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September 19, 2019

**ATTENDANCE**

Elba Buendia  
Muquith Choudhury  
Haiko Cornelissen  
Shiv Dass  
Sonya Davis Roberts  
Vivian Dock  
Margaret Dozier  
Renetta English  
Vasantraï Gandhi  
Ulrick Gedeon  
Pastor Peter Herron  
Larinda Hooks  
Abdur Rahim Howlader  
Kevin Hughes-Noboa  
Nabaraj Kc  
Edward Kiernan  
Stephen Kulhanek  
Marta Lebreton  
Bill Meehan  
Lisa Mesulam  
Richard Mink  
Ralph Moreno  
Richard Mullings  
Laverne Nimmons  
Veronica Ng  
Nuala O'Doherty  
Philip Papas  
Esteban Peralta  
Ladislá Pérez  
Dorothy Phelan  
Megan Rockwell  
Jairo Rodriguez  
Leoncio Romero  
Tammy Rose  
Edmund Rosenbaum  
David Rosero  
Lobsang Salaka  
Frank Taylor  
Arthur Teiler  
Hamlett Wallace  
Toi Washington-Simon

**ABSENT**

Ann Brown  
Joyce Julian  
Carlos Andres Lopez  
Fausto Rodriguez  
Jimmy Smith  
Marlene Tapper  
Shanel Thomas-Henry  
Pat Thorpe  
Edwin Westley

**Guest**

Commissioner Michael Dockett, Qns Parks  
Captain Downing, 115 Precinct  
Andrew Ronan, DOT  
Gabrielle Miller, NYC EDC  
Yoselin Genao, Dir NHS  
Marta Lebreton, Qns CB3 CERT Leader  
Lisa Atkins, Rep., Qns President Office  
Michele Hernandez, Rep., Congresswoman  
Ocasio-Cortez  
Zuleyma Pena, Rep., NYS Senator Ramos  
Qibin Ye, Rep., CM Dromm Office  
Lili Pioche, Rep., Assy. Aubry's Office  
Jessica Tang, Rep., Assy. Cruz Office  
George Hadjiconstantinou, Rep., Assy.  
DenDekker Office

Renetta English, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Roll call was taken at that time.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

### **Queens STEM Girls**

Karen Wellington, President of Queens STEM Career Women (QSCW), said that Queens STEM Girls is run by volunteers who provide free events to encourage girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math. Ms. Wellington said that they are looking for schools to provide space for small workshops. The workshops will be free to middle and elementary school age girls.

If you would like a workshop at a local school during the 2019 – 2020 school year, please contact: Karen R. Wellington, at [queensstemgirls@gmail.com](mailto:queensstemgirls@gmail.com) or call 917-637-1059.

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

### **Queens Borough Parks Commissioner – Michael Dockett**

Michael Dockett, Borough Commissioner of Queens Parks, introduced himself to all in attendance. He said he is succeeding Dorothy Lewandowski who recently retired. Mr. Dockett said he started as a Park Ranger over 30 years ago and has worked in various departments in the NYC Parks Department. He said his 3 goals are to connect with people who support Parks, encourage the community to attend Visioning Meetings for input on renovations and to keep the parks clean.

Board Member Tammy Rose said that there is a smell from the portable potties at Travis Park while construction is going on.

Mr. Dockett said he would will make a note of it and see that it is taken care of.

Board Member Toi Washington-Simon said that there are rodents at the Flushing Meadows Promenade.

Mr. Dockett said that there is a Rodent Task Force from the Department of Health that can take care of the problem.

A resident asked who keeps the median on 34<sup>th</sup> Ave. clean.

Mr. Dockett said the local parks manager, Matt Sheridan, takes care of the CB3/4 District.

### **115<sup>th</sup> Precinct – Captain Downing**

Captain Downing announced that the 115<sup>th</sup> Precinct is number one in the city for crime reduction. Crime in the confines of the 115<sup>th</sup> Precinct is down 275% for the year.

Captain Downing said that Traffic Agents are all out on patrol now that school is back in session especially along Northern Blvd and 37<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Board Member Philip Papas said there have been packages stolen from his building. He asked if there are similar thefts in other areas.

