Mitchell-Linden Civic Association

Serving the Greater Mitchell-Linden Community Since 1951

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Districting Commission

The Mitchell-Linden Civic Association represents 38 cooperative apartment buildings with approximately 6,000 residents. Our planned complex, constructed in the 1950s, has been a haven for working and middle-class New Yorkers for over 70 years. We are anethnically diverse and unified community located just north of downtown Flushing and have always identified strongly as being part of greater Flushing. In addition, all of Mitchell-Linden has been located in Council District 20 since the change to the City Charter in 1989 and the increase of the number of Council Districts from 35 to 51.

That is why we are greatly concerned that the first draft of maps released by the NYC Districting Commission would divide Mitchell-Linden in half—the northern part in Council District 19 and the southern half in Council District 20.

Should this come to pass, our <u>community of interest</u>—the entirety of Mitchell-Linden—will have our voting power significantly diluted, with 3,000 residents in each district. As can be seen from the accompanying maps, the lines adopted in previous decades were purposefully designed to keep all of Mitchell-Linden in Council District 20.

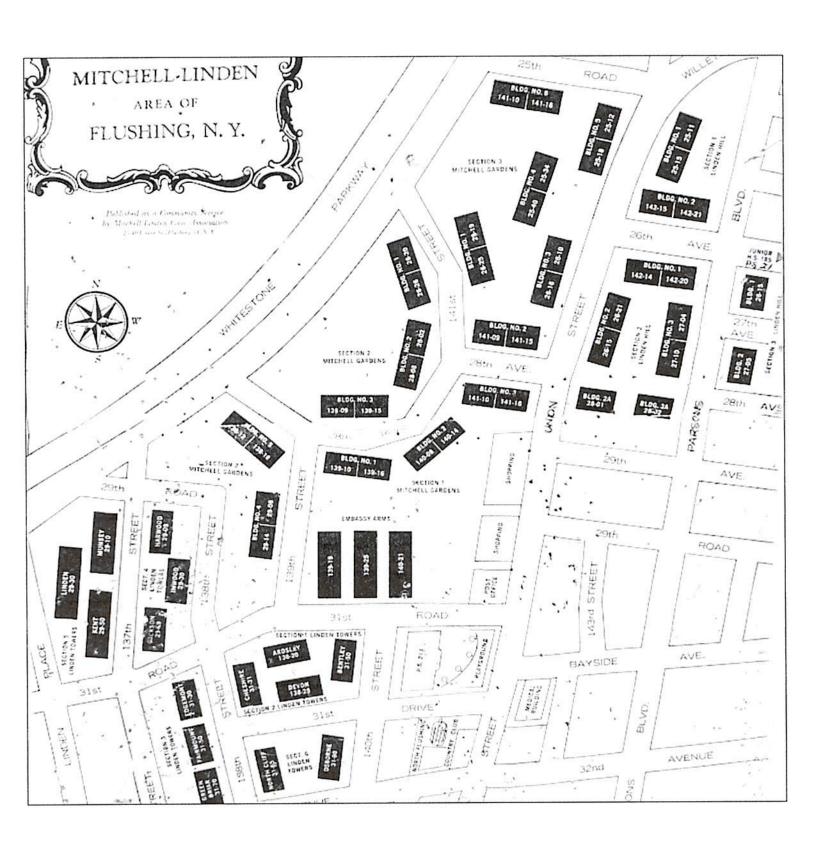
In addition, we support the proposed district maps put forward by the Queens Civic Congress, which makes a very minor change north of Mitchell-Linden but does not affect our community. Please respect our Mitchell-Linden community by either keeping the current 2012 boundary or the proposed Queens Civic Congress boundary between Council Districts 19 and 20.

