

## **Summary for the Queens Civic Congress for the City Council Districting Commission:**

Every decade, the various districts of the City Council must undergo boundary changes based on the overall change in population. Most of the time, these changes are relatively minor, though they can be of import to the neighborhoods that are affected. This is particularly true when neighborhoods are divided amongst two or more Councilmembers; oftentimes, rather than those neighborhoods having the attention of two or more representatives, they are in danger of being ignored by both as they are usually located on the fringe of their respective districts, in essence becoming "orphaned" communities with diminished representation. Another extremely important factor in effective representation tends to be the make up of a geographical area, whether pertaining to ethnic origin, population density or physical character.

The Queens Civic Congress analyzed four districts that interact significantly with each other: the 19th, 20th, 23rd and 24th. While each of these districts fairly represents a substantial number of communities in their entirety, there are reasonable changes that would benefit certain divided neighborhoods being placed either in one Council District or another, as per the N.Y. City Charter, ch. 2-A, 52(1)(b)(2004).

These changes can occur with minimal alterations to total population counts, population density and population diversity, i.e. making sure that required representation is not significantly altered in a way that it would negatively impact the voting rights of various population groups within the parameters as described in the City Charter. In reality, the demographic shifts based upon these proposed changes will only vary slightly, with most of these areas having significant diversity by area and often by block, already creating neighborhoods of very mixed ethnicity with no particular plurality.

The proposed changes would, however, change the map in several locations, with a final outcome being Council Districts that are significantly less gerrymandered, with more straight lines using natural and man-made boundaries (such as the Flushing River or Long Island Expressway) and encompassing entire neighborhoods rather than dividing them between two or more Council Districts, thereby keeping these neighborhoods intact as they are clearly "communities with established ties of common interest and association."

### *Census 2010 Population Change and its Effects on Council Districts*

According to the City Charter, each Council District should optimally contain a population of 160,296 based upon the 2010 Census. The districts can contain as few as 152,281 or as many as 168,311. Currently the Council Districts are as follows:

19th CD - 155,587  
20th CD - 162,110  
23rd CD - 151,277  
24th CD - 172,812

While the 19th and 20th Council Districts are within range, the 23rd and 24th Council Districts are not. The proposed changes to these districts population are as follows:

19th CD - 159,266  
20th CD - 158,775  
23rd CD - 154,929  
24th CD - 165,159

These changes, while relatively small overall, bring all four Council Districts closer to the optimal population. Additionally, neighborhoods that are currently divided by Council Districts are placed in one district.

For example, the smaller remainder of North Flushing - 40 blocks or approximately 25% of the primarily single-family low-density residential neighborhood currently located in the 20th Council District with no relation to the adjacent areas of high-density downtown Flushing to the south or the Mitchell-Linden Cooperative apartment buildings to the west, but is consistent with the rest of North Flushing to the east - would be placed entirely within the 19th Council District. The area, with 3,831 residents, is approximately 38% Caucasian, 7% Hispanic and 53% Asian-American, with the remainder African-American or Other.

Another example would be the Station Road area in Auburndale, currently divided between the 19th and 20th Council Districts. The well-defined neighborhood, almost entirely located in a detached single-family zone, straddles Northern Boulevard. The portion to the north and two individual blocks to the south are located in the 19th, with the remainder located in the 20th. To the west lies East Flushing, with significantly higher zoning and population density, while to the east is another portion of Auburndale that has a preponderance of two-family houses. The area, with 1,343 residents, is approximately 49% Caucasian, 14% Hispanic and 35% Asian-American, with the remainder African-American or Other.

Other areas that would be included within one Council District include Fresh Meadows/Utopia Estates/West Cunningham Park; Jamaica Estates; Bayside Hills; and Rego Park. This would be accomplished by keeping those neighborhoods with a common interest, which includes historical and neighborhood character as well as demographics, as intact as possible.

