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Queens Civic Congress Responds to Districting Commission's Report

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My name is Richard Hellenbrecht and I am president of the Queens Civic Congress, a member organization comprised of over 100 civic and block associations, co-op and condo organizations and historic societies throughout the entire borough. We offer assistance and advocacy to our member associations, several of which have called for significant action on this redistricting proposal in order to ensure fairness and equity in representation across the borough. Therefore, QCC conducted a thorough analysis of the boundaries released by the Districting Commission on September 4. Several members provided input and detailed information throughout the process. We find that the proposed boundaries are unsatisfactory and do nothing to improve the proper representation of individuals and neighborhoods in our great borough and we have prepared a full set of alternative district boundaries. As you have heard here tonight, several civic groups and community boards have expressed their complete support for the QCC report and its district boundary proposals.

The Queens Civic Congress considers several guiding principles that must be met in establishing new City Council districts for our borough. Most important, of course, is the City Charter, Article 52 requirement that each district meet certain population number requirements. That is understandable and we respect it. The next most important thing to Queens civics is that towns, with their name identity and "common interest areas" remain intact in one council district. In addition to the area's name, common interests include density, similarity of housing types and zoning, local schools, precincts and customs. Additional guiding principles we consider include making district boundaries as straight and rational as possible and using natural or man-made barriers where we can. We also take seriously the consideration of ethnicities and other demographics to ensure the continued diversity that Queens is known for.

Back in 2003, many civics were seriously disappointed with district changes, which in some cases separated communities into as many as three districts, such as, Maspeth and Auburndale. We hoped that the Districting Commission would take this opportunity to correct such problems. Unfortunately, we were disturbed to see that even more communities have been needlessly separated in the 2012 proposal.

As the media has noted, the Commission's proposed line changes at first glance don't look very substantial. But the devil, as always, is in the details. Communities that have been united for a century or more, including Cambria Heights and Springfield Gardens in the north, Bayside Hills, North Flushing and Auburndale in the north and the planned community of Mitchell-Linden and Maspeth further west, all have now been split into two, or even three districts with the simple move of a line a couple of blocks. In many cases this would make it impossible for outlying areas, like Springfield Gardens to get strong representation because civics will need to lobby three different council members.

To help address these inequities, the Queens Civic Congress has compiled a comprehensive review of every district in Queens. Our results are listed in an eight page report, plus 17 maps, two charts and a complete listing of impacts on the demographics in each district. We compare the size and statistics of the 2003 districts, the Commission's proposed 2012 districts and QCC's recommendation. QCC has made many recommendations that can reunite most 2003 communities and reverse 2012 Commission boundaries - all while meeting the article 52 population requirements, establishing straight boundary lines and keeping existing ethnic communities together.

The Queens Civic Congress now calls upon the Districting Commission to consider and adopt each of the QCC proposed boundaries. Many civic associations have provided direct input into this report and many others have expressed their support of our proposed districts. We want to keep Queens communities united and strong and to maintain the historical, contextual and geographic towns that Queens is known for. The overall map has been posted on the Commission's site and the full QCC report and data compilations are available at <http://nycqcc.org> for your use.

Queens Civic Congress Report for the New York City Districting Commission
Proposed Districting Revisions for the Borough of Queens

Every decade, the various districts of the City Council must undergo boundary changes based on the overall change in population. Most of the time, these changes are relatively minor, though they can be of import to the neighborhoods that are affected. This is particularly true when neighborhoods are divided amongst two or more Councilmembers; oftentimes, rather than those neighborhoods having the attention of two or more representatives, they are in danger of being ignored by both as they are usually located on the fringe of their respective districts, in essence becoming "orphaned" communities with diminished representation. Another extremely important factor in effective representation tends to be the make up of a geographical area, whether pertaining to ethnic origin, population density or physical character.

At the request of many of our numerous constituent member organizations, including civic and homeowners associations located across Queens, the Queens Civic Congress analyzed the proposed districts across the borough. While we agree with several of the changes that have been proposed by the Districting Commission, we believe that further changes are warranted and necessary in order to best serve the overall interests of the residents of Queens.

Several proposed Council Districts in each section of Queens interact significantly with each other at the margins: in central western Queens, portions of the 26th, 28th, 29th, 30th and 32nd Council Districts; in northeast Queens, portions of the 19th, 20th, 23rd and 24th Council Districts; and in southeast Queens, portions of the 27th, 28th and 31st Council Districts all have proposed boundaries that cross and divide neighborhoods in a way that will either decrease their ability to have fair representation or otherwise affect them negatively. Additionally, there are small sections of the 22nd Council District that interact with the 21st and the 26th Council Districts that are important to review; and an 11-block area between the 24th and 27th Council Districts that needs to be resolved. While each of these districts proposed by the Districting Commission fairly represents a substantial number of communities in their entirety, there are reasonable changes that would benefit certain divided neighborhoods being placed either in one Council District or another, as per the N.Y. City Charter, ch. 2-A, 52(1)(b)(2004).

These changes can occur with minimal alterations to total population counts, population density and population diversity, i.e. making sure that required representation is not significantly altered in a way that it would negatively impact the voting rights of various population groups within the parameters as described in the City Charter. In reality, the district by district population and demographic shifts based upon the Queens Civic Congress proposed changes will only vary slightly (see *Council Districts - District Populations and Demographics* Chart) with many of these areas having significant diversity by area and often by block, often already creating neighborhoods of very mixed ethnicity with no particular plurality. Additionally, those areas that have a concentration of one ethnic group have had their percentages altered significantly.

The QCC proposed changes would, however, change the map in several locations, with a final outcome being Council Districts that are significantly less gerrymandered, with more straight lines using natural and man-made boundaries (such as the Flushing River or Long Island Expressway) and encompassing entire neighborhoods - or most of a particular neighborhood if maximum / minimum population thresholds have been reached

- rather than dividing them between two or more Council Districts, thereby keeping these neighborhoods intact as they are clearly "communities with established ties of common interest and association." Or communities are defined by those boundaries, which are often-based on centuries-old towns and villages as well as planned communities designed over 100 years ago; and, just as importantly, areas of common zoning, particularly in the lower-density neighborhoods which have a high level of homeownership. Making sure our neighborhoods remain united and cohesive for fair representation is critical for our constituent member organizations in order for them to have reasonable influence over their own communities' destiny.

Methodology - Census 2010 Population Change and its Effects on Council Districts

According to the City Charter, each Council District should optimally contain a population of 160,710 based upon the 2010 Census. The districts can have plus or minus 5% of that optimum population and can therefore contain as few as 152,675 or as many as 168,745.

The 2010 census showed a small increase in population for the borough of Queens - approximately 31,000 persons. If that were divided equally between the 14.5 Council Districts (including the portion of the 34th Council District which includes Ridgewood) that are located in Queens, each district would have approximately 2,138 additional residents - an increase of just 1.3% of the average city district size of 160,710 persons.

While most of the Council Districts currently have a population within the + or - 5% deviation of optimum population as described above, there are five districts that are either above or below the maximum deviation: the 21st (+), 22nd (-), 23rd (-), 28th (-) and 29th (-). The draft Commission plan has all Council Districts complying by population; the proposed QCC plan does as well, but our results differ by attempting to keep traditional town and neighborhood boundaries intact and/or maintain straight lines on major roadways or natural boundaries.

Most importantly, many neighborhoods that are currently divided - or are proposed to be divided by the Commission - by Council Districts are placed in a single district as often as is possible.

The full list of Population Change for all Council Districts in Queens are listed under *Council Districts - Total Population and Deviations* and are divided into three groups: Existing, Proposed Commission and Proposed Queens Civic Congress (QCC). Each group is divided into three columns: population, deviation from optimum population and deviation as a percentage.

Below is a neighborhood by neighborhood summary describing the Commission's proposed changes and the areas that QCC believe should either be A) reversed; or B) retained. Another category includes the areas that QCC believes should be C) added. A comprehensive list of areas being proposed by both the Districting Commission and the QCC with population and demographic statistics that reference this language can be found in the section *Proposed District Changes - Districting Commission and QCC Comparison* with each proposed area broken down by number of blocks, population and demographics. Short summaries pertaining to each of those areas are listed below.

19th / 20th / 23rd Council Districts

Whitestone / North Flushing

The Commission has proposed that six blocks of the Mitchell-Linden apartment complex, six-story buildings located west of Union Street, should be removed from the 20th Council District and placed into the 19th (Figures 1 and 2). These blocks - which represents only about half of the *Mitchell-Linden Civic Association* area - were curiously carved out of the 20th, seemingly with no context; not only did it divide a previously united neighborhood, it is surrounded on three sides by the 20th, with its only connection to the 19th adjacent to the Whitestone Expressway on the west, across from the College Point Corporate Park.

Based on conversations with the *Mitchell-Linden Civic Association*, the *Queens Civic Congress* believes that these six blocks should revert back into the 20th Council District. An appropriate addition to the 19th from the 20th would be the portion of North Flushing located in the 20th (Figure 3) - both in terms of comparable population (Figure 7) - as the remainder of this area is already in the 19th.

The North Flushing area - approximately 38 blocks, or 25%, of the primarily detached single-family, low-density R1/R2 residential neighborhood (Figures 4, 5 and 6) north of Northern Boulevard that stretches between Union Street and Francis Lewis Boulevard - is currently located in the 20th Council District. It has no relation to the adjacent areas of high-density downtown Flushing to the south or the Mitchell-Linden Cooperative apartment buildings to the west, but is consistent and has a "common interest" with the rest of North Flushing to the east and should be placed entirely within the 19th Council District. *QCC's* recommendation is supported by the *North Flushing Civic Association*, which represents the immediate area, as well as the adjacent organizations to the east: *Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association*, *Bowne Park Civic Association*, *Auburndale Improvement Association* and the *North East Flushing Civic Association*. This "district swap" has also been endorsed by the *Mitchell-Linden Civic Association*.

In addition, two blocks should be added to the 20th from the 19th: a single block of garden apartments in Whitestone at 20th Avenue and Parsons Boulevard; and a block filled with six-story apartments at Northern Boulevard between Murray and 153rd Streets. These changes would generate less gerrymandered district lines as well as including higher density in District 20 where it is more in keeping with other similar areas.

Auburndale / Station Road / St. Kevin's

The Commission has proposed that five blocks of Auburndale in the St. Kevin's neighborhood be moved from the 20th to the 19th. While the *Auburndale Improvement Association* and *QCC* agree that these blocks should be retained in the 19th, we also believe that the rest of the blocks north of 46th/48th Avenue between 166th to 196th streets should also be added to the 19th from the 20th.

The area between 166th Street and Utopia Parkway - the Station Road area in Auburndale - is currently divided between the 19th and 20th Council Districts. The well-defined

neighborhood, almost entirely located in a detached single-family zone (Figures 4, 5 and 6), from the Long Island Railroad to 46th Avenue. The portion to the north of Northern Boulevard and two individual blocks to the south are located in the 19th, with the remainder located in the 20th. The *Station Road Civic Association*, which also represents the area, has stated that it is against the current split between two Council Districts.

To the west lies East Flushing, with significantly higher zoning and population density, while to the east is the St. Kevin's neighborhood which has a preponderance of one and two-family detached houses. Additionally, the blocks immediately south of St. Kevin's Church are several blocks of one-family rowhouses; half of those houses are in the 19th, while half are in the 20th. Overall, the St. Kevin's neighborhood is evenly split between the 19th and 20th Council Districts presently. *QCC* believes that these 28 blocks, along with the 5 already proposed by the Commission, should be added to the 19th as they have similar zoning, neighborhood character and demographics (Figure 8).

