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Subject:	CM Halloran Proposal to Districting Commission
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Hello,

Attached is a draft plan that Council Member Halloran will propose this evening that Queens Districting Hearing, along with his proposed remarks before the Commission.

Council Member Halloran's Remarks before the New York City Districting Commission

Commissioners,

I must express my strongest objection to your proposed redistricting in Northeast Queens. Your proposal divides communities, dilutes zoning and creates an unfair partisan electoral advantage for Democrats in the proposed district 19.

Your proposal divides the Mitchell Linden apartment complex into the 19th Council District and the 20th Council District where it is currently located. Additionally, under your proposal Auburndale remains divided amongst 3 different council districts. And finally, your proposal seeks to unite the community of Bayside Hills within the 23rd Council, district but it fails to include the entire community, nor include the adjacent community with similar interests.

Presently the 19th Council district is comprised of low density, one and two family homes. With the exception of Bay Terrace, a community which is entirely located in my district and not divided, my district does not have any high rise buildings. My district is almost entirely zoned R3 or lower with much of my district zoned R2A. Adding the Mitchell Linden apartment buildings would add an R5 zone and would seriously impact my ability to fight for low density zoning in the area.

Instead I propose that you unite the Mitchell Linden community back within the 20th Council District which has other nearby R5, R6 and R7 zones. To supplement this change, the Commission should add the remainder of the North Flushing community to my existing district. Using Union Street and 33rd Avenue as the boundaries, the Commission could easily unite the North Flushing community which is comprised mostly one and two family homes that are zoned R2A and R3.

Auburndale has long been divided among the 19th, 20th and 23rd Council Districts. This is not fair to this community. As a result the civic association the covers the Auburndale area, the Auburndale Improvement Association, frequently has to attend meetings in triplicate while working with three different council members. I propose uniting the Auburndale community within the 19th Council District. Using 159th Street, Underhill Avenue, Hollis Court Boulevard and Francis Lewis Boulevard the Commission can unite this community. Additionally the R2A and R3 zoning in the area I referenced above closely mirrors the communities that make up the remainder of the 19th Council District. This community deserves to be united and represented by a single Council Member who has a district, and interests similar to theirs.

Finally, the community of Bayside Hills has also been divided for too long. This is another community that the Commission must unite within a single council district. In order to keep population figures within a reasonable margin from the ideal population, I propose that Bayside Hills and the area immediately surrounding it be entirely included within the 23rd Council District. With Northern Boulevard as the dividing line the Commission can use a major thoroughfare and natural border line to divide the district rather than arbitrarily dividing the community.
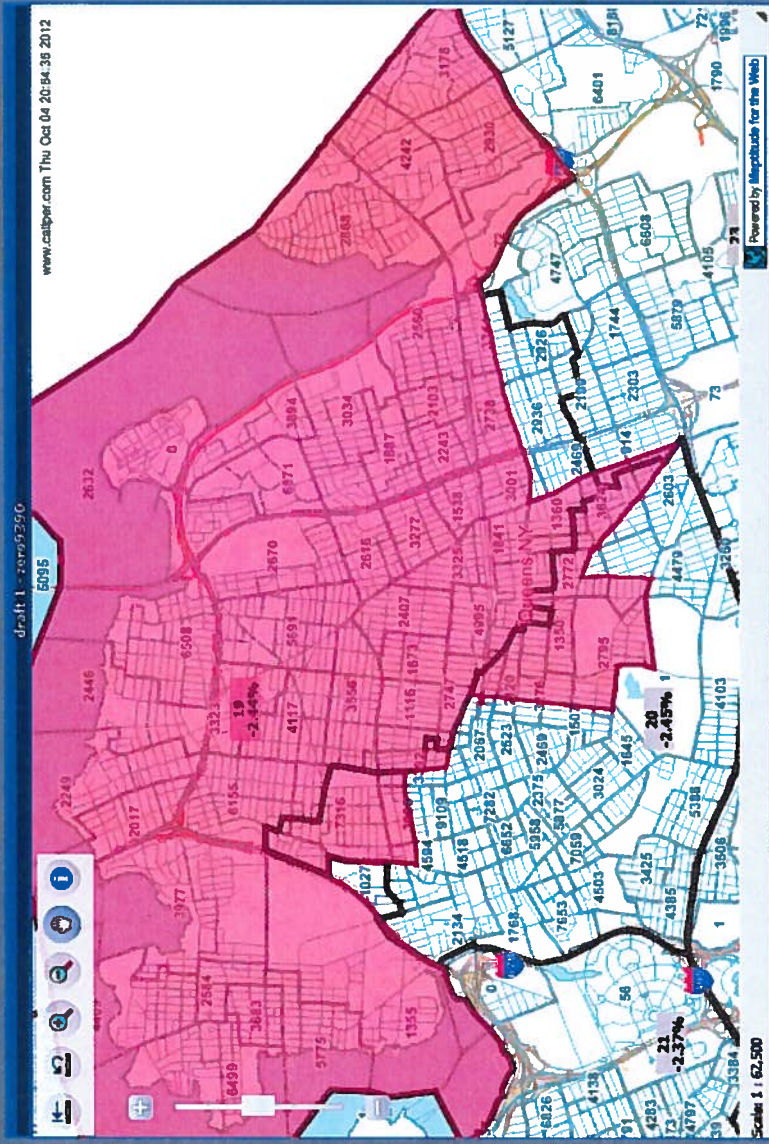
I have stood shoulder to shoulder with the residents of Bayside Hills fighting against land use decisions which threaten the integrity of their neighborhood. I have been proud to represent Bayside Hills and the surrounding areas in the Council and I would very much like to continue representing this area if the Commission is able to find a way to unite this community and keep the population figures in balance for the surrounding districts. If the Commission is not able to do that, I feel it is more important that this community remain united within a single council district, regardless of which district it is, than to divide the community.

This Commission MUST revisit this proposal and make additional changes with regard to neighborhood boundaries. Communities cannot be divided and split among different interest. The Commission should give primary concern to keeping neighborhoods intact and secondary concern to protecting the zoning of each area and keeping areas similarly zoned in the same district.

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Target **New District**

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Selection **Census Block**

Pending Changes

District	New	19
Population	168,847	12,802
Change - Population	168,847	-143,998
Ideal Value	160,710	160,710
Deviation	8,137	-147,908
% Deviation	5.1%	-92.0%
NH_Wht	87,805	4,172
Change - NH_Wht	87,805	-79,018

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District from Plan: 51; Target: 51; Ideal Population: 160,710

District	Population	Deviation	% Deviation	NH_Wht	% NH_Wht	NH_Blk	% NH_Blk	Hispanic	% Hispanic
19	156,788	-3,922	-2.4%	83,190	53.1%	2,543	1.6%	23,995	
20	156,770	-3,940	-2.5%	23,370	14.9%	4,370	2.8%	24,636	
21	156,903	-3,807	-2.4%	7,793	5.0%	16,832	10.7%	116,813	
22	154,111	-6,599	-4.1%	81,015	52.6%	5,984	3.9%	38,461	
23	159,160	-1,550	-1.0%	51,098	32.1%	17,859	11.2%	21,471	