The full changes are listed below and a block by block and neighborhood by neighborhood analysis is listed on the pages that follow:

19th to 20th CDs:	7 blocks, population 1,771
20th to 19th CDs:	64 blocks, population 5,579
19th to 23rd CDs:	10 blocks, population 981
23rd to 19th CDs:	11 blocks, population 852
20th to 23rd CDs:	6 blocks, population 473
24th to 23rd CDs:	42 blocks, population 4,899
23rd to 24th CDs:	14 blocks, population 903
24th to 29th CDs:	4 blocks, population 3,710
25th to 24th CDs:	3 blocks, population 53

Proposed Blocks from 19th to 20th Council Districts

*Whitestone - Zoning: R3-2*

W	B	H	A	O	
219	7	71	225	4	526
51	1	80	129	7	268
270	8	151	354	11	794
34%	1%	19%	44.6%	1.4%	100%

*Flushing - Zoning: R6A*

W	B	H	A	O	
51	9	428	85	8	581
8.8%	1.5%	73.7%	14.6%	1.4%	100%

*Auburndale - Zoning: R3-2*

W	B	H	A	O	
77	1	27	61	5	171
55	2	32	44	2	135
28	0	18	30	0	76
6	0	0	8	0	14
166	3	77	143	7	396
41.9%	.8%	19.4%	36.1%	1.8%	100%

Proposed Blocks from 23rd to 20th Council Districts

*Auburndale - Zoning: Primarily R2A*

W	B	H	A	O	
35	0	3	51	0	89
48	1	17	35	1	102
48	0	3	42	0	93
39	0	5	52	0	96
34	0	6	45	3	88
1	0	2	2	0	5
205	1	36	227	4	473
43.3%	.2%	7.6%	48%	.8%	100%

Proposed Blocks from 20th to 19th Council Districts

*North Flushing - Zoning: Primarily R2A, lesser amounts of R4A/R3-1*

W	B	H	A	O	
81	0	12	14	0	107
52	0	3	17	0	72
32	1	2	31	0	66
78	0	24	21	0	123
71	0	9	71	2	153
94	2	12	53	2	163
78	0	5	48	0	131
48	0	0	82	0	130
63	0	10	78	0	151
10	0	0	49	0	59
16	3	3	51	0	73
12	0	0	39	0	51
17	4	0	68	0	89
54	0	7	52	5	118
58	0	10	52	4	124
44	2	0	84	0	130
26	1	18	32	0	77
16	1	0	31	0	48
42	0	8	109	2	161
89	1	27	107	5	229
0	0	2	25	0	27
14	0	0	31	0	45
5	2	0	52	5	64
94	0	10	193	0	297
56	0	15	136	0	207
67	4	5	79	5	160
40	0	25	84	1	150
19	0	2	40	0	61
12	0	10	21	0	43
27	0	3	19	0	49
9	0	9	26	7	51
19	0	15	58	7	99
24	0	3	36	0	63
36	0	0	26	0	62
32	0	0	65	3	100
36	0	10	50	2	98
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1471	21	259	2030	50	3831
38.4%	.5%	6.8%	53%	1.3%	100%

*Auburndale / Station Road - Zoning: R2A*

W	B	H	A	O	
9	0	0	4	0	13
12	0	3	5	2	22
37	2	7	112	0	158
48	0	32	63	5	148
48	4	11	67	0	130
74	0	13	54	3	144
35	0	16	8	0	59
73	2	21	38	6	140
74	0	28	21	0	123
63	0	15	15	0	93
75	0	12	11	0	98
30	0	15	27	0	72
74	5	19	44	1	143
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652	13	192	469	17	1343
48.5%	1%	14.3%	34.9%	1.3%	100%

*Auburndale / St. Kevin's - Zoning: R2A/R3-2*

W	B	H	A	O	
76	5	8	29	2	120
59	0	23	43	0	125
28	0	1	18	0	47
20	0	4	32	3	59
27	0	1	26	0	54
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210	5	37	148	5	405
51.9%	1.2%	9.1%	36.6%	1.2%	100%

Proposed Blocks from 23rd to 19th Council Districts

*Bayside Hills - Zoning: R2A*

W	B	H	A	O	
34	1	4	20	0	59
41	0	5	34	0	80
48	0	6	35	4	93
35	3	5	47	0	90
41	0	0	62	0	103
22	0	18	24	4	68
37	0	4	49	0	90
26	0	8	43	0	77
25	0	6	65	2	98
18	0	12	37	0	67
19	0	0	8	0	27
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346	4	68	424	10	852
40.6%	.5%	8%	49.8%	1.2%	100%

