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My name is Henry Euler and I am representing the Auburndale Improvement Association as its President. My civic organization is the oldest (incorporated 1915) and largest in area in Queens County. We are members of the Queens Civic Congress, an umbrella organization made up of dozens of other Queens civic and community organizations.

The Queens Civic Congress sponsored a study for the City Council redistricting for the entire borough of Queens. The study was developed by Paul Graziano, a noted urban planner and well known land use specialist. The plan was distributed to all of the members of the Queens Civic Congress, including to my own civic organization.

I was very impressed at the detail and scope of this study. The proposal keeps communities together as much as possible and adjusts districts so the number of residents in each individual district meets the parameters set up by the Districting Commission. It is not a proposal that reflects special interests or the interests of a few. Rather, it respects all of the residents of Queens and tries to set up districts that are representative of each particular area.

I believe that the members of my civic as well as other local community residents would appreciate being together in one Council district. It fosters a feeling of cohesion rather than fragmentation and it helps us deal with issues that come up for discussion and review in our diverse area.

I would urge the Redistricting Commission to carefully look over the study. I believe that it merits acceptance by the Commission as the standard to be followed. Thank you for considering this request and for reading this written testimony.

Sincerely,

Henry Euler, President

Auburndale Improvement Association, Inc.

CC: Queens Civic Congress