



The City of New York

Queens Community Board 11

Serving the Communities of Auburndale, Bayside, Douglaston, Hollis Hills
Little Neck and Oakland Gardens

Jerry Iannece Chairperson / **Susan Seinfeld** District Manager

October 9, 2012

NYC Districting Commission
Attn: Jonathan Ettricks
253 Broadway, 7th Fl.
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mr. Ettricks:

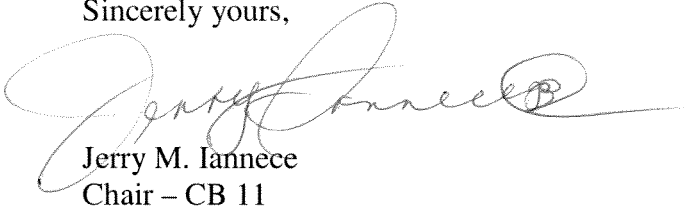
The recent proposed NYC Council District Lines drastically alter and divide our existing communities, civic associations, similar housing stock and community-based issues and concerns. These lines would make it even more difficult for our Community Boards to fulfill our charter-mandated functions, address the fair allocations and performance of municipal resources/services and make it extremely difficult to expect meaningful input and participation from the various affected communities, civics and volunteer organizations. It appears that very little thought and input was implemented in formulating these new lines. The new lines are totally **UNACCEPTABLE**.

The Queens Civic Congress has proposed district lines that are far superior to the City's proposed plan. The QCC plan takes into account many of the articulated concerns, maintains the character and integrity of our historic boundaries and will allow for a more efficient and fair delivery of services and resources. Virtually every community-based organization and group has voiced their opposition and has overwhelmingly supported the QCC plan. Furthermore, the Auburndale Improvement Association requests that the area bounded by Francis Lewis Blvd. on the east, the Long Island Expressway on the south, Utopia Parkway or 162 Street to the west and 47 Avenue and 46 Avenue on the north be moved from the 20th District to either the 19th or 23rd District. This area is zoned predominantly for single family homes (R2A). The 20th District represents different interests and concerns than the 19th and 23rd Districts due largely to the difference in zoning.

Accordingly, Community Board 11 adamantly opposes the proposed plan for the new Council District lines and strongly urges the city to adopt the far superior QCC plan, with the aforesaid Auburndale addition. We further request, pursuant to the NYC Charter, that the City Council "formally" and "officially" object to the proposed plan **IMMEDIATELY** and take any and/or all steps and/or actions necessary to defeat the original plan and adopt and implement the plan set forth by the Queens Civic Congress.

I, personally as Chair of CB11, stand ready, willing and able to do whatever is necessary to defeat the City's plan and to have the QCC plan adopted. If there is anything further that you may need, please do not hesitate to contact me. Your attention, cooperation and expediency in this matter are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



Jerry M. Iannece
Chair - CB 11

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cc:

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