

## **Executive Summary – Response to Draft Proposed Maps from the Districting Commission 7-15-2022**

The Queens Civic Congress (QCC), an umbrella organization representing more than 80 civic and homeowner associations – as well working in solidarity with other allied groups – throughout Queens County, promotes the stabilization and strengthening of our neighborhoods. While we focus on public safety, land use, transportation and other important aspects of life in the borough of Queens and New York City, QCC has weighed in on previous redistricting efforts during the past three decades. In addition, in 2012, many of the recommendations made by our Land Use Chair, Paul Graziano, – with significant input from our member associations and allied groups – were ultimately adopted by that Redistricting Commission.

This summary is in response to the initial proposals by the Districting Commission on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. While we applaud this initial first step towards coming up with fair and equitable maps for our New York City Council Districts for the next decade, we agree with the Commission’s statement that they are only “a first starting point.”

After deep analysis of the proposed maps and the release of the DistrictR interactive online mapmaking tool, we have crafted four sets of maps for the Districting Commission to examine and consider: the first is the initial submission from the Queens Civic Congress in June 2022 (<https://districtr.org/plan/137596>); the second map is a revised submission for Queens-only districts based on the July 2022 Districting Commission first draft maps (<https://districtr.org/plan/137597>); the third map is a revised submission for Queens-only districts and the split Brooklyn-Queens district (and adjacent districts that are affected) (<https://districtr.org/plan/137598>); and the fourth map is a proposal for all 51 Council Districts (<https://districtr.org/plan/137897>). While our focus remains on Council Districts in Queens County, based upon the Districting Commission’s first draft maps, we felt that it was important to address some of the statements and comments from Commissioners as to the justification of their initial decisions. **For the purposes of this summary, we are using the City-wide map (<https://districtr.org/plan/137897>) for reference and discussion.**

We also undertook this endeavor to show the Districting Commission a way forward which would A) meet the goals of recognizing and respecting all “communities of interest,” demographic or otherwise; B) show our deep understanding of demographic, neighborhood and land use boundaries (among others) that will help to determine appropriate Council District lines; and C) once again argue that the lines we are proposing will not only be fair and meet the challenges of the above-mentioned indices, but will also respond to the difficult decisions that the Districting Commission tried to address in their first draft maps, albeit in a more cohesive and less disruptive way.

In other words, if many districts more or less work now and they meet the new + or – 2.5% population thresholds (168,559 to 177,203) – including Staten Island’s proposed boundaries, which we support in principle that they should not have to have a portion of Brooklyn determine the outcome of elections in at least one of their 3 districts – why divide or reapportion them when it’s unnecessary? While the goal of having as small a deviation from the “perfectly-sized” district is laudable, the approximately 8,000 person population range is not only reasonable but necessary to respond to different densities in different neighborhoods throughout the city.

Finally, we have been working and been in conversation with a number of elected officials who are also concerned with the final boundaries of their districts, particularly those in southeast Queens (Districts 27, 28 and 31) who have put forth a map entitled “SE QUEENS STRONG” (<https://districtr.org/plan/138399>) While our version of District 31 is an almost perfect match to theirs, and while the Queens Civic Congress is absolutely sympathetic with the elected officials in question (and throughout the borough) to make their districts as cohesive as possible, our concern is how their proposed map affects the surrounding districts. **While we remain focused on our own map (<https://districtr.org/plan/137897>), the Queens Civic Congress created another map showing how the adjacent districts can keep communities of interest together as much as possible (<https://districtr.org/plan/139101>) when working with the “SE QUEENS STRONG” set of maps.**

Below is a list of concerns created by the Districting Commission’s first draft maps; and the Queens Civic Congress response and solutions for Queens as well as the rest of the city:

## Queens

**Districts 19 and 20:** The Districting Commission divided two neighborhoods in half: Mitchell-Linden Cooperative apartments north of downtown Flushing and the Station Road area of Auburndale. Both area’s associations have responded by asking the Commission to reverse the proposed changes, as Mitchell-Linden has historically always been wholly in the 20<sup>th</sup> CD and Station Road – very specifically delineated by the current 2012 line, as the neighborhood and zoning changes immediately to the west – was reunited into one district in 2012, CD 19. QCC proposed to keep the lines exactly the same. The only changes proposed were to add in two blocks of Whitestone in the northwest and seven blocks of single-family zoning in North Flushing, bringing CD 19 above the minimum population threshold without changing the demographic or neighborhood balance.

