Council District

R4
FLUSHING CEMETERY

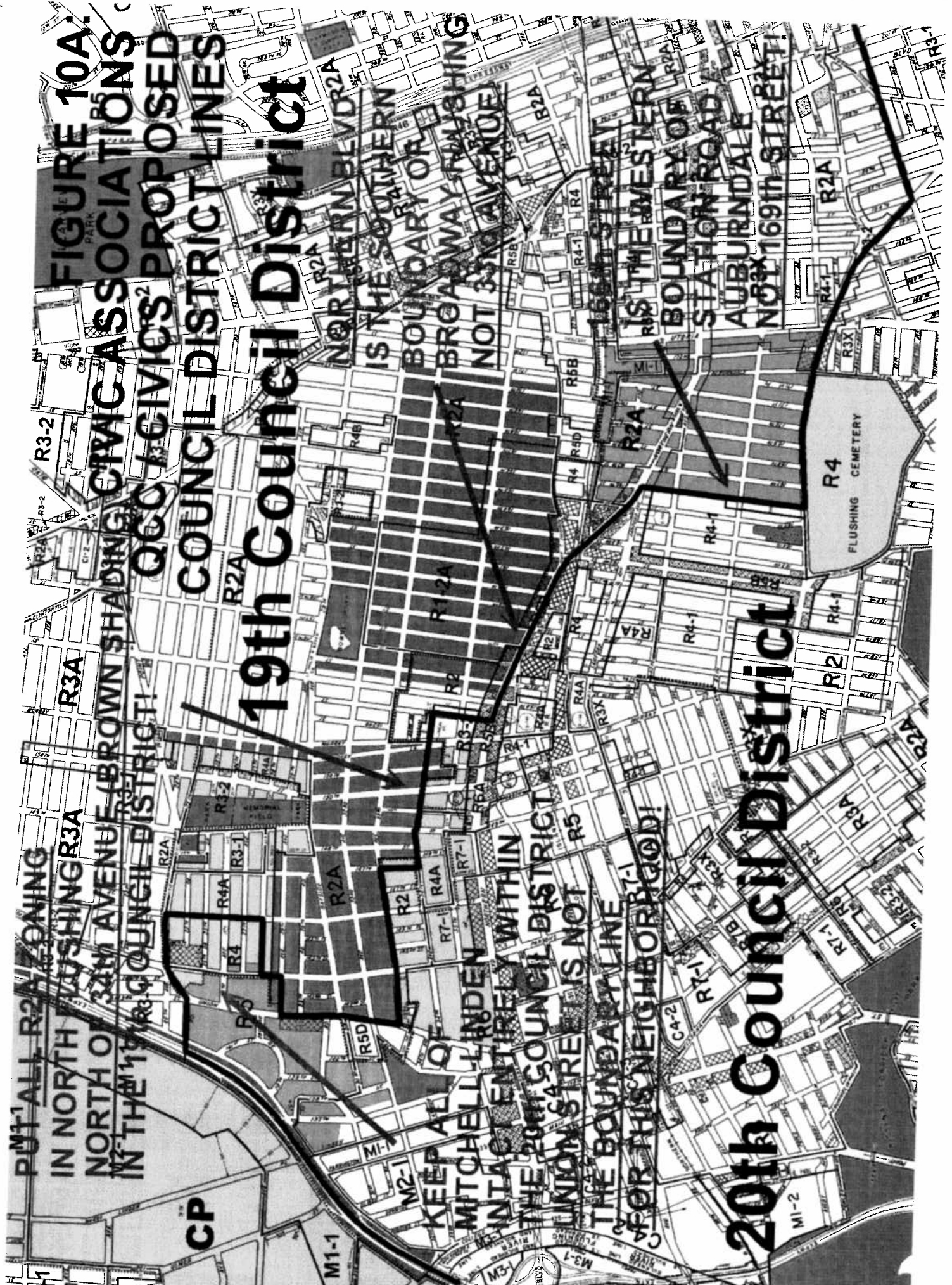
