

City Council Re-Districting Hearing-May 26, 2022

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Neighborhood: Elmhurst, Queens

Thank you for your time and consideration in reviewing my testimony. My family has lived in Elmhurst on the same block and the same house since the 1970's.

In the last re-districting initiative, our area was re-aligned to a council district where community interest and concerns were not congruent with the majority of the population. Today, I am advocating to redistrict our small section of Elmhurst to Council District 30. This would cover the south side of Queens Boulevard to Grand Avenue (see map below, section highlighted in blue).

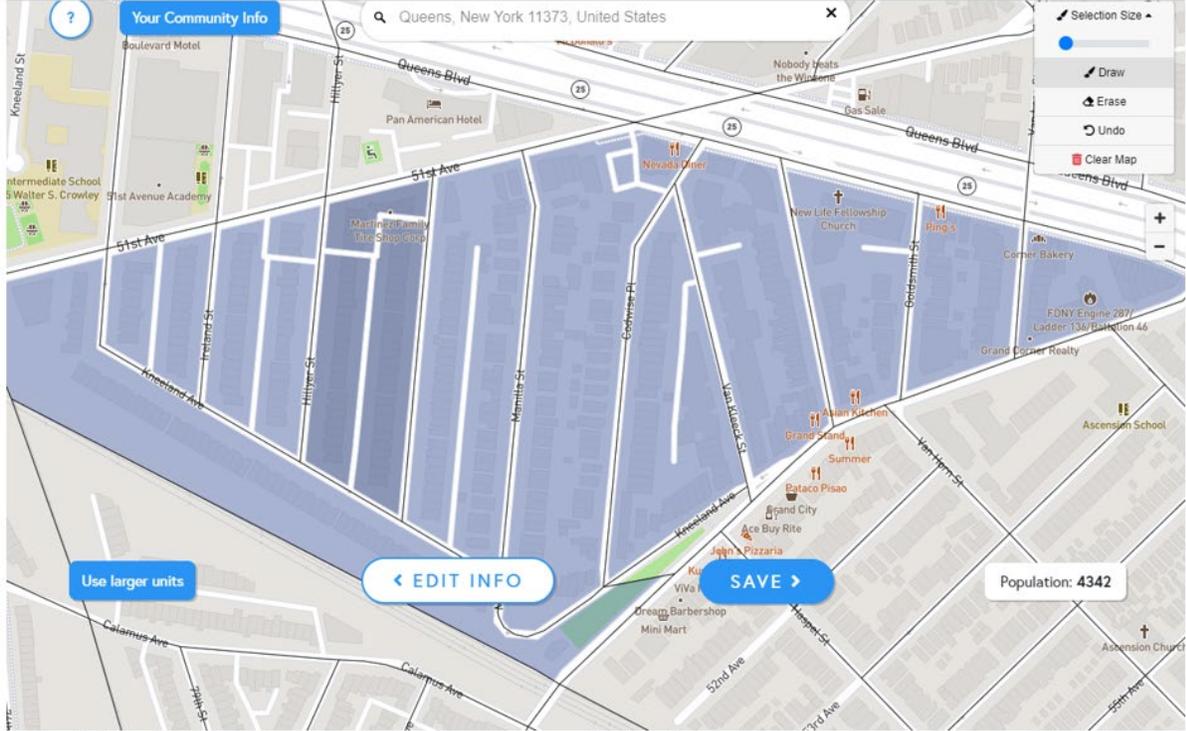
Our housing stock and zoning are very similar to our neighboring Maspeth residences which are mostly comprised of two-to-three family homes where owners have lived in their residence from generation to generation. We have common interests where our seniors attend the same centers, our children study at the same schools and parishioners pray at the same religious institutions.

In recent years, Maspeth and our section of Elmhurst have seen developers demolish homes and construct multi-dwelling units which are out-of-scale and character with the surrounding neighborhood. Both Maspeth and my community have been fighting to preserve the prevailing two-and-three family character of our neighborhood. Aligning us in the same council district as Maspeth would give us a more powerful voice and representation in zoning projects, new developments and preservation initiatives.

Additionally, the needs and priorities of residents in my area are also similar to Maspeth. Most homes are owner occupied where we share the common burden of increasing property taxes, water bills, Department of Building regulations, inspections and filings with the Department of Finance. Redistricting to the same council district would allow residents to share problems, solutions and advocate as a group with one council member.

I respectfully request for your support in redistricting my area to council district 30. I thank you all again for your time and consideration.

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Redistrict District 25 Elmhurst the south side of Queens Blvd and Grand Av be redrawn to be included with Maspeth (district 30).