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From: Theresa Patterson [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 9:09 AM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep Rochdale whole

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Hello,

I hope that everyone is well. I am writing to ask that Rochdale be kept whole. I am a resident here and enjoy being apart of Rochdale as one community working together. It's a family.

Thank you,
Theresa Patterson
Rochdale Resident

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From: GFC Chantel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2022 5:57 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re-districting Southeast Queens

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New York City Districting Commission:

My name is Chantel Johnson, I am a lifelong resident of the Southeast Queens community; raised in 31st District, my house of worship is in the 28th Council District, now living in the 27th District. This has been my home for nearly four decades and my parents even longer.

First, I want to thank the commission for its service to our city. The task you are undertaking will certainly not be easy. We have confidence that you will successfully redraw the lines to ensure every New Yorker has an equitable and fair voice in the city's legislature.

Secondly, I would like to testify that the district lines for the 31st Council District should remain the same because the district has represented these communities since the 1980's when the community had finally begun to receive representation that reflected the growing African American population. Furthermore, our issues are the same, quality of life, mostly being homeowners and environmental, just to name a few. We can and have been conquering these challenges and issues together as a united voice. This would be harder if we are divided.

Finally, JFK airport in its entirety should be in one single council district, not split into two. It should all be in one city council district as was the historic precedent prior to the 2012/13 redistricting. Currently the airport is fully represented in the Assembly, Senate and House of Representatives by one member and the same should be for the Council.

These districts, including in my own 27th were created to preserve and create black representation that was virtually non-existent due to redlining, racial segregation, unequal representation and more. They were created to keep intact the existing communities that exude the example of the true diversity and cultural significance of black American culture that is the lifeblood of the Queens community as a whole.

Thank you for your consideration and time,

Ms. Chantel Johnson

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From: Edward Kiernan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2022 1:11 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CD21/25

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Good day, I write to express my concern about a boundary between the 21st and 25th Council districts. The current and proposed lines go down 82nd Street between 37th and Roosevelt Avenues and split the street between the two districts. This is a major commercial corridor where there have been significant quality of life concerns and should be represented by a single council member. It is most logical to include this corridor in the 25th CD. Without a single representative the street will continue to be disregarded. I believe this simple change would make a drastic effect on the neighborhood of Jackson Heights and ensure this corridor gets the attention it requires.

Thank you for your consideration.

Edward Kiernan

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From: John Choe [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2022 6:53 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: Schnall, Michael
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: NYC Districting Commission Releases New City Council Maps for Public Review

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Dear NYC Districting Commission,

I am writing to you at the suggestion of Michael Schnall, who is copied on this email, regarding your draft map for Council Districts 19 and 20.

