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December 18, 2025

ATTENDANCE

Pat Beckles
Ann Brown
Bill Bruno
Elba Buendia
Mark Buhrmester
Deborah Chang
Muquith Choudhury
Marjorie Clarke Woolridge
Sonya Davis Roberts
Vivian Dock
Renetta English
Oscar Escobar
Celso Garcia
Ulrick Gedeon
Kara Heffernan
Marta Lebreton
Birendra Manandhar
Lisa Mesulam
Laverne Nimmons
Richard Mullings
Wendy Petties
Potrirankamanis Queano Nur
Jairo Rodriguez
Leoncio Romero
Jessica Rosario
Edmund Rosenbaum
David Rosero
Frank Taylor
Arthur Teiler
Edwin Westley

ABSENT

Juan David Carvajal
Jessica Chakarji
Tenzin Damdul
Shiv Dass
Margaret Dozier
Abdur Rahim Howlader
Kevin Hughes-Noboa
Michael Johnson
Stephen Kulhanek
Lindsey McCormack
Nuala O'Doherty
Gicel Perez
Dorothy Phelan
Fausto Rodriguez
Tammy Rose
Dawn Siff
Fahad Solaiman
Jasmine Taveras
Shanel Thomas-Henry
Arssath Uthumalebbe

Guests

115th Precinct – Deputy Inspector David Cordano
FDNY Fire Safety
Louis Armstrong House Museum Center –
Regina Bain, Executive Director

Please note: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 7 p.m.

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Chairman Edmund Rosenbaum called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. He welcomed all in attendance at Community Board 3's full board meeting at the I.S. 227 Louis Armstrong Middle School in East Elmhurst.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

115th Precinct Crime Report and Community Response

According to **Deputy Inspector David Cordano** and **QCB3 Q Team** reported that crime in the 115th Precinct dropped significantly this year, showing strong community impact and effective policing.

- **Index crimes fell by 24%, down 608 incidents to 1,918 for 2025**
- Robberies declined by **30% (129 fewer)**, felony assaults by **17% (111 fewer)**, burglaries by **30% (65 fewer)**, and grand larcenies by **25% (234 fewer)**
- Shootings with victims dropped sharply from **6 incidents with 8 victims last year to 1 incident with 1 victim, marking an 87% decrease**
- The Roosevelt corridor saw an even larger drop with a **34% reduction in index crimes (518 fewer)** and decreases in petty larceny (22%) and misdemeanor assaults (38%)
- Quality of life calls in the zone fell by **30%**, reflecting improved neighborhood conditions

The Q Team's focused efforts on 311 complaints improved response times and enforcement

- Response time to 311 calls dropped from **2 hours 52 minutes last year to 2 hours 9 minutes**, beating the citywide average of **2 hours 37 minutes**
- In the last 28 days, the Q Team responded to **1,006 of 2,231 calls (45%)** with an average response time of **1 hour 40 minutes**
- Top 311 calls involve **illegal parking (39%)** and **blocked driveways (28%)**, with noise complaints following
- The precinct increased enforcement on scooter and motorized device violations, issuing 728 moving violations and confiscating 606 devices in 2025
- Officer staffing is strong, supported by field training programs and assistance from borough and neighboring precinct units, ensuring coverage especially in high-demand sectors like Sector David
- Illegal parking enforcement increased, with 460 tows conducted in 2025, up 126 from last year, helping clear obstructed streets
- Officers conduct specialized foot patrols focusing on quality-of-life issues such as loitering, drinking, and illegal vending, with over 4,540 tickets issued for open alcohol violations citywide
- Confiscated illegal mopeds and devices are either stored or destroyed if unclaimed, ensuring that illegal vehicles are permanently removed from the streets.

FDNY Holiday Fire Safety and Prevention

The FDNY emphasized critical fire safety measures during the holiday season due to increased fire risks, aiming to reduce fatalities and injuries.