Auburndale / Francis Lewis Boulevard

The Francis Lewis Boulevard corridor from the Long Island Expressway to 48th Avenue is a politically confusing area, with jagged lines unnaturally dividing the area. The *Auburndale Improvement Association* and *QCC* believe that the Council District lines should reflect the major boundaries of the area - Francis Lewis Boulevard and 48th Avenue, which are both major roads - in dividing the area between the 19th, 20th and 23rd Council Districts. In total 10 blocks would be added to the 20th Council District from the 19th and 23rd; and 5 blocks would be added to the 23rd from the 19th, better delineating the already defined portions of the neighborhood (Figure 8).

Bayside / Clear Spring / Bayside Hills

The Commission has proposed that five blocks south of 48th Avenue between the Clearview Expressway and 210th Street be moved from the 19th to the 23rd Council District.

While *QCC* supports this particular change, we are adamantly opposed to the proposed move of 28 blocks of the Bayside Hills neighborhood from the 19th to 23rd Council District. Before the 2000 census, all of Bayside Hills - which has had specifically demarcated boundaries since its founding in 1936 (210th Street, 48th Avenue, Springfield Boulevard and the Horace Harding / Long Island Expressway) - was located in the 19th. After the 2000 census, 11 blocks adjacent to the Long Island Expressway were moved into the 23rd. The goal of the *Bayside Hills Civic Association*, which has represented the neighborhood since its founding more than 75 years ago, was to move those 11 blocks back to the 19th with the remainder of Bayside Hills (Figure 9). *QCC* supports *Bayside Hills Civic Association* in their push for the reversal of the Commission's proposed move of 28 blocks from the 19th to the 23rd; furthermore, we support maintaining the unity of Bayside Hills by requesting that the Districting Commission move those 11 blocks adjacent to the Long Island Expressway back into the 19th Council District.

23rd / 24th Council Districts

Fresh Meadows / Jamaica Estates

The Commission has proposed that 52 blocks located in Fresh Meadows bounded by the Long Island Expressway (Figures 1, 2 and 3), Utopia Parkway and Union Turnpike be moved from the 24th to the 23rd Council District. This overall neighborhood, comprised entirely of detached single-family houses (Figures 4, 5 and 6), is represented by the *Fresh Meadows Homeowners Association*, *Utopia Estates Civic Association* and the *West Cunningham Park Civic Association*. QCC supports this shift, as the entirety of this area has been divided into two Council Districts for decades. We also support the move of a single block west of 188th Street in Jamaica Estates be moved from the 23rd to the 24th Council District which had inexplicably been carved out and placed in the 23rd Council District in the 2000 census.

27th / 28th / 31st Council Districts

Cambria Heights

The Commission has proposed that 52 blocks located in southern portion of Cambria Heights (Figure 11) be moved from the 27th Council District to the 31st. *Concerned Citizens of Laurelton*, the civic organization that represents the adjacent blocks immediately to the south, has voiced their opposition as has the Cambria Heights Civic Association, which is strongly in favor of retaining these 52 blocks in the 27th Council District. The boundary between Cambria Heights and Laurelton has been well established for over a century as the north end of Montefiore Cemetery and 121st Avenue. By moving approximately 1/3 of Cambria Heights into the 31st Council District, the Commission is splitting this well-defined community and weakening its political representation. QCC believes that the Commission should reverse this proposed redistricting and keep all of Cambria Heights in the 27th Council District.

Springfield Gardens

Significant portions of Springfield Gardens have been proposed by the Commission to be removed from the 31st Council District and placed in the 27th and 28th Council Districts (Figure 11). In particular, the 23 blocks of Springfield Gardens north of the Belt Parkway between Baisley Pond Park and Guy Brewer Boulevard proposed by the Commission should be retained in any new plan. Otherwise, QCC agrees with relatively few of these proposed Commission changes and believes that significant areas should revert back to their existing districts (Figure 12).

Area civics do not agree with the Commission's plans to move 32 blocks south of the Belt Parkway that are being proposed by the Commission to be moved to the 28th Council District from the 31st. The Belt Parkway acts as a major dividing line between these sections of Springfield Gardens; they are essentially two separate neighborhoods (Figure 13). Placing half of the area south of the Belt Parkway into a separate Council District will significantly weaken the ability for this area to have fair political representation and,

frankly, cause an area already isolated due to its immediate proximity to Kennedy Airport and surrounding industrial areas to be even more marginalized.

Similarly, two other discrete areas of Springfield Gardens - a 24 block area just west of Springfield Boulevard south of Merrick Boulevard; and a 25 block area south of Rochdale Village (Figure 13) - should remain in the 31st Council District for similar reasons, as they do not relate to other areas adjacent to them and have more "common interests" with the neighborhoods to the east. QCC believes that the Commission should reverse these proposed changes and have these blocks remain within the 31st Council District.

21st / 22nd / 26th Council Districts

Ditmars / Astoria

The Commission has proposed moving a geographically large portion of the present 22nd Council District - including Rikers Island and LaGuardia Airport - into the 21st. These changes, while fairly significant, do not affect the residents of the 21st or 22nd Council Districts. However, a six-block portion of Ditmars near the Rikers Island Bridge and LaGuardia Airport has also been proposed to move from the 22nd Council District to the 21st. The QCC opposes this seemingly arbitrary move, which isolates a small portion of Ditmars from the rest of the neighborhood.

Woodside

The Commission has proposed moving several areas in Woodside from the 26th Council District to the 22nd. While QCC agrees with many of these changes, an 8 block area adjacent to the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway near Broadway should be retained in the 26th Council District, as it is an immediate continuation of the neighborhood to the south.

26th / 28th / 29th / 30th / 32nd Council Districts

Maspeth

The Commission has proposed to radically alter the 30th Council District on both its northerly and southerly boundaries. This includes moving approximately 40% of Maspeth from the 30th Council District to the 26th (Figures 14, 15 and 16).

Prior to the 2000 census, Maspeth was divided between three Council Districts: the 26th, 29th and 30th. When the area was redistricted in 2003, a successful effort was undertaken by the *Juniper Park Civic Association*, which represents Maspeth and Middle Village, to unite 90% of Maspeth into one Council District - the 30th (Figure 17). The Commission's proposed redistricting will undo this previous work and once again divide Maspeth. The QCC proposal supports *Juniper Park Civic Association* in its appeal to keep Maspeth mostly intact within the 30th Council District.

The geography and street grid of Maspeth are unique in that the Long Island Expressway literally plows through the center of the Maspeth commercial district, dividing the southern portion of Grand Avenue from the northern portion. However, the lines that the Commission are proposing use Grand Avenue itself as a significant dividing line, even south of the Long Island Expressway. Dividing Maspeth in this fashion will only complicate the ability of the community to get fair representation, as significant coordination will have to occur between elected officials, civic organizations and business groups in order to have any action taken on a particular issue.

The *Juniper Park Civic Association* and *QCC* have devised an alternate plan (Figure 15) that would remove less than 20% of Maspeth from the 30th Council District - keeping 62 blocks within the 30th and moving 52 blocks to the 26th - while guaranteeing that the commercial district along Grand Avenue on both sides of the Long Island Expressway remains primarily within one Council District.

Woodhaven / Richmond Hill / Kew Gardens

The Commission has proposed a wholesale shift in Council District representation for Woodhaven, Richmond Hill and parts of Kew Gardens, moving well over 200 blocks between the 28th, 29th 30th and 32nd Council Districts. The area is divided into five neighborhoods (Figure 17): Woodhaven, Woodhaven North, Richmond Hill, Richmond Hill North and Kew Gardens. All of Woodhaven and 1/3 of Woodhaven North is presently located in the 32nd Council District, while the rest of Woodhaven North, Richmond Hill North portions of Richmond Hill and Kew Gardens are located in the 30th. The rest of Kew Gardens and a portion of Richmond Hill are in the 29th, and the remainder of Richmond Hill is located in the 28th (Figure 14).

The Council District boundaries proposed by the Commission (Figure 15) represents a significant change in representation in what QCC believes to be not in the best interests of these important areas of Queens. The character of these neighborhoods is rather specific: Woodhaven North is comprised mostly of two-family detached houses, while the remainder of Woodhaven is more typically a mix of detached houses, rowhouses and small apartment buildings; Richmond Hill North is comprised mostly of one-family detached houses, while the remainder of the area is also similar mix to Woodhaven. Kew Gardens is largely split between areas containing large single-family houses, two-family rowhouses and six-story apartment buildings.

Richmond Hill North and Kew Gardens also have the distinction of being the first suburban planned communities in Queens County, developed by the Man family between 1870 and 1930. These neighborhoods, which have tenacious civic organizations including the *Kew Gardens Civic Association* and the *Richmond Hill Historical Society*, are adamant about not being split between several Council Districts, and the *Queens Civic Congress* agrees with them.

The main natural and manmade boundaries in these neighborhoods are quite prominent and obvious: The Brooklyn-Queens County line on the west; the Long Island Railroad trestle between Woodhaven and Richmond Hill in the center; and the Van Wyck Expressway on the east.

From north to south, the boundaries are Forest Park and the Jackie Robinson Parkway; Jamaica Avenue, which acts as both a commercial center and a visual dividing line (including in housing type) due to the elevated subway; and Atlantic Avenue on the south. Additionally, Richmond Hill North and Kew Gardens have a specific boundary line delineated when the areas were developed over a century ago.

QCC has proposed certain common sense boundary adjustments based upon the geography and natural boundaries of these neighborhoods (Figure 16) which will cause decreased disruption to the shape and content of the current Council Districts. We believe that, for the most part, Jamaica Avenue should act as the boundary between the 30th and 32nd Council Districts as it is being proposed between the 28th and 29th Council Districts; the only exception to this is a section between the Long Island Railroad trestle and 111th Street that would continue south to Atlantic Avenue, which would remain in the 30th Council District (which represents most of that area presently).

Additionally, the *QCC* proposes that a section of Woodhaven between Woodhaven Boulevard and the Long Island Railroad from Jamaica to Atlantic avenues would be moved to the 32nd Council District, as would an area of South Richmond Hill south of Atlantic Avenue and east of the Long Island Railroad trestle (Figure 16).

The 29th and 30th Council District lines between Richmond Hill North and Kew Gardens would also be shifted to reflect the actual boundary between these two discrete neighborhoods.

Report Summary

The *Queens Civic Congress* believes that our proposal herein describes specific changes to the proposed Council District maps based on our constituent member organization's wishes. Our proposed district lines hew closely to actual neighborhood boundaries in a rational, reasonable and logical manner, without violating the spirit or intent of the City Charter directives. We believe that *QCC*'s proposed lines should be used in the final design proposed by the Districting Commission. For communities to be fairly represented, it is imperative that district lines actually encompass entire neighborhoods unless its absolutely impossible to do so. This is paramount in a democracy.

The *QCC*'s only objective, as a non-partisan umbrella organization, is to ensure the continued social and economic vitality of the neighborhoods of Queens County. Our member organizations, many mentioned herein, are the stewards of their large and ethnically diverse neighborhoods. *QCC* member civics and their hundreds of thousands of members actively participate in the civic and political life of these "areas of common interest" that define them. We present herein a common vision of district boundaries that better describe our members' common interest and we urge the Districting Commission to adopt these proposed Council District lines in order to benefit the residents of Queens.