### Demographics:

<u>District 19</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Asian</u>	<u>Population</u>
Current (2012)	40.1%	19.0%	1.6%	37.6%	167,787
NYC Districting Commission	39.4%	18.7%	1.6%	38.6%	173,948
Queens Civic Congress	39.5%	19.0%	1.6%	37.7%	168,690

<u>District 20</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Asian</u>	<u>Population</u>
Current (2012)	9.4%	15.2%	2.3%	71.9%	171,877
NYC Districting Commission	9.3%	15.3%	2.4%	71.8%	171,886
Queens Civic Congress	8.7%	15.2%	2.3%	72.2%	168,665

**Districts 19 and 23:** The Districting Commission proposed to divide the Bayside Hills neighborhood between CD 19 and CD 23. There is no reason for this to happen and, in fact, this was again an area that had been divided previously and was finally “fixed” in 2012, keeping all of Bayside Hills in CD 23.

**Districts 20 and 23:** The Districting Commission proposed to keep the area between Francis Lewis Boulevard and the Clearview Expressway from 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the Clearview Expressway in CD 20 instead of moving it to CD 23 as QCC has proposed. It is critical for this small area to move to CD 23 due to the over 8,000 population deficit this district currently has. Otherwise, the proposed solution by the Districting Commission will radically alter and divide Fresh Meadows (see Districts 23 and 24).

**Districts 20 and 24:** The Districting Commission proposed to place the Cedar Grove neighborhood south of the Long Island Expressway from CD 24 to CD 20. While this may look good visually, it’s a terrible idea for multiple reasons: Cedar Grove used to be part of Community Board 7 (to the north) but was removed and placed in Community Board 8 due to its isolation from the rest of Queensboro Hill and Flushing because of the Long Island Expressway. The area also changed School Districts; Police Precincts; and other services and assets. In other words, the Long Island Expressway is a “hard boundary” in this location.

**Demographics:**

<b><u>District 23</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	22.7%	14.1%	10.7%	44.6%	160,638
NYC Districting Commission	22.6%	14.3%	10.3%	44.7%	173,926
Queens Civic Congress	22.6%	14.3%	10.8%	44.7%	168,862

<b><u>District 24</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	24.6%	22.2%	11.5%	36.3%	166,004
NYC Districting Commission	21.6%	23.7%	12.5%	35.6%	173,794
Queens Civic Congress	24.6%	22.5%	11.8%	35.9%	168,847

**Districts 23 and 24:** Due to all of the other shifting around of population by the Districting Commission throughout Queens, one of the solutions to fixing the deficit for District 23 was to add in portions of the low-density areas of Fresh Meadows, dividing that neighborhood between two Council Districts instead of keeping it at its current (and natural) border of 188<sup>th</sup> Street, with the exception of including the entirety of the Fresh Meadows apartment complex within District 23. We recommend that the boundary line remain at 188<sup>th</sup> Street from 73<sup>rd</sup> to Hillside avenues, as it is currently; below Hillside Avenue, it should be shifted west to 182<sup>nd</sup> Street (see below).

**Districts 24, 27 and 28:** While the Districting Commission agreed with our proposed shift of several dozen blocks from District 27 to District 23 – popularly known as the “Hillside Corridor” – we are puzzled with the addition of the heart of downtown Jamaica from a predominantly Black District (27) to a predominantly White and Asian District (24). This area should remain in District 27 without question for cultural and demographic reasons. Similarly, moving District 27 west across the Van Wyck Expressway makes absolutely no sense, as it is taking away from the heart of District 28 – South Jamaica – and adding in portions of Richmond Hill, which have no connection to District 27 whatsoever. The Queens Civic Congress continues to propose to move a small section of Districts 27 and 28 into District 24 on the west side of Jamaica between the Van Wyck Expressway and Sutphin Boulevard, leaving the remainder of downtown Jamaica in District 27 and South Jamaica in District 28.

