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Chair Dennis Walcott & Members  
New York City Districting Commission  
253 Broadway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chair Walcott and Members of the NYC Districting Commission:

As outlined in the City Charter, I am submitting testimony to request that the NYC Districting Commission consider a small adjustment to the proposed boundary between two Council Districts that would keep the residents of a unique and tight-knit neighborhood in northeast Queens united in one district.

The Mitchell-Linden section of Flushing consists of 41 six-story buildings that were built in the years following World War II. Four different housing cooperatives – Linden Hill, Mitchell Gardens, Linden Towers and Embassy Arms – make up this vibrant community, and for decades have offered a path to home ownership for middle-class New Yorkers.

The neighborhood is bounded by the Whitestone Expressway and Linden Place to the west, 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to the south, Parsons Boulevard to the east, and 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the north. Under the Commission's preliminary proposed maps, the 19<sup>th</sup> Council District boundary has been extended south to 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue, which would dissect the neighborhood of Mitchell-Linden and divide it between two City Council Districts.

As cooperative housing owners, the residents of Mitchell-Linden share a set of concerns and priorities than the single- and multi-family homeowners that currently surround the neighborhood.

One of the Commission's mandates as outlined by the City Charter is that existing neighborhoods and communities be kept intact whenever possible, splitting the closely aligned



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residents of Mitchell-Linden would contradict that goal. Therefore, I urge the NYC Districting Commission to reconsider its preliminary district lines and not only keep the neighborhood of Mitchell-Linden whole, but also a part of the larger Flushing community.

This change is small, but it would be an important one to the residents of Mitchell-Linden, who have spent nearly eight decades building their own community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sandra Ung  
Council Member