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19th / 20th / 23rd Council Districts - Proposed Commission Changes to be Reversed

Mitchell-Linden - 20th to 19th - Commission Addition (6 Blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
1228	36	426	1960	46	3696
33.2%	1%	11.5%	53%	1.2%	100%

Bayside Hills - 19th to 23rd - Commission Addition (28 blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
1013	18	154	852	44	2081
48.7%	0.9%	7.4%	40.9%	2.1%	100%

19th / 20th / 23rd Council Districts - Proposed Commission Changes to be Retained

Station Road / Auburndale - 20th to 19th - Commission/QCC Addition (5 Blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
252	1	76	245	3	577
43.6%	0.2%	13.1%	42.5%	0.5%	100%

Bayside / Clear Spring - 19th to 23rd - Commission/QCC Addition (5 blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
257	4	110	355	17	743
34.6%	0.5%	14.8%	47.8%	2.3%	100%

19th / 20th / 23rd Council Districts - Proposed QCC Changes to be Added

North Flushing - 20th to 19th - QCC Addition (Approximately 38 Blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
1472	21	259	2031	50	3833
38.4%	.5%	6.8%	53%	1.3%	100%

Northern Boulevard - 19th to 20th - QCC Addition (1 Block)

W	B	H	A	O	
51	9	428	85	8	581
8.8%	1.5%	73.7%	14.6%	1.4%	100%

Whitestone - 19th to 20th - QCC Addition (1 Block)

W	B	H	A	O	
51	1	80	129	7	268
19%	0.4%	29.9%	48.1%	2.6%	100%

Station Road / Auburndale - 20th to 19th - QCC Addition (28 Blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
1474	42	380	1005	43	2944
50%	1.4%	12.9%	34.1%	1.5%	100%

Auburndale - 19th to 20th - QCC Addition (4 Blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
166	3	77	143	7	396
42%	0.8%	19.4%	36.1%	1.8%	100%

Auburndale - 23rd to 20th - QCC Addition (6 blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
205	1	36	227	4	473
43.3%	0.2%	7.6%	48%	0.8%	100%

Auburndale - 19th to 23rd - QCC Addition (5 blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
80	13	59	174	4	330
24.2%	3.9%	17.9%	52.7%	1.2%	100%

Bayside Hills - 23rd to 19th - QCC Addition (11 blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
346	4	68	424	10	852
40.6%	0.5%	8%	49.8%	1.2%	100%

24th / 28th Council Districts - Proposed Commission Changes to be Reversed

Downtown Jamaica - 27th to 24th - Commission Addition (8 Blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
93	1464	2202	830	196	4785
1.9%	30.6%	46%	17.3%	4.1%	100%

24th / 28th Council Districts - Proposed QCC Changes to be Added

Downtown Jamaica - 27th to 24th - Commission Addition (3 Blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
5	92	65	102	21	285
1.8%	32.2%	22.8%	35.8%	7.4%	100%

27th / 28th / 31st Council Districts - Proposed Commission Changes to be Reversed

Cambria Heights - 31st to 27th - Commission Addition (52 Blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
54	4071	225	14	91	4455
1.2%	91.4%	5.1%	0.3%	2%	100%

Springfield Gardens East - 31st to 27th - Commission Addition (24 Blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
14	2358	206	3	76	2657
0.5%	88.7%	7.8%	0.1%	2.9%	100%

Springfield Gardens (south of Rochdale Village) - 31st to 28th - Commission Addition (25 Blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
17	2630	194	20	64	2925
0.6%	89.9%	6.6%	0.7%	2.2%	100%

Springfield Gardens (south of Belt Pkwy) - 31st to 28th - Commission Addition (Approximately 32 Blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
61	2129	223	79	74	2566
2.4%	83%	8.7%	3%	2.9%	100%

27th / 28th / 31st Council Districts - Proposed Commission Changes to be Retained

Baisley Pond Neighborhood - 27th to 28th - Commission/QCC Addition (25 Blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
12	2308	295	71	67	2753
0.4%	83.8%	10.7%	2.6%	2.4%	100%

Springfield Gardens (north of Belt Pkwy) - 31st to 28th - Commission/QCC Addition (23 Blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
29	1898	344	73	78	2422
1.2%	78.3%	14.2%	3%	3.2%	100%

21st / 22nd Council Districts - Proposed Commission Changes to be Reversed

Ditmars near Rikers Island Bridge - 21st to 22nd - Commission Addition (6 Blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
384	33	150	60	23	650
59%	5%	23%	9.2%	3.5%	100%

22nd / 26th Council Districts - Proposed Commission Changes to be Reversed

Woodside (west side of BQE) - 22nd to 26th - Commission Addition (8 Blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
85	4	743	541	23	1396
6.1%	0.3%	53.2%	38.8%	1.6%	100%

Woodside (between Broadway and Northern Blvd) - 22nd to 26th - Commission Addition (1 Block)

W	B	H	A	O	
75	15	357	129	43	619
6.1%	0.3%	53.2%	38.8%	1.6%	100%

26th / 28th / 29th / 30th / 32nd Council Districts - Proposed Commission Changes to be Reversed

Maspeth - 30th to 26th - Commission Addition (Approximately 62 Blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
4030	54	1469	222	73	5848
68.9%	0.9%	25.1%	38%	1.2%	100%

Woodhaven - 32nd to 30th - Commission Addition (Approximately 85 Blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
2653	1188	12649	3193	1118	20801
12.8%	5.7%	60.8%	15.6%	5.4%	100%

Richmond Hill - 30th to 32nd - Commission Addition (Approximately 45 Blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
1896	698	4815	1319	583	9311
20.4%	7.5%	51.7%	14.2%	6.3%	100%

Richmond Hill - 30th to 28th - Commission Addition (Approximately 3 Blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
83	49	271	128	69	600
13.8%	8.2%	45.2%	21.3%	11.5%	100%

Richmond Hill - 30th to 29th - Commission Addition (Approximately 20 Blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
821	155	703	319	92	2090
39.3%	7.4%	33.6%	15.3%	4.4%	100%

26th / 28th / 29th / 30th / 32nd Council Districts - Proposed Commission Changes to be Retained

Maspeth - 30th to 26th - Commission/QCC Addition (Approximately 46 Blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
3732	51	1852	2801	119	8555
43.6%	0.6%	21.6%	32.7%	1.4%	100%

Woodhaven - 32nd to 30th - Commission/QCC Addition (Approximately 15 Blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
754	241	2585	823	195	4598
16.4%	5.2%	56.2%	17.9%	4.2%	100%

Richmond Hill - 28th to 32nd - Commission/QCC Addition (31 Blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
587	656	2244	1396	1003	5886
10%	11.1%	38.1%	23.7%	17%	100%

Kew Gardens - 30th to 29th - Commission Addition (Approximately 20 Blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
308	6	18	8	1	341
90.3%	1.6%	5.3%	2.3%	0.3%	100%

26th / 28th / 29th / 30th / 32nd Council Districts - Proposed QCC Changes to be Added

Maspeth - 30th to 26th - QCC Addition (6 Blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
405	0	144	92	10	651
62.2%	0%	22.1%	14.1%	1.5%	100%

Maspeth - 30th to 26th - QCC Addition (1 Block)

W	B	H	A	O	
9	0	4	14	0	27
33.3%	0%	14.8%	51.6%	1.5%	100%

Woodhaven - 30th to 32nd - QCC Addition (Approximately 16 Blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
545	155	1594	596	178	3068
17.8%	5.1%	52%	19.4%	5.8%	100%

Richmond Hill - 32nd to 30th - QCC Addition (Approximately 14 Blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
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431	375	2071	746	401	4024
10.7%	9.3%	51.5%	18.6%	10%	100%

Richmond Hill - 29th to 30th - QCC Addition (Approximately 6 Blocks)

W	B	H	A	O	
239	65	222	175	31	732
32.7%	8.9%	30.3%	23.9%	4.2%	100%

Richmond Hill - 29th to 30th - QCC Addition (1 Block)

W	B	H	A	O	
78	0	7	11	0	96
81.3%	0%	7.3%	11.4%	0%	100%

Council District	Existing Population	Existing Deviation	Existing %	Proposed Commission	Proposed Deviation	Proposed %	Proposed QCC	Proposed Deviation	Proposed %
19	155,339	-5,371	-3.34	156,788	-3,922	-2.44	161,224	514	0.32
20	161,043	333	0.21	156,770	-3,940	-2.45	155,410	-5,300	-3.3
21	172,973	12,263	7.63	156,903	-3,807	-2.37	156,253	-4,457	-2.77
22	146,662	-14,048	-8.74	154,111	-6,599	-4.11	152,746	-7,964	-4.96
23	151,475	-9,235	-5.75	159,160	-1,550	-0.96	156,084	-4,626	-2.88
24	167,638	6,928	4.31	161,677	967	0.6	166,747	6,037	3.76
25	162,696	1,986	1.24	164,032	3,322	2.07	164,032	3,322	2.07
26	161,235	525	0.33	156,042	-4,668	-2.9	152,860	-7,850	-4.88
27	156,449	-4,261	-2.65	156,683	-4,027	-2.51	153,411	-7,299	-4.54
28	147,837	-12,873	-8.01	159,645	-1,065	-0.66	153,554	-7,156	-4.45
29	147,993	-12,717	-7.91	163,725	3,015	1.88	160,972	262	0.16
30	154,756	-5,954	-3.7	154,937	-5,773	-3.59	152,953	-7,757	-4.83
31	160,735	25	0.02	155,094	-5,616	-3.49	158,787	-1,923	-1.2
32	163,504	2,794	1.74	156,426	-4,284	-2.67	166,960	6,250	3.89