**Districts 27, 28 and 31:** The Districting Commission has made some very odd decisions in its proposed maps in parts of southeast Queens, including dividing the 12,000 person-strong Rochdale Village apartment complex into two districts (CD 27 and 28) where it is currently located entirely in CD 28; dividing a significant portion of Springfield Gardens north of the Belt parkway between three districts (CDs 27, 28 and 31) where it is currently located in CD 31; and moving borders in South Jamaica solely for the purposes of balancing population. Our recommendations keep Rochdale Village within CD 28; Springfield Gardens within District 31 (almost no changes to District 31); and make changes to include a small portion of low-density areas on the South Jamaica/St. Albans border into CD 27, leaving larger and more dense apartment complexes within CD 28 where they have always been.

**Demographics:**

<b><u>District 27</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	1.7%	14.4%	62.6%	12.3%	172,459
NYC Districting Commission	1.7%	13.1%	67.5%	8.3%	171,502
Queens Civic Congress	2.2%	14.1%	64.3%	11.2%	168,673

<b><u>District 28</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	3.2%	18.4%	36.7%	20.5%	182,991
NYC Districting Commission	3.5%	17.9%	35.9%	20.6%	173,749
Queens Civic Congress	5.3%	17.2%	37.6%	20.6%	170,665

<b><u>District 31</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	10.2%	18.2%	62.4%	2.5%	173,532
NYC Districting Commission	10.8%	18.7%	60.4%	3.0%	172,272
Queens Civic Congress	10.7%	18.2%	62.4%	2.5%	173,780

**Districts 28, 31 and 32:** The Districting Commission’s proposal for Ozone Park will divide the neighborhood into three districts (CDs 28, 31 & 32); moving two isolated areas on the north and south sides of the Belt Parkway into District 31 from Districts 28 and 32 will create enclaves which are miles away from any other part of the district, connected only by JFK. Also, moving a large portion of Ozone Park, including Aqueduct, into District 28 will further divide that neighborhood. In addition, the Commission is proposing to divide Rockaway Beach in two; the current boundary is appropriate. The Queens Civic Congress supports approximately a dozen blocks to be transferred from District 28 to District 32 in Ozone Park, further anchoring the neighborhood in that district.

**Districts 28 29, 30 and 32:** We agree wholeheartedly with the proposed reunification of three neighborhoods into a single Council District as per the Districting Commission’s draft: moving a small portion of Middle Village from CD 29 to CD 30; moving the remainder of Woodhaven below Park Lane South from CD 30 to CD 32; and, with some minor modifications as proposed by the Queens Civic Congress, uniting all of Richmond Hill north of Atlantic Avenue into CD 29 from CDs 28 and 32. However, the proposed move of large portions of Glendale and part of Ridgewood from CD 30 to CD 32 is a nonsensical gerrymander, as Forest Park and the adjacent Cemetery Belt will create a significant physical barrier (as it did with Woodhaven in CD 30 in 2012!), resulting in those areas being completely isolated from the rest of CD 32. Dividing several neighborhoods while uniting others is counterintuitive, especially when there’s no need for it.

**Demographics:**

<u>District 29</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Asian</u>	<u>Population</u>
Current (2012)	39.7%	20.7%	4.2%	28.8%	164,323
NYC Districting Commission	37.9%	22.7%	4.4%	28.0%	174,025
Queens Civic Congress	38.2%	22.9%	4.4%	27.8%	174,141

<u>District 30</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Asian</u>	<u>Population</u>
Current (2012)	47.6%	35.0%	2.1%	12.3%	167,200
NYC Districting Commission	43.4%	30.9%	1.8%	21.2%	174,055
Queens Civic Congress	47.4%	32.2%	2.0%	15.8%	169,954

<u>District 32</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Asian</u>	<u>Population</u>
Current (2012)	33.1%	34.8%	7.1%	16.8%	165,779
NYC Districting Commission	36.2%	38.5%	5.5%	14.4%	174,009
Queens Civic Congress	32.3%	36.0%	7.0%	17.1%	171,677