- There were **61 fire fatalities in New York City in 2025**, with smoking-related fires causing **5% of fires but 25% of fatalities**
 - Smoking fires often occur when embers stay lit for up to 2 hours, emphasizing extinguishing cigarettes fully and never smoking in bed.
- **Cooking fires cause 45% of residential fires**, mostly from unattended cooking; simple measures like staying in the kitchen and using tight-fitting lids can prevent spread.
- Fire extinguishers, recommended for every home, last about 10 years and should be used with the **PASS method (Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep)**
- Electrical fires rise with winter use of space heaters; **space heaters must be plugged** directly into wall outlets, kept 3 feet clear of objects, and turned off before sleeping.
- **Lithium-ion batteries**, found in phones, laptops, and e-scooters, are a growing fire cause; charging should occur on hard surfaces, not in beds, and chargers must be UL certified (
- Working smoke alarms reduce fatalities; **65% of fire deaths** occur where alarms are missing or nonfunctional.
 - FDNY offers free smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and installation through a partnership with the Red Cross via fdnysmart.org
 - Special bed shaker devices are available for the hard of hearing

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Fire response depends on building type:

- In fireproof buildings (e.g., NYCHA high-rises), residents should shelter in place unless the fire originates inside their unit
- In non-fireproof buildings (six stories or less), residents should evacuate immediately using fire escapes if needed, ensuring exits are accessible
- Safety tips include closing doors when evacuating, avoiding elevators, and following stop, drop, and roll if clothes catch fire
- Holiday-specific hazards include candles and Christmas trees; battery-operated candles and daily watering of real trees reduce fire risk
- Carbon monoxide detectors are essential since CO is odorless and deadly, and newer laws require combination smoke/CO alarms in many buildings
- FDNY discourages use of fire blankets due to safety concerns and lack of UL certification, recommending extinguishers instead

Louis Armstrong House Museum and Center

The Louis Armstrong House Museum secured a key cultural milestone and expanded community-focused programs to strengthen local ties.

Executive Director Regina Bains announced that the museum was officially added to **New York City's Cultural Institutions Group (CIG)**, now totaling 39 institutions, marking it as Queens' sole representative on the list. This mayoral appointment brings city support that helps sustain the museum financially.

- Music education remains central, with trumpet lessons offered for kids aged 8 to 16 starting late January at **\$5 per class for Corona and East Elmhurst residents**
 - Students have performed at major venues like Mets games and are being prepared for Jazz at Lincoln Center
- The museum partners with local organizations on **housing and homeownership workshops**, continuing Louis Armstrong's legacy of community stability
- The **Justice Arts program** supports currently and formerly incarcerated youth through arts engagement, collaborating with Elmcors and Phoenix House
- The museum is curating the **Corona Collection**, a living history project connecting current residents with past generations through interviews and exhibitions
- There is interest in expanding affordable lessons to include **Jackson Heights residents**, with discussions underway to broaden outreach

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Traffic Transportation – Frank Taylor, Chair

LIC #: B00290 - 112-47 Roosevelt Ave., Corona - National High Class Car & Limo Service

Frank Taylor, Chair of the Traffic Transportation Committee, reported that the applicant is seeking a TLC Renewal. Mr. Taylor called upon the owner, Carlos Zumba. Zumba further explained that he has been in business for over 20 years and has all his insurance forms in order and police reports were all negative.

LIC #: B00350 - 107-04 37th Ave., Corona - A & A Champion Car Limo Service Inc.

Frank Taylor, Chair of the Traffic Transportation Committee, reported that the applicant is seeking a TLC Renewal. Mr. Taylor called upon the owner Johnny Ferreras. Ferreras is looking to renew his 5-year lease.

Business Economic Development. – Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair

S.L.A. New Wine/Beer & Liquor License Applications:

Aqui En Bella Puebla Inc. – 94-11 Roosevelt Ave., Jackson Heights (New – Wine/Beer/Cider)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair of the Business Economic Committee, reported that the applicant is seeking a Wine/Beer/Cider license. Mr. Rosenbaum stated that this will be tabled for next month.

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Kusa 1 LLC dba Kusa – 37-03 95th St., Jackson Heights (New - Full Liquor)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair of the Business Economic Committee, reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Kusa 1 LLC dba Kusa. The establishment offers Ecuadorian cuisine in the Corona neighborhood.

Rosenbaum asked what the public convenience is to be granting the license and the representative replied by offering more niche and special dishes.

Board member Mark Buhrmester questioned if the establishment is currently operating with a provisional or temporary license to serve alcohol. Kusa clarified that they are not serving alcohol at this time and requesting one.

El Ultimo y Nos Vamos Sport Bar Corp. – 99-10 Northern Blvd., Corona (New – Full Liquor)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair of the Business Economic Committee, reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of El Ultimo y Nos Vamos Sport Bar Corp.

Board member Jairo Rodriguez volunteered to help translate. The owner has not opened yet and is currently not operating on a temporary license nor does he have any prior experience operating a bar. He stated that he used to work as a manager at El Encanto.