Council District	NH WHITE			NH BLACK			HISPANIC			NH ASIAN			NH OTHER		
	Existing	Prop. Comm	Prop. QCC	Existing	Prop. Comm	Prop. QCC	Existing	Prop. Comm	Prop. QCC	Existing	Prop. Comm	Prop. QCC	Existing	Prop. Comm	Prop. QCC
19 - Population	82980	83190	85919	2528	2543	2566	23728	23966	23754	43503	44501	46322	2600	2588	2663
19 - %	53.4%	53.1%	53.3%	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%	15.3%	15.3%	14.7%	28.0%	28.4%	28.7%	1.7%	1.7%	1.7%
20 - Population	24850	23370	22125	4407	4370	4357	25138	24638	25047	103144	100939	100447	3504	3455	3434
20 - %	15.4%	14.9%	14.2%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	15.7%	15.6%	16.1%	64.0%	64.4%	64.6%	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%
21 - Population	7717	7793	7490	10532	16832	16799	130236	116813	116663	21688	12812	12752	2800	2653	2630
21 - %	4.5%	5.0%	4.7%	6.1%	10.7%	10.8%	75.3%	74.4%	74.7%	12.5%	8.2%	8.2%	1.6%	1.7%	1.7%
22 - Population	75664	81015	81239	11058	5964	5978	36237	38461	37511	19081	23616	23006	4622	5055	5012
22 - %	51.6%	52.6%	53.2%	7.5%	3.9%	3.9%	24.7%	25.0%	24.6%	13.0%	15.3%	15.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.3%
23 - Population	47608	51098	49614	17781	17859	17849	20831	21471	21272	55444	58756	57427	9811	9976	9922
23 - %	31.4%	32.1%	31.8%	11.7%	11.2%	11.4%	13.8%	13.5%	13.6%	36.5%	36.9%	36.8%	6.5%	6.3%	6.4%
24 - Population	55623	54887	54885	19611	18301	19857	36567	34571	36838	48243	46490	47422	7594	7428	7645
24 - %	33.2%	33.9%	33.0%	11.7%	11.3%	11.9%	21.8%	21.4%	22.1%	28.8%	28.8%	28.4%	4.5%	4.6%	4.6%
25 - Population	24701	21955	21955	9471	8728	8728	68277	79125	79125	58072	50380	50380	4175	3844	3844
25 - %	15.2%	13.4%	13.4%	5.8%	5.3%	5.3%	42.0%	48.2%	48.2%	34.5%	30.7%	30.7%	2.6%	2.3%	2.3%
26 - Population	45618	46361	42896	9801	9553	9518	57274	53722	53497	43706	42100	42640	4836	4306	4309
26 - %	28.3%	29.7%	28.1%	6.1%	6.1%	6.2%	35.5%	34.4%	35.0%	27.1%	27.0%	27.9%	3.0%	2.8%	2.8%
27 - Population	2575	2616	2558	114960	112403	112560	19931	21819	19571	10469	11217	10296	8514	8628	8426
27 - %	1.6%	1.7%	1.7%	73.5%	71.7%	73.4%	12.7%	13.9%	12.8%	6.7%	7.2%	6.7%	5.4%	5.5%	5.5%
28 - Population	4938	5005	4844	71670	80880	76072	28265	29252	28564	22811	24027	23800	20153	20481	20274
28 - %	3.3%	3.1%	3.2%	48.5%	50.7%	49.5%	19.1%	18.3%	18.6%	15.4%	15.1%	15.5%	13.6%	12.8%	13.2%
29 - Population	69660	72372	71381	5204	4739	4519	26906	29784	28862	40830	51875	51378	5393	4955	4832
29 - %	47.1%	44.2%	44.3%	3.5%	2.9%	2.8%	18.2%	18.2%	17.9%	27.6%	31.7%	31.9%	3.6%	3.0%	3.0%
30 - Population	88635	81719	85547	2682	3156	3209	47573	54677	49838	12862	12042	11073	3004	3343	3286
30 - %	57.3%	52.7%	55.9%	1.7%	2.0%	2.1%	30.7%	35.3%	32.6%	8.3%	7.8%	7.2%	1.9%	2.2%	2.1%
31 - Population	17105	17113	17151	109647	104953	107999	26198	25581	25979	2919	2764	2852	4866	4683	4806
31 - %	10.6%	11.0%	10.8%	68.2%	67.7%	68.0%	16.3%	16.5%	16.4%	1.8%	1.8%	1.8%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
32 - Population	62340	61883	62554	13563	13501	13771	49669	43504	50861	24018	23305	25029	13914	14433	14745
32 - %	38.1%	39.4%	37.5%	8.3%	8.6%	8.2%	30.4%	27.8%	30.5%	14.7%	14.9%	15.0%	8.5%	9.2%	8.8%

19th, 20th, 23rd and 24th Council Districts
Existing Boundaries and Population

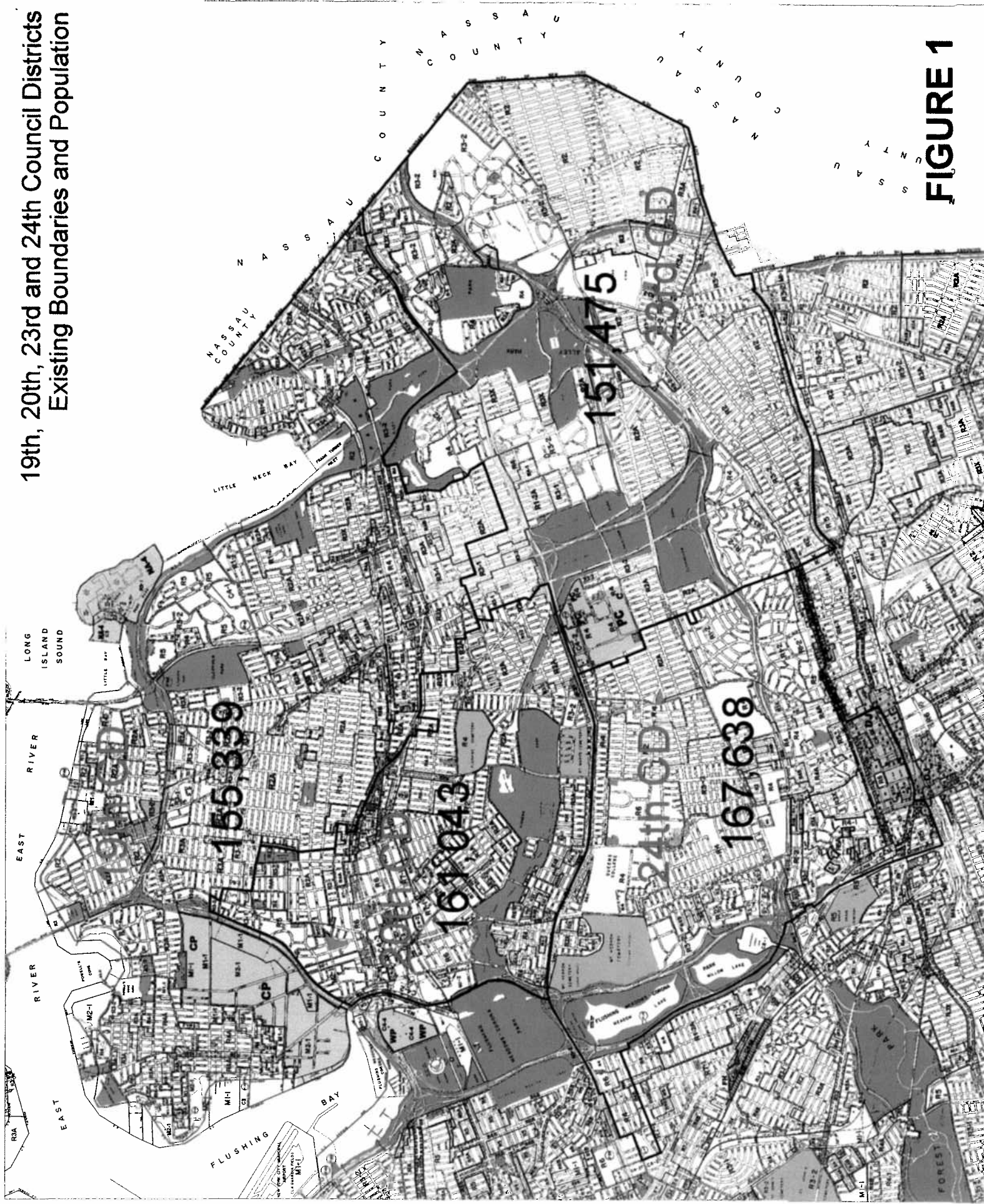


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19th, 20th, 23rd and 24th Council Districts Proposed Boundaries and Population New York City Districting Commission September 2012 - Draft

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- Proposed addition to 23rd CD
- Proposed addition to 24th CD
- Proposed addition to 27th CD

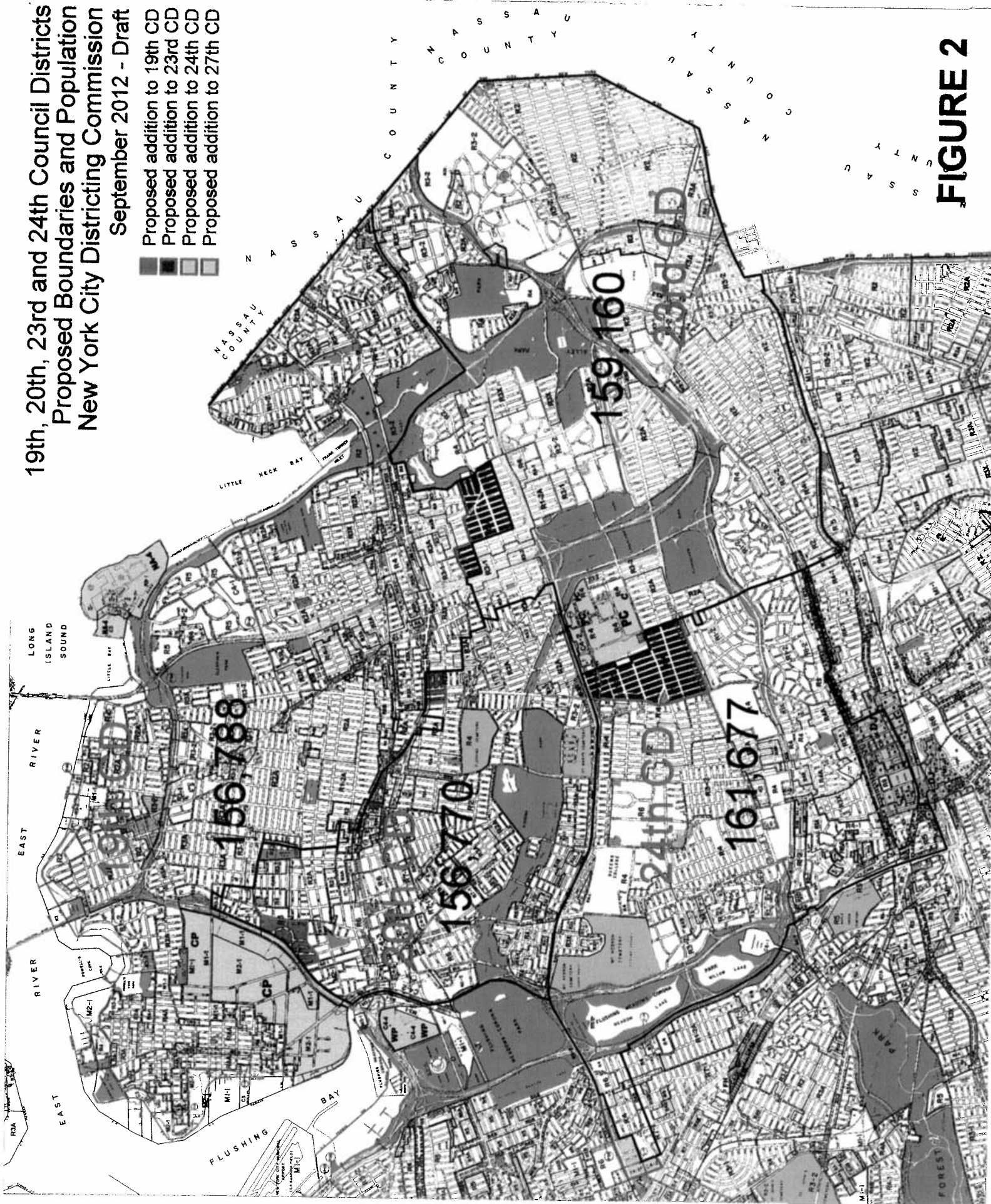


FIGURE 2

19th, 20th, 23rd and 24th Council Districts Proposed Boundaries and Population Queens Civic Congress September 2012 - Draft

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- Proposed addition to 23rd CD
- Proposed addition to 24th CD

