

BROADWAY-FLUSHING HOMEOWNERS' ASSN., INC.
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August 21, 2012

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

Re: New York City Council Districting Commission Hearing, August 21st, 2012

To Whom it May Concern:

Good afternoon. 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 am here today to ask the Districting Commission to support proposed changes to the 19th and 20th Council Districts that affect our overall neighborhood of North Flushing as well as the adjacent community of Auburndale to the east.

As shown in a detailed summary created for the Queens Civic Congress these proposed changes would keep intact North Flushing, which is currently divided between the 19th and 20th Council Districts in an uneven line from 150th to 153rd streets.

North Flushing, is almost all made up of detached single-family houses in R1-2A and R2A "anti-McMansion" zones. 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. This has included the 2009 North Flushing Rezoning, initiated by our neighborhoods by the Department of City Planning; beautification projects; public safety; and other significant areas of mutual interest. We are proud of our ethnically diverse neighborhood and strive to maintain the entirety of North Flushing as a pleasant, low-density home-owning community.

By placing the 25% of the North Flushing area west of 150th Street into the 19th Council District, you will reunite that portion of our neighborhood with the rest of North Flushing. This is very important, as the high-density areas to the west and south - the Mitchell-Linden cooperative apartments and Downtown Flushing - are entirely different in character.

Similarly, we support the inclusion of all of the Station Road Civic Association area in Auburndale, our neighbors to the southeast, to be shifted into the 19th Council District instead of being split in half as is currently the case.

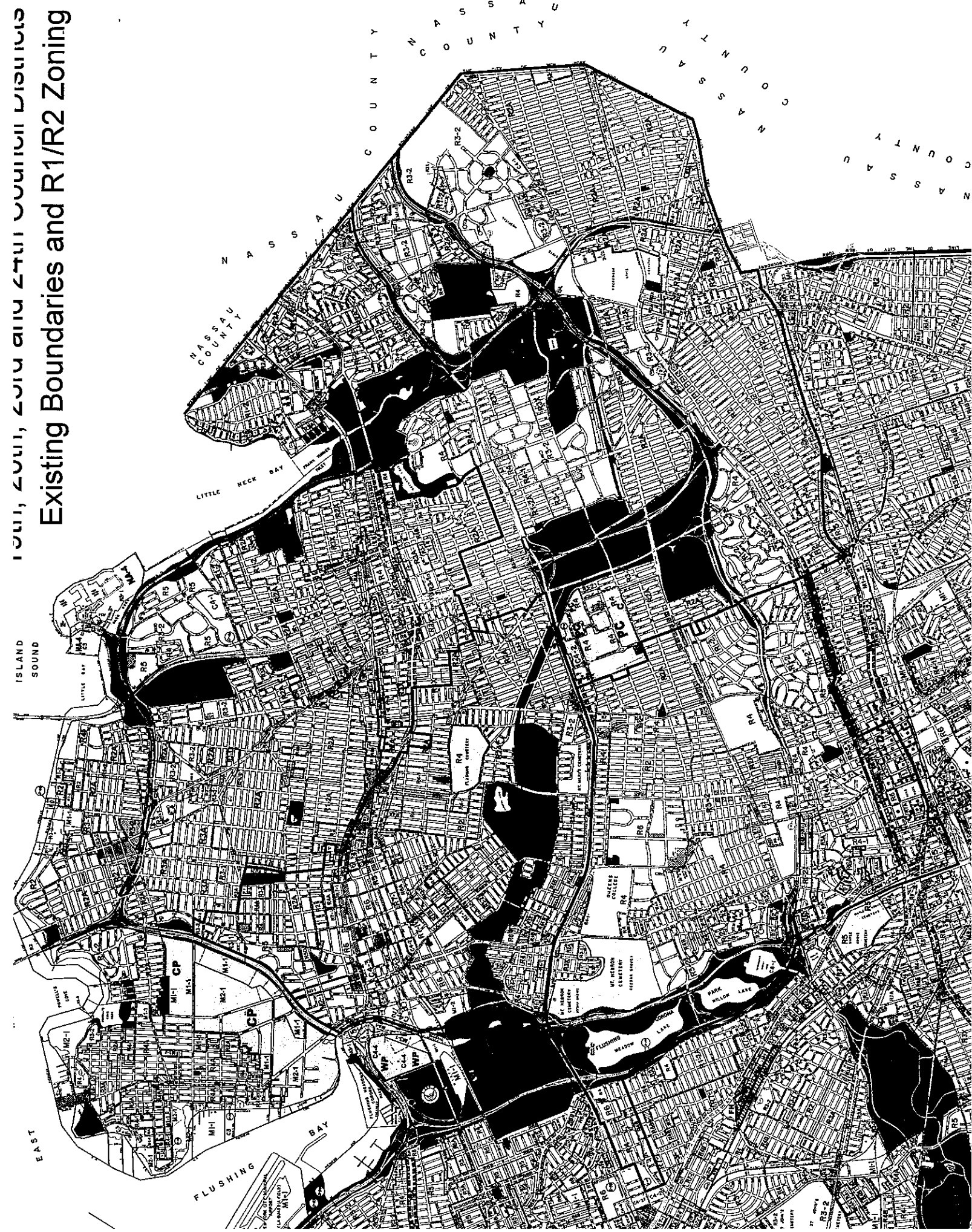
Submitted is a copy of the summary report and accompanying maps prepared for the Queens Civic Congress. We urge the Districting Commission to make North Flushing whole again and place it all in one Council district.

