

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

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June is normally a very busy month for Queens Community Board #3. We would have celebrated our 20th Annual Leon Von Holden Memorial Health Care Expo , the Queens Borough President's Community Board Members Swearing In Celebration, and Pride Parade / Month. We would have participated in numerous parades and events celebrating the importance of our immigrants. This year however, all of our lives have been impacted in various ways by COVID-19, Peaceful Protests, Curfews and Social Distancing from our Family and Friends.

Earlier this month, we watched George Floyd's loss of life spark a worldwide movement. We must also remember Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and many more. George, Breonna and Ahmaud lives mattered, and there must be changes implemented to prevent these systemic incidents from happening in the future.

I welcome the new members of the board Kham Blatta and Mark Buhrmester. You have joined an active Community Board and we look forward to your participation at our Monthly and Committee Meetings. Welcome back Ann Brown, Sonya Davis, Vivian Dock, Margaret Dozier, Vasantrai Gandhi, Kevin Hughes, Steven Kulhanek, Marta LeBreton, Rafael Moreno, Richard Mullings, Ladisla Perez, Dorothy Phelan, Jairo Rodriguez, Leoncio Romero, Edmund Rosenbaum, David Rosero, Jimmy Smith, Shanel Thomas, K. Toi Washington-Simon your service to Queens Community Board #3 is truly appreciated.

What else has the Board done since our May meeting?

Meetings

- Committees - Business Economic Development, Traffic and Transportation, Airport/ Executive Officers
- Queens Borough Board and Cabinet, Queens Complete Count, District Cabinet, Queens Community Boards weekly COVID-19 meeting with City Agencies , Census 2020 – meeting with organizations who provide services to Corona and East Elmhurst, Meeting with Catholic Charities, Queens Borough President – Sound Off – Town Hall Meeting

COVID-19

- Everyone Can Be Tested
 - COVID Testing Online Assessment - <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-testing>

Political Campaigning

- The Community Board works with all of our elected officials and we should support their community events.
- Election June 23rd
 - Community Board Members should not display campaign material T-Shirts / Pins / Jackets/ Electronic Backgrounds at Community Board Meetings
 - COIB
 - “Community board members generally may engage in political activities. They must, however, abide by the prohibitions contained in Chapter 68, which are designed to prevent public servants from using their City positions to promote their private political interests. Community board members thus may not coerce any public servant to engage in political activities or request any subordinate public servant—which, for community board members, would include the employees of the community board (see Advisory Opinion Number 2004-3)—to participate in a political campaign.¹⁴ In addition, community board members may not coerce anyone to make a political contribution or even request a subordinate public servant to make a political contribution.” -
 - https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/coib/downloads/pdf2/mono/mono_cb.pdf

Absentee Ballots

Online, Email, Mail

Election Day is June 23, 2020 for State & Federal Primaries

Early Voting Period is June 13, 2020 – June 21, 2020

You can vote even if you cannot get to the polling place on Election Day.

<https://vote.nyc/page/absentee-voting>

Stimulus

Pre-Paid Debit Credit Card - Many think its Junk Mail / Fees etc.

Airport

Guardian of the Bay / Queens CB #3

Masks

The Board has received masks and they will be distributed throughout the community during the summer.

- June 12th – 500 Masks distributed at the Chalk Writing Rally - Hosted by "A Childs Place"
 - Pictures -
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1eo2LANKYgYj46LFC40hKu5oLFYXbk5JM?usp=sharing>

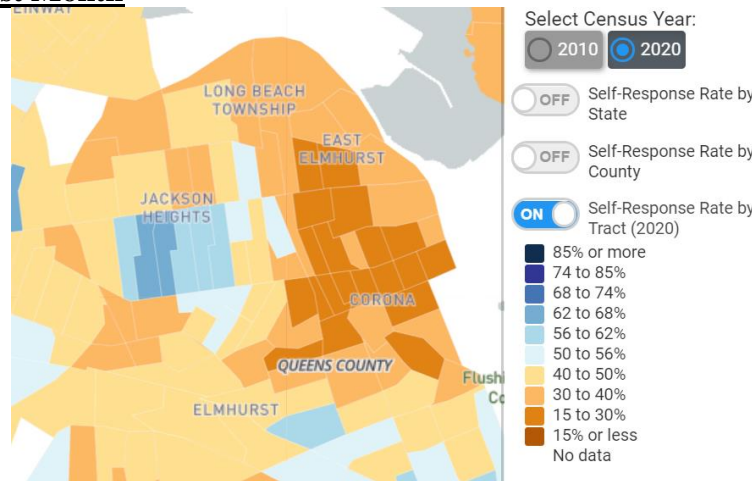
Community Board 3 Website

- Website Advisory & Social Media committee in the processing of providing requirements to the developer to revamp our current website

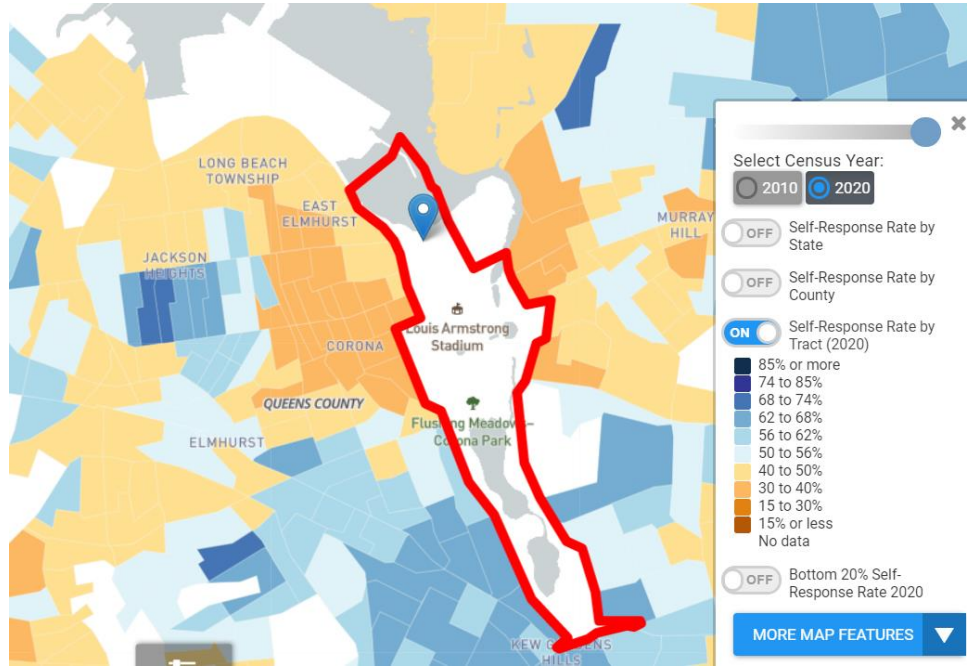
Census 2020 – Keep the Momentum Going - Queens response rate 45.4% -May – 50.9%- June Volunteers for East Elmhurst, North Corona Phone banking

- Friday, June 5th – Phone Banking from 1:30 pm – 4:00pm – need multilingual volunteers
 - Over 3000 Calls
- Have you filled out the Census? Neighbors? Family and Friends?
- Hard to count map <https://www.censushardtocountmaps2020.us/>
- June 22, 2020 – Census Town Hall

Last Month



This month



Over the summer your committee chairs may contact you for special meetings, sharing summer events and assistance with planning Community Board Fall and Winter events. Please check your emails and thank you for your continued advocacy for East Elmhurst, Jackson Heights and North Corona.

Your Chair,

Renetta English

Queens Community Board #3 Center of Diversity

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