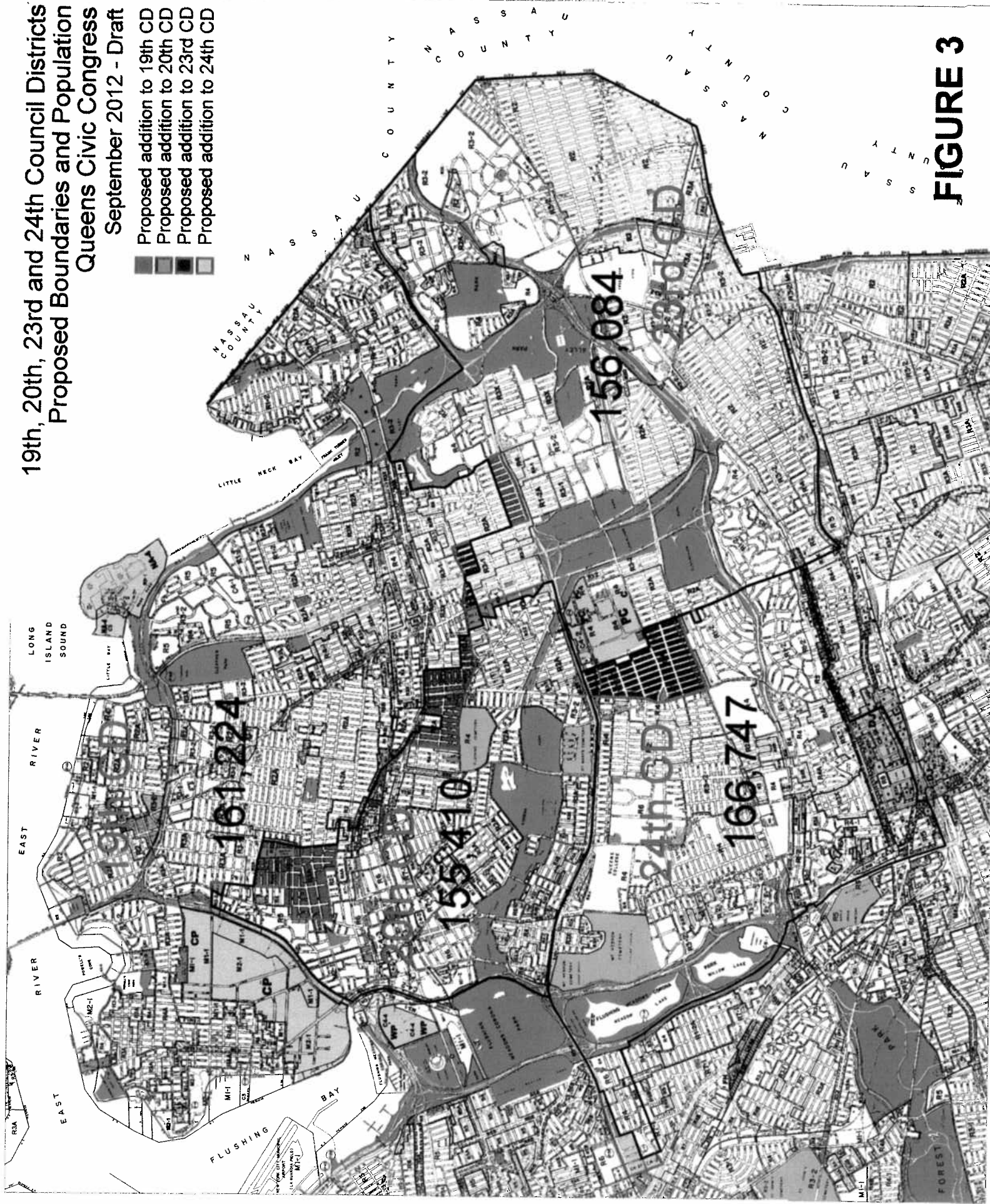


FIGURE 3

19th, 20th, 23rd and 24th Council Districts
Existing Boundaries and Population

Black Line - Existing Council District
Shades of Yellow/Light Green - R1/R2 Zoning

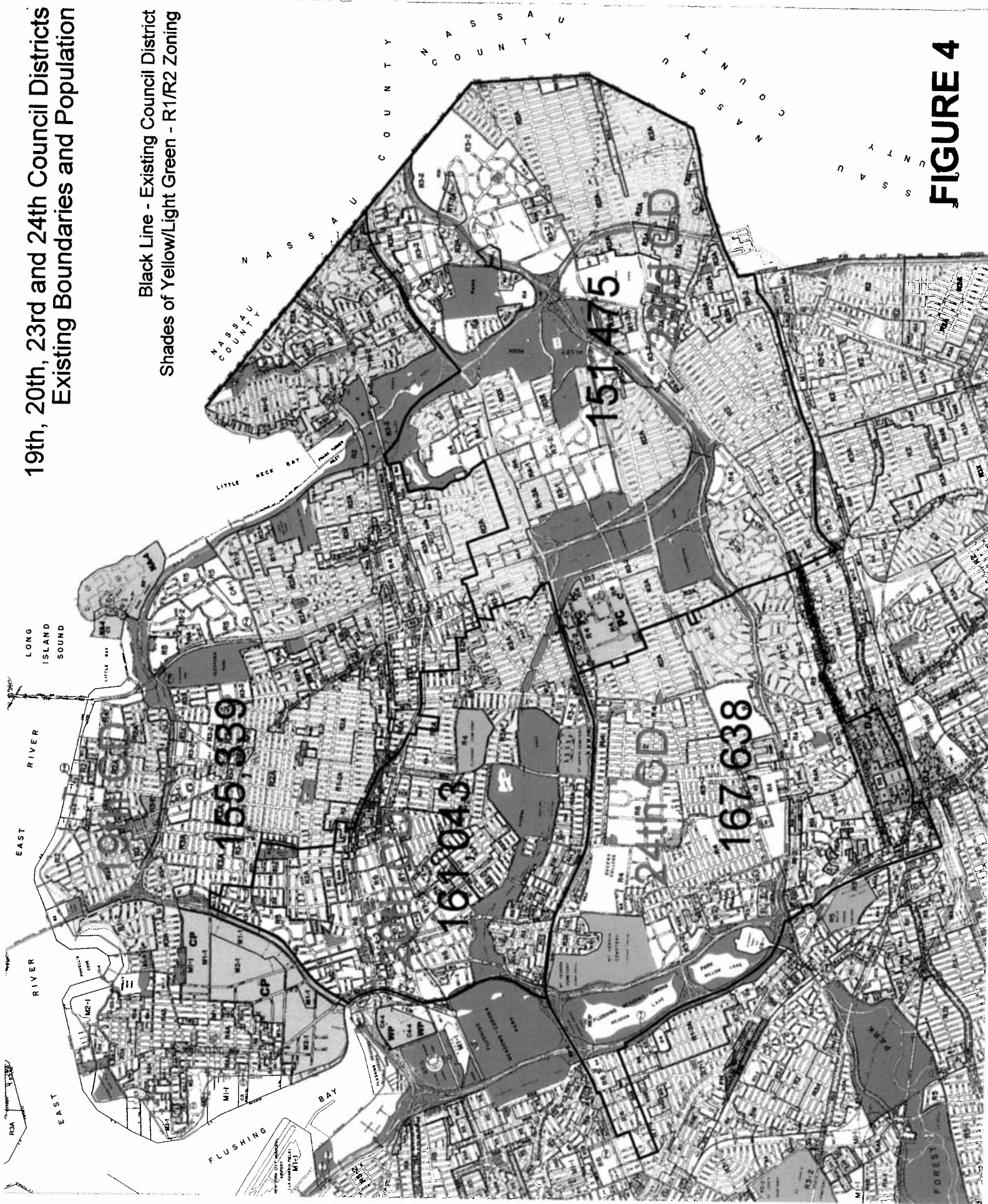


FIGURE 4

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Red Line - Proposed Council District

Shades of Yellow/Light Green - R1/R2 Zoning



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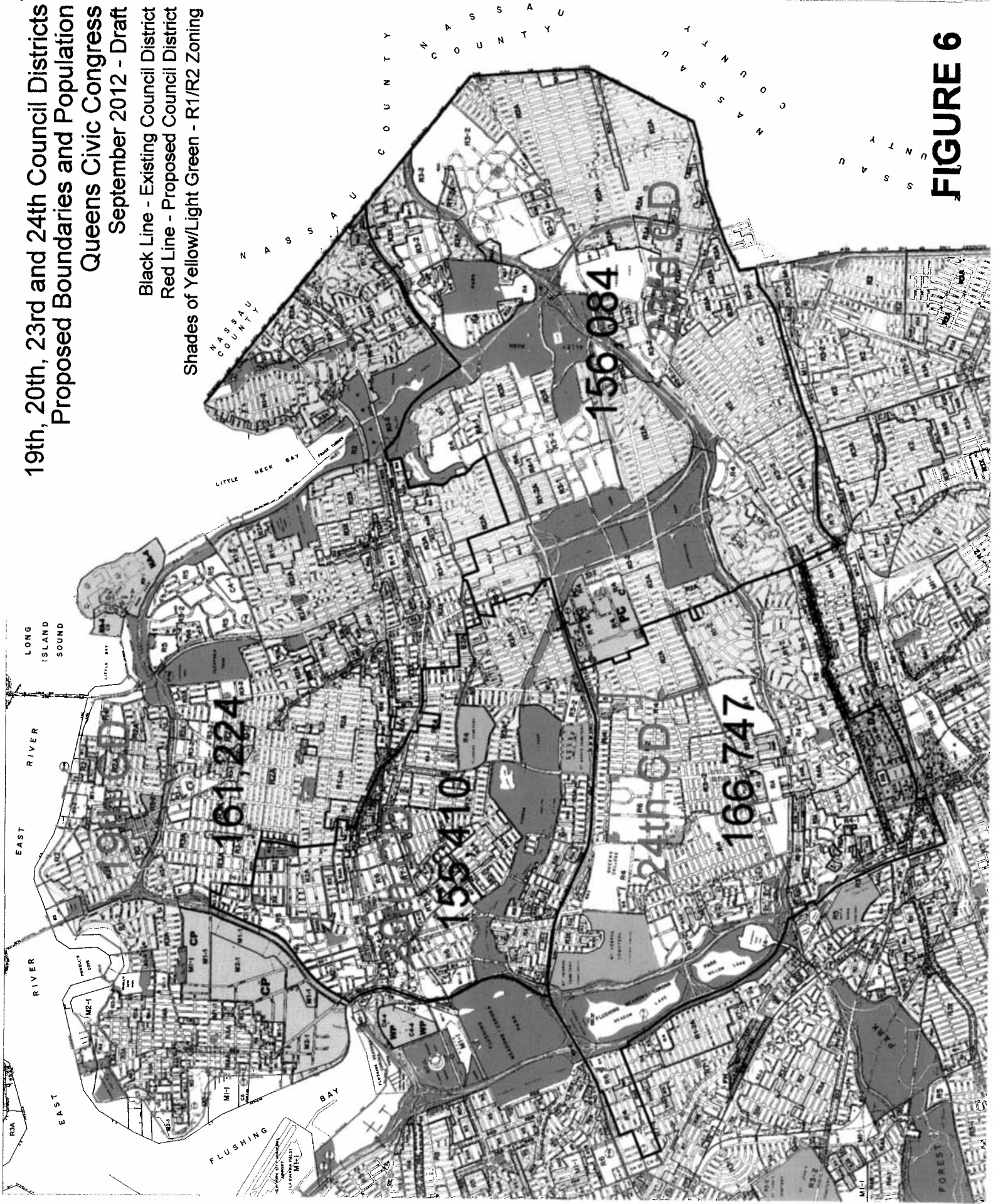
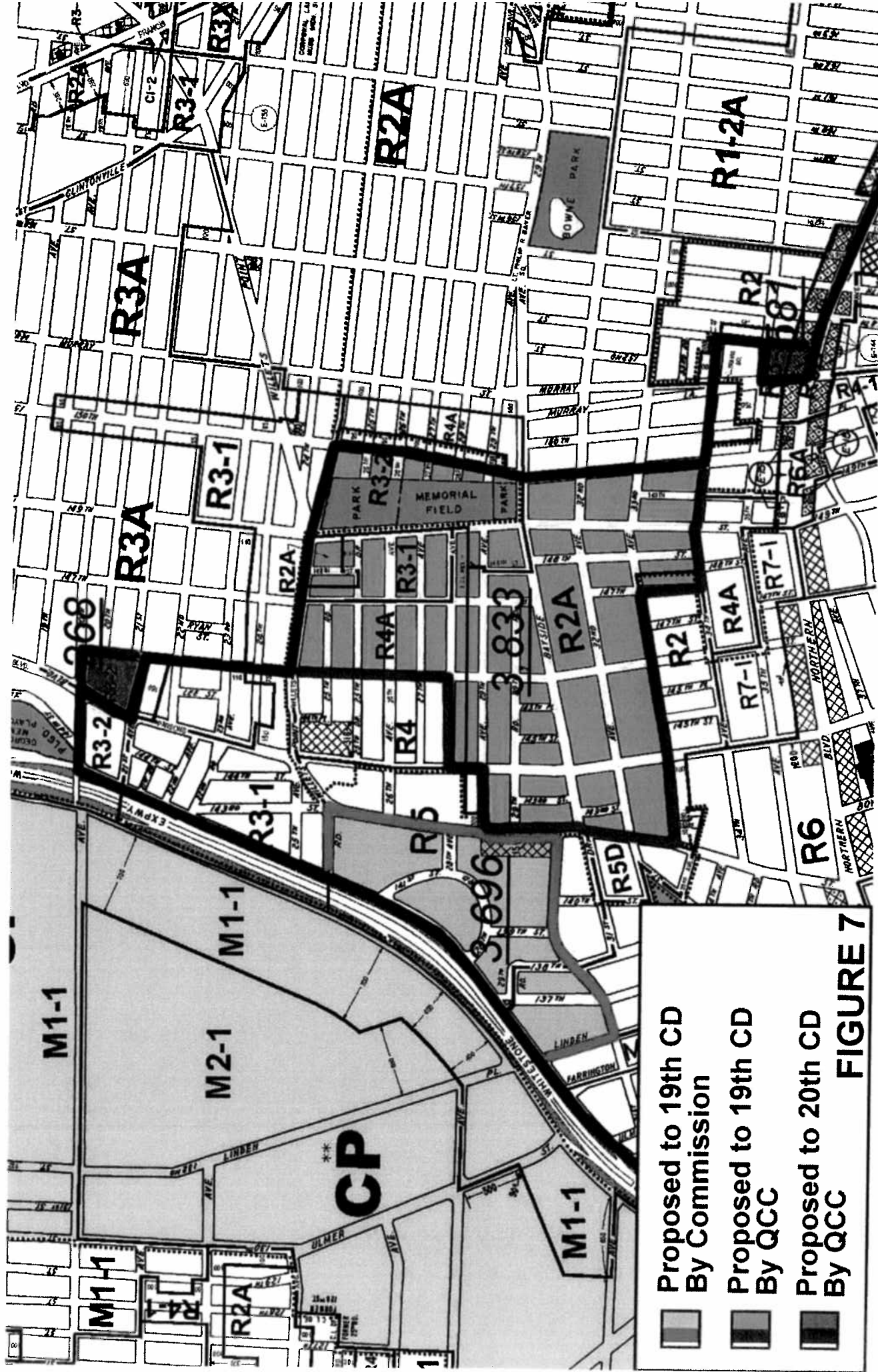