**Districts 21, 22, 25, 26 and 30:** Some of the most controversial decisions made by the Districting Commission's first draft are focused on areas in western Queens. The changes between CD 21 and CD 25 are minimal and a variation on what the Queens Civic Congress has proposed. However, other proposed changes are deeply concerning: Woodside has been dismembered by the Commission and split between four separate districts – CDs 22, 25, 26 and 30. Currently, 90% of Woodside is located in CD 26 – where the Queens Civic Congress believes it should mostly remain. By shifting Woodside into these other districts and adding the entire waterfront north of the Queensboro Bridge to CD 22, the deficit created in CD 26 by the Districting Commission has resulted in the addition of Roosevelt Island and three dozen blocks to make up the difference in population – areas which have absolutely nothing in common with western Queens and vice versa. The demographic balance would be radically thrown off as well: currently, CD 26 is split almost evenly between White, Hispanic and Asian residents, and would change to a significant majority White district should Roosevelt Island and the Upper East Side were to be included. Understanding that CD 26 has a large surplus of population and CD 22 has a large deficit, it seems that much of that population should be transferred between those two districts. With that said, the Queens Civic Congress believes that the boundaries of Woodside should remain largely the same, with the exception of a small triangle between the BQE, LIRR and Queens Boulevard known as Winfield Junction; that area should be added to CD 25. This will allow more than two-thirds of South Elmhurst to be moved to CD 30, as requested by dozens of residents at multiple hearings due to their community having more in common with the surrounding Maspeth/Middle Village areas than the rest of CD 25.

<b><u>District 21</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	4.0%	74.4%	7.7%	11.6%	171,178
NYC Districting Commission	3.9%	74.3%	8.5%	12.7%	173,595
Queens Civic Congress	4.0%	74.4%	7.9%	11.5%	168,613

<b><u>District 22</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	49.0%	26.5%	4.9%	14.5%	159,611
NYC Districting Commission	45.1%	27.9%	7.8%	14.1%	173,990
Queens Civic Congress	49.1%	26.0%	4.8%	15.1%	168,987

<b><u>District 25</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	10.1%	41.5%	1.6%	44.1%	171,230
NYC Districting Commission	10.5%	40.8%	1.6%	44.4%	173,909
Queens Civic Congress	10.3%	43.1%	1.5%	42.7%	168,832

<b><u>District 26</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	28.9%	29.3%	6.3%	31.0%	183,926
NYC Districting Commission	44.3%	21.7%	4.0%	24.8%	174,048
Queens Civic Congress	28.5%	29.7%	6.6%	30.9%	168,989

**Districts 30, 33, 34 and 37:** The Brooklyn-Queens district – currently CD 34 – encompasses parts of Ridgewood, Queens and Bushwick and Williamsburg in Brooklyn. There are two issues under consideration for the future boundaries of CDs 30 and 34, as well as 33 and 37. This is due to the fact that CD 33 has had one of the largest increases in population of any district in the city since 2012– more than 30,000 above the maximum threshold allowed. The Districting Commission’s proposal for both CD 33 and 34 continue some of the same negative issues that have been brought up in previous decades, including what is known as the “Vito-mander” in CD 34 – a narrow corridor connecting part of Ridgewood with the rest of Williamsburg designed to keep the former Brooklyn Democratic leader Vito Lopez in power. This also allows for another gerrymander along the Brooklyn waterfront for CD 33, creating one of the Whitest districts in the entire city. This is due to massive gentrification in Greenpoint, Williamsburg and Bushwick during the past decade which has, in turn, increased the White population in Bushwick and other neighboring areas to the east and south as well. The Queens Civic Congress believes that the part of Ridgewood paired with a Brooklyn district should be connected with

CD 37 rather than CD 34, as that district will remain majority Hispanic; CD 34 is already a pluralistic district under the Districting Commission’s first draft. By redesigning CDs 33, 34 and 37, the Queens Civic Congress believes that these districts will be more, not less, representative of the residents and neighborhoods of North Brooklyn.