Proposed Blocks from 19th to 23rd Council Districts

*Auburndale / Clear Spring - R2A/R3-1*

W	B	H	A	O	
18	0	6	27	0	51
41	11	41	65	3	161
21	2	8	73	0	104
0	0	4	9	1	14
71	3	26	59	0	159
62	1	31	83	7	184
49	0	22	59	8	138
29	0	18	91	1	139
46	0	13	63	1	123
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337	17	169	529	21	1073
31.4%	1.6%	15.8%	49.3%	1.9%	100%

Proposed Blocks from 24th to 23rd Council Districts

*Fresh Meadows / Utopia Estates - Zoning: R2A*

W	B	H	A	O	
8	9	4	23	1	45
24	7	7	87	2	127
19	1	19	57	3	99
41	0	11	89	1	142
10	4	3	18	0	35
23	0	0	26	1	50
8	1	4	23	5	41
13	0	1	31	1	46
30	4	2	25	0	61
25	0	0	42	0	67
25	0	5	40	0	70
53	1	6	56	0	116
28	0	8	79	0	115
43	0	6	12	0	61
23	0	2	20	0	45
44	0	15	56	0	115
43	0	8	45	1	97
31	0	9	54	10	104
32	0	0	52	1	85
52	4	14	21	0	91
37	0	14	61	2	114
83	1	11	42	3	140
67	0	8	54	2	131
78	4	21	35	0	138
26	0	14	53	9	102
51	0	12	73	1	137
49	0	6	57	0	112
40	4	19	77	25	165
49	2	0	28	0	79
44	0	2	22	2	70
43	0	3	15	3	64
37	0	1	18	0	56
39	0	4	27	0	70
33	3	1	49	0	86
45	0	3	23	2	73
44	0	3	25	2	74
27	0	1	50	0	78
32	3	5	46	3	89
34	0	12	42	1	89
62	0	24	108	10	204
67	0	6	56	2	131
75	0	12	32	0	119
86	0	7	20	1	114
66	0	8	34	3	111
80	0	18	17	4	119
75	0	4	29	2	110
73	0	2	40	0	115
65	2	15	36	0	118
68	4	7	25	0	104
54	0	3	25	1	83
54	1	7	30	0	92
2258	55	377	2105	104	4899
46.1%	1.1%	7.7%	43%	2.1%	100%

Proposed Blocks from 23rd to 24th Council Districts

*Jamaica Estates - Zoning: R2A*

W	B	H	A	O	
40	2	5	9	0	56
66	0	3	16	2	87
81	4	5	4	0	94
50	1	7	39	0	97
69	0	6	0	0	75
65	0	0	16	4	85
81	0	0	9	1	91
65	6	4	11	0	86
57	0	2	3	0	62
34	0	0	0	0	34
34	0	1	1	1	37
11	0	0	11	0	22
28	0	0	10	0	38
38	0	1	0	0	39
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719	13	34	129	8	903
79.6%	1.4%	3.8%	14.3%	.9%	100%