Captain Downing said that unfortunately it's a city-wide problem and advised each individual to report stolen packages to the Police.

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### **Program Space Activation**

Andrew Ronan, Senior Manager of Community Partnerships in the Public Space Unit in the NYC Department of Transportation, announced that there is a new program called "Program Space Activation." They are looking to fund projects from nonprofit organizations that can provide programming activities suitable for outdoor use. Applicants that fit the criteria will be placed on a list for consideration.

Anyone interested contact: <https://nyc.gov/programspaceactivation> or <https://downtownewwest.ca/Public-Space-Activation-program>. Deadline is October 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **NYC EDC – E. Bourinaris, VP Government & Community Relations and Gabrielle Miller, Senior Project Manager**

Gabrielle Miller, Senior Project Manager for NYC EDC, announced that there are a lot of opportunities for Queens residents to prepare for jobs in high growth sectors. Ms. Miller said that the City is working to make sure the community has the best opportunities available. The City is committed to insuring that children and workers are prepared for the jobs of the future. Ms. Miller said that New York City wants to make sure that everyone has access and opportunities that will help them succeed. The City is committed to 100,000 good paying jobs across targeted industries, which include Life Sciences, Health Care, Cyber Tech, Creative Industry Sectors, Food Manufacturing and more.

Ms. Miller said that Life Sciences is the research and development of cures, medicines, treatments, healthcare devices and wellness products. She said that Life Sciences promises opportunities as an industry for growth in Queens. It provides the opportunity to advance through an average salary of \$87,000 a year.

Ms. Miller gave examples of two Life Science Programs available. She said there is a Life Science paid Internship in NYC with various Life Science companies. It's open to undergraduate and graduate students living or attending school in NYC. Application for summer 2020 will be open in the late fall. Application due before the end of the year. The ELab program is for young entrepreneurs to provide the education and networks critical to starting successful life sciences companies in NYC. Application for 2020 deadline is October 21, 2019.

Ms. Miller said that Cyber NYC is New York City's response to the increasing demands for cybersecurity professionals in NYC. As cyberattacks increase the need for professionals is high. There is a three-month Bootcamp course online and LaGuardia College is offering a six-week course to succeed in cyber careers. These courses will be available in the beginning of 2020.

Ms. Miller said some of the courses are free and others are fee based. She encouraged all in attendance to spread the word about the opportunities that are being offered.

Board Member Choudhury Muquith asked if there is an age limit for the courses. Ms. Miller said there is no age limit. The courses are opened to everyone.

A resident said he has an interest in cybersecurity but no former background.

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Ms. Miller said to the resident, “If you are passionate, get involve.”

### **Neighborhood Housing Services – Yoselin Genao, Director**

Yoselin Genao, Director of Neighborhood Housing Services, announced that on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be a community “Spruce Up” event. Neighborhood Housing Services has support from Community Board 3, East Elmhurst Civic Association and Elected Officials for the event. Volunteers are going to do landscaping, gardening, painting and other various work needed to 18 homes in East Elmhurst. Veterans, seniors and low-to-moderate income homeowners were chosen for the Spruce Up. Ms. Genao said that volunteers are needed to make the event a success.

To sign up to volunteer call: 718-457-1017x4 or email:

[jsantos@nhsoqueens.org](mailto:jsantos@nhsoqueens.org)

### **Queens CB3 CERT Team District Leader, Marta Lebreton**

Marta Lebreton, Queens CB3 CERT Team Leader, announced that September is “National Preparedness Month.” She said that CERT Teams are giving out important information on how to prepare in the event of an emergency. Everyone should have a “Go Bag” if they need to evacuate. In the bag, there should be a flashlight, batteries, radio, copies of important documents, medication and other various things. The CERT Team are also providing information on what to do if the emergency calls for someone to stay in place.

Ms. Lebreton said that every Community Board has a CERT Team. NYC CERT volunteers are trained to support the efforts of New York City's first responders. CERT Members have gone through the NYC Emergency Management 10-week basic training. If there is an emergency NYC Emergency Management might ask CERT Members for assistance. CERT Team members also table local events.

