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ATTENDANCE

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 Elba Buendia
 Muquith Choudhury
 Haiko Cornelissen
 Vivian Dock
 Renetta English
 Vasantraï Gandhi
 Ulrick Gedeon
 Pastor Peter Herron
 Larinda Hooks
 Abdur Rahim Howlader
 Joyce Julian
 Kevin Hughes-Noboa
 Edward Kiernan
 Stephen Kulhanek
 Marta Lebreton
 Lisa Mesulam
 Richard Mullings
 Laverne Nimmons
 Veronica Ng
 Nuala O’Doherty
 Philip Papas
 Ladisla Perez
 Megan Rockwell
 Fausto Rodriguez
 Tammy Rose
 Edmund Rosenbaum
 David Rosero
 Lobsang Salaka
 Marlene Tapper
 Arthur Teiler
 Shanel Thomas-Henry
 Hamlett Wallace
 Toi Washington-Simon
 Edwin Westley

ABSENT

Shiv Dass
 Sonya Davis Roberts
 Margaret Dozier
 Nabaraj Kc
 Carlos Andres Lopez
 Bill Meehan
 Richard Mink
 Ralph Moreno
 Esteban Peralta
 Dorothy Phelan
 Jairo Rodriguez
 Leoncio Romero
 Jimmy Smith
 Frank Taylor
 Pat Thorpe

Guest

Assy Jeffrion Aurby
 Deputy Inspector Juan Duran, 115 Pct
 Jason Barney, DOT
 John O’Neil, DOT
 Eric Parker, Small Business Services
 Tom Grech, Qns Chamber of Commerce
 Lesley Ramos, 82nd Street BID
 Dolores Capace, NYS Comptroller
 James Mongeluzo, Rep., NYC Comptroller
 Lisa Atkins, Rep., Qns President Office
 Michele Hernandez, Rep., Congresswoman
 Ocasio-Cortez
 Jacqueline Rosado, Rep., NYS Senator
 Ramos
 Zachariah Boyer, Rep., NY Public Advocate
 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

Please Note: The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. via Teleconference.

Renetta English, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Roll call was taken at that time.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Driver Discrimination

Resident Margaret Flanagan said there is driver discrimination when it comes to DOT projects. She suggested that when DOT comes to the Board they should be asked more particularly how they conduct their analysis. Ms. Flanagan thanked the Board Members for their hard work.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Assembly Member Jeffrion Aubry

Assembly Member Jeffrion Aubry reported that on May 21, 2020 there will be a statewide Assembly Democrat Conference virtual meeting to discuss the budget. They will discuss how the pause on the City has affected New York financially.

Assy. Aubry said “being in the heart of the pandemic, the community has lost a lot of family and neighbors to the virus.” The community is in need of a lot of services. He said there has been a lot of calls about unemployment. As well, it has been a challenge to try to make sure that the community has food, masks and hand sanitizers.

He said, “it will take some time for New York to safely open up and that the Community is following the rules of social distancing and wearing masks. The summer is going to be difficult but it is essential that everyone continues to do their part to get out of the circumstance all of us are in together. My hope is that there is a vaccine or a cure found as soon as possible because it’s hard for me to imagine that we are going to be able to return to any normality until that happens.”

Assy Aubry thanked all the volunteers that have been out making sure the community has what they need in this time of need.

115 Precinct NYPD & Department of Transportation

Jason Barney, Department of Transportation, Queens Borough, reported that on May 1, 2020 DOT sent an email to Community Boards and local Officials to announce the Open Streets Program. In the emails, DOT asked for any recommendations. The ultimate goal is to have 100 miles of City streets open. Mr. Barney gave a presentation on NYC Open Streets Program:

Background:

In April, the City Council proposed legislation to implement 75 miles of Open Streets to be used for social distancing within one week.

