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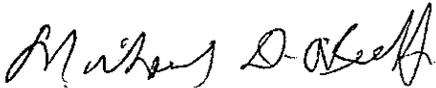
Statement Before The City Council Redistricting Committee Wednesday, August 21, 2012

On behalf of the Creedmoor Civic Association, I would like to thank the Commission for taking on the responsibility to ensure that City Council Redistricting is done in transparent, common-sense manner that provides the best possible government for New York City.

We believe that the 23rd City Council District should remain as presently configured, to the greatest degree possible. The roughly rectangular in shape of the 23rd provides for geographical continuity. The communities that compose the 23rd District have many similarities and common interests, in terms of similar housing stock, shared community boards, police precincts, etc. Many civic and community groups already work together on various initiatives. For example, the Creedmoor Civic Association is a member of Eastern Queens United (EQU), an umbrella group consisting of civic and community groups from Queens Village, Bellerose, Floral Park, Glen Oaks and New Hyde Park. EQU represents people of many ethnic and religious backgrounds who work together to achieve our common goals.

We recognize that some modifications to council district boundaries are necessary, due to population changes documented in the 2010 Census. We ask that if areas need to be added to or removed from the district, that you consider boundaries of civic associations, community boards, etc., to avoid dividing communities.

Thank you,



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President
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