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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony by Linda Lam-Request to put a specified area under city council district 30

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Honorable Commissioner and members of the commission,

My name is Linda Lam and I'm a homeowner and resident of 58th Avenue and Seabury Street of Elmhurst, on the south side of Queens Boulevard. I am also a board member of the Newtown Senior Center, Vice President of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance of Greater New York (CACAGNY), and a block captain of the civic organization Citizens of Maspeth and Elmhurst Together (COMET). I've been a resident and homeowner on the same street for 48 years. My area is currently included under city council district 25. My area and my neighboring streets are made of 1- 3 family homes and we go shopping, our children go to schools, and we go playing, picnicking and have our little league games at Juniper Valley Park, all on the south side of Queens Boulevard. The north side of Queens Boulevard, part of district 25, is made up mostly of apartment buildings and shops, and the needs of what are mostly apartment dwellers and businesses are very different from me and my neighbors on the south side of the Queens Boulevard.

For the past 48 years, I'm sorry to say that, for our much needed constituent services, we usually have to go to the neighboring district 30 because our needs are mostly not met by our own district 25. These include constituent service such as workshops and services to help with property assessment, issues with sidewalk violations, illegal commercial parking on residential areas, seniors' transportation, assistance for seniors with snow removals etc.

We would like to request that our neighboring streets with boundaries including Grand Avenue on the west, Queens Boulevard on the north and 59th Avenue/Woodhaven Boulevard on the east be included as part of district 30. This redistricting would be consistent with and justifies our requesting the much needed services our members, neighbors and I have been receiving and hope to continue to benefit from district 30. When we ask for services, our

voice can be louder and we do not have to say "I'm sorry I'm not from your district but I would like to have services from your office!"

We humbly request to have the aforementioned area to be put under district 30 to be in line with the same characteristics of the rest of the district 30.

Thank you very much on behalf of myself, my neighbors and the seniors in the affected areas!

Sincerely,

Linda Lam