For more information go to: <https://nyc.gov/CERT>

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **(FY2021 Capital & Expense Budget - (Richard Mink, Elba Buendia - Co-Chairs)**

Richard Mink and Elba Buendia, Co-Chairs, called upon the public for recommendations, concerns or suggestions related to the new Capital & Expense Budget. They advised that if anyone has any suggestions about how the money should be spent to please speak up.

There were no comments from the public.

#### **Land Use – (Hamlett Wallace - Chair)**

##### **BSA CAL. No. 157-BZ 88-02 Northern Blvd.**

Hamlett Wallace, Land Use Chair, reported that the applicant is seeking a Special Permit for a drive-thru at a local White Castle restaurant.

Eli Gewirtz, representative from the Law Office of Eric Palatnik, P.C., said the actual restaurant is permitted as of right because it’s in a commercial district. The reason for the special permit is to permit the drive-thru.

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Mr. Gewirtz said the White Castle has been in the location since 1999. Last extension of terms was issued in 2014. According to the regulation in the zoning resolution it expires after 5 years. The term is going to expire at the end of 2019. Mr. Gewirtz said the applicant is seeking a new permit for another five-year term from the BSA. At the Land Use Committee Meeting, there were comments regarding the fence between the driveway and residence behind the location. Also, there are concerns that the turn aisle is too narrow to accommodate larger vehicles. The applicant is going to fix the fence and provide signage to caution larger vehicles from entering the site.

### **Business Economic Development. - (Edmund Rosenbaum - Chair)**

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

#### **Almonte Entertainment Corp. d/b/a Capelli's Café - 107-11 Northern Blvd (Corp. Change)**

Chair Edmund Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Corporate Change. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Capelli's Café.

The owner said that she moved from Boston four years ago to be a partner at the restaurant. Her partner left and now she is applying for full ownership.

#### **Emily Bar Restaurant - 35-64 95<sup>th</sup> Street (Corp. Change)**

Chair Edmund Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Corporate Change. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Emily Bar Restaurant.

The representative said the change is in shareholders and the restaurant will be conducted business as usual.

#### **Club Social y Recreativo - 102-18 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue (New - Club Wine)**

Chair Edmund Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Club Wine License. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Club Social y Recreativo.

The owner said that they are a Non-Profit Corporation. The club is a neighborhood spot for people to meetup and socialize.

Renetta English, Chair, asked about the requirements for membership.

The owner responded that members must be good moral people who are willing to pay the monthly fee.

Board Member Muquith Choudhury asked about the cost of the membership fee.

The owner said the membership fee is \$50 a month.

#### **Mini Picanteria El Guayaquileno III - 33-17 Junction Blvd (New - Wine/Beer)**

Chair Edmund Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Wine & Beer License. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Mini Picanteria El Guayaquileno III.

The representative for the owner said that the owner has 20 years of experience in the restaurant business. The restaurant will operate as a pizzeria.



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Board Member Arthur Teiler asked why he wants to stay open until 2:00am when Northern Blvd is pretty quiet after 11:30pm.

The representative said that the owner wants to stay open late for people who come off the subway and eat late.

### **Limoncito Con Ron Corp. – 94-10 Astoria Blvd. (Corp. Change)**

Chair Edmund Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Corporate Change. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Limoncito Con Ron Corp.

The representative said the restaurant's name is La Kueva Bar & Grill and they are seeking a Corporate Change.

### **AARG Restaurant Corp. d/b/a El Chivito D'oro – 84-02 37<sup>th</sup> Ave (New – Wine/Beer)**

Chair Edmund Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Wine & Beer License Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of AARG Restaurant Corp.

The representative for the owner said the business has been in existence for 30 years. The manager wants to buy out the owner. Everything will stay the same.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Renetta English, Chair, opened Executive Session with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Motion #47 - Adoption of the Agenda**

Upon motion duly made by Renetta English, seconded by Sonya Davis Roberts, to adopt the Agenda, was passed unanimously.

