

## City Council Re-Districting Hearing-May 26, 2022

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Neighborhood: Elmhurst, Queens

I am submitting my testimony today for City Council re-districting. My family and I moved to Elmhurst many years ago. With each Census, my section of Elmhurst has been re-districted between Council Districts. Currently, I am in Council District 25 and I am requesting to be re-districted to Council District 30. This area is the south side of Queens Boulevard to Grand Avenue.

My former and current council member does not live in Elmhurst or even has a district office in my community. The priorities and needs in my section of Elmhurst is contrary to Jackson Heights and Elmhurst North. It aligns more with our bordering neighbor of Maspeth and Middle Village.

Many children in this area attend schools in Maspeth, Middle Village and Glendale. We also shop, visit parks and join civic associations in this community. We not only share community interest but are also a working class sector of homeowners. Many live in the same house for generations.

I am asking for your support to redistrict my area to a Council District who shares the same interest and needs of residents in my section my Elmhurst. Below is a copy of a map with the sector (highlighted in blue) that I am requesting to be re-districted to Council District 30.

Thank you in advance for considering my testimony.

