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January 22, 2013

New York City Districting Commission
253 Broadway, 7th Floor
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Benito Romano, Chair

Dear Mr. Romano:

I am writing on behalf of Queensview Inc, located between 21st Street and Crescent Street and 34th Avenue and 33rd Road. We are a cooperative with 726 apartments and over 3,000 residents. Since our inception 63 years ago, we have been and continue to be an active part in the community that encompasses the 22nd district.

We have been delayed in responding to the proposed changes in the 22nd district because we were not informed until our sister co-op, investigated this matter, received erroneous information, and found that, the website for the Redistricting Commission has incorrect/misleading information. Today, it was confirmed that the proposed district lines for Queens has cut our project in the middle and removed North Queensview entirely.

We are very upset that the committee has decided to cut our development in the middle and do NOT want to be removed from the 22nd district. Our shareholders/residents have utilized its facilities and services, have been and continue to support its development, respond to the challenges and community issues in this neighborhood, and have developed relationships within the community.

In addition, by splitting us in the middle and removing North Queensview entirely, the Districting Commission has put programs that we share with our sister co-op in jeopardy and will be causing hardships, with our shareholders and for our elderly, with our NORC Community. As long-term active participants with all aspects of our district, we urge you to return the lines back to where they were originally.

Sincerely,

Alexander Santora
President
Queensview, Inc

Ettricks, Jonathan

From: Hum, Carl
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2013 12:41 PM
To: Bassett, Justin
Cc: Ettricks, Jonathan
Subject: FW: District 22 resident

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From: jose batista [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2013 11:36 AM
To: Hum, Carl
Subject: District 22 resident

Mr. Chum,

I am writing to express my dismay that it appears the tactics sweeping the nation to divide communities by splitting up representation has arrived at NYC Council District 22. It comes as a complete surprise to me, a long time resident in Astoria and the owner of a Cooperative apartment , that a decision as been made to move me and my neighbors out of District 22. These whole process as it relates to where and by whom my fellow Cooperators will vote and be represented by, smacks of arrogance by "Official Dom" in deciding whats best for us.

I forcefully will resist this abrogation of my rights of representation as a Citizen of New York City and a long time member of Community Board # 1 , Queens, who resides in District 22.

My neighbors in North Queensview Homes Cooperative share many concerns and have many of the same interests as owners. We do not want or voice diluted or muted by an ill thought out process by people who do not know about our issues.

Jose Batista

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Astoria, NY 11106
New York City Council
District 22

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Benito Romano, Chair

Dear Mr. Romano:

I am writing on behalf of North Queensview Homes, Inc, located between 21st Street and 14th Street and 34th Avenue and 33rd Road. We are a cooperative with 364 apartments and over 1,000 residents. Since our inception 55 years ago, we have been an active part in the community that encompasses the 22nd district.

We have been delayed in responding to the proposed changes in 22nd district because when investigating the matter we were given erroneous information and found that, the website for the Redistricting Commission has incorrect/misleading information. Today, it was confirmed that the proposed district lines for Queens has cut us out of the 22nd district and has split our sister co-op, Queensview, in the middle.

We are very upset that the committee has removed us from the 22nd district where we have utilized its facilities and services, involved with the development, challenges and community issues in this neighborhood and have developed relationships within the community.

In addition, by splitting the district the committee has put programs that we share with our sister co-op in jeopardy and causing hardships, especially, for our elderly, with our NORC Community. As active participants with all aspects of our district, we urge you to return the lines back to where they were originally.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Gigantiello, Jr.
President
North Queensview Homes, Inc

NYC Districting Commission

01/16/13

Dear Mr. Hum,

We write to you with serious concerns about the proposed redistricting of parts of the 22nd City Council District, specifically regarding the area known as Queensview (34th Avenue from 23 to 12 streets). I know you've spoken to one of my staff people, Kimberly Mullarkey, who attended the Queens Redistricting Meeting at my behest as my representative just for this purpose; to safeguard our constituent's rights. She speaks highly of you and your professionalism.

We are extremely concerned, especially after speaking to various residents and community leaders from Queensview and Astoria, that this is, at the very least, an unwarranted, unnecessary and illadvised move to separate an area that is cohesive and has been a part of this district for many decades and is a NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community). At the very worst, we see this as a blatant example of politics that has no place in a redistricting effort that was done to avoid just this type of situation. We're certain that the Commission will diligently pursue this matter.

We ask you, as the Executive Director of the Commission, to look into this and to remedy the situation by returning the lines to those previously approved and allow us to ascertain where these changes came from. We can obtain hundreds of petitions and letters of opposition from local residents, the people most affected, if necessary. It seems that the representatives of the residents were also concerned that even our local elected officials had the wrong map as of December 4th. It is easy to be confused as differing maps on the Commission site both have the Dec 4th date and are titled "Preliminary draft" and "revised".

The second issue is the adding of parts of Corona, East Elmhurst and Jackson Heights, which were previously part of the 21 Council District and have, as individuals testified at the Queens hearing, little in common with the main Astoria / LIC part. The residents testifying were from that area and I would agree with them that this breaks up their established neighborhood.

I feel that I have a duty to address this issue now as a concerned citizen and Community Board member for over 20 years and candidate for City Council for the 22nd. To repeat, our last and strongest overriding concern is to make sure that our constituents are not being hurt by these actions in the name of politics as usual.

Thank you for your kind attention and assistance,

Antonio Meloni

CC: Queensview Board



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To NYC Redistricting Commission and NYC Councilmembers:

I write to you today regarding the proposed redistricting maps that will be sent to you for approval. The United Community Civic Association has concerns relating to the removal of both Rikers Island and LaGuardia Airport from NYC Council District 22. Both of these institutions heavily affect the Astoria Heights community. For as long as we can remember, both of these institutions have been housed within the 22nd district. It is unacceptable for them to be removed.

The only road to Rikers Island is located within the 22nd district and goes through the Astoria Heights community. Every land delivery, movement of personnel, visitor, or miscellaneous activity that requires someone to drive to the prison moves through our neighborhood. We are disproportionately burdened by this facility and have worked with NYC Corrections to minimize that burden. While we have no quarrel and deeply respect the member representing the 21st district, it makes sense that Rikers Island should remain in the same district with the community it most heavily affects. By leaving Rikers Island in the 22nd district, it allows for our community to continue to have maximum ability to utilize our elected officials to hold Rikers Island accountable for the impact it has on our neighborhood.

Similarly, LaGuardia Airport has a disproportionate effect on Astoria Heights and the neighborhoods surrounding the 22nd district. Under the new maps, all entrances to the airport are within the 22nd district. In many instances, the airport is right across the street from our neighbors. We have also a long history with the LaGuardia management and worked hard though all avenues including our NYC Councilmember to mitigate the environmental and noise concerns we continuously have relating to the airport. It is important that the airport remain in one district with the community that surrounds it so that we may continue to have maximum ability to continue to fight for our neighborhoods.

We ask that you our elected representatives assist us in this illogical and irresponsible oversight and move to amend any future maps with these changes.

Sincerely,

Rosemarie Poveromo

President

United Community Civic Association

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