The Mayor and the City Council worked together to develop and announce the implementation of 100 miles of Open Streets in a phased approach:

- Current goal: 40 miles of City streets to be opened within the first month of program announcement
 - 3 rounds of Open Streets announced citywide so far since May 1, 2020
- Ultimate goal: 100 miles of City streets opened as the COVID-19 crisis continues

Pedestrian Space – Rapid Response Pedestrian Space Typologies:

- Open Space Adjacent (Plazas + Parks) temporary car-free pedestrian space adjacent/through plazas and parks to accommodate growing demand in the warm weather seasons.
 - Prioritized where there is existing capacity (community partners) to alleviate demand on the City’s highest used open spaces as the weather gets warmer
- Full Block (Local Streets + Thoroughfares) temporary car-free pedestrian space along strategic corridors, while also facilitating economic development, social distancing, and active and healthy living.
 - Prioritized where there is existing capacity (local precinct management & partnerships) and high-density neighborhoods that lack open space for walking and biking

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Open Streets Elements:

- Open Streets are supposed to be shared spaces for bicyclists and pedestrians
- There are removal barriers placed by a local Precinct and/or partners at either end of the open streets
- Traffic is limited to local deliveries and necessary service utilities, emergency vehicles
- All drivers are alerted to drive at 5mph and to be aware of pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Open Streets hours differ but usually from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. depending on staffing ability
- Days of the week depends on locations and communities
- Open Streets cannot be proposed on bus routes, truck routes or hospital corridors
- All proposal for Open Streets must be approved by DOT, NYPD, FDNY and other agencies
- Open Streets may be closed for any number of days in a roll or recurring

Mr. Barney said that in Queens, DOT is working closely with local Precincts to support the program. They hope to reach Community Partners like BIDs, local volunteers, and block associations.

In Community Board 3, the 115 Precinct monitors Open Streets. Community Affairs Officers, Det. Adriane Johnson and P.O. Mario Lopes along with local residents take the lead in setting up barriers.

Partner Requirements for Open Streets:

- Place and remove barriers at the start and end of the closure daily
- Monitor the closure throughout the day and report issues to DOT/NYPD
- Provide access for local vehicles that may need to enter/exit the closure
- Post and replenish signage mandating social distancing and slow vehicular travel speeds
- Regularly distribute messages regarding hours, guidelines etc. to local stakeholders and the community

Mr. Barney noted that the City has never had a program like Open Streets so they are open to suggestions from the Community Board and residents. He said that 34th Avenue has 1.3 miles of Open Streets and is the most popular in New York City. DOT is open to make any adjustments where needed.

Board Member Megan Rockwell asked if DOT is going to extend Open Streets post COVID-19 and if they will use feedback from the program to expand bike lanes or other transportation alternatives. She also asked for comment on the proposal for restaurants to operate on the streets.

Mr. Barney said they will monitor how the program goes but no plans to make it a permanent. Conversations are happening for restaurants to possibly operate on the streets.

Lili Pioche, representative for Assemblyman Jeffrion Aubry, asked if Open Streets is open to vendors like Mr. Softee.

Mr. Barney said Open Streets is meant for people. He said that he noticed a Mr. Softee on 78th Street near Travers Park. If anyone has issues to let DOT know.

Renetta English, Chairperson, asked about residents that need to move their cars on 34th Avenue.

Mr. Barney said residents can move the barriers to exit or entrance and put back the barriers. Someone with a disability or seniors who can't move the barrier is something they have to look into currently.

Board Member Nuala O'Doherty asked when DOT wants to expand Open Streets to 114th Street and Hinton Park because there are neighbors ready to volunteer.

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Mr. Barney said there are concerns about expanding but DOT are in talks with the 115 Precinct.

Board Member Arthur Teiler suggested putting Citibikes along 34th Avenue

Resident Margaret Flanagan suggested that pedestrians on 34th Avenue should be divided into easterly and westerly sides of the streets depending on traveling direction (i.e., pedestrians walking east on one side and pedestrians walking west on the other side) to keep traffic flow.

Board Member Larinda Hooks said that the Civic Association is against the expansion to 114th Street because there is so much congestion around Hinton Park.

Deputy Inspector Juan Duran agreed with Ms. Hooks that Open Streets should not go any further. He said at Junction Boulevard there seems to be a bit of congestion.

Stephen Kulhanek, Co-Chair of Traffic & Transportation, asked for more information on the volunteer groups because volunteers draft in and out.

Mr. Barney said he is not aware the volunteers belong to any groups.

Board Member Nuala O'Doherty said the 34th Avenue Coalition are working with 10 community groups.

Board Member Toi Washington-Simon asked about the efforts to keep the streets clean.