### **Motions By Committees:**

#### **Land Use – (Hamlett Wallace - Chair)**

##### **BSA CAL. No. 157-BZ 88-02 Northern Blvd.**

Hamlett Wallace, Land Use Chair, reported that in the matter of an application regarding 88-02 Northern Boulevard, Jackson Heights, New York, White Castle Systems, Inc. – owner, is seeking a Special Permit, pursuant to ZR Section 73-03 and ZR Section 73-243 of the New York City Zoning Resolution to allow the premises as a White Castle eating and drinking establishment with an accessory drive-thru in a C1-2/R4 zoning district. The Board of Standard and Appeals, under BSA Cal. No. 43-99-BZ, granted a special permit, which expired on December 7, 2014, to allow such operations. As a result, an updated application and BSA Cal. No. is required to address the time lost and start a new Special Permit for a five-year period. The White Castle property is located on the southeast corner of Northern Boulevard and 88<sup>th</sup> Street.

Resolution:

The Land Use Committee after review of this matter recommends the application for the new five-year term – Special Permit be **approved** with the Proviso:

- Remove and replace all decorative slates at chain link fence on property line

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- Extend white painted paving driveway guideline at west restaurant wall, to building sidewalk curb (near handicap ramp)
- Identify and provide turn radius and caution signage for over size vehicles

### **Motion #48 - BSA CAL. No. 157-BZ 88-02 Northern Blvd.**

Upon motion duly made by Hamlett Wallace, seconded by Vasantrai Gandhi, was passed unanimously.

### **Business Economic Development. – (Edmund Rosenbaum - Chair)**

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

### **Almonte Entertainment Corp. d/b/a Capelli's Café – 107-11 Northern Blvd. (Corp. Change)**

This application is tabled until October Full Board Meeting.

### **Emily Bar Restaurant – 35-64 95<sup>th</sup> Street (Corp. Change)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economics, reported that the committee recommends **approval** of an application for a Corporate Change of an on-premises Full Liquor License for this applicant.

### **Motion #49 - Emily Bar Restaurant – 35-64 95<sup>th</sup> Street (Corp. Change)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Ed Kiernan, was passed unanimously.

### **Club Social y Recreativo – 102-18 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue (New - Club Wine)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economics, reported that the committee recommends **approval** of an application for a Club Wine License for this applicant.

### **Motion #50 - Club Social y Recreativo – 102-18 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue (New - Club Wine)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Kevin Hughes-Noboa, was passed by 29 in Favor, 10 Opposed and 0 Abstention.

### **Mini Picanteria El Guayaquileno III – 33-17 Junction Blvd. (New - Wine/Beer)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economics, reported that the committee recommends **approval** of an application for an on-premises Wine & Beer License for this applicant.

### **Motion #51 - Mini Picanteria El Guayaquileno III – 33-17 Junction Blvd. (New - Wine/Beer)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Bill Meehan, was passed by 34 in Favor, 5 Opposed and 0 Abstention.

### **Limoncito Con Ron Corp. – 94-10 Astoria Blvd. (Corp. Change)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economics, reported that the committee recommends **approval** of an application for a Corporate Change of an on-premises Full Liquor License for this applicant.

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### **Motion #52 - Limoncito Con Ron Corp. – 94-10 Astoria Blvd. (Corp. Change)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Bill Meehan, was passed unanimously.

### **AARG Restaurant Corp. d/b/a El Chivito D'oro – 84-02 37<sup>th</sup> Ave**

#### ***(New – Wine/Beer)***

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economics, reported that the committee recommends **approval** of an application for an on-premises Wine & Beer License for this applicant.

### **Motion #53 - AARG Restaurant Corp. d/b/a El Chivito D'oro – 84-02 37<sup>th</sup> Ave**

#### ***(New – Wine/Beer)***

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Sonya Davis Roberts, was passed by 36 in Favor, 2 Opposed and 0 Abstention.

### **Chairperson's Report**

Renetta English, Chair, reported that the Conflicts of Interests Board (COIB) has proposed updates to the Charter, rules that have been in place and implemented over the years. She stated that Community Board 3 members have been following these rules all along.

Ms. English reminded the Board Members that they are not permitted to hand out campaign material or request signatures for petitions at CB3 Meetings as well as they cannot use Board T-Shirts, pins or jackets while conducting political activities.

