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**ATTENDANCE**

Ann Brown  
Elba Buendia  
Mark Buhrmester  
Muquith Choudhury  
Haiko Cornelissen  
Vivian Dock  
Renetta English  
Vasantraï Gandhi  
Ulrick Gedeon  
Pastor Peter Herron  
Kevin Hughes-Noboa  
Edward Kiernan  
Marta Lebreton  
Lisa Mesulam  
Laverne Nimmons  
Nuala O'Doherty  
Philip Papas  
Ladislá Pérez  
Dorothy Phelan  
Megan Rockwell  
Tammy Rose  
Edmund Rosenbaum  
Marlene Tapper  
Frank Taylor  
Arthur Teiler  
Shanel Thomas-Henry  
Hamlett Wallace  
Toi Washington-Simon  
Edwin Westley

**ABSENT**

Kham Bhatta  
Shiv Dass  
Sonya Davis Roberts  
Margaret Dozier  
Larinda Hooks  
Abdur Rahim Howlader  
Joyce Julian  
Stephen Kulhanek  
Carlos Andres Lopez  
Ralph Moreno  
Richard Mullings  
Veronica Ng  
Esteban Peralta  
Fausto Rodriguez  
Jairo Rodriguez  
Leoncio Romero  
David Rosero  
Lobsang Salaka  
Jimmy Smith  
Pat Thorpe

**Guest**

NYS Senator Chuck Schumer  
Thomas Grech, Qns Chamber of Commerce  
Thomas Bayer, NYSDOT  
Jessica Schabowski, Mayor's Office  
Julie Kim, HHC Test & Trace, Qns Boro Dir  
James Mongeluzo, Rep., NYC Comptroller  
Michele Hernandez, Rep., Congresswoman  
Ocasio-Cortez  
Rep., NYS Senator Ramos Office  
Qibin Ye Rep., CM Dromm Office  
Lili Pioche, Rep., Assy. Aubry's Office

**Please Note: The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Teleconference.**

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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 INFORMATION**

#### **Queens Chamber of Commerce – Thomas Grech – President/CEO**

Thomas Grech, Queens Chamber of Commerce President & Chief Executive Officer, presented a brief presentation on the present state of the Queens Chamber of Commerce:

On Going:

- Developed strong partnership with NYC Small Business Services (SBS) and related governmental agencies
- Participation with and strong support of over forty (40) local chambers of commerce, BID's, LDC's and merchant associations throughout Queens
- Grow and develop Queens Chamber of Commerce Foundation, a 501(c) 3 organization
- Twelve (12) Member Committees, including: Healthcare & Wellness, Restaurant & Hospitality, Entrepreneurship & Innovation, Communications, Energy & Environmental, Transportation, Not-for-Profit, Manufacturing, Real Estate, Technology, Arts & Entertainment and Banking & Legal
- Increase content/presence/distribution of *This is Queensborough* monthly Chamber publication
- Continue to build diversity of our Board of Directors and in all Member Committees
- Focused local outreach at all Community Boards

Current & Future – New initiatives announced by the Chamber include:

- Offering robust new “Member Affinity Benefits” to all Queens small businesses and nonprofits; benefits include:
  - Queens Chamber branded VISA credit card
  - Telehealth program
  - Energy saving programs
  - ID theft protection
  - Drug prescription discounts
  - P.C. Richards & Sons discounts
  - Microsoft Office 365 discount
  - Sesame Eats restaurant ordering app
  - MEAP 401k access
  - And more...
- “Queens Care” – a day care program to support working parents and adult caregivers that will allow employers to keep their talented employees on the job while keeping families intact
- “Adopt a Small Business” – an initiative allowing corporations to sponsor local small businesses with complimentary annual introductory Membership to the Queens Chamber
- “Queens Shoring” – an effort in collaboration with NYC Small Business Services and NYS to bring manufacturing back to Queens County
- “Queens Chamber Bites” – an effort to support the Queens restaurant and food service industries by providing businesses with the tools to build multi-media marketing platforms
- “Queens Chamber Tech” – a campaign to attract, retain and grow a tech-based ecosystem in strategic locations throughout the borough
- “Relocate to Queens” – launched in February, this initiative will employ robust data technology to connect businesses to resources that will empower and allow them to be a part of Queens growth with focus on the borough’s 63 economic opportunity zones (EOZs)
- “Queens Chamber Volunteers” – a program to connect talented volunteers with small businesses struggling due to the COVID-19 pandemic

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- “Queens Mentors” – a program to connect Queens businesses to seasoned business professionals from across the State who can offer real world guidance on how their companies can grow and thrive
- “Queens Business and Higher Education Council” – a joint effort of the Queens Chamber and the eight colleges and universities in Queens County to connect Queens businesses with institutions of higher learning to facilitate meaningful internships for students, post-graduation career placement and career training for those Queens residents displaced due to COVID-19

“We’ve never been challenged as we are now. Right now, we have 6,000 restaurants in Queens County. It is by my estimation and great fear that half of them will never reopen again. That is not the fault of government or anyone. COVID-19 is really damaging us throughout the city and the country. What is happening in the business world effects everyone!”

Mr. Grech encouraged all in attendance to tell their Elected Officials in Washington, D.C. to pass the Heroes Act.