Mr. Barney said DOT and DSNY are working together to monitor 34th Avenue.

Board Member Marta Lebreton said that 114th Street has enough congestion.

Board Member Ed Westley said there were group gatherings on 34th Avenue. He asked if Open Streets is going to be permanent.

Mr. Barney said it will be around as long as the City is practicing social distancing. With regard to gatherings, the Mayor is going to have an Ambassador program to make sure people practice good social distancing.

Deputy Inspector Juan Duran said that he hasn't heard of any social distancing issues. He said, "so far the Open Streets Program has been a great success." He credits Det. Johnson, P.O. Lopes, NCO Officers and neighborhood volunteers for the success. "Are we going to have a couple of bumps in the road and make some adjustments? Absolutely, but we're ready for that."

District Manager Giovanna Reid said there are a lot of issues that need to be discussed. She said a Traffic and Transportation Meeting is warranted.

Small Business Services

Eric Parker, Small Business Services Outreach Liaison, reported that SBS has transition into an online platform since being impacted by COVID-19. Mr. Parker gave an overview presentation:

Mr. Parker said that NYC Business Solutions Centers can connect businesses to the resources they need to start, operate and grow:

- Business Courses – Develop your business plan and get guidance on the right strategy for your business
- Incentives – Save money and maintain a competitive edge with government incentives
- Training – Give your employees the skills they need to take your business to the next level
- Legal Assistance – Access our network of pro bono attorneys who can answer all of your legal questions

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- Navigating Government – We'll connect you with the right government agencies
- Selling to Government – Learn what it takes to become a government contractor
- Financing Assistance – Secure the financing you need
- Recruitment – Hire talented staff to open a new location or expand your existing business
- M/WBE Certification – Get certified to compete on government contracts and access exclusive programs designed to help small businesses grow

Mr. Parker said that SBS helps unlock economic potential and create economic security for all New Yorkers by connecting citizens to good jobs, creating stronger businesses, and building thriving neighborhoods across the five boroughs. They support individual small businesses by providing “101” assistance and counseling as well as financial assistance. They support neighborhoods with Workforce One Centers for jobseekers.

During COVID-19 crisis, NYC Business Solutions Centers have been providing assistance online. They continue to have partnership with 40 micro lenders to help small businesses get the funding that they need in order for them to operate, expand and save their small businesses.

They are providing counseling to assist businesses who want to know what kind of regulations they need to know about once they start reopening. SBS is working with the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Department of Health to have information for businesses to facilitate a smooth transition. There are webinar discussions for the best practices for small businesses. For health/safety information: nyc.gov/coronavirus

Mr. Parker said, since the COVID-19 crisis, SBS did give out grants and loans. Applications are still being review. Anyone who had trouble submitting their application for any program can contact Mr. Parker at: eparker@sbs.nyc.gov or 212-618-8846.

For all list of services contact: nyc.gov/covid19biz
Text COVID to 692-692 for general updates.

Board Member Ed Westley asked Mr. Parker when he thinks small businesses will be open in New York City and if restaurants are going to open in the last phase.

Mr. Parker said they are waiting on Governor Andrew Cuomo to see when small businesses and restaurants can open.

Lesley Ramos, 82nd Street Partnership, said that restaurants are going to open in phase 3.

82nd Street Partnership

Lesley Ramos, 82nd Street Partnership Executive Director, reported that things have been rough for many of the businesses in the District. She said that the 82nd Street Partnership has reached out to help struggling businesses beyond the District.

Ms. Ramos said that on their Web site they have created a page that provides information on COVID-19 resources in English and Spanish. Also, there is a weekly updated list of the open businesses on 82nd Street.

Wednesday, May 27th the 82nd Street Partnership will be giving out free face masks to the small businesses from 11:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the basement of 82-11 37th Avenue, Jackson Heights.

Every Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. along with Chambers of Commerce there are workshops in Spanish called “Entre Amigos.” It is designed to prepare businesses for their reopening.

