



111-15 Queens Boulevard Forest Hills, NY 11375

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Written Testimony to the NYC Districting Commission

For over 125 years, Cord Meyer has been a historic part of the borough of Queens. From the family's 1893 purchase of over 100 acres in Elmhurst to the early twentieth-century growth of Forest Hills and the mid-century transformation of Bayside, the real estate development and property management company has done everything from paving streets, delivering clean water, and providing private sewers to building homes and creating retail centers in the burgeoning suburb.

Today the company values stability in the neighborhoods where we continue to operate and plan to be a part of our future growth. One such neighborhood is in Northeast Queens, where a family farm was transformed into the Bay Terrace residences and the shopping center at the heart of the community. Cord Meyer has spent more than 60 years meeting the changing needs of tenants, those employed at the property, and the community at large. But it's only possible with the help of our elected officials and the preservation of relationships.

Our District 19 City Councilmember has been Vickie Paladino for the past two years. She has already demonstrated that regardless of political affiliation, she strives for transparency and accountability while preserving quality of life and support for business leaders in the area. Representing the common interest of an immensely diverse neighborhood isn't always easy, but it's only possible if we do everything we can to avoid changes that could unintentionally seed division. Instead, preserving the district configuration allows our leaders the continuity needed to meet its residents' interests.

In that spirit, we strongly urge the redistricting board not to make any significant changes to the district as it currently exists. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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