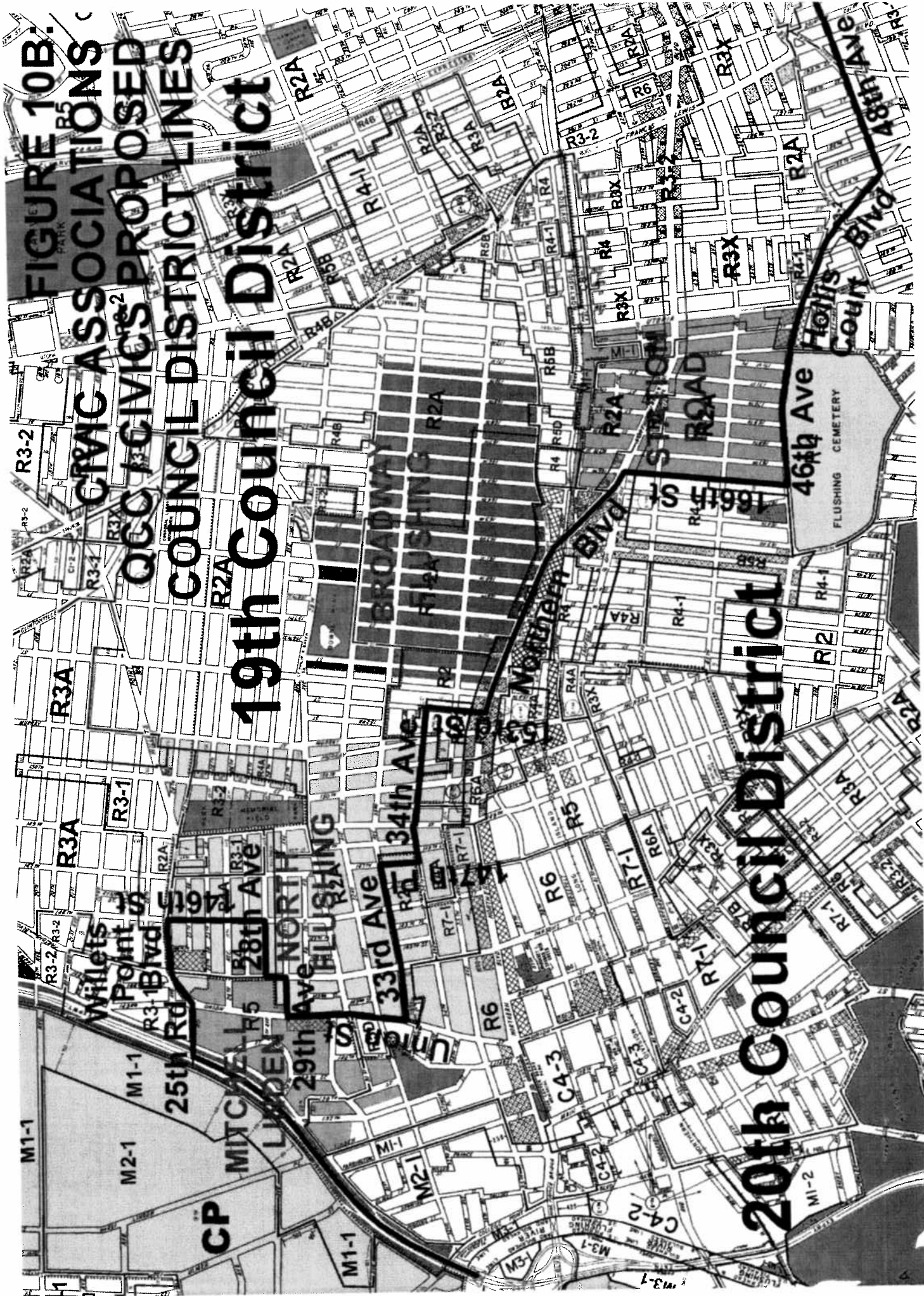