Very Truly Yours,

Arlene Fleishman, President

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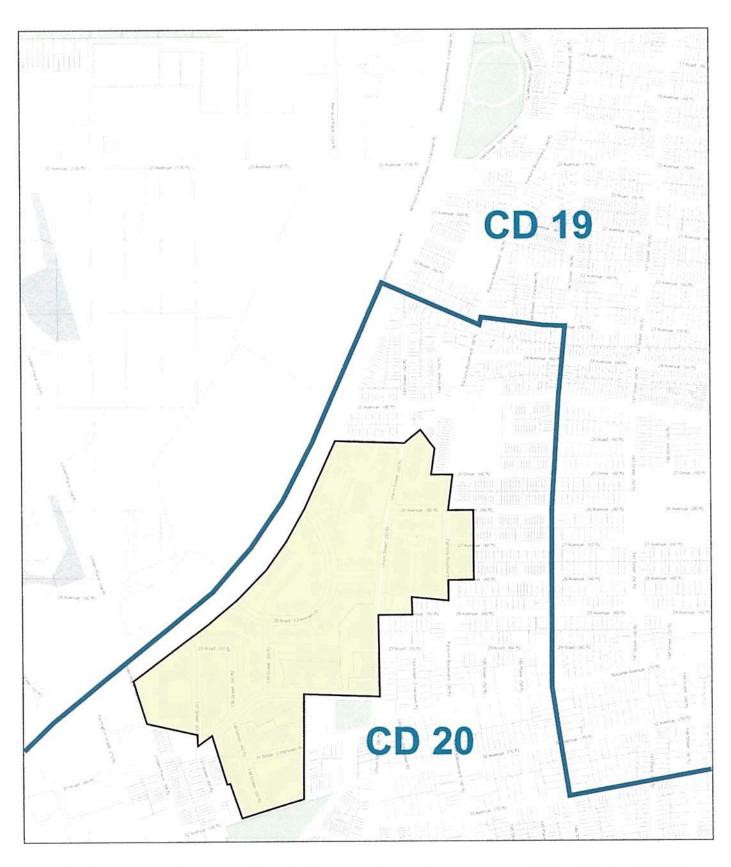
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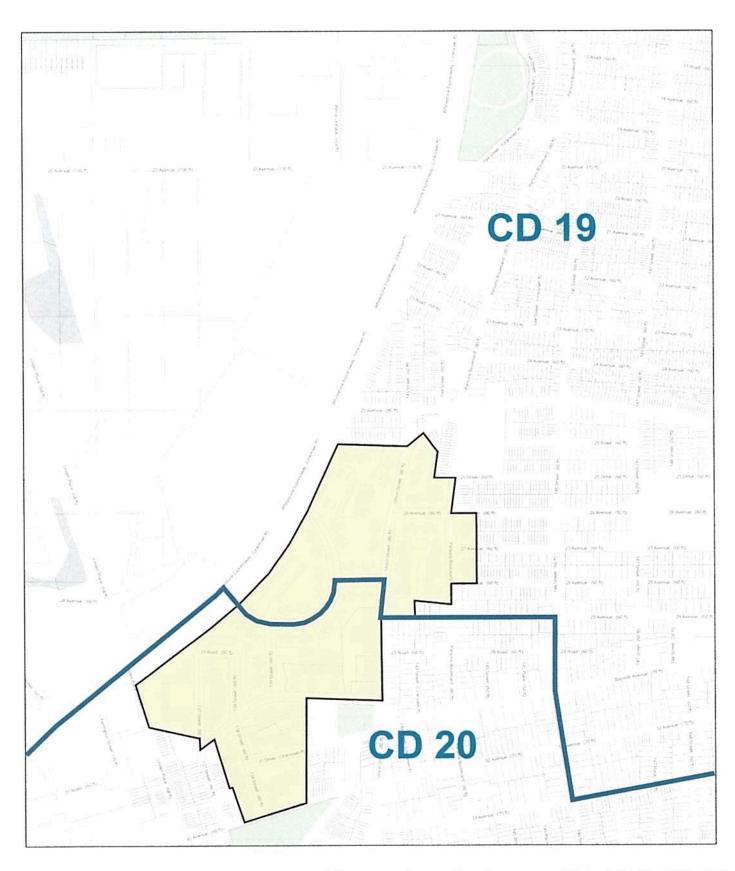
<u>Mitchell-Linden – Historic Map (for reference)</u>



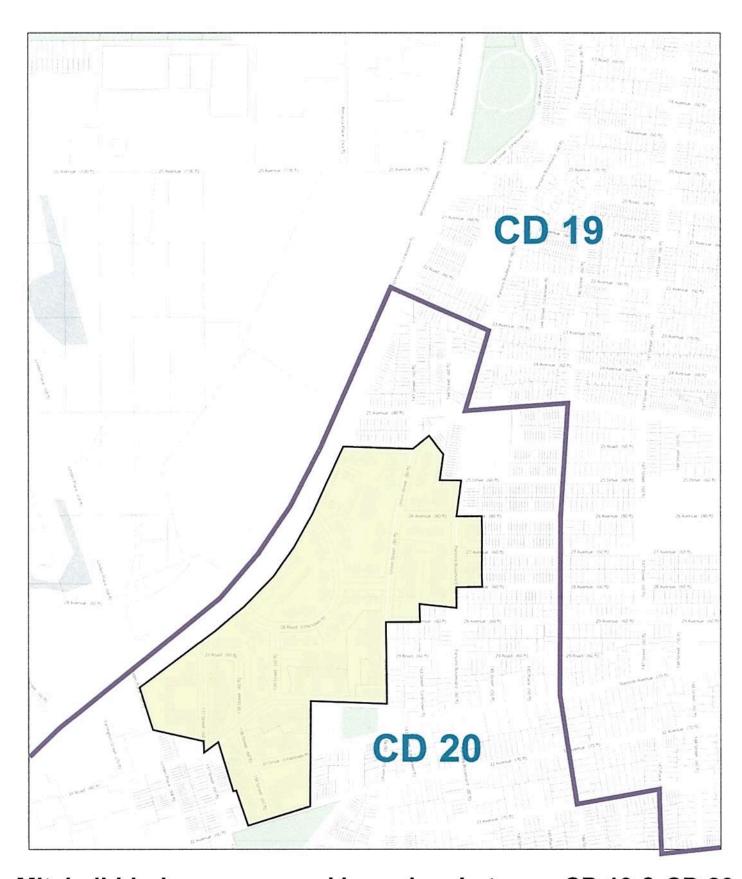
<u>Mitchell-Linden – Aerial View</u>



Mitchell-Linden – 2012 Boundary between CD 19 & CD 20



<u>Mitchell-Linden – proposed boundary between CD 19 & CD 20</u> <u>2022 NYC Districting Commission – 1st Draft 7/15/2022</u>



Mitchell-Linden – proposed boundary between CD 19 & CD 20 Queens Civic Congress (sent to NYC Districting Commission)