<b><u>District 33</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	69.4%	12.4%	5.3%	7.2%	207,070
NYC Districting Commission	71.9%	10.6%	3.9%	7.8%	174,092
Queens Civic Congress	66.8%	14.1%	5.9%	7.5%	176,562

<b><u>District 34</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	34.2%	43.3%	9.2%	8.8%	167,112
NYC Districting Commission	39.4%	40.0%	7.7%	8.3%	173,423
Queens Civic Congress	45.2%	34.4%	7.4%	8.4%	176,098

<b><u>District 37</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	10.6%	52.2%	22.6%	8.6%	163,520
NYC Districting Commission	11.6%	52.1%	22.0%	8.4%	173,138
Queens Civic Congress	14.6%	53.0%	18.6%	8.6%	170,558

**Brooklyn**

**Districts 35 and 36:** Currently, CDs 35 and 36 represent a wide swath of Brownstone Brooklyn north of Prospect Park. The proposed changes by the Districting Commission are minimal; however, these districts as drawn are of concern. CD 35 divides Crown Heights North almost in half, while CD 36 has the rest. In addition, Bedford-Stuyvesant is currently and proposed to be divided between CDs 36 and 41. Additionally, under the current proposal, CD 35 would have a White majority. Queens Civic Congress recommends the following: our proposed CD 35 would keep all of Fort Greene, Clinton Hill, Prospect Heights and Crown Heights North together and maintain it as a majority Black district. Crown Heights proper south of Eastern Parkway would be part of CD 40. In CD 36, Bedford-Stuyvesant would be reunited into one district. If adopted by the Districting Commission, these changes would unite major “communities of interest” for the first time. In addition, it would place the entirety of Community Board 8 into a single Council district.

<b><u>District 35</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	36.6%	13.2%	35.2%	8.0%	177,926
NYC Districting Commission	36.8%	13.0%	35.1%	8.0%	172,658
Queens Civic Congress	31.5%	14.2%	39.9%	7.6%	177,099

<b><u>District 36</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	21.0%	18.7%	49.6%	4.4%	168,475
NYC Districting Commission	21.2%	18.8%	49.2%	4.5%	173,721
Queens Civic Congress	20.8%	19.5%	49.4%	4.5%	168,484

Districts 41, 42 and 46: All three of these districts are majority Black and the Districting Commission's proposed maps would retain that status. However, we believe that some of the dividing lines are arbitrary and divide "communities of interest" and neighborhoods in particular. The Queens Civic Congress proposes the most changes in CD 41, which would remove the eastern portion of Bedford-Stuyvesant and reunite it with CD 36, while incorporating much of East Flatbush from the current CD 40. The proposed changes for CDs 42 and 46 are smaller but will create more regular boundaries between the districts and clear borders between neighborhoods.

<b><u>District 41</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	6.6%	14.9%	70.4%	1.5%	163,948
NYC Districting Commission	5.2%	15.8%	71.2%	1.5%	171,081
Queens Civic Congress	4.3%	13.4%	74.3%	1.3%	170,298

<b><u>District 42</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	3.1%	22.1%	65.0%	3.4%	168,243
NYC Districting Commission	3.2%	21.6%	65.3%	3.6%	171,431
Queens Civic Congress	3.5%	24.1%	62.2%	4.2%	168,782

<b><u>District 46</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	25.1%	8.7%	53.9%	7.0%	177,263
NYC Districting Commission	29.0%	8.9%	48.8%	8.1%	173,463
Queens Civic Congress	25.9%	8.5%	54.7%	5.6%	169,419



**Districts 40 and 45:** CD 40 includes much of “Victorian Flatbush” including Prospect Lefferts Gardens and Lefferts Manor; Prospect Park South; and Ditmas Park and Ditmas Park West. It also includes downtown Flatbush, the heart of the Caribbean community. The Districting Commission’s proposal extends the district into East Flatbush. CD 45 is comprised of much of the remainder of East Flatbush, Midwood and the remainder of “Victorian Flatbush” around Brooklyn College. The Queens Civic Congress proposes minor changes for CD 45 but a significant swap of East Flatbush for the entirety of Crown Heights proper in CD 40.

<u>District 40</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Asian</u>	<u>Population</u>
Current (2012)	3.1%	22.1%	65.0%	3.4%	168,243
NYC Districting Commission	3.2%	21.6%	65.3%	3.6%	171,431
Queens Civic Congress	3.5%	24.1%	62.2%	4.2%	168,782

<u>District 45</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Asian</u>	<u>Population</u>
Current (2012)	25.1%	8.7%	53.9%	7.0%	177,263
NYC Districting Commission	29.0%	8.9%	48.8%	8.1%	173,463
Queens Civic Congress	25.9%	8.5%	54.7%	5.6%	169,419

**District 48:** Small changes are being proposed by the Districting Commission to CD 48, a swathe of Brooklyn from Brighton Beach on the south to Madison on the north. We agree with the shifting of Gerritsen Beach from CD 48 to CD 46, as that low-slung community has more in common with the adjacent neighborhoods of Marine Park and Mill Basin than the apartment blocks to the west. The Queens Civic Congress proposes to make Kings Highway the northern border for most of the district.