FIGURE 10B:

**CRAC ASSOCIATIONS
QCC CIVICS PROPOSED
COUNCIL DISTRICT LINES**

19th Council District

20th Council District





THE COUNCIL
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK

December 4, 2012

The Honorable Benito Romano
Chair, Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Chair Romano,

We are writing to reiterate our strongest objection to the proposals presented by the New York City Districting Commission and support the concerns of our local civic organizations. Since the release of this plan we have been contacted by many civic leaders, residents and other community leaders in Northeast Queens. This proposal ignores traditional neighborhood boundaries and dilutes zoning. Further, it changes district boundaries in areas that were never discussed or requested by any party submitting public testimony to the Commission. These concerns have been expressed in the enclosed letter dated November 29, 2012 from the Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association, Mitchell Linden Civic Association, North Flushing Civic Association, and the Auburndale Improvement Association.

In North Flushing, two buildings of the Mitchell Linden housing complex and all of the Mitchell Gardens apartments had been placed into Council District 19, while the remainder of that community remains in Council District 20. The proposed district lines adopted by the Commission at its December 4th meeting addresses some, but not all of the problems in this area. The Commission's latest proposal still omits two square blocks of apartment complexes adjacent to Mitchell Linden that are zoned R4, part of the Mitchell Gardens. These blocks, which consist of multifamily attached houses and garden apartments, share similar interests to that of Council District 20. Mitchell Linden is represented by a single civic association; similarly, it has a single board of directors representative of the entire area. Dividing this community into two council districts will seriously hurt the Mitchell Linden board and civic from being able to advocate for their entire community.

MITCHELL LINDEN BOUNDARY: In order to unite these communities within Council District 20, the district boundary line should extend from 25th Road and Parsons Boulevard where the latest proposed district ends, two blocks east on Willets Point Boulevard to 146th Street. The boundary should then extend south five blocks along 146th Street to 28th Avenue, where it would then intersect the Commission's proposed boundary. This proposal would be inclusive of one additional R2A block that was omitted from previous correspondence within the 19th Council District, and inclusive of all the R4 blocks within the 20th Council District.

The other communities which would be seriously affected by the proposed Council Districts boundary are North Flushing, Broadway-Flushing and Auburndale. North Flushing and Broadway-Flushing are adjacent to each other and are entirely north of Northern Boulevard between Union Street and 171st Street, while the Station Road section of Auburndale is a neighborhood between 166th Street and Utopia Parkway from the Long Island Railroad tracks to 46th Avenue, straddling Northern Boulevard. The current proposed council district lines would divide these communities in half between Council District 19 and Council District 20. These area civic associations, North Flushing, Broadway-Flushing and Auburndale, are some of the largest and strongest civic associations in Northeast Queens. They have all been vocal and very strong proponents of protecting the character of their neighborhoods, with Broadway-Flushing in particular going to extra lengths in enforcing their private land covenants that cover their neighborhood. Dividing Broadway-Flushing would be detrimental to this community and its ability to continue protecting the historic nature of this area, as is similar for North Flushing and Auburndale as well. Reuniting these communities within the 19th Council District would offset the entire removal of the aforementioned Mitchell-Linden neighborhood and surrounding multiple family row house blocks to the 20th Council District.

Further the Commission has united much of Auburndale within the 19th Council District, but it split a single-family R2A neighborhood in two, with the dividing line at 169th Street. This places nine square blocks of single-family R2A homes into the 20th Council District where those homes are surrounding by R4 and R5B multiple family attached houses.

BROADWAY-FLUSHING / AUBURNDALE BOUNDARY: In order to keep these neighborhoods intact within the 19th Council District without creating gerrymandered district boundaries could easily be accomplished by moving the boundary one block south on 147th Place to 34th Avenue and then extending boundary line south along 153rd Street from 34th Avenue to Northern Boulevard. The boundary should then follow Northern Boulevard east to 166th Street where it would then go three blocks south to 46th Avenue where it would intersect with the Commission's proposed line.

These district lines which we are proposing would be all inclusive of the R2A, R2 and R1-2A zoned communities in this area. It would prevent low density R2A areas from being divided and being split between Council District 19 with similar zoned areas, and the higher density Council District 20 which has R4 and R7 neighborhoods adjacent to these areas.

We have attached a map provided to us by the Mitchell Linden Civic Association, North Flushing Civic Association, Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association and the Auburndale Improvement Association which illustrates these changes. Making these changes would still keep the population of both Council District 19 and Council District 20 within the Commission's targeted population deviation percentage. We ask that you use any method available to you in order to facilitate these changes. These relatively minor changes would have a major positive affect on these communities. Not only would the communities of Mitchell Linden, North Flushing and Broadway-Flushing be united in single council districts represented by a single council member, their civic associations would be able to continue to represent the neighborhoods in the best way possible.