Proposed Blocks from 25th to 24th Council Districts

*Forest Hills - Zoning: R4*

W	B	H	A	O	
17	0	20	16	0	53
32.1%		37.7%	30.2%		100%

Proposed Blocks from 24th to 29th Council Districts

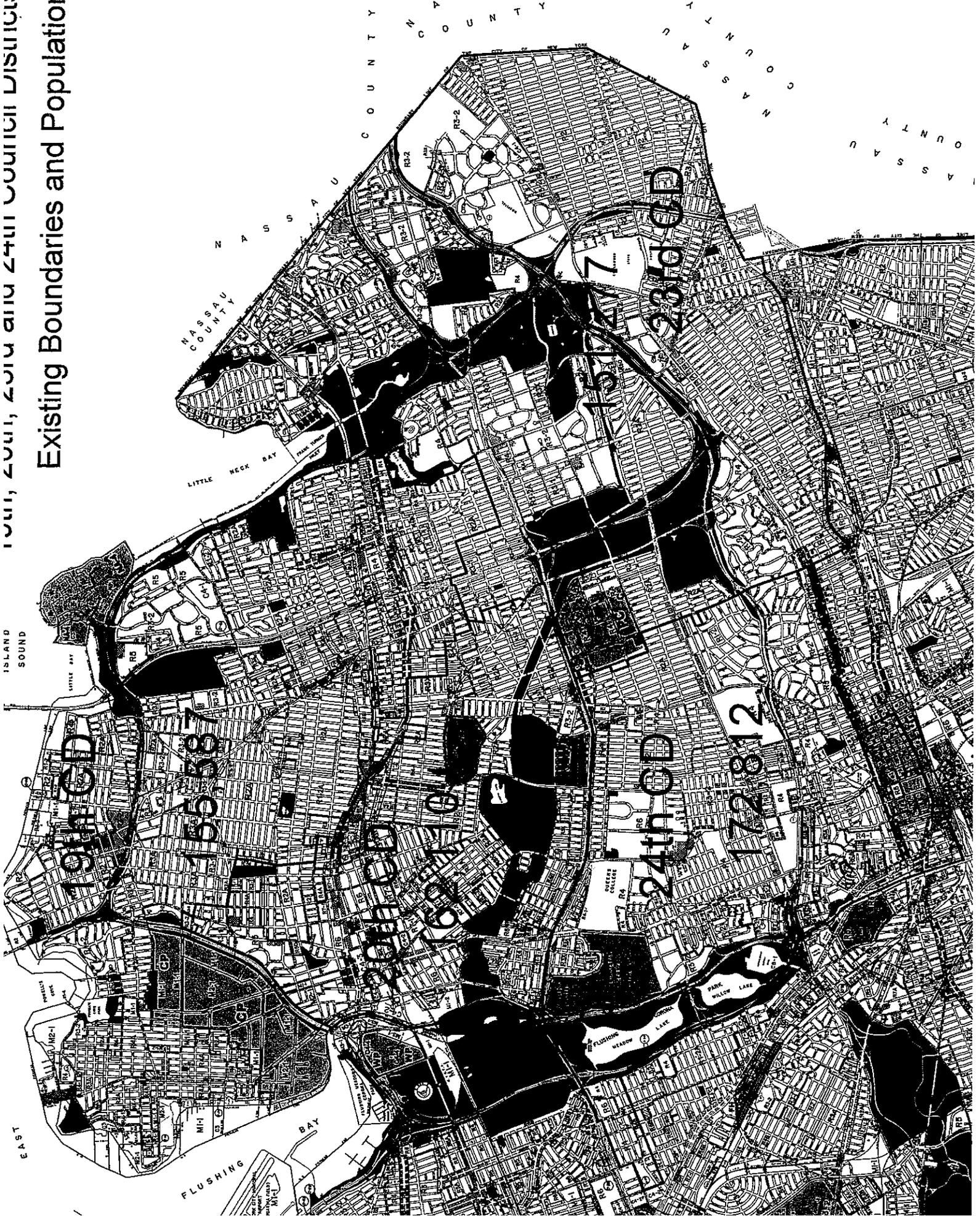
*Rego Park - Zoning: R7-1*

W	B	H	A	O	
369	17	95	233	25	739
317	10	83	243	17	670
1083	33	125	289	61	1591
99	5	51	30	3	188
47	0	77	40	10	174
152	6	79	96	15	348
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2067	71	510	931	131	3710
55.7%	1.9%	13.7%	25.1%	3.5%	100%