Board member Frank Taylor questioned that the hours of operation 2 p.m. to 4 a.m. as the Bus Eco report states 4 p.m. to 4 a.m.

Board member Sonya Davis Roberts asked if he was willing to compromise on some hours, recalling what was said during the December 10th committee meeting. The owner said he was able to comply.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chairman, opened Executive Session with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken by Secretary Mark Buhrmester.

Motion #90 - Adoption of the Agenda

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum seconded by Marjorie Clarke Woolridge, was passed unanimously.

Traffic Transportation – Frank Taylor, Chair **TLC Renewal:**

Motion #91 - LIC #: B00290 - 112-47 Roosevelt Ave., Corona - National High Class Car & Limo Service

Upon motion duly made by Frank Taylor, seconded by Bill Bruno, to **approve** the application was passed with 26 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

Motion #92 - LIC #: B00350 - 107-04 37th Ave., Corona - A & A Champion Car Limo Service Inc.

Upon motion duly made by Frank Taylor, seconded by Marjorie Clarke Woolridge, to **approve** the application was passed with 26 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

Business Economic Development. – Edmund Rosenbaum - Chair **S.L.A. New Wine/Beer & Liquor License Applications:**

Motion #93 - Kusa 1 LLC dba Kusa – 37-03 95th St., Jackson Heights (New - Full Liquor)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Pat Beckles to **disapprove** the application with 12 in Favor, 15 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

The board recommends disapproval of an application for an on-premises full liquor license due to the 500-foot rule. Five premises are licensed to serve full liquor within the 500-foot proximity of the applicant, and no public convenience to granting an additional license has been proven.

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The motion failed so a new motion was made.

Motion #94 - Kusa 1 LLC dba Kusa - 37-03 95th St., Jackson Heights (New - Full Liquor)

Upon motion was made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Marjorie Clarke Woolridge to **approve** the application was passed with 18 in Favor, 9 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

Motion #95 - El Ultimo y Nos Vamos Sport Bar Corp. - 99-10 Northern Blvd., Corona (New - Full Liquor)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Bill Bruno, to **disapprove** with 27 in Favor, 1 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

The committee recommends disapproval of an application for an on-premise full liquor license due to the applicant not wanting to agree to a reduction of hours & being an inexperienced operator.

Chairman's Report

- Mr. Rosenbaum thanked everyone who participated in the **Holiday Tree Lightings**
- He emphasized the efforts of the Youth Services Planning Committee and its chair, Renetta English for a very successful community gift giving project.
- The **Walk to Parks ULURP passed City Council** on December 9, 2025, enabling progress toward acquiring the St. Mark's Episcopal Church parcel for expanded green space
- Plans to resume more **in-person meetings** in warmer months reflect gradual return to pre-pandemic operations.
- The board announced the opening of **applications for new members** from **January 5 to February 13, 2026**, noting that term limits will affect 15 members in 2027.
 - Those who are term limited in 2027 will be eligible to reapply to the board after one entire appointment cycle, which will be in 2029.

District Manager's Report

District Manager Giovanna reported the following:

- Expecting **heavy rainfall and flooding** so the Department of Environment Protection is requesting to clear out drains, catch basins to minimize the amount of flooding. Call 311 if needed and 911 for imminent danger.
- Street named in honor of District leader and former board member, **Vida Broom** who worked closely with former Chair Jimmy Smith. The event will kick off on Saturday, December 20 at 98th Street and Astoria Boulevard at 12 p.m.
- The holiday board dinner was a success which included over 40 guests with a cultural performance by Potirankamanis Queano Nur and included special guests Council member elect Shanel Thomas-Henry and Assembly member Larinda Hooks.
- Recognized outgoing Chair Frank Taylor for 3 years of service and highlighted ongoing collaboration with elected officials and volunteers supporting community initiatives

Motion #96 Adoption of November 2025 Monthly Minutes

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Marjorie Clarke-Woolridge, was passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Youth Services Committee

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Chair Youth Services, Renetta English expressed the overwhelming response during the **Community Gift Giving Project, noting that within 16 days, the committee collected over 1,000 items.** She exuberated that the event was phenomenal.

English thanked the volunteers who came to the shelter, sponsors, and everyone who contributed to the success of the Community Gift Giving Project.

She acknowledged board members: Gedeon Ulrich, Ed Wesley, Edmund Rosenbaum, Vivian Dock, Marta Lebreton, Jairo Rodriguez, Elba Buendia, Marjorie Clark-Woolridge, and DM Giovanna Reid., Miss Carol, and special sponsors NAUW, Flushing North Shore, Renaissance Charter School and Anthem.