<u>District 48</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Asian</u>	<u>Population</u>
Current (2012)	66.6%	8.3%	2.3%	18.3%	180,660
NYC Districting Commission	66.9%	8.4%	2.1%	18.2%	173,692
Queens Civic Congress	63.9%	9.0%	3.8%	19.2%	176,895

**District 39:** Another large portion of brownstone Brooklyn stretching from the East River to south of Prospect Park, the main change proposed by the Districting Commission is the removal of Red Hook from CD 38 which has been set off by the chain of events in the attempt to create a majority-Asian district in south Brooklyn (see below). The Queens Civic Congress largely agrees with these boundaries with the exception of the proposed moving of Boerum Hill from CD 33 to CD 39.

<b><u>District 39</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	62.0%	14.3%	4.2%	13.1%	174,284
NYC Districting Commission	58.3%	12.1%	7.5%	12.1%	173,117
Queens Civic Congress	58.4%	15.7%	6.5%	13.0%	176,895

**Districts 38, 43, 44 and 47:** The proposed creation of an Asian-majority district by the Districting Commission in its first draft has seriously reordered all four of these districts. Currently, CD 38 is \*already\* an Asian-majority district, which begs the question as to why the Districting Commission felt the need to completely upend southern Brooklyn with their proposal. The Commission's proposal also pits two Councilmembers against each other by merging White and Hispanic neighborhoods in Bay Ridge and Sunset Park, while adding in the southern coast from Dyker Heights to Coney Island into CD 47, which it has never been a part of. In addition, it radically redraws CD 44, the heart of the Orthodox Jewish community in Borough Park. The Queens Civic Congress proposes the following: CD 38 should be mildly modified from its current configuration to include all of Sunset Park, increasing the Asian majority to almost 45% and leaving the other three districts less altered. This would make sure that Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights and Bath Beach will remain intact in one district (CD 43) as will New Utrecht, Gravesend and Coney Island in another (CD 47) and Borough Park in a third (CD 44). Should that configuration be adopted, districts 43 and 47 will still have a significant Asian population, most likely creating multiple Asian-majority districts based upon the 2030 census.

<b><u>District 38</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	17.2%	35.9%	3.7%	40.5%	175,840
NYC Districting Commission	41.9%	35.6%	2.5%	16.2%	173,826
Queens Civic Congress	17.2%	34.2%	1.8%	44.5%	175,990

<b><u>District 43</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	48.5%	16.7%	1.6%	30.0%	184,497
NYC Districting Commission	22.4%	17.6%	1.0%	56.8%	172,595
Queens Civic Congress	50.6%	16.3%	1.7%	27.9%	172,145

<b><u>District 44</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	67.1%	9.6%	1.5%	15.7%	172,081
NYC Districting Commission	67.4%	9.5%	1.1%	16.4%	173,984
Queens Civic Congress	67.1%	10.6%	1.2%	15.3%	173,012

<b><u>District 47</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	40.8%	16.5%	7.8%	31.4%	178,215
NYC Districting Commission	42.0%	16.4%	8.1%	29.9%	173,987
Queens Civic Congress	39.8%	17.1%	8.0%	31.8%	173,924

### **Staten Island**

**Districts 49, 50 and 51:** Staten Island has the unique problem of being below the 2.5% threshold for all three districts without incorporating portions of Brooklyn into at least one district. The Districting Commission gave preliminary support to keeping Staten Island districts wholly within the island and the Queens Civic Congress agrees. The only change that we recommend is to keep CD 49 wholly north of the Staten Island Expressway rather than including a handful of blocks to the south.