Ms. English thanked the Board Members that represented CB3 at Committee Meetings, Elmcors Block Party, Plaza Del Sol Family Day, National Night Out, 115<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council Meeting and the Community Board Pot Luck.

Ms. English thanked Philip Papas, Kevin Hughes-Noboa and Edmund Rosenbaum for keeping the community posted with Social Media. She announced that Board Member Toi Washington-Simon will soon be maintaining the CB3 Instagram handle.

Ms. English encouraged Board Members to volunteer for the “Spruce Up” event on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. English closed with the request to anyone that may have concerns or issues to contact Community Board 3 at 718-458-2707.

### **District Manager's Report**

District Manager Giovanna Reid reported that next month there will be Capital & Expense Budget hearings where a list of priorities are created as a result of community recommendations. Ms. Reid said that a previous request on said list was for more schools, and that the reason for the new elementary school P.S. 398 was due in part to said recommendations. She encouraged all in attendance to attend the next Community Board Meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup> when the Capital & Expense Budget will be reviewed and voted on.

Ms. Reid announced that on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., there will be an event “Viva La Comida” on 82<sup>nd</sup> Street between Roosevelt Ave. and Baxter Ave.



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On Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> there will be the school renaming of P.S. 228 to Ivan Lafayette.

Ms. Reid thanked “Friends of Diversity Plaza”, Agha Muhammad Saleh, Andrew Ronan and Council Member Daniel Dromm for helping to make the Full Board Meeting possible.

### **Motion #54 - Adoption of the June 20, 2019 Monthly Minutes**

Upon motion duly made by Renetta English, seconded by Bill Meehan, to adopt the June 20, 2019 Minutes, was passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Airport Committee**

Bill Meehan, Airport Committee Co-Chair, reported that on September 9, 2019, District Manager Giovanna Reid, Chair Renetta English, Board Members Vivian Dock, Hamlett Wallace and he were guests of the Port Authority for a guided tour of the new LGA construction. Mr. Meehan said they saw parts of LGA nearly completed, still-in-process and in initial stages. They visited the new headhouse, the Central Reception Hall, the (soon to be) new Delta Terminal. Mr. Meehan said that the people who conceived, designed and built it deserve applause.

Bill Meehan, Ann Brown and Board Member Frank Taylor attended “The New York Community Aviation Roundtable” (NYCAR), which is a voluntary working group comprised of stakeholders affected by John F. Kennedy International Airport and LaGuardia Airport operations. The primary goal of NYCAR is to work collaboratively with the airport management and Federal Aviation Administration in an effort to enhance the quality of life of the residents of local communities while ensuring the continued efficient operation of the airport. They discussed noise, the lack of debatable, flight paths, hours of operation and other scintillating subjects. Noise complaints may be submitted to Port Authority by website or Noise Complaint Hotline: 1-800-225-1071.

Mr. Meehan attended in person and Ms. English attended online, a presentation on the methodologies used to evaluate “what was” and “what wasn’t” considered “historical and valuable” in areas “directly and indirectly” in the path of the proposed AirTrain. It was mentioned that the current Passerelle Bridge will be replaced, a temporary bridge will be constructed before its demolition to allow access to the Park during construction. The Marina and its adjacent pier needs to be moved further east to allow for construction of a bridge over the Promenade. No information on whether the restaurant will be open during the construction phase.

Mr. Meehan stated that it looks like the AirTrain is coming. The community has to raise their voices to figure out how to live with it and what we can get back from it.

#### **Public Safety Committee**

Sonya Davis Roberts, Public Safety Chair, reported that the Public Safety Committee met on Thursday, September 12, 2019. Captain Downing from the

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115<sup>th</sup> Precinct was present at the meeting to provide information on the following topics:

- Gang activity - Notify the Police immediately if you see gang member graffiti (or tagging) covering one another, which could be the creation of a gang war
- Scams – Hang up on anyone asking you to buy a gift card or asking for money
- Public Intoxication – There were 96 summonses issued to businesses for over-serving patrons

The Committee discussed that left turn signals are dangerous for pedestrians. Ms. Davis said it was suggested and voted that a letter would be sent to DOT in support of longer turning lights.

Ms. Davis encouraged all in attendance to contact Community Board 3 if they want a Public Safety matter addressed at a future meeting.

### **Sanitation Committee**

David Rosero, Sanitation Chair, reported that the Sanitation Committee had a successful meeting on Thursday, September 12, 2019. Several Sanitation issues were addressed at the meeting. Mr. Rosero said that there are a lot of Sanitation problems surrounding Community Board 3. He urged all Board Members to attend the Sanitation Committee Meetings.

### **Committee Referrals**

#### **Borough President's Report**

Lisa Atkins, representative for Borough President Melinda Katz, announced that on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m., Borough Hall will be honoring select Board Members at the Helen Marshall Center.

#### **Legislators' Report**

##### **Assembly Member Jeffrion Aubry Office**

Lili Pioche, representative for Assembly Member Jeffrion Aubry, announced that from September 12<sup>th</sup> to September 27<sup>th</sup>, Assy. Aubry's Office is excepting donations for a "Hurricane Dorian Relief Drive."

##### **Council Member Daniel Dromm Office**

Qibin Ye, representative for Council Member Daniel Dromm, announced that on Sunday, October 6, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., there will be a co-naming ceremony for the late State Senator Jose R. Peralta. The corner of 79<sup>th</sup> Street and 37<sup>th</sup> Ave in Jackson Heights will be co-named *State Senator Jose R. Peralta Way*.

Free Community Legal Services:

- General Clinic every first and third Wednesday of each month
- Immigration Clinic every third Tuesday of each month

To make an appointment call 718-803-6373.

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### **NYS Senator Jessica Ramos Office**

Zuleyma Pena, representative for NYS Senator Jessica Ramos, announced that the “Hispanic Heritage Celebration” will take place at the District Office between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

On Friday, October 11, from 9:00am to 12:00pm there will be a Mammogram Mobile Unit in front of the District Office, 32-37 Junction Blvd. Call for appointment: 718-205-3881

Ms. Pena said to follow Sen. Ramos on social media for updates on community events in the month of October.

### **Assembly Member Catalina Cruz Office**

Jessica Tang, representative for Assembly Member Catalina Cruz, announced that on September 21, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., there will be a backpack event, “Together We Can,” outside Assy. Cruz’ office.

On Friday, October 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., a Mammogram Mobile Unit will be parked outside the District Office.

On Friday, October 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the NYLAG Mobile Unit will be in front of the District Office providing free legal help.

On Tuesday, October 8, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., there will be a “Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration” at NY Hall of Science.

### **Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez**

Michele Hernandez, representative for Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, reported that the Federal Regulatory Agency is now launching an investigation into potential fraud around predatory lending that is related to the NYC Taxi Medallion industry. That is in response to a letter that Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez sent out to agencies.

Ms. Hernandez reported that Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez also sat in a committee on Oversight and Reform Hearings on the President Trump’s Administration’s efforts to deport children who are currently receiving lifesaving treatments in the USA. Ms. Hernandez said the Congresswoman stands strongly against it.

Ms. Hernandez reported that the Congresswoman has co-sponsored a handful of legislations that enforce background checks to try to prevent those who have a history of Domestic Violence from acquiring guns.

During the summer Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez hosted two Town Hall Meetings on Housing and Immigration. She was active at events, speaking at Corona Plaza and vocal about 2020 Census.

### **Assembly Member Michael DenDekker Office**

George Hadjiconstantinou, representative for Assembly Member Michael DenDekker Office, announced that on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., there will be a “Paper Shredding” event at Travers Park.

Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. the Mammography Mobile will be at the Jackson Heights Shopping Center.

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Mr. Hadjiconstantinou said that Assy. DenDekker as Chair of Consumer Affairs & Protection held a hearing on Robocalls and Nuisance Calls. A lot of testimony was heard. Mr. Hadjiconstantinou said that hopefully soon there will be a stop to unwanted phone calls.

### **Motion #55 - To Adjourn**

Upon motion duly made by Renetta English, and seconded by Kevin Hughes-Noboa to adjourn the meeting, was passed unanimously. Adjourned at 9:10pm.

*Respectfully Submitted by  
Clara Colon*

*Reviewed and Edited by  
Kevin Hughes-Noboa, Board Secretary*