Ms. Ramos said to follow the 82nd Street Partnership on social media where there are more updates. Contact: 718-335-9421 or lesley@82ndstreet.org

Queens Chamber of Commerce

Tom Grech, Queens Chamber of Commerce President & Chief Executive Officer, reported that things are starting to clear up for the middle of June since most businesses closed in March

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due to the Coronavirus. Mr. Grech gave a brief overview on the Queens Chamber of Commerce:

Stats:

- Oldest and largest business association in Queens County, founded in 1911
- 1,150 Members representing over 100,000 Queens employees
 - Nearly 20% growth over 3 years
- The Queens Chamber has increased overall attendance & participation across the board by way of over 350 annual events and seminars in 2019, which were attended by thousands
- True to our small business mission, 90% of our members employ less than 10 people
- Home to JFK and LGA Airports, Queens is home to almost 100 domestic and international airlines, employing over 50,000 people making Queens the largest and most dense aviation hub in the US
- Home to seven colleges and universities that operate and educate in Queens County with over 90,000 students – 48% of whom are foreign born
- Health care, transportation and related services account for the largest segment of employment

Mr. Grech said he has reached out to all the Presidents of the 7 colleges to discuss how they can get job training, Internships and job placement.

Current:

- Board Chair Thomas J. Santucci, CIMA, AF & JD; Founder & President of Gateway Investments and active participant in numerous civic and charitable endeavors in Queens and the NY metro area
- Well-rounded, experienced, diverse and multi-lingual staff, which are led by President & CEO Thomas J. Grech, who has over thirty-five years of small business and FORTUNE 500 corporate experience, and serves as:
 - Co-Chair of LaGuardia Air Train Development (Gov. Cuomo & PANYNJ)
 - Member of Sunnyside Yards Steering Committee (BP Katz, NYEDC)
 - Western Point Redevelopment (BP Katz)
 - Willets Point Redevelopment (BP Katz, CM Moya, NYEDC)
 - JFK Redevelopment Council (PANYNJ)
 - Former Amazon Community Advisory Committee (NYC EDC & NYS ESD)
- Our thirty-five Board of Directors are a who's who of Queens business, civic and education leaders – 50% of which are new Board Members since 2016
- Host to over 100 educating, advocating and networking member events annually
- Provider of over 200 Seminars annually for the Queens public (i.e., businesses and residents alike, serving thousands)
- Working together with all Queens Elected Officials (Borough, City, State & Federal) in an effort to be their go-to source for all things business in Queens and NYC

Mr. Grech said that on one of his Tuesday 1:00 p.m. conference calls with all the Business Improvement Districts and Merchants Associations in Queens County, there were a lot of concerns about graffiti and crime since COVID-19. NYC Police Commissioner Dermot Shea was on the conference call. Commissioner Shea talked about the redeployment of Police from CitiField and Yankee Stadium throughout the City.

Mr. Grech stated that there are a lot of resources available at the Chamber Web site. There are billions of dollars for small businesses to apply. He said to contact him if they need help applying.

Board Member Lobsang Salaka asked about Veterans services.

Mr. Grech said there are Veterans in the Chamber and they have a Veterans Affairs team.

Board Member Ed Westley asked when he thinks businesses will reopen.

Mr. Grech said he doesn't know but that a lot of restaurants will have a tough time. They won't make enough money to pay the rent.

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Mr. Grech thanked Community Board 3 for their support.

Chairperson Renetta English said to please use the Community Board as a source to share any information for any programs that are open to the community.

Office of the New York State Comptroller Office

Dolores Capace, representative for the Office of the New York State Comptroller Office, announced there is a \$50 Million fund for any Small Business that needs a loan with only a 1% interest rate.

Ms. Capace encouraged everyone to check the website for information on COVID-19, unclaimed funds and small business loans at: <https://www.osc.state.ny.us> or contact Ms. Capace at: dcapace@osc.ny.gov

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Business Economic Development. – (Edmund Rosenbaum - Chair)

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

Dreamteam Restaurant Associates Inc. d/b/a Warique – 90-04 37th Avenue, Jackson Heights (New-Wine/Beer)

Chair Edmund Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Wine/Beer license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Warique.

The owner said the restaurant is a family owned business that serves Peruvian food. They moved to Jackson Heights a year ago and feel at home in the neighborhood.

Board Member Fausto Rodriguez said that he went by the restaurant and no one knew her as the owner.

The owner said to Mr. Rodriguez that it was a new employee he spoke with that day. The employee only dealt with her husband who is a part-owner.