Chair Benito Romano
December 4, 2012
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We urge the Commission to honor the statements made at the final vote in regards to both Council Districts 19 and 20, and promulgate fair district lines in accordance with the directives of the City Charter not to divide communities.

As the Council Members representing both of these districts we are in agreement that this proposal is best for Northeast Queens. It would create two districts where the population is consistent with the Commission's goals, zoning is protected and neighborhoods are united. Please do not hesitate to contact either of us directly to further discuss this proposal.

In Service,



Daniel J. Halloran III
Council Member, District 19



Peter Koo
Council Member, District 20

CC: Christine C. Quinn, Speaker, New York City Council
James Oddo, Minority Leader, New York City Council
New York City Council Members
Carl Hum, Executive Director, New York City Districting Commission
Local Civic Associations

Peter Asaro

[REDACTED]
Flushing, NY 11358

Mr. Johnathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

27-Dec-12

Re: NYC Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013

Dear Mr. Ettricks:

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Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter

Very truly yours,

 [REDACTED]

Hearings

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 13, 2013 6:45 PM
To: Hearings
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14. 2013

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Pio and Maria Polla

January 13, 2013

Mr. Jonathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Fl.
New York, NY 10007

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Very truly yours,

Rhoda C. Jabbour

33-46 163rd Street

Flushing, NY 11358

Hearings

From: Ron Fiore [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2013 4:39 PM
To: Hearings
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: 19th Council District

Mr. Jonathan Ettricks
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New York, NY 10001

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Very truly yours,
Ron Fiore

From: [Olszewski, Rosemary](#)
To: [Hearings](#)
Subject: Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013
Date: Friday, December 14, 2012 10:34:44 AM

I am a homeowner in Broadway-Flushing, Queens. I am writing to express my strong desire for the Commission to keep our neighborhood united as one community in the 19th Council District, and be part of the larger community of single-family home neighborhoods like North Flushing, Bowne Park, Whitestone, Bayside, Douglaston and Little Neck - the district that we have always been in and clearly should remain.

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Very truly yours,
Rosemary Olszewski
[REDACTED]
Flushing, NY 11358

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Hearings

From: Arthur Viviani <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2013 5:19 PM
To: Hearings

Dear Mr. Ettricks: My wife and I have owned two homes in Broadway-Flushing for the past 40 years. We have lived at the below noted address for the past 36 years. Broadway-Flushing was a community planned in 1906 and in about 2006 it was placed on the National and State Historic District Registers. It is a community of single family homes (with very few exceptions) built on tree lined streets with wide and gracious lawns and almost no cars parked at the curbs. The only large commercial area is on Northern Boulevard. During our existence when there was a Council, we were in the 19th District, joined with communities similar to ours - one family homes, limited commercial areas and tree lined streets. Our issues were identical to our neighbors issues. The present proposed redistricting plan cuts Broadway-Flushing in two - about 60 % of it goes to the 20th and 40% to the 19th District. It does this by running the dividing line up 33rd Avenue rather where has always been in the past, Northern Boulevard. Our community is entirely different from that of most of the 20th. In the 20th, there are many, many apartment buildings and condos and coops over multi-floors. Moreover, the 20th has a huge commercial area that encompasses Main Street, Union Street, Roosevelt Avenue, Kissena Boulevard and Northern Boulevard and many of the side streets that run off the above main areas. The proposed plan has divided us in half after 106 years of unity in which we had a single representative that spoke for us with one voice. Not only do we oppose the present proposal and want to remain entirely in the 19th, all of our neighbors with whom we have spoken (about 50) agree with us. Please keep Broadway-Flushing unified in the 19th District. Sincerely, Arthur and Sandra Viviani, [REDACTED] Street.

From: [Simon Walsh](#)
To: [Hearings](#)
Subject: Redistricting Broadway-Flushing
Date: Friday, December 14, 2012 10:53:42 AM

Comments to be entered for public hearing Monday, January 14th 6:00PM-9:00PM

Dear Mr. Ettricks:

I am a homeowner in Broadway-Flushing, Queens and proud and long-standing member of the Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association. As I live [REDACTED], my home would find itself assigned to the new district, part of downtown Flushing, and separated from most of my neighborhood. My family and I fear that, the interests of a high density area like downtown Flushing and a single-family home neighborhood like ours being difficult to bring into alignment, such a redistricting will be to the detriment of our neighborhood.