# Existing Boundaries and R1/R2 Zoning



1941, 1941, 1941 and 1941 Council Districts  
Existing Boundaries and Population



EAST

FLUSHING BAY

LITTLE NECK BAY

ISLAND SOUND

MASSAU COUNTY

QUEENS COUNTY

10th CD

11th CD

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QUEEN'S COLLEGE

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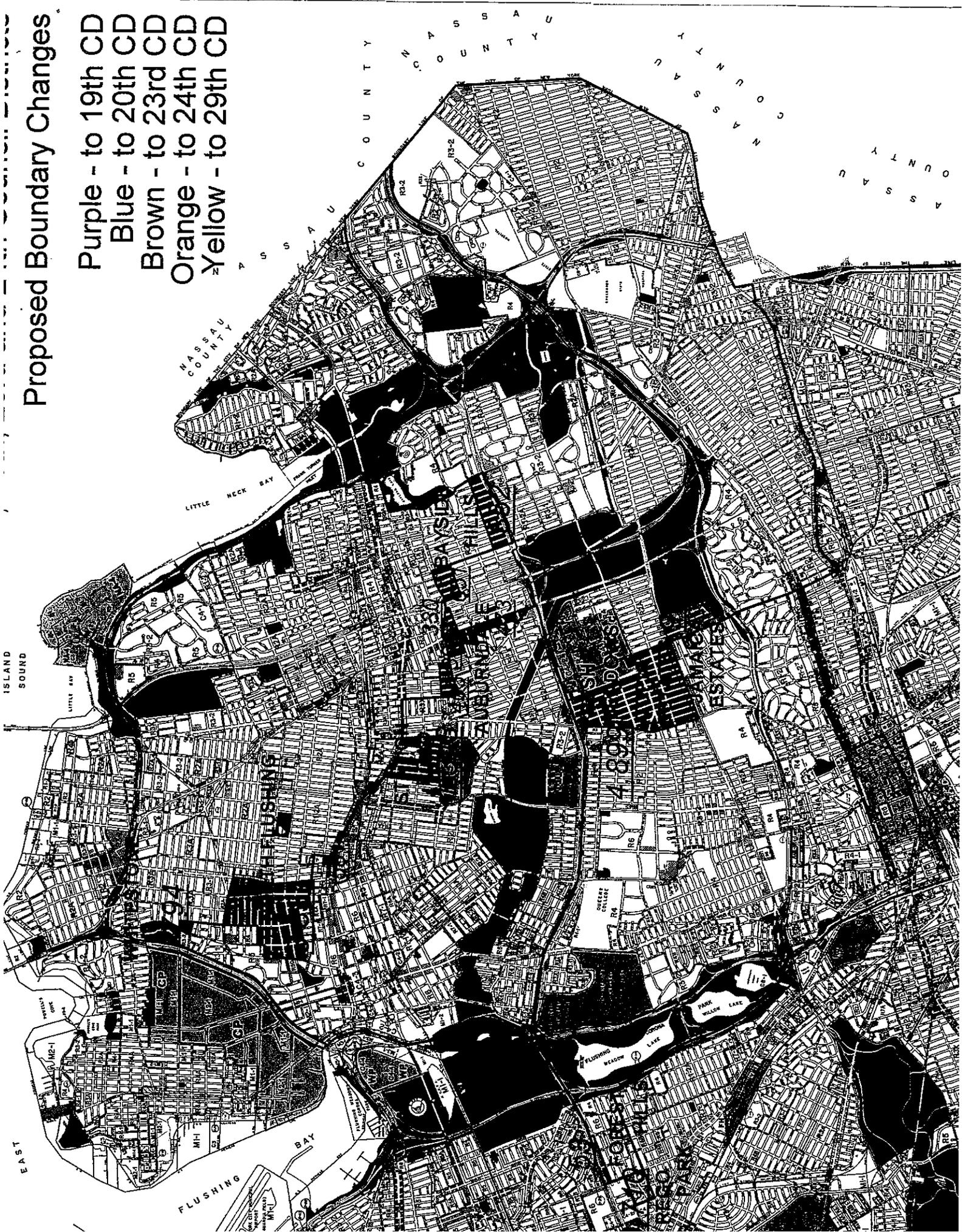
FLUSHING MEADOWS LAKE

PARK WILLOW LAKE



# Proposed Boundary Changes

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



2011, 2011, 2011 and 2011 Council Districts  
Proposed Boundaries and Population



EAST

ISLAND  
SOUND

FLUSHING  
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NECK BAY

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