Vicioso Restaurant Corp. d/b/a La Casa Dominicano Restaurant – 38-22 108th Street, Corona NY (New-Wine/Beer)

Chair Edmund Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Wine/Beer license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of La Casa Dominicano Restaurant.

Owner was not present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Motion # 31 - Adoption of the Agenda

Upon motion duly made by Renetta English, seconded by Ed Westley, to adopt the Agenda, was passed unanimously.

Motions By Committees:

Business Economic Development. – (Edmund Rosenbaum - Chair)

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

Dreamteam Restaurant Associates Inc. d/b/a Warique – 90-04 37th Ave., Jackson Heights (New-Wine/Beer)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economics, reported that the committee recommends **approval** of an application for an on premise Wine/Beer license.

Motion # 32 - Dreamteam Restaurant Associates Inc. d/b/a Warique – 90-04 37th Ave., Jackson Heights (New-Wine/Beer)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Kevin Hughes-Noboa, to **approve** the application was passed by 28 in Favor, 2 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

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Vicioso Restaurant Corp. d/b/a La Casa Dominicano Restaurant – 38-22 108th Street, Corona NY (New-Wine/Beer)

Tabled until the June 18, 2020 Full Board Meeting.

Chairperson's Report

Renetta English, Chairperson, reported that New York City has been in a State of emergency since March 7, 2020.

How are you my fellow CB3 members really doing? We have all been impacted mentally, physically and spiritually by COVID-19. Many families in East Elmhurst, Jackson Heights and North Corona are suffering from loss of family members and loss of income. The lines at our local food pantries are overwhelming. To see residents of all different backgrounds and ages standing for hours to get the food needed for their next meal is now a frightening reality.

I would like to say thank you to all our local political representatives for their food donation initiatives. Also, thanks to Queens Community Board 3 members who have collected and distributed items and have made financial donations to many of these causes. We know the residents of East Elmhurst, Jackson Heights and North Corona are very generous and are always ready and willing to give to their neighbors.

Over the last few weeks several COVID-19 testing sites have been established by NY City and NY State. I encourage everyone to get tested. We are lucky that New York State has testing sites.

Congratulations to all the 2020 Elementary, High School and College Graduates. Our Graduates will only be able to experience Virtual Graduation Ceremonies. Please encourage our young people that they will have better days in the future to experience future accomplishments with family and friends.

Ms. English said that every other Friday volunteers make phone calls to residents to remind them to fill out their Census.

She wished everyone Happy Mother's Day, Cinco de Mayo, Ramadan, Bike Month, Mental Health Awareness Month and Teacher Appreciation Week.

District Manager's Report

District Manager Giovanna Reid reported that Coronavirus has had a very negative impact on the community. She thanked all the first responders and essential workers for helping the community get through this crisis.

Ms. Reid reported that the Department of Homeless Services is trying to relocate some residents in homeless shelters to comply with social distancing rules. Some have been relocated temporarily to the Holiday Inn on 37th Avenue and 114th Street.

Ms. Reid reported that there are three locations where construction will soon begin. All are residential and mixed use. The locations are 111th Street and Astoria Boulevard, Roosevelt Avenue and Northern Boulevard. None of the residential facilities will exceed seven stories.

Ms. Reid said she is proud of the Board for transitioning successfully to the Teleconference.

Motion #33 - Adoption of the April 16, 2020 Monthly Minutes

Upon motion duly made by Renetta English, seconded by Fausto Rodriguez, to adopt the April 16, 2020 Minutes, was passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Education Committee Report:

Dr. Laverne Nimmons, Co-Chair of Education Committee, reported that Committee had a meeting to discuss the issues with online education. According to teachers who attended the

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meeting, some of the children can't get online because they don't have Broadband Internet Connection at home. The students keep getting locked out from their T-Mobile iPads and can't log back in, and some teachers never received equipment and have to use family or a neighbor's computer as some teachers have outdated laptops.

Dr. Nimmons said the attendance is low and there are no special needs services for children. There is a Web site for the teachers but it's not a uniformed standardized criterion. "The schools are really winging it to be honest with you." She said the Education Committee will continue to ask questions and send out letters to Principals and Parent Coordinators to find out how the Board can assist.