I am writing to express my strong desire for the Commission to keep our neighborhood united as one community in the 19th Council District. My family and I wish to remain part of the larger community of single-family home neighborhoods like North Flushing, Bowne Park, Whitestone, Bayside, Douglaston and Little Neck - the district that we have always been in and clearly should remain.

Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

Simon M. Walsh

[REDACTED]

Flushing, New York 11358

From: S [REDACTED]
To: [Hearings](#)
Subject: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013
Date: Friday, December 14, 2012 10:35:59 AM

Mr. Johnathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
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New York, NY 10001

Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013

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Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

Stenis LoMonaco

Hearings

From: Susan Hili [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2013 8:52 PM
To: Hearings
Subject: 19th Council Redistricting

Mr. Johnathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission

We have been residents of the Broadway Flushing area for 37 years. We reside on [REDACTED] Street between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Ave.

This area is a beautiful one family home community on 60 x 100 lots. We have nothing in common with the needs of Downtown Flushing that is overpopulated and congested. We are paying high taxes to live in our pristine environment, and we have worked very hard our entire life to achieve our quality of life. We do not want to be lumped together with an area that has ABSOLUTELY NOTHING IN COMMON



Fwd: Districting Commission

Thelma Bayrami <[REDACTED]>

Mon, Jan 14, 2013 at 2:49 PM

To: j[REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

From: Thelma Bayrami <[REDACTED]>
Date: January 14, 2013 2:48:01 PM EST
To: p[REDACTED]
Subject: Districting Commission

Dear Districting Commission,

I own my home on [REDACTED] street and [REDACTED] ave. and feel strongly about remaining united as one community in the 19th District. We are part of single family homes and want to see the district work hard to maintain those boundaries. Thelma Bayrami

Thomas J. Moore
[REDACTED]
Flushing, NY 11358

(7 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

January 9, 2013

Mr. Jonathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

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Very truly yours,

Thomas [REDACTED]
Thomas J. Moore

Timothy Lanning

Flushing, NY 11358

January 8, 2013

Mr. Jonathan Ettricks
Director of Outreach
NYC Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10001

Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, January 14, 2013

Dear Mr. Ettricks:

In the nine years that my wife and I have owned our home, our community has been part of one council district. New redistricting lines have proposed that my neighborhood: Broadway-Flushing, Queens to be split between two districts. My community belongs with other single-family home neighborhoods like North Flushing, Bowne Park, Whitestone, Bayside, Douglaston and Little Neck. Broadway-Flushing is a lovely area dominated by single-family homes. **I am writing to express my strong desire for the Commission to keep my neighborhood united as one community in the 19th Council District.** It is the district that I have always been in and clearly should remain. Splitting up this community into two districts is wrong. Please re-evaluate the proposal that intends to split my community into two districts.

Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Regards,

Timothy

Timothy Lanning

January 14, 2012

Testimony at Commission Hearing

Benito Romano, Chair
New York City Redistricting Commission
LaGuardia Community College
31-10 Thompson Ave.
Long Island City, NY 11101

Good evening everyone. My name is Tyler Cassell. I am the President of the North Flushing Civic Association, a homeowners group consisting of 90 blocks in northern Queens. I am also a Community Board 7 member, and a Vice-president of the Queens Civic Congress, an umbrella organization representing over 100 homeowners' civic groups in Queens.

I am here today with a very simple request. That request is to adopt the Council lines described in a joint letter from District 20 Councilman, Peter Koo, and District 19 Councilman, Dan Haloran, dated December 4, 2012. Several civic associations have met with our Council members to finalize these lines. These demarcations represent the best boundaries for better government in the coming years. A copy of this letter is attached and so is a detailed map showing the boundary lines. We are all in agreement.

In brief, we are asking that:

- 1) The complete Mitchell-Linden 3,500 unit cooperative apartment complex, shopping center and multi-family housing just to the east be placed in District 20. They share common interests and concerns with downtown Flushing which is a mix of residential apartments and commercial uses. Mitchell-Linden is a little city unto itself and should be kept together as it always has been.
- 2) The North Flushing single-family housing section to the south of the Mitchell- Linden apartments be placed in District 19 to the east. This section is part of the same zoning and housing stock that extends all the way to Little Neck Bay. We share common interests, concerns and allegiances with this area. We should be represented by the Council member who represents this entire area.