FIGURE 6



Proposed to 19th CD

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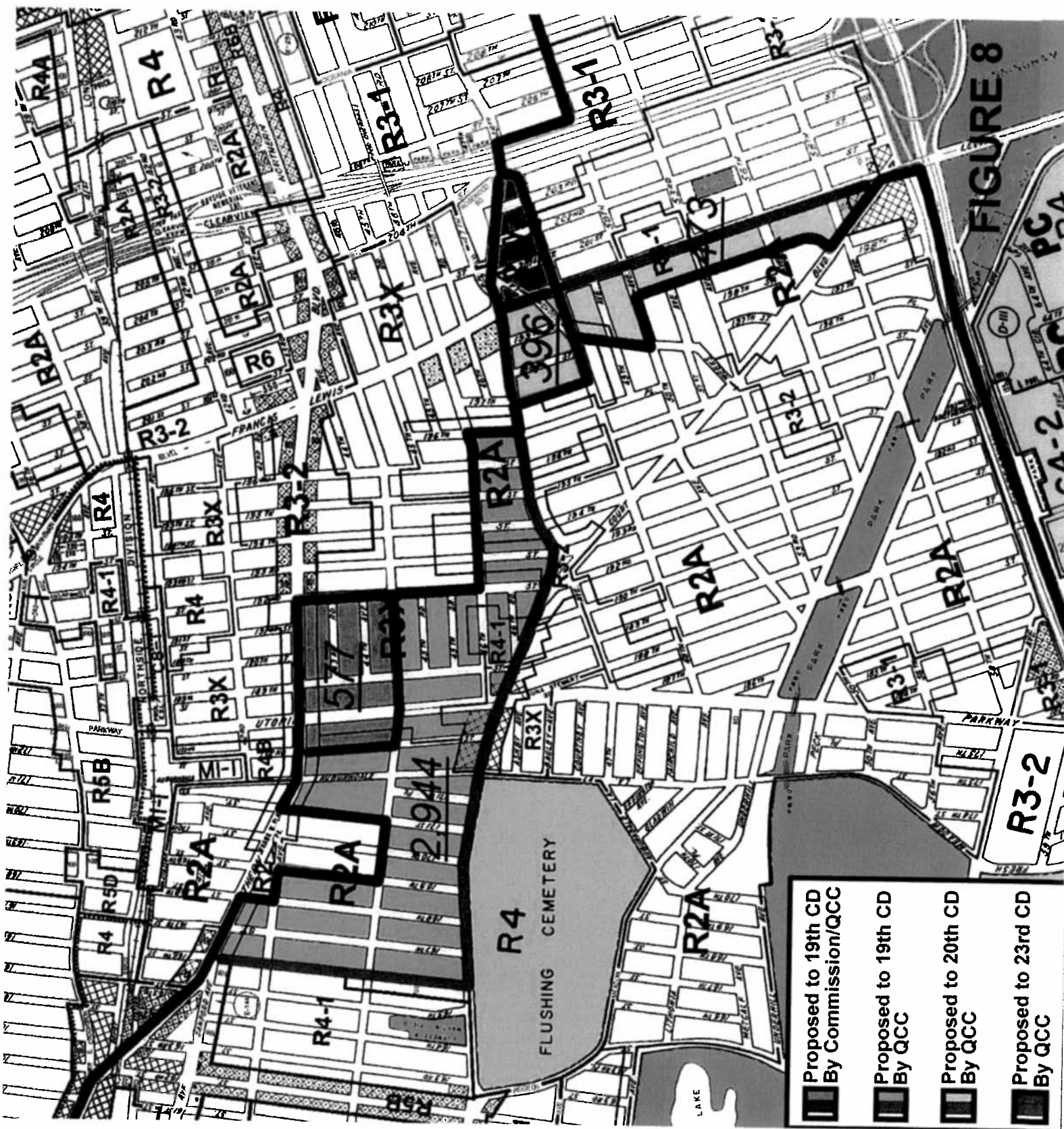
Proposed to 19th CD