Respectfully,


Janet McCreesh, President
Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association

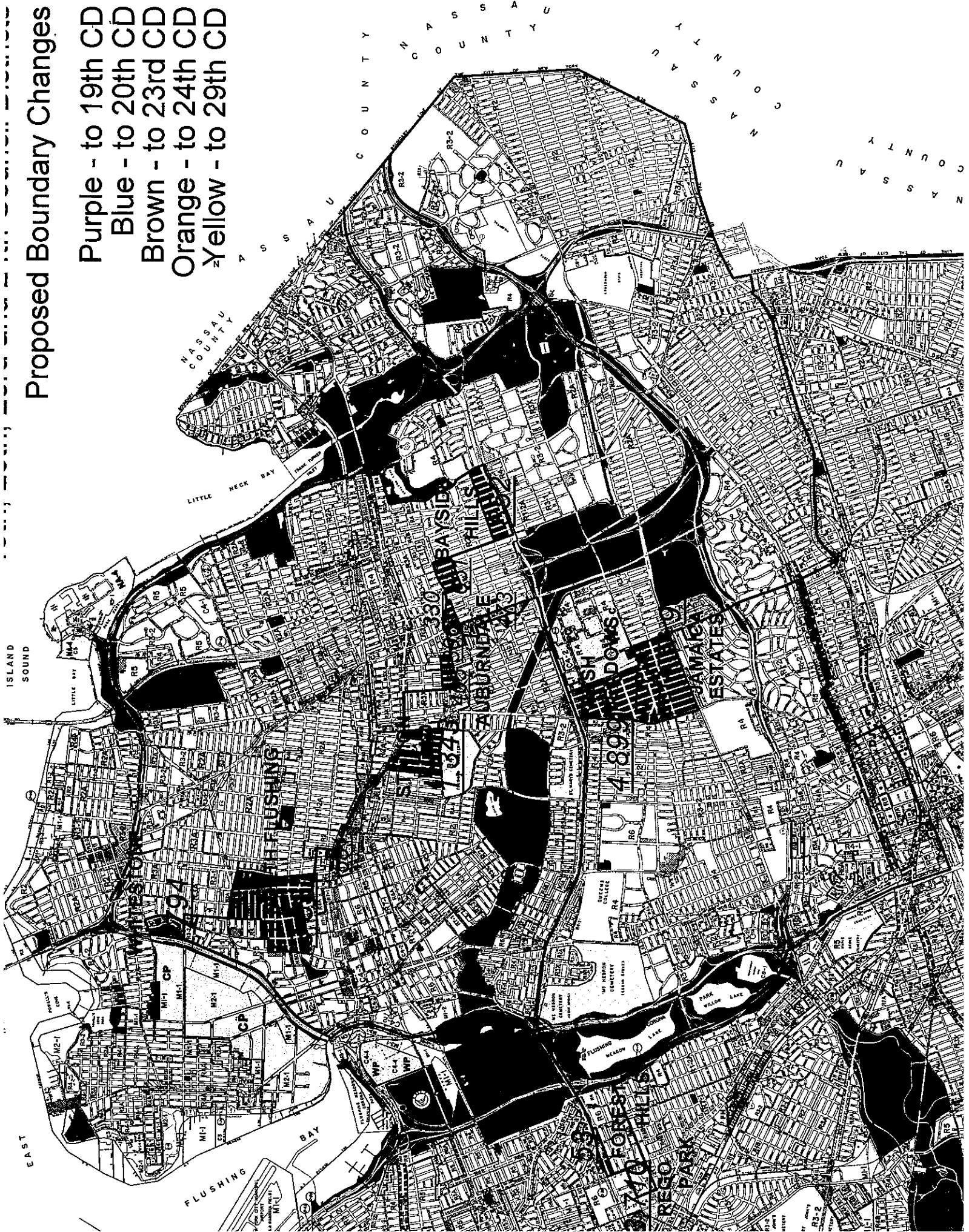


Existing Boundaries and R1/R2 Zoning

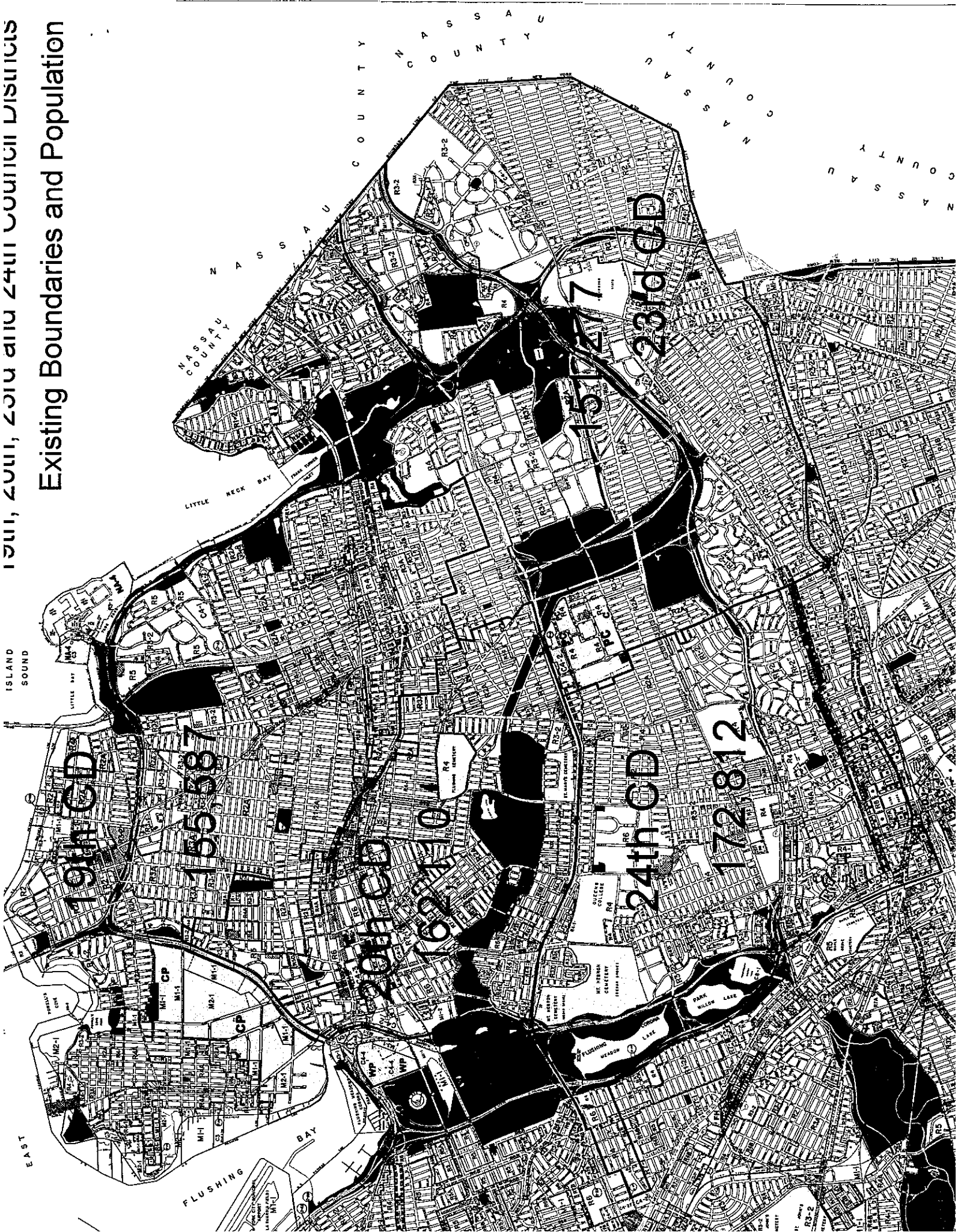


Proposed Boundary Changes

- Purple - to 19th CD
- Blue - to 20th CD
- Brown - to 23rd CD
- Orange - to 24th CD
- Yellow - to 29th CD



19th, 20th, 21st and 24th Council Districts
Existing Boundaries and Population



15th, 20th, 23rd and 24th Council Districts
Proposed Boundaries and Population

