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Res. No. 1030

Resolution calling upon the Mayor and the Police Commissioner of the City of New York to create a new police precinct in Queens by dividing the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct into two separate precincts.

By Council Members Grodenchik, Richards, Lancman and Dromm

Whereas, The New York City Police Department (“NYPD”) has 77 police precincts; and

Whereas, According to the NYPD, the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct is New York City’s fourth largest precinct and encompasses 12.67 square miles and includes 354 miles of roadway; and

Whereas, The 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct covers most of the eastern border of Queens, running from the Grand Central Parkway in the north to the John F. Kennedy International Airport in the south; and

Whereas, According to the Expense and Capital Priorities Report for the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 from the Queens Borough President, Melinda Katz, police vehicles serving the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct currently travel more than 1,000 miles per week as a result of the distance within the precinct boundaries; and

Whereas, Using precinct population data compiled by WNYC radio, the average population of all New

York City precincts is 106,171, whereas the population of the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct is 188,582; and

Whereas, According to a November 2013 NYPD press release, former New York City Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly, citing population increase as a reason, created the newest precinct in the city, the 121<sup>st</sup> Precinct on Staten Island; and

Whereas, Since January 2014, when Borough President Melinda Katz came into office, she and the Queens Borough Board have repeatedly included in their annual budget recommendations to the City a request to create a new precinct in southern Queens; and

Whereas, According to the Queens Chronicle, Community Board 13 in Queens has advocated for such a change since 1977; and

Whereas, Dividing the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct into two precincts continues to be Community Board 13's top priority on its annual list of budget requests; and

Whereas, According to Community Board 13, a satellite station was opened in the southern part of the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct in 2007, but residents contend it is inadequate because it does not have the resources of a full precinct; and

Whereas, Asserting that it is not receiving its fair share of resources, Community Board 13 advocates for a full, new precinct in order to increase personnel and reduce response times to emergency 911 calls; and

Whereas, Compared to the neighboring 103<sup>rd</sup>, 107<sup>th</sup>, 111<sup>th</sup>, and 113<sup>th</sup> Precincts, the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct has the slowest response time to 911 calls reporting a serious crime in progress, and the second slowest response time to calls reporting a critical crime in progress; and

Whereas, In March 2016, Mayor Bill de Blasio and Police Commissioner William J. Bratton announced that the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct's satellite station was expanding to provide 24-hour coverage, with an additional 18 officers and two sergeants; and

Whereas, As do all New Yorkers, the residents of eastern Queens deserve adequate police resources to ensure their safety; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the Mayor and the Police Commissioner of the City of New York to create a new police precinct in Queens by dividing the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct into two separate precincts.

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