Nominating Committee

Vivian Dock, Co-Chair of the Nomination Committee, reported that the committee met on Tuesday, December 9, 2025.

Vivian Dock and Co-Chair Ed Kiernan thanked and acknowledged the committee members: Renetta English, Ulrick Gedeon, Marta Lebreton, Lisa Mesulam, Artur Teiler, and Jairo Rodriguez.

The Officers of the Board will be Chairperson, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and four Members at Large. Officers are elected for one year term. No Officer elected may serve more than three consecutive terms in the same office and shall not be eligible for re-election to the same office for a period of two years.

Dock thanked Treasurer, Jairo Rodriguez and Member at Large, Tammy Rose for having served three consecutive terms in the same office.

She reported that the committee takes into consideration attendance at committee and board meetings, representation for the entire district, diversity of the board and terms served. The committee decided on the following slate to be voted on at the monthly meeting on January 15, 2026.

Chairperson – Edmund Rosenbaum

1st Vice Chair – Richard Mullings

2nd Vice Chair – Leoncio Romero

Secretary – Pat Beckles

Treasurer – Kara Heffernan

Member at Large – Ann Brown

Member at Large – Bill Bruno

Member at Large – Muquith Choudhury

Member at Large – David Rosero

Any Board Member not on the slate can be nominated for any office from the floor by another Board Member and seconded by another Board Member at the January 15th meeting. Candidates nominated must accept the nomination.

Legislator's Report

Queens Borough Presidents Office's Report

Office Events/Programs

- **Hurricane Melissa Relief Drive**
 - Partnering with the Jamaican Consulate to support communities affected by Hurricane Melissa. Borough Hall will serve as a drop-off site to collect donations through January 5th.
 - Requested / high priority items are medical & hygienic supplies, baby supplies, tarps, and bedding. No food nor clothing is being accepted at this time as we have an abundance in-house already collected.

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- If you'd like to drop off a donation please call us at 718-286-3000 so you may schedule a time to drop off at our office located 120-55 Queens Blvd, in Kew Gardens.
- **Holiday Toy Drive and Tree Lighting**
 - We are also hosting a Holiday Toy Drive this month. We will be collecting toys and board games up until our Holiday Tree Lighting, which will be in front of Queens Borough Hall Monday, December 22nd at 6pm.
- **Kwanzaa Celebration**
 - We are hosting our annual Kwanzaa celebration on Tuesday, December 30th 5 p.m. here at Queens Borough Hall.
- You may RSVP to any of these events on our website at queensbp.nyc.gov

Office Initiatives

- **African American Heritage Scholarship**
 - As part of our ongoing efforts to make higher education more accessible, we have re-launched the Borough President's annual African American Heritage Scholarship competition for high-achieving Queens high school seniors interested in pursuing a college education.
 - Applications must be submitted by Friday, January 9, 2026 and will be reviewed by the Borough President's African American Heritage Committee.
 - The winning students will be presented with their scholarships during Borough President Richards' Black History Month celebration in February 2026.
 - The scholarship application form can be accessed bit.ly/aahcscholarship2026 and high school transcripts can be submitted by email to our Director Shurn Anderson at shuanderson@queensbp.nyc.gov or by fax to 718-286-3134.
- **2026 Community Board Applications**
 - The Community Board application will open on January 5th, 2026.
 - The Application will close February 13th, 2026.
 - The application link will be posted on queensbp.nyc.gov
 - A formal announcement and press release will be made via our social media, email newsletter, and website.
 - For all those interested in applying, please follow up with our office when we make our formal announcement and launch
 - For current members interested in re-applying, or have questions about their status: full CB rosters with term limits were shared with the District Manager and Chair in November. Our office also remains a resource to clarify lingering questions. 718-286-3000.

Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Samantha highlighted funding requests for education and violence interruption and reminded residents about new TSA Real ID requirements and mail theft issues

Assemblymember Stephen Raga

John Bahia reported ongoing toy drives and holiday tree lighting events, with regular mobile office hours scheduled through December.

State Senator Ramos

Director of Special Projects Sandro announced 4 upcoming toy giveaways. The first one will be held at 93-15 Corona Avenue with the organization CCSO on Saturday, December 20th at 11 a.m. then at 2 p.m. with Assembly member Larinda Hooks at 55-30 Junction Boulevard.

Office phone number is 718-205-3881.

Assemblymember Catalina Cruz

Kimberly reported that the team delivering nearly 1,200 Thanksgiving meals and promoted upcoming holiday events, including a Christmas Toy Drive and Three Kings Day celebration.

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Congresswoman Grace Meng's Report

Weekend Office Hours

- Representative Meng is excited to announce that her office will be holding weekend office hours at her Flushing Office, located at 40-13 159th Street, Suite on Sunday, January 11th, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- For more information or questions, please call Rep. Meng's district office at (718) 358-6364.

Rep. Meng Votes to Release the Epstein Files

- Representative Meng returned to Washington and joined her Democratic and Republican colleagues in finally voting to force the Trump Administration to release the Epstein Files.
- The American people deserve to know the truth, and the victims deserve justice.

Rep. Meng Introduces the Quiet Communities Act of 2025

- Representative Meng introduced a bill to reestablish the Office of Noise Abatement and Control in the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to strengthen the agency's role in combating noise pollution, including aircraft noise.
- As a founding member of the Congressional Quiet Skies Caucus, Rep. Meng is committed to mitigating severe noise pollution in Queens.

Rep. Meng and Rep. Morelle Introduce the Hunger Clearinghouse Enhancement Act

- Representatives Meng and Morelle introduced a bill to increase funding for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Hunger Clearinghouse Hotline to improve access to food assistance, nutrition, and social services information for families in need.
- With increased concerns about affordability and access to food assistance, Rep. Meng remains committed to fighting food insecurity in Queens.

Rep. Meng Works to Protect Queens from Mail Theft

- As peak season for mail service begins, Representative Meng is proud of the work she has done to prevent mail theft in Queens.
- Last year, at her urging, The United States Postal Service's Office of Inspector General (OIG) conducted an audit in mail theft in Queens. The audit, which came at Rep. Meng's request, revealed mismanagement in the deployment and installation of mail theft mitigation initiatives throughout Queens. The audit provided the USPS with recommendations to address the rise in mail theft. Rep. Meng is excited to announce that the USPS has agreed to implement these recommendations, helping to strengthen mail theft in Queens.
- Representative Meng's office can assist constituents who have been victims of mail theft or are experiencing issues with the Postal Service. For requests for assistance please call Rep. Meng's district office (718) 358-6364.

Rep. Meng's Office Can Assist with Passports

- As the Holiday travel season begins, Representative Meng's office is available to help secure new or renewed passports. For requests for assistance please call Rep. Meng's district office (718) 358-6364.

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Happy Holidays from Rep. Meng

- Representative Meng wishes everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Happy Kwanzaa, and Happy New Year.
- Rep. Meng is looking forward to continuing to serve the residents of Queens in 2026.

Assemblymember Larinda Hooks'

Legislative Accomplishments:

A06781 — Parkland Alienation Authorization (Governor Signed)

This legislation authorizes the parkland alienation of specific parcels within Flushing Meadows–Corona Park, allowing New York City to repurpose the land for a potential redevelopment project while imposing strict conditions to protect the public interest.

- Requires a minimum of 20 acres of new or improved replacement parkland of equal or greater value.
- Ensures that any future redevelopment is paired with parkland reinvestment and environmental protection.

Impact: Balances the possibility of economic development with ironclad guarantees that Queens will not lose parkland and will gain significant green-space investment.

Child Labor Protections Enhancement Act

Strengthens statewide safeguards for minors in high-risk or unregulated workplaces.

- Higher penalties for violations.
- Increased inspection and enforcement authority.
- Stronger documentation requirements.

Impact: Protects vulnerable youth and immigrant families from exploitation.

Affordable Housing Expansion Act (Governor Signed)

Raises the Housing Trust Fund Corporation's per-unit funding cap from \$125,000 to \$250,000, with flexibility to exceed it as needed.

- Supports deeper affordability.
- Allows preservation and rehabilitation of aging buildings.
- Expands feasibility for nonprofit affordable-housing development.

Impact: Strengthens the State's ability to produce and preserve affordable housing in Queens.

Ongoing Legislative Priorities:

Job Posting Transparency Package

A. Job Posting Vacancy Disclosure Act — Requires employers to state whether a posting represents a real vacancy.

B. Inactive Job Postings Removal Act — Requires removal of filled, canceled, or erroneous postings. Community Benefit: Reduces misleading "ghost" job listings.

5. URSULA Act — Urban Rail Station & Underpass Lighting

- DOT + MTA pilot for modern lighting under elevated structures.
- Prioritizes Roosevelt Avenue under the 7 Line.
- Establishes a State lighting-infrastructure grant program.

Community Benefit: Improves safety, visibility, and corridor vitality.

Massage Parlor Transparency & Public Safety Act Prohibits massage/reflexology establishments from covering or obscuring street-facing windows, deterring illicit activity, and supporting enforcement.

Assemblymember Steven Raga

Kazi Maryam reported that the following events:

- Hosting a **legal clinic** with Communities Resist on June 25th at our district office from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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Council Member Shekar Krishnan's Report

Community Updates

- We are saddened to learn about the defacing of the menorah at Travers Park this weekend and increasing of antisemitic and anti-immigrant acts of vandalism in our district. Our office has worked with ACE to remove three of them and our staff personally went out to remove another hateful symbol off a bus stop in our district. We have also spoken to the NYPD, and we are investigating these incidents as hate crimes.
- We are devastated by the news of a fire this morning on 80th St & 37th Ave that claimed the life of a neighbor. Council Member Krishnan and our team send our deepest condolences to the family and loved ones. Our team was on-site to help displaced residents, and we are thankful for FDNY & NYPD's work on the scene.
- This November we celebrated the renaming of 34th Avenue to Paseo Park. We're incredibly proud that Jackson Heights has become a leader in pedestrian-focused open streets, with a historic 26 blocks making up our open streets.
- On December 2nd, we unveiled a new mural, co-funded by our office and created by Jackson Heights native Annabelle Popa, at 75th Street and 37th Avenue.
- On December 6th, our office was honored by Love Wins NYC during their annual Regalos Night, a celebration of generosity and community, in recognition of the hard work and dedication of our staff.
- We are partnering with Advocacy, Humanity, Reimagination, and Change (AHRC) to collect non-perishable food items and personal hygiene items. You can drop off donations at our district office on these dates: December: 17th, 19th, 22nd and January: 5th, 7th, 9th, 12th, and 14th. Our office is open to receive donations on these days between 10:00AM-5:00PM.

LEGISLATION

- We are passing legislation today to prevent app-based ride share companies like Lyft and Uber from unfairly and indiscriminately deactivating drivers' – this bill ensures basic job protections. Unfortunately, Lyft on Monday emailed their NYC users in an attempt to fear monger the public. We'll keep fighting against their disinformation, and for the drivers who get us where we need to be every day.
- On December 4th, the City Council passed my Water Safety package of legislation, taking tangible steps to protect our children and community. With the passage of these bills, our New York City Council is educating our students about drowning, creating a page on the Parks Department website with a map of when pools are open, and creating a study with the Parks Department and the Department of Education so we can train and develop teenagers to become lifeguards

EVENT RECAP

- This Thanksgiving season our office is proud to have distributed over 800 Thanksgiving meals and Turkeys across Jackson Heights, Elmhurst and Woodside.
- On November 19th, we held another legal workshop on Estate Planning with Attorney Keith Allen partnering with Self-Help and NORC. We will resume these workshops in the new year when the weather is warmer.
- We distributed 400 toys to local schools, and families at the shelter.
- We partnered with Veterans of Foreign Wars this month for open office hours to help veterans sign up for veterans' benefits, we look forward to hosting more events with them in the new year!

Mayor's Office Report

New York City Mayor Eric Adams and leaders across city government today celebrated [four years of historic accomplishments under the Adams administration](#).

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After taking office in the middle of a once-in-a-generation pandemic, a global recession, and rising crime, Mayor Adams moved quickly to keep New Yorkers safe, reopen the city, and rebuild the economy. But Mayor Adams did more than just bring New York City back; the Adams administration launched landmark initiatives to create a safer, more affordable city in its place — passing historic housing legislation, overhauling the city’s approach to homelessness and mental health, making landmark strides against the cost-of-living crisis, transforming public schools, expanding public spaces, and much more — all helping to make New York the best place to live and raise a family. Thanks to four years of responsible, common-sense leadership, the Adams administration leaves behind a city where working-class New Yorkers can still get ahead.

The Comptroller’s office shared reports on tax collection trends showing increased income tax from high earners, generational living conditions, school bus contracts, and audits revealing NYPD body camera non-compliance

Assemblymember Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas

Community liaison Christian reported that the passage of legislation eliminating cost sharing for asthma inhalers affecting 1.4 million adults in New York and promoted community shredding and e-waste events.

Motion #97 - To Adjourn

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum and seconded by Bill Bruno, to adjourn the meeting, was unanimously passed. Adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted by
Frederick Marfil*

*Reviewed and Edited by
Mark Buhrmester, Board Secretary*