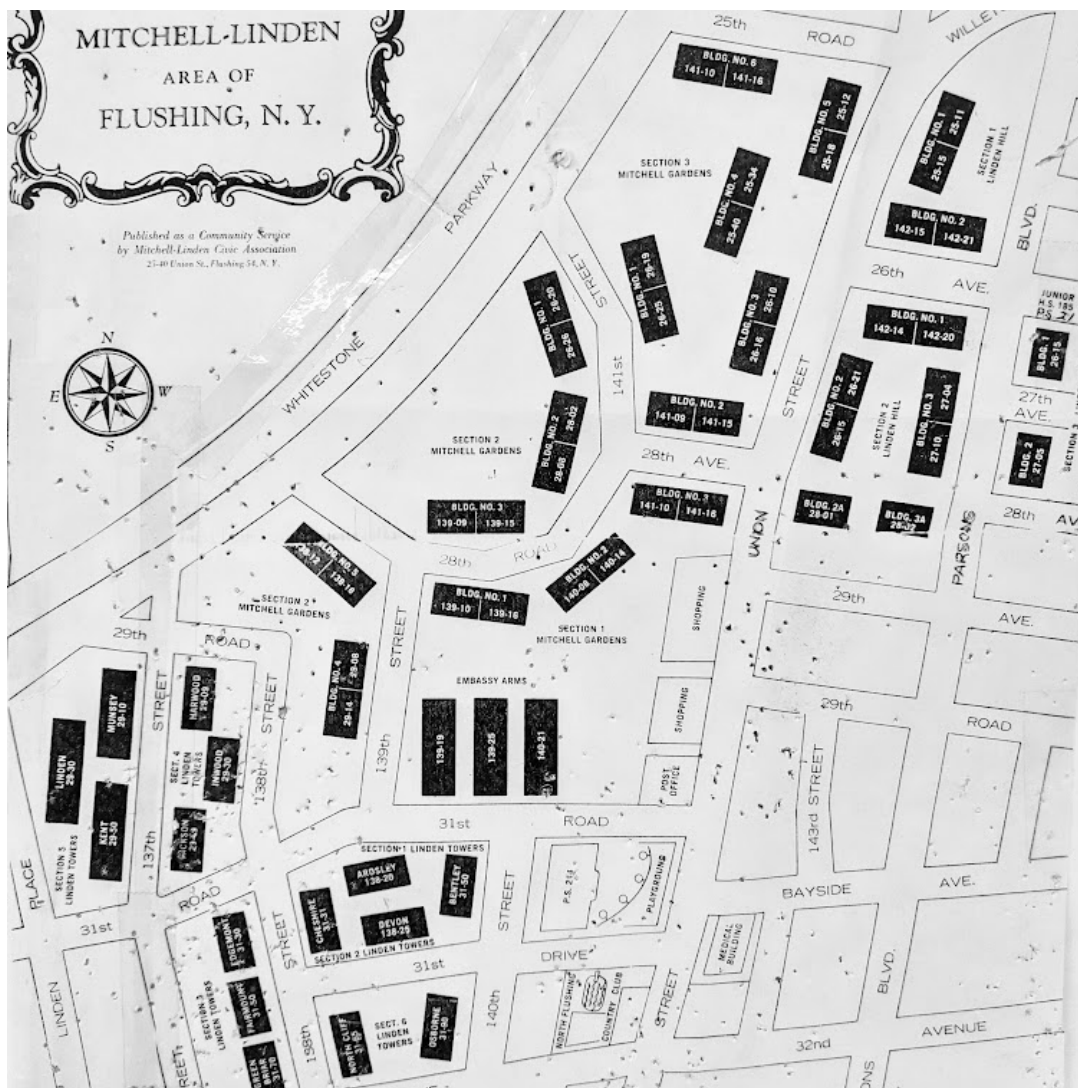
I have been receiving complaints from my neighbors regarding your treatment of the Mitchell-Linden neighborhood of Flushing, Queens. They have expressed bewilderment and concern that the Commission is arbitrarily dividing our community in the redistricting process for the NYC Council. [Your plan would split our neighborhood in half with approximately 3000 residents placed in Council District 19 and 3000 residents remaining in our traditional Council District, Number 20.](#)

The Mitchell Linden neighborhood is a postwar community that was created for returning veterans and their families, who benefited from affordable cooperative housing close to downtown Flushing, north of Northern Boulevard. Originally a rural estate owned by the Mitchell family, the area was transformed in the early 1950s. Neisloss Brothers with architect Benjamin Braustein envisioned a cooperative project to be set on Linden Hill and landfill of an adjacent swamp which would provide middle-income housing to veterans of World War II and the Korean War under Section 213 of the Federal Housing Act of 1950. Gerace and Castagna with architects Samuel Paul and Seymour Jarmul subsequently developed the larger Linden Towers cooperative apartments several years after this. Paul was additionally the architect of the Embassy Arms co-ops. In total, 41 six-story buildings containing 3,146 apartments comprising the Linden Hill, Mitchell Gardens, Linden Towers, and Embassy Arms cooperatives were erected in the Mitchell-Linden neighborhood (see map below).

Now, for inexplicable reasons, our neighborhood is being split up politically and half of us will no longer be represented in the same Flushing district (20) even though we share a community of interest (co-op owners living in apartment buildings sharing many of the same issues and concerns as other neighbors).

I would be happy to answer any questions or discuss this further.

John Choe
[REDACTED]



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From: **NYC Redistricting** <NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Date: Fri, Jul 15, 2022 at 5:17 PM

Subject: NYC Districting Commission Releases New City Council Maps for Public Review

To: NYC Redistricting <NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov>

Greetings,

Earlier today the Districting Commission voted to release a preliminary plan for new City Council Districts. The press release announcing this is copied below. The preliminary plan, including an interactive map, is available online [here](#). We invite you to explore these documents and give us your feedback. Testimony continues to be accepted via email at PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov.

For more information about City Council redistricting, [this 16-page primer](#) explains this process, from the U.S. Constitution, to the U.S. Census, to the Charter of the City of New York.

To suggest a location for the Districting Commission to conduct public outreach, or to invite the Commission to attend an event and provide a presentation on the redistricting process, please email NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov.

NEW YORK CITY DISTRICTING COMMISSION RELEASES 51 NEW CITY COUNCIL MAPS FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Fri., July 15th – The New York City Districting Commission today voted on a preliminary plan for new City Council districts. The Preliminary Plan is comprised of newly drawn maps of each of the city's 51 Council districts.