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Proposed to 20th CD

By QCC

FIGURE 7



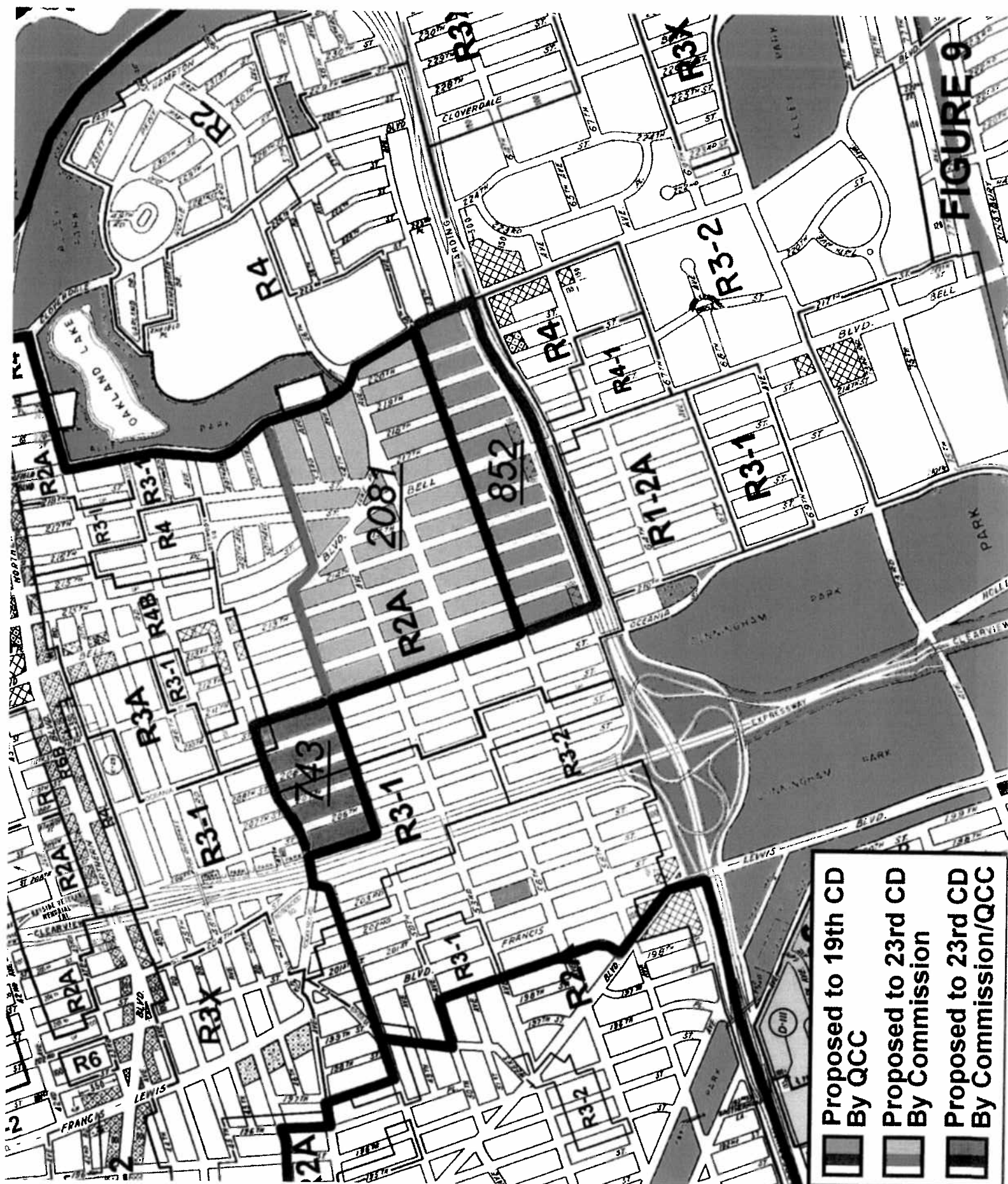


FIGURE 9

27th, 28th and 31st Council Districts
Existing Boundaries and Population

CD 27
156,449

CD 28
147,837

CD 31
160,735

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FIGURE 10

27th, 28th and 31st Council Districts
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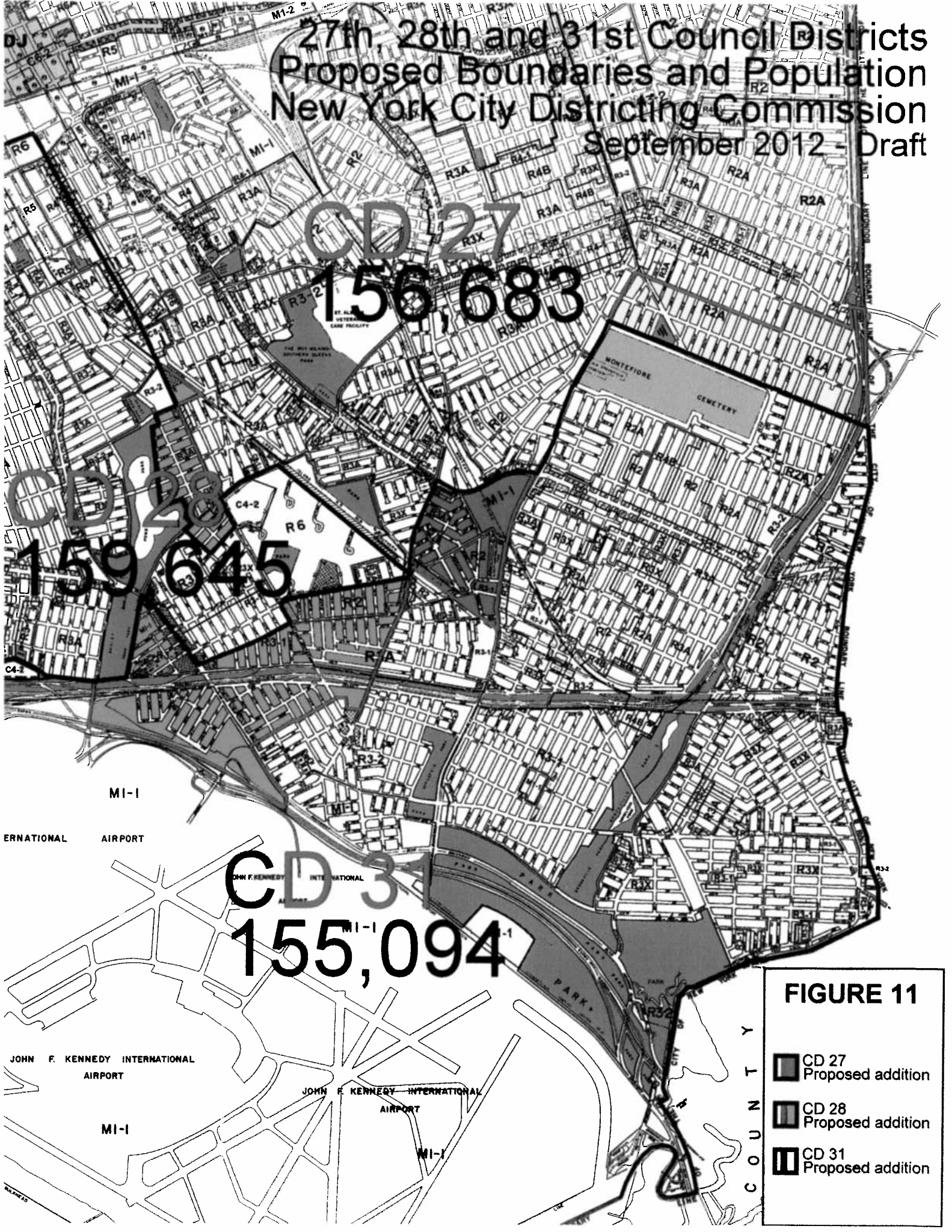
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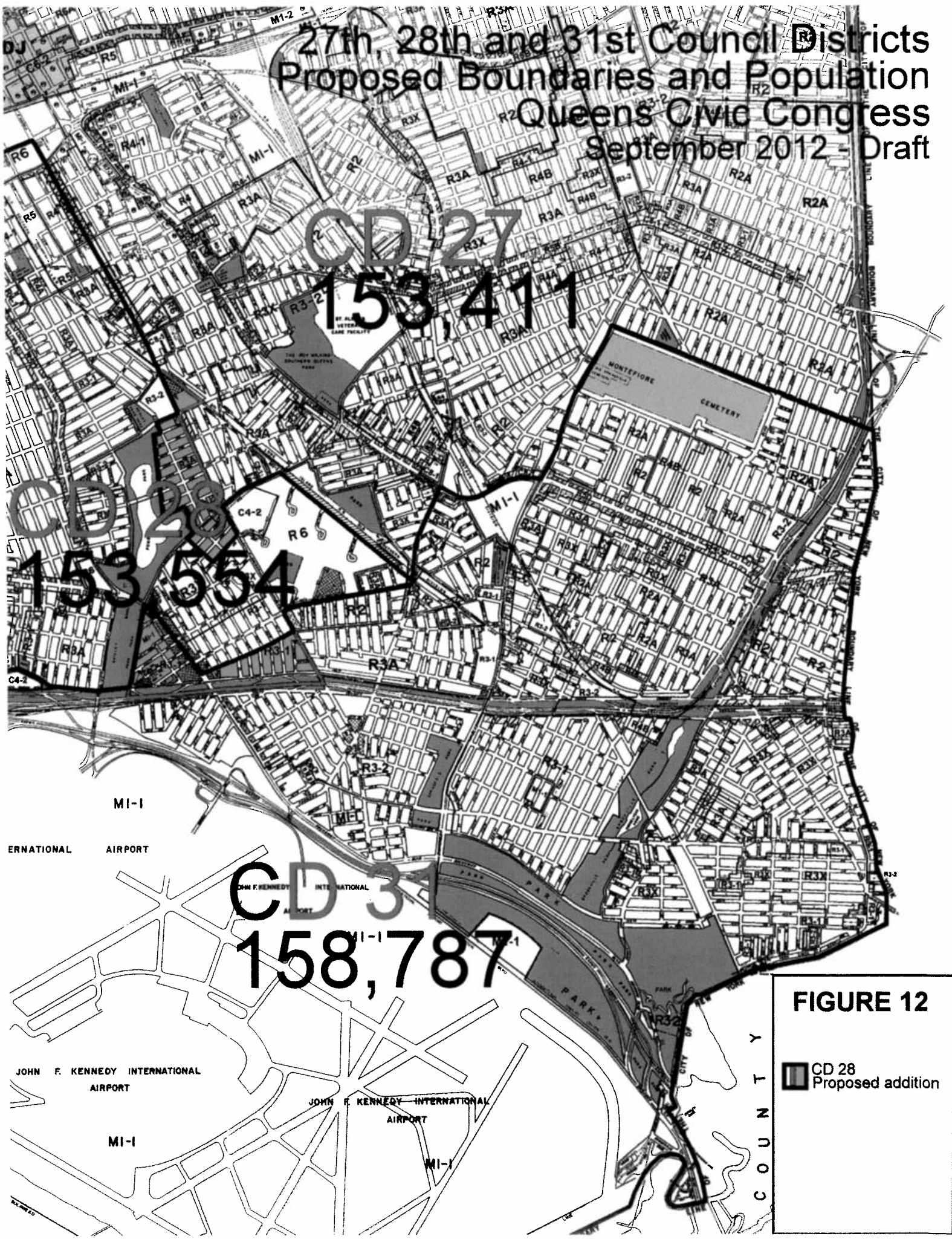


FIGURE 12

CD 28
Proposed addition

27th, 28th and 31st Council Districts Proposed Boundaries and Population Comparison of Commission and QCC September 2012 - Draft

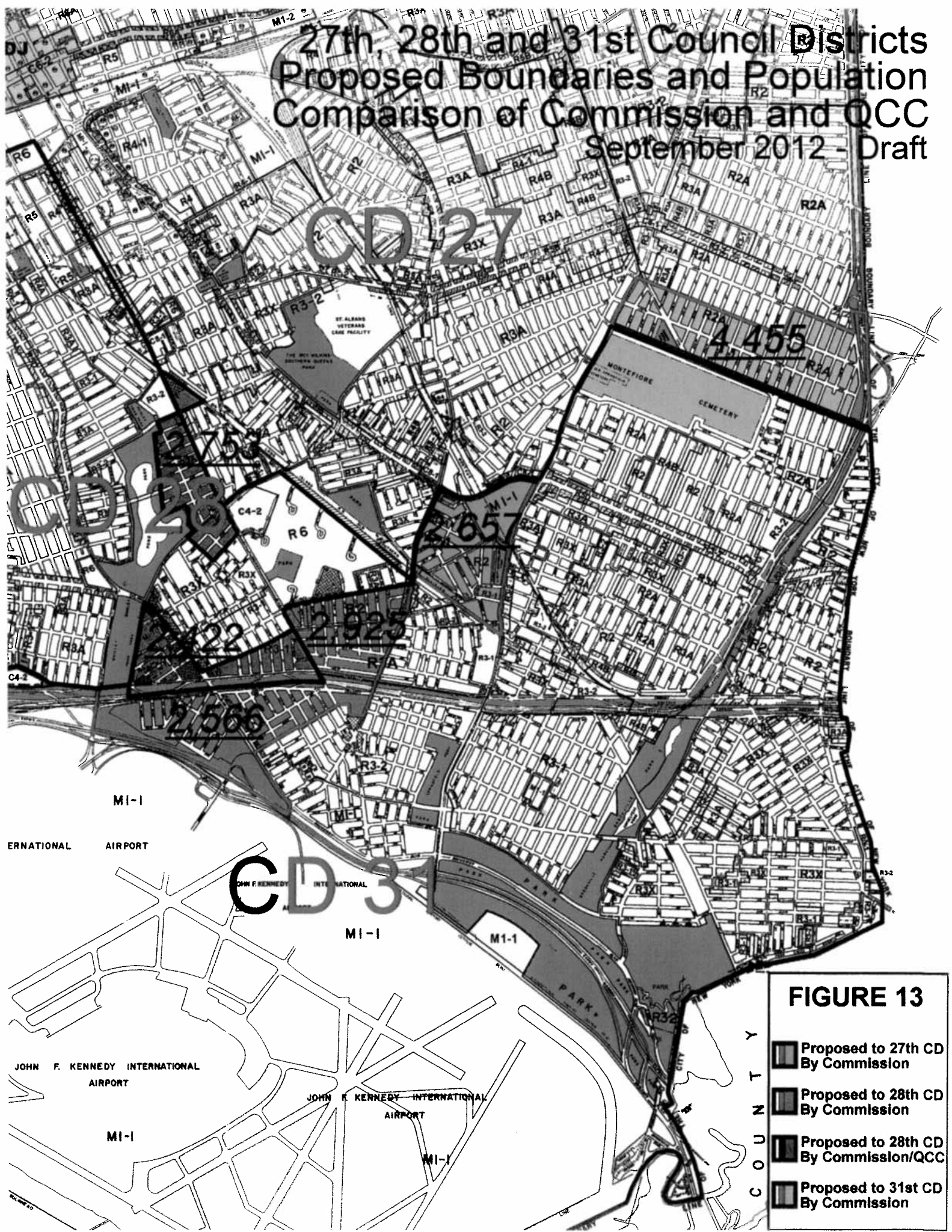
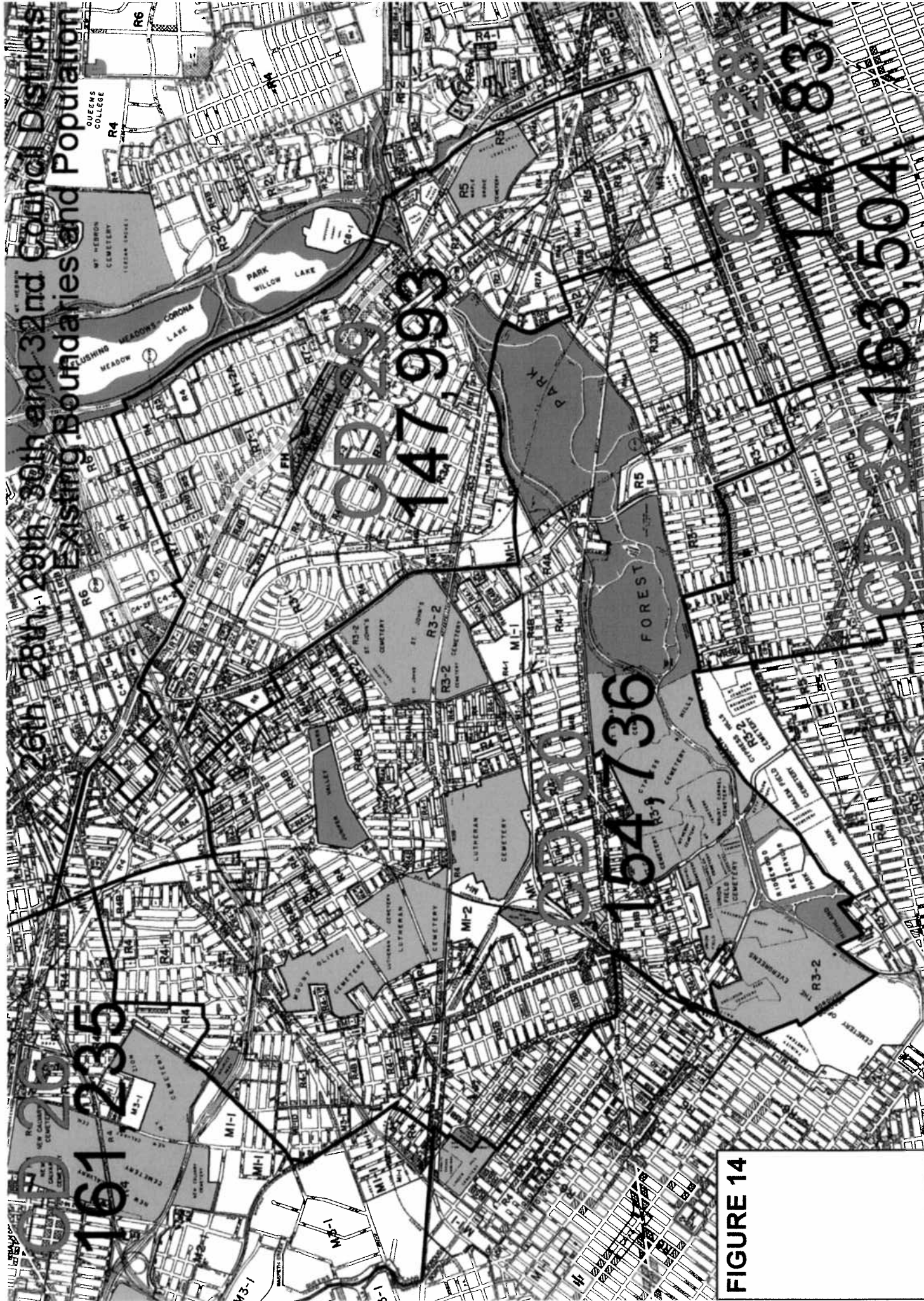


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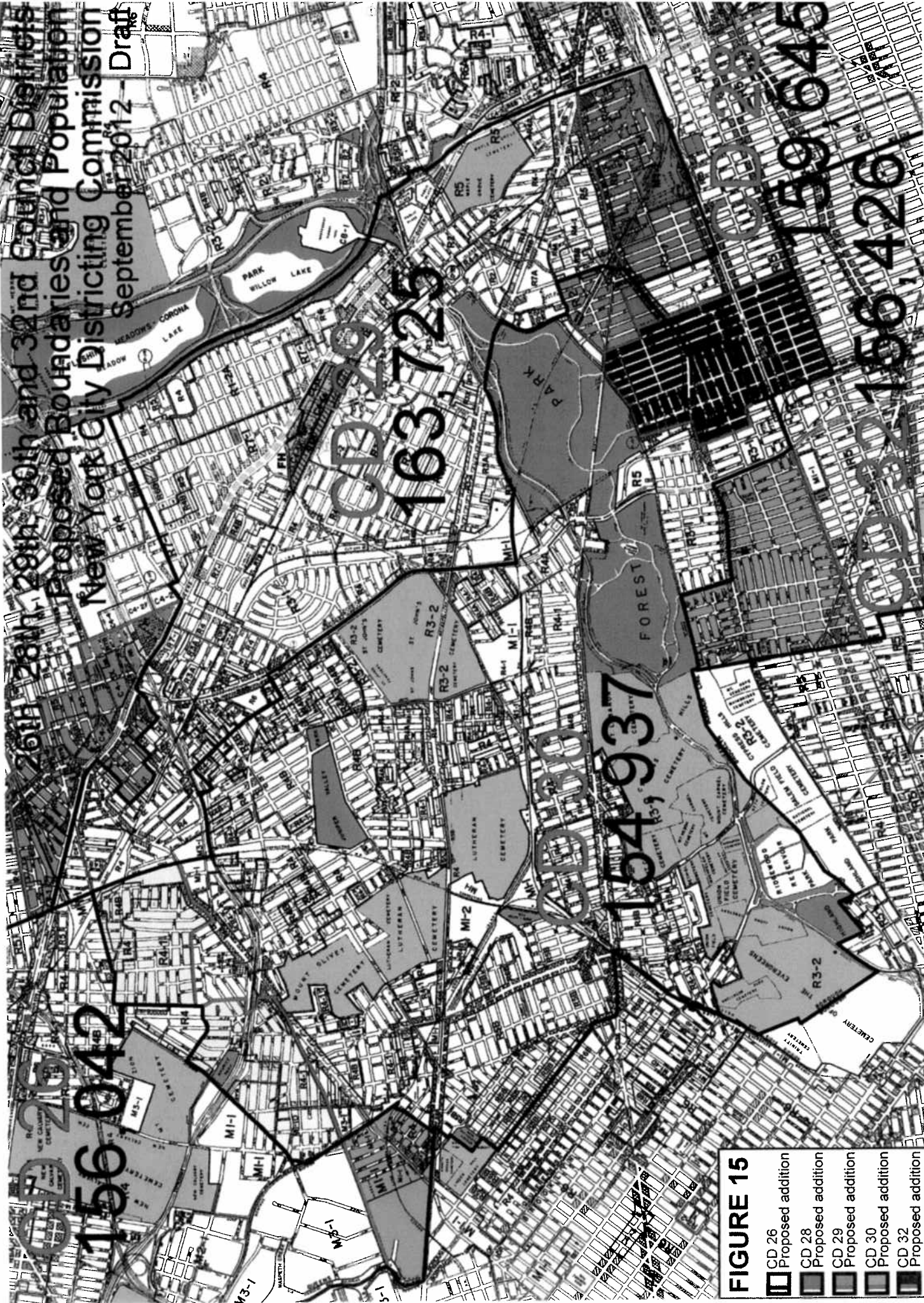


FIGURE 15

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	CD 26 Proposed addition
	CD 28 Proposed addition
	CD 29 Proposed addition
	CD 30 Proposed addition
	CD 32 Proposed addition

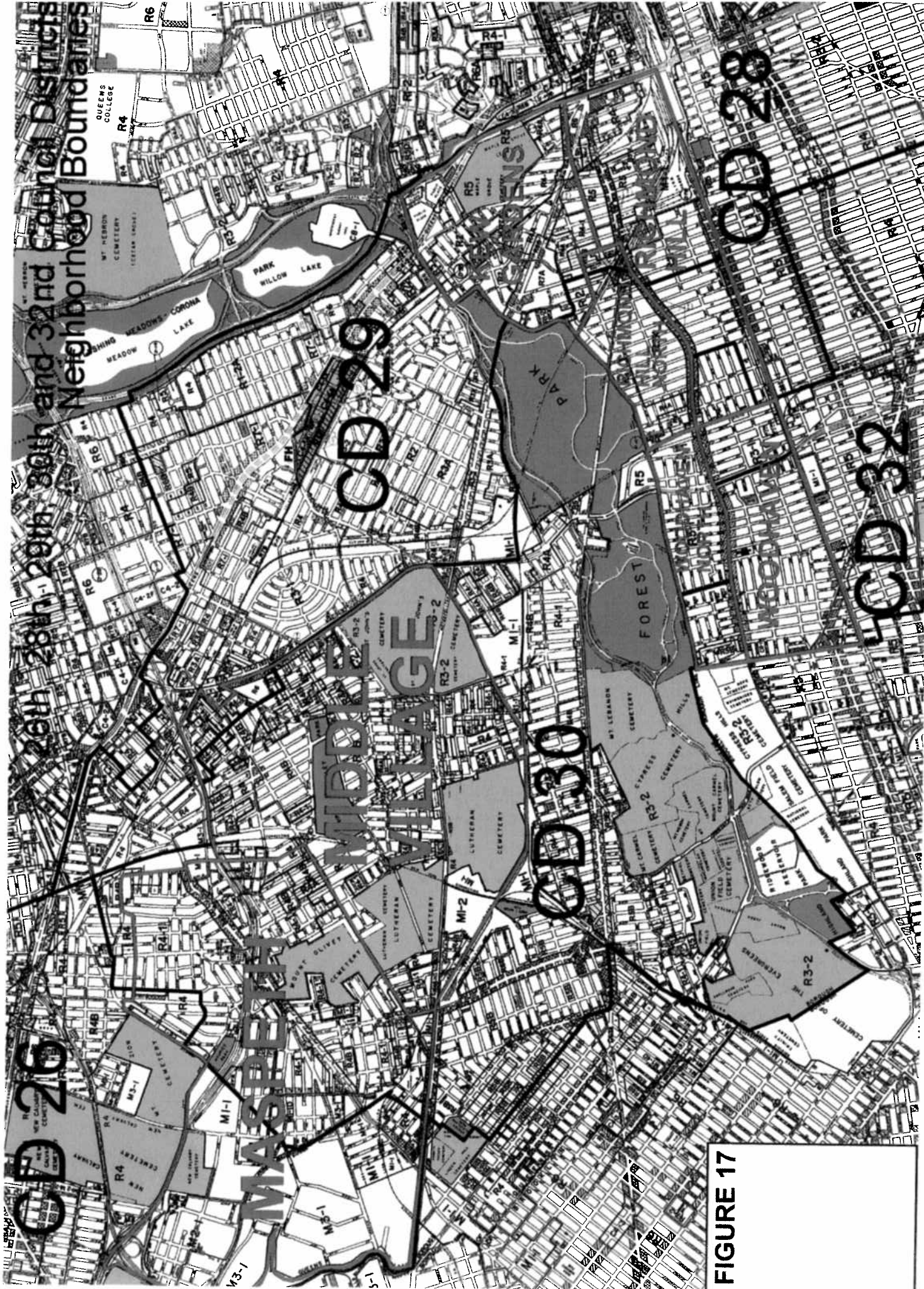


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