### **Manhattan**

**Districts 1, 2 and 3:** The Districting Commission reunited a number of large apartment complexes on the Lower East Side into CD 1 which had previously been in CD 2 and removed the areas of Greenwich Village and NoHo north of Houston Street from CD 1. The Queens Civic Congress generally agrees with the concept of reuniting all of the Lower East Side into CD1 and removing Greenwich Village / NoHo from CD1, with boundary adjustments.

<b><u>District 1</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	47.1%	12.4%	4.4%	31.0%	184,718
NYC Districting Commission	44.2%	13.6%	4.8%	32.5%	173,428
Queens Civic Congress	44.9%	13.5%	4.8%	32.1%	177,009

<b><u>District 2</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	53.3%	19.5%	7.0%	15.3%	173,721
NYC Districting Commission	54.0%	18.8%	7.0%	15.3%	173,358
Queens Civic Congress	54.7%	18.4%	6.8%	15.5%	176,889

<b><u>District 3</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	59.7%	14.6%	5.6%	15.2%	202,727
NYC Districting Commission	62.6%	13.6%	5.2%	13.4%	173,586
Queens Civic Congress	61.2%	14.2%	5.8%	14.0%	176,822

**Districts 4 and 5:** Between Houston Street and Columbus Circle, Broadway acts as a boundary between the East and West sides. Unfortunately, the Districting Commission has proposed CD4 to be a “Midtown” district with a finger along Central Park on the Upper East Side, disrupting multiple “communities of interest” including Hells Kitchen/Clinton. The remainder of CD 5 on the Upper East Side would not include Roosevelt Island or over three dozen blocks east of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, instead adding them to CD 26 in Queens – a district that neither Queens nor Manhattan residents want. The Queens Civic Congress recommends CD 4 stay primarily east of Broadway and represent the East Side north of 34<sup>th</sup> Street as well as Stuyvesant Town and Peter Cooper Village, while CD 5 should represent the remainder of the Upper East Side to 96<sup>th</sup> Street as well as Roosevelt Island.

<b><u>District 4</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	69.7%	7.7%	3.1%	15.1%	184,153
NYC Districting Commission	64.9%	9.3%	3.8%	17.6%	173,732
Queens Civic Congress	69.1%	7.9%	3.2%	15.6%	177,086

<b><u>District 5</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	69.1%	9.3%	3.5%	13.4%	181,494
NYC Districting Commission	73.1%	8.9%	2.9%	10.9%	173,051
Queens Civic Congress	71.3%	8.6%	3.0%	12.6%	176,581

**Districts 6 and 7:** The Queens Civic Congress generally supports the framework for CD 6 and CD 7 presented by the Districting Commission, with the understanding that the northern half of Hells Kitchen/Clinton be incorporated into CD 6 and the Upper West side north of 86<sup>th</sup> Street and west of Amsterdam Avenue be added to CD 7.

<b><u>District 6</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	67.4%	11.9%	5.4%	10.2%	181,575
NYC Districting Commission	65.9%	12.6%	5.3%	11.0%	173,359
Queens Civic Congress	65.0%	12.6%	5.1%	12.3%	176,717

<b><u>District 7</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	27.9%	41.3%	16.8%	9.4%	165,523
NYC Districting Commission	33.9%	35.1%	16.2%	9.9%	171,182
Queens Civic Congress	38.3%	33.0%	13.8%	10.1%	176,463

**Districts 8, 9 and 10:** CD 8, which encompasses the northernmost portion of the Upper East Side, East Harlem and neighborhoods in the South Bronx, has been in its current formation (more or less) for decades. The Districting Commission made some minor boundary changes which regularized some borders; the Queens Civic Congress recommendations continues to do the same. CD 9, which represents Central Harlem, will remain relatively the same under the proposed draft map from the Districting Commission. Again, the Queens Civic Congress generally agrees with some minor adjustments. The Districting Commission made small revisions to the Washington Heights and Inwood district, with the Queens Civic Congress proposing to add a dozen blocks east of Broadway and north of 155<sup>th</sup> Street from CD 9 to CD 10.