Among the highlights of the new preliminary plan is an Asian opportunity district in South Brooklyn. It will cover parts of Sunset Park, Dyker Heights, and Bensonhurst. The Asian Voting Age Population in this district is approximately 57 percent.

A new plan is drawn every ten years following the U.S. Census. The Commission followed all requirements included in federal, state, and city law.

The city's population grew 8.2 million in 2010 to 8.8 million in 2020, according to the Census. To reflect this increase and bring the city in line with federal, state, and local laws the new plan raises the average number of residents per district from 160,710 to 172,882.

The independent Districting Commission voted on the new preliminary plan on Friday after receiving public testimony from nearly 500 city residents at public hearings held from May through July in each of the five boroughs. Testimony was heard in person and received via Zoom and email.

The maps are available for public review online at nyc.gov/districting and a physical copy will be displayed at the Surrogate's Court 31 Chambers Street.

Next the Commission will hold another five hearings in each of the boroughs to get public testimony on these new maps. The hearings are scheduled for Aug. 15, 16, 17, 18, and 22. Testimony also may be provided via Zoom during the public hearings, by email at publictestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov, and by mail at 235 Broadway, NY, NY 10007.



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From: Jonathan Greenberg <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2022 12:05 PM
To: Public Testimony
Cc: District22; district26@council.nyc.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment on Draft Council Map

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to comment on the proposed NYC Council district map, specifically on the newly drawn borders between District 22 and District 26 in Queens. As President of the Community Education Council for Community School District 30, which includes all of the current and proposed City Council District 22, and much of the current and new City Council District 26, I have seen the value that City Council members have to school communities through advocacy, funding, and publicity. The current and proposed maps split P.S. 151 from Woodside Houses, the residents of which make up a core population of the school. Moving Woodside Houses to District 22 or Moving the block that contains PS 151 to District 26 would allow for the City Council to better advocate for P.S. 151 and the families whose children attend it, and I urge the Districting Commission reconsider this part of the border between these two districts.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Greenberg

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Jonathan Greenberg
President, Community Education Council
District 30, New York City

My pronouns are he/him/his.

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From: Shamsul Haque <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2022 3:29 PM
To: Public Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep South Asians together

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Esteemed members of the commission:

There is a large South Asian population who live in Jackson Heights and Woodside area. We share cultural and language similarities. Please add a portion of the Woodside to the CD-25 to include South Asians. For your information, I have attached a picture of the area.

Warm regards

Shamsul Haque
[REDACTED] 69 Street
Woodside, NY 11377
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From: Amir Abbady <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2022 6:38 PM
To: Public Testimony; NYC Redistricting
Cc: district27@council.nyc.gov; speakeradams@council.nyc.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Problems with Council Map First Draft

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Hello Commission,

Hope all is well. I live in the 27th Council District in Jamaica, Queens and I wanted to strongly object to the extreme changes proposed to my district in the first draft of the Council maps. These maps devastate the community composition of Southeast Queens in several ways:

1. You incorporate Richmond Hill/ Community Board 9 into the Jamaica area? Richmond Hill/ 11419 is demographically and contextually completely different from my community with Indo-Caribbean immigrants in high density housing areas. This predominantly black community of single family homeowners would struggle to share representation with this minority community in the geographic outskirts. This area also sees different state and local representation (CB12) so why confuse their representation further.
2. You break Rochdale Village in half between two Council districts? Rochdale Village is a major community that has been the heart of the 28th Council district for decades. To divide its community in half would force my elected official to begin pivoting their attention away from the issues of single-family homeowners and focus on the politics and issues of the 2nd largest apartment cooperative in the City. Why dilute the identity of our Council district and the 28th Council district by breaking this powerhouse in half?
3. You remove Downtown Jamaica (Parsons/Archer & Archer/Sutphin) completely from the 27th Council District? The leaders of 27th Council District have been major pilots for the development of Downtown Jamaica with Leroy Comrie working with Bloomberg to expand zoning to new record heights, and Daneek Miller approving the first megaprojects to revitalize the area. Why are we cutting this important and booming area of our community out when the fruits of their labor are just beginning to be repped. We want to make sure CB12 residents are represented completely (in every way) because 27th District residents will either move into truly affordable housing in this area or be the victims of gentrification that prices them out completely. Our Council Member must manage the development to make sure it does not damage our community's future.

Please contact me via email or at the number below if you would like further clarity on any of my concerns. I hope they are incorporated into future revisions.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Amir Abbady MPA
Community Organizer | Political Consultant
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Pronouns: he/him/his

"With self-discipline most anything is possible" - U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt