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Dennis Walcott, Chair  
NYC Districting Commission  
253 Broadway, 3rd Floor  
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Dear Chair Walcott and Commissioners,

Our testimony concerns the redistricting for Council District 30 in Queens. We would like to refer you to a map that was drawn by Paul Graziano, Land Use Chair, Queens Civic Congress, who has been working in close consultation with associations across Queens.

MAP: <https://districtr.org/plan/137175>

The population of the proposed new district is based on the 2020 census and stands at 169,954 people.

This plan keeps four entire neighborhoods intact and for the parts of those that cannot be kept together, care was taken to use logical boundaries based on geography and common interest.

**Maspeth and Glendale:** We propose to keep both CD30 neighborhoods intact. The Liberty Park Homeowners Association has expressed that they would like to remain in CD30 rather than be separated from the rest of Glendale, as suggested by the commission in the first draft map.

**Middle Village:** A small section of the eastern portion is currently in CD29. We are proposing to include that section in CD30 to unify the neighborhood, as the commission has suggested.

**Woodhaven:** We propose keeping it intact and moving it into CD32, as the commission has suggested.

**Woodside:** No change to current boundaries is proposed. This includes the area south of BQE/Queens Blvd (aka Winfield/Wynwoode Gardens) which is similar in zoning and housing stock to Maspeth.

**Elmhurst:** A sizable section south of Queens Blvd is included as requested by Elmhurst United civic organization. The housing stock is much like that of neighboring Maspeth. Schools including St. Adalbert, PS58 and IS5 are attended by many students living in Elmhurst south of Queens Blvd, while also educating many students residing in the current CD30. Elmhurst Park is also included; it is something the residents of neighboring Middle Village and Maspeth fought for and frequently use as it borders these communities.

**Ridgewood:** The neighborhood is currently split between CD30 and CD34, the latter being primarily a Brooklyn district. Our suggestion keeps the sub-neighborhood of "Linden Hill" intact which more closely matches the lower density of Maspeth than it does the rest of Ridgewood. Linden Hill includes the following important Queens resources:

- 1) Queens Animal Care and Control
- 2) Grover Cleveland High School\*
- 3) Grover Cleveland Playground\*
- 4) Grover Cleveland Athletic Field\*
- 5) Starr Playground
- 6) Vander Ende-Onderdonk House \*\*
- 7) Stockholm Street Historic District \*\*

\*Numbers 2, 3 and 4 are currently split between the two districts

\*\*Numbers 6 and 7 are Queens landmarks.

**Boundaries of proposed district** (clockwise, from northwest): *Newtown Creek, BQE, Queens Blvd, Goldsmith Street, Grand Ave, LIRR Main Line, Long Island Expressway, Woodhaven Blvd, LIRR Lower Montauk Line, Union Turnpike, Park Lane South, Brooklyn border, Irving Ave, Cooper Ave, Forest Ave, Catalpa Ave, Woodward Ave, Woodbine St, Forest Ave, Grandview Ave, Harman St, Cypress Ave, Flushing Ave, Brooklyn border/Newtown Creek.*

Thank you.

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President