<b><u>District 8</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	6.9%	60.4%	25.5%	4.1%	177,732
NYC Districting Commission	7.3%	59.3%	25.9%	4.4%	173,491
Queens Civic Congress	10.8%	55.4%	25.4%	5.4%	176,689

<b><u>District 9</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	15.1%	26.5%	49.0%	4.2%	178,609
NYC Districting Commission	15.1%	26.2%	49.4%	4.0%	173,559
Queens Civic Congress	15.7%	26.0%	49.1%	4.0%	177,000

<b><u>District 10</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	21.2%	65.8%	6.7%	3.0%	158,815
NYC Districting Commission	20.6%	66.5%	6.8%	3.1%	173,134
Queens Civic Congress	20.6%	65.8%	7.5%	3.1%	176,879

## **The Bronx**

**District 11:** The Districting Commission recommended that CD 11, which covers Riverdale, Woodlawn, Norwood and part of Bedford Park, reunite the northwest part of Wakefield with CD 12 and adding in Kingsbridge Heights from CD 14, which the Queens Civic Congress supports without revision.

**District 12:** The district, comprised primarily of the north Bronx neighborhoods of Wakefield, Williamsbridge, Eastchester and Co-op City, would reunite the western part of Wakefield from CD 11 and give parts of Allerton, Baychester and Olinville to CDs 13 and 15 based on preliminary maps by the Districting Commission. The Queens Civic Congress generally agrees with this, with minor boundary modifications.

<b><u>District 11</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	26.4%	44.9%	17.1%	7.6%	165,732
NYC Districting Commission	25.8%	50.9%	12.8%	7.3%	173,695
Queens Civic Congress	25.8%	50.9%	12.8%	7.3%	173,695

<b><u>District 12</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	2.7%	26.9%	64.4%	1.8%	176,924
NYC Districting Commission	2.7%	26.6%	64.4%	1.8%	173,690
Queens Civic Congress	3.1%	26.7%	64.3%	1.8%	172,055

**District 13:** CD 13 is a sprawling generally lower-density district that takes up more than 1/3 of the land area of the east Bronx. Again, the Queens Civic Congress generally supports the proposed boundary lines put forth by the Districting Commission with minor modifications.

**Districts 14 and 15:** The Districting Commission has proposed to more cleanly divide several west Bronx neighborhoods; however, while the Queens Civic Congress generally agrees with this, the main difference being that the northern part of proposed CD 14 in Bedford Park should be part of CD 15, which has the remainder of Bedford Park.

<b><u>District 13</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	31.4%	44.2%	11.5%	9.4%	167,518
NYC Districting Commission	29.7%	43.2%	15.2%	8.1%	173,598
Queens Civic Congress	29.6%	43.2%	15.3%	8.3%	176,292

<b><u>District 14</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	2.9%	72.9%	19.4%	2.4%	169,071
NYC Districting Commission	2.2%	70.3%	22.9%	2.0%	173,145
Queens Civic Congress	2.3%	69.8%	23.7%	1.8%	172,979

<b><u>District 15</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	6.0%	63.5%	25.0%	2.4%	174,736
NYC Districting Commission	6.8%	61.5%	26.3%	2.4%	173,815
Queens Civic Congress	7.1%	61.8%	25.7%	2.6%	175,750

**Districts 16, 17 and 18:** These three districts, which contain many neighborhoods in the west, south and southeast Bronx, have been proposed by the Districting Commission to regularize many of their currently jagged boundary lines. The Queens Civic Congress generally agrees with this principle, as it will keep neighborhoods more coherent and under a single Councilmember but believe that some minor boundary modifications should be made.

<b><u>District 16</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	1.8%	59.9%	34.7%	1.3%	170,718
NYC Districting Commission	2.0%	63.0%	31.1%	1.5%	173,794
Queens Civic Congress	2.1%	62.3%	31.9%	1.4%	176,944

<b><u>District 17</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	1.9%	64.2%	30.4%	0.9%	173,957
NYC Districting Commission	1.8%	64.5%	29.8%	1.1%	174,041
Queens Civic Congress	2.0%	64.5%	30.0%	1.0%	177,728

<b><u>District 18</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Hispanic</u></b>	<b><u>Black</u></b>	<b><u>Asian</u></b>	<b><u>Population</u></b>
Current (2012)	2.9%	54.9%	25.0%	12.8%	181,838
NYC Districting Commission	3.1%	51.8%	26.4%	14.3%	174,007
Queens Civic Congress	3.4%	53.7%	25.1%	13.9%	176,983