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Benito Romano, Chair
New York City Redistricting Commission
City Hall

New York, NY 1007

Dear Commissioner Romano:

The North Flushing Civic Association, a homeowners association consisting of about 90 blocks in northern Queens, is currently divided between Council District 20 and District 19. Similarly, the 3,500 unit Mitchell-Linden cooperative apartment complex, just to our east, has also been divided between District 20 and 19. Since we have very little in common with each other, these two council boundaries should be redrawn to reflect our vast differences.

Therefore, we are recommending that:

1. The complete Mitchell-Linden cooperative apartment complex of 3,500 units be reunited in District 20 because they are essentially a little city unto themselves, with their own civic association, post office, library, schools, playgrounds and shopping area. They share common interests, concerns and higher zoning with nearby downtown Flushing in District 20 which consists of apartment buildings and commercial areas.
2. The North Flushing low-density section of mostly single-family homes adjacent to Mitchell Linden be removed from District 20 and put into District 19 because they share common interests, concerns and low zoning with the rest of North Flushing which extends eastward all the way to Little Neck Bay and beyond.

We recommend using the boundary lines in the Queens Civic Congress Redistricting Report when making these changes. The population changes and ethnic breakdown for making this switch in our two neighborhoods of Mitchell-Linden and section of North Flushing is almost an even swap. These changes are supported by the Queens Civic Congress, an umbrella organization made up of over 100 civic and homeowners associations in Queens, and the surrounding civic

alliances of: the Mitchell-Linden Civic Association, the Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Civic Association, the Auburndale Improvement Association, and the Northeast Flushing Civic Association.

We would also suggest the commission using the complete extensive Queens Civic Congress Redistricting Report submitted to the commission recommending this change and others for Queens as a template for district line boundaries. This report, developed from input by civic organizations representing hundreds of thousands of Queens residents, would provide for the best representation going forward. By doing so, City Council members would find it easier to better serve their constituents, and, we as residents, would in turn, find it easier to work with them for consistency on relevant issues and concerns. This report is also available online at the Queens Civic Congress website: <http://nycqcc.org/> Queens Wide Redistricting Report.

Thank you for making these important changes to better serve our borough.

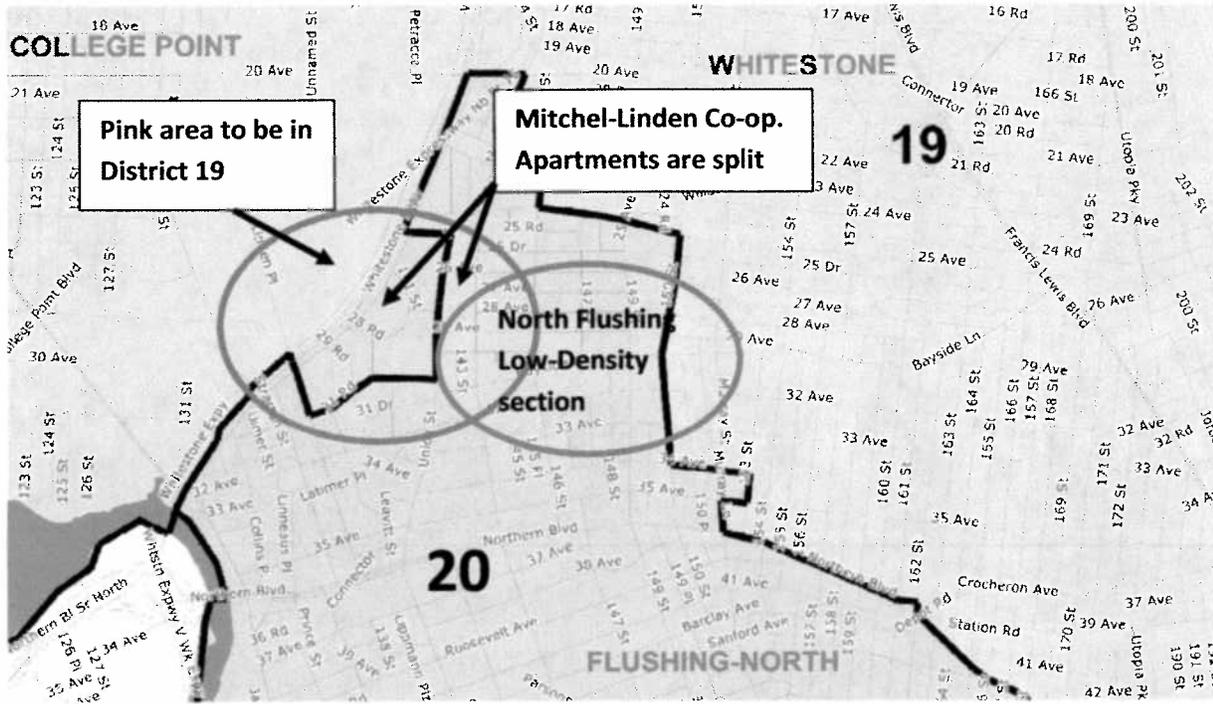
Respectfully,



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Commission Proposed Council Districts 19 and 20 Draft – 9/2012 - Splits Mitchell-Linden cooperative apartments and ignores the North Flushing low-density zoned section



Queens Civic Congress Redistricting Report District Lines – Keeps Mitchell-Linden Co-ops together in Dist. 20 and puts North Flushing low-density section in Dist. 19 where it belongs

