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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a member of the Elmhurst United Inc civic group and live on Simonson St., south of Queens Blvd. This is in council district 25.

I am writing this email, since I am unable to attend the meeting, in regard to the possible restricting of my area of council district 25 to council district 30. I propose that the northern boundary of council district 30 be Queens Blvd and eastward to Woodhaven Blvd and westward to the BQE.

In my opinion we have a natural boundary in-between council district 25 and south Elmhurst in the form of Queens Blvd. Most residents of this southern area do not shop, work, worship or go to schools on the north side of Queens Blvd. We are literally just a few blocks from Maspeth and our children go to Maspeth High School, we shop at Stop and Shop or Keyfood, CVS, etc. These are all in Maspeth council district 30. All walkable from our area but buses run up and down Grand Ave which connect us also.

Our community is generally 1-4 family homes and the homeowners usually live in the home. Whereas the north side of Queens Blvd is primarily high rise and low rise apartment buildings with rental tenants. The people in the northern area generally shop at 82nd St. or Broadway, attend schools in the immediate area such as Newtown High School and worship locally such as at St. Bartholomew's Church.

I feel that our neighborhood is a better fit with that of Maspeth not only because of our proximity but also because our community makeup is much closer to that of Maspeth.

I appreciate the chance to offer my opinion on this matter and thank you for your time.

Best regards,
Anna Orjuela
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