Lisa Mesulam, Co-Chair of the Education Committee, added that they also refer questions to District Manager Giovanna Reid who is in communication with City agencies, including the Mayor's Office.

Borough President's Report

Lisa Atkins, representative for the Borough President Office, announced that a Job Fair is scheduled for the near future.

Ms. Atkins announced there is an extension of the initiative with FreshDirect to help with food insecurity. The deliveries will go on until July.

Legislators' Report

Office of the NYC Comptroller Scott M. Stringer

James Mongeluzo, representative for NYC Comptroller Scott M. Stringer Office, announced that *The COVID-19 Resource Guide* has been updated and being translated into different languages.

There is \$2.5 million of unclaimed funds from City projects. The NYC Comptroller Office is trying to identify people who are owed money. Search for unclaimed funds and sign up for weekly Newsletter at: website: comptroller.nyc.gov

NY State Senator Jessica Ramos Office

Jacqueline Rosado, representative for NY State Senator Jessica Ramos Office, announced that they are strategizing for long term relief for the community. Every Saturday, the office provides fresh produces and hot meal distributions.

Senator Ramos is introducing legislation called *Worker Bailout Fund* for essential workers. Also, the Senator is working on legislation that requires employers to notify employees if they come in contact with other employees who have been infected with virus in their native language.

Assembly Member Michael DenDekker Office

George Hadjiconstantinou, representative for Assembly Member Michael DenDekker Office, announced that the office continues to assist the community with employment benefits and employment assistance.

The office is distributing meal vouchers, hand sanitizers and masks.

There will be temporary testing site until May 26, 2020 at Central Medical Latino on 37-11 88 Street. No walks in. Call for an appointment: 833-766-6769

The office is working on complaints on price gouging at Trump pharmacy on 86th Street and 37th Avenue. Anyone who has complaints about price gouging should report it to the New York Attorney General. Assy. DenDekker's Office can follow up for residents with an intake number.

District Manager Giovanna Reid asked if Assy. DenDekker can help constituents with real estate tax.

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Mr. Hadjiconstantinou said “yes” and that constituents should contact the office at 718-457-0384 or email hadjicg@nyassembly.gov

Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Office

Michele Hernandez, representative for Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Office, reported that on May 21, 2020 there was a Town Hall Meeting to answer questions about COVID-19.

Ms. Hernandez reported that on May 15, 2020 the Heroes Act was passed. It will provide housing assistance and finance relief for immigrant communities.

Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez introduced a bill that will provide up to \$10,000 to cover funeral expenses for those who have lost loved ones to COVID-19.

Council Member Daniel Dromm Office

Qibin Ye, representative for Council Member Daniel Dromm Office, reported that Trump Pharmacy was reported to the Department of Consumer Affairs for price gouging.

Ms. Ye said that CM Dromm urges everyone to fill out the Census so that the community can get funding.

The office is working remotely but still assisting if anyone needs any meal deliveries or legal service.

Council Member Francisco Moya Office

Taquoia Jones, representative for Council Member Francisco Moya Office, reported that CM Moya is funding pantries at Elmcot Youth and Adult Activities, First Baptist Church of Corona, Northeastern Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists Community Center, Corona Seventh Day Adventist Church and St. Mark AMC Church.

Ms. Jones said that CM Moya was the first to call for an emergency burial fund. He pushed that all low-income New Yorkers, without a social security number, can receive funds.

CM Moya worked with Rev. Young and Gov. Andrew Cuomo for testing sites for COVID-19. There are testing sites at First Baptist Church and City MD on Junction Boulevard. Appointment needed.

CM Moya Office is distributing face masks. Check out social media for distribution events.

Office of the New York City Public Advocate

Zachariah Boyer, representative for NYC Public Advocate Office, reported that at the City Council Hearing Public Advocate Jumaane Williams called for expanded aid to New Yorkers that are experiencing homelessness during Coronavirus crisis. He called for additional housing and necessary isolation.

Mr. Boyer said that the Public Advocate has called for a reduction in the NYPD budget in order to fund a strong equitable recovery from COVID-19 particularly for communities of color that were more impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic.

Motion # 34 - To Adjourn

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

*Respectfully Submitted by
Clara Colon*

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