The population and ethnic breakdowns for making these changes are almost an even swap so there is no conflict with City guidelines for Council Districts.

- 3) We also support the boundary lines for the Broadway-Flushing and Auburndale areas as detailed on the map because it keeps them together too.

We suggest the commission use the **Queens Civic Congress Redistricting Report** submitted to the commission as a template for District boundaries going forward. This extensive report was compiled using the input from many civic organizations representing hundreds of thousands of residents who live here and know their communities best.

By doing so, City Council members would find it easier to better serve their constituents. We as residents, would in turn, find it easier to work with them for consistency on relevant issues and concerns. A better more workable government should be our mutual goal in this process.

Thank you for making these important changes to better serve our borough and our City.

Respectfully,

Tyler D. Cassell
President, North Flushing Civic Association
PO Box 541142
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The Queens Civic Congress report is also available online at the Queens Civic Congress website:
<http://nycqcc.org/> Queens Wide Redistricting Report.

FIGURE 7

District 19

District 20

R1-2A / R2A
Single-family Zoning
Districting Commission
QCC / Civics Response

V. Max & Francine Klimavicius

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Very truly yours,

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January 13, 2013

New York City Districting Commission

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this response as an individual homeowner that has lived in North Flushing for over 18 years. I am also Managing Partner of our family law firm, Vallone & Vallone, President of the Clinton Democratic Club, Past President of the Bayside-Whitestone Lions Club, Member of Community Board 7, Board Member of Auburndale Soccer Club, and Member of St. Andrew Avellino Parish, and I am a member in support of the Broadway - Flushing Homeowners' Association.

I am writing with regard to my concern for the proposed redistricting of NYC Council District 19. It is my hope and request to keep the entire Broadway-Flushing/North Flushing Homeowners within one council district. Therefore I agree with the Broadway-Flushing Homeowners' proposal submitted to the Commission requesting the same relief. District 19 has historically represented one and two family homes within Northeast Queens. Therefore, the final draft for this district must maintain the dignity, integrity, and the vision of our Northeast Flushing/Flushing community. Any proposal that divides these homeowners must not be supported.

Therefore, I stand and support the defined longtime boundaries of civic and homeowners' associations in our North Flushing area. As always if you need any additional information or would like any additional comments, never hesitate to contact me personally.

Very truly yours,

Paul A. Vallone

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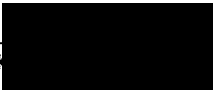
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Very truly yours,

Victor



Hearings

From: Yvonne Skorpanich <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2013 9:12 AM
To: Hearings
Subject: Monday, January 14th 6:00PM-9:00PM HEARING AT LaGuardia Community College

Dear Mr. Jonathan Ettrick's:

RE: PUBLIC HEARING IN QUEENS FOR THE DISTRICTING COMMISSION
Monday, January 14th 6:00PM-9:00PM

I have been a RESIDENT and HOMEOWNER and MEMBER of Broadway-Flushing *since 1973*.

AND

I understand you have last month, the Districting Commission drew a line right through the heart of Broadway-Flushing - 33rd Avenue - which would divide our neighborhood between the 19th and 20th Council Districts. **This would be a mistake**, the interests, dynamics and needs of the single-family neighborhoods in northern Flushing are completely different from the more densely-populated areas in Flushing proper.

SO, IT IS **ESSENTIAL** WE MUST REMAIN UNITED AS ONE COMMUNITY IN THE 19TH COUNCIL DISTRICT, AND BE PART OF THE LARGER COMMUNITY OF SINGLE-FAMILY HOME NEIGHBORHOODS LIKE NORTH FLUSHING, BOWNE PARK, WHITESTONE, BAYSIDE, DOUGLASTON AND LITTLE NECK – THE DISTRICT THAT WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IN AND CLEARLY SHOULD REMAIN.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

Sincerely,
THE SKORPANICH FAMILY



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yvonne'.

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[REDACTED]
Flushing, NY11354