### **New York State Senator Chuck Schumer**

NYS Senator Chuck Schumer reported that the country is in midst of one of the biggest crisis’ we have ever faced. “It’s the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression and worst health crisis since the Spanish Flu.” Senator Schumer said that President Trump and the Republicans do not want to do anything to help and that they are focusing on overturning the election, which will not happen. He went on to say that the Democrats have a lawyer who has won the court cases that have been brought.

Senator Schumer reported that the bill passed in March by the House of Representative was for the following:

- Unemployment insurance at \$600 a month
- Money for small businesses, non-profits and churches
- \$4 billion for the MTA
- Money for hospitals like Elmhurst
- \$1 billion for schools
- Moratorium on evictions
- Money to feed the people
- Grants for small businesses
- \$100 billion to help people pay the rent or mortgage

Senator Schumer said that the problem is that most of the programs have run out. He said they are fighting to expand the programs but, without the money, there could be layoffs.

Senator Schumer said if he gets to be the majority leader, the support for the programs will pass in the first few weeks.

“If I become majority leader, we can do a lot on climate. We will make sure that climate helps average people of color and smaller communities. I will get immigration bills passed. We will have the path to citizenship for all of the immigrants who are here. They are so important to the community and work so hard.”

Board Member Megan Rockwell asked about student debt.

Senator Schumer said that NYS Senator Elizabeth Warren has a proposal that \$50,000 of student debt goes away.

Board Member Frank Taylor asked Senator Schumer what he thinks about billions that are going to be spent for an AirTrain when the money could go toward other things that could benefit the community like the food crisis.

Senator Schumer said that he is not familiar with the issue regarding the AirTrain. He said, in the bill he proposed, they will raise SNAP permanently and give food banks more food.

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Board Member Mark Buhrmester said that there are a lot of undocumented immigrants who do not qualify for any COVID-19 relief. Mr. Buhrmester asked the Senator to push hard for the communities with undocumented neighbors.

Senator Schumer said that undocumented immigrants are included in the bill to get aid.

Senator Schumer thanked all the Board Members for their service on Community Board 3.

### **Project Replacement of the Astoria Boulevard South (eastbound) bridge – NYSDOT**

Thomas Bayer, Civil Engineer 2 at New York State Department of Transportation, reported that a project has begun to replace the Astoria Blvd South Bridge over the ramp from the eastbound BQE that connects to the eastbound Grand Central Parkway. The first phase of major construction has started and they set up a long-term lane closure on the eastbound side of Astoria Blvd South. The location is east of St. Michael Cemetery and west of Booty Street. The work zone is set up on the right side for a long-term right lane closure. The lanes are reduced for the period of construction in order to replace the bridge deck. The lanes are reduced from three to two lanes in the location of the bridge

Mr. Bayer said the scope of the project is to replace the 60 year old bridge deck, the railings and the walls on the sides of the bridge. Also, to repave the roadway leading up to the bridge of both sides. To accomplish the project the construction team is going to construct a temporary pedestrian bridge on the right south side of the bridge. He said, first, they are going to build a temporary pedestrian walkway on the bridge over the ramp from the BQE. Followed by, second, replacing the bridge deck and all the utilities that are carried by the bridge in stage one. Mr. Bayer said it is going to take around ten months.

Stage two will commence with the north half of the eastbound bridge being replaced. Following that will be a short stage three and four where traffic is flip-flopped for one to three months. They will rebuild the new pedestrian sidewalk on the south side and remove the pedestrian bridge and then finish off the bridge. Mr. Bayer said it's going to be a two year project.

Board Member Ladisla Perez asked what times will they be working on the project.

Mr. Bayer said most of the construction will be done during the day and some at night.

### **Mayor's Office – Jessica Schabowski, Queens C.A.U Director**

Jessica Schabowski, Queens Borough Director, Community Affairs Unit - Office of the Mayor of New York City, reported on positive Coronavirus numbers:

- Corona and North Corona's positivity rate is 5.81%
- LaGuardia Airport and East Elmhurst is 4.44%
- Jackson Heights is 2.82%

Ms. Schabowski said there will be temporary school closure for a minimum of two weeks. When the schools were opened there were health and safety measures taken. The schools had socially distanced classrooms, mandatory mask wearing, testing was available and there was a contact tracing program. Ms. Schabowski said that the schools need testing consent forms brought back from parents.

Ms. Schabowski announced that there has been a testing site at Travers Park in Jackson Heights. The City encourages that people not to gather and not to travel.

The Mayor's Office encourages everyone to shop locally and support the Open Store Front program that will run from October 30<sup>th</sup> until December 31, 2020.

In October the Mayor's Office had their fifth annual Dusk and Darkness campaign with a citywide "Day of Awareness" to draw attention to the increased risks to pedestrians and cyclists during the fall and winter.

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Board Member Lisa Mesulam asked what happens if a parent doesn't sign the consent slip for a child to be tested.

Ms. Schabowski said they urge parents to turn in the consent slip that shows the child is negative for COVID-19. But, they are not forced to bring it in.

Board Member Dr. Laverne Nimmons asked if there is a site online where people can find the testing sites.

Ms. Schabowski said that anyone can go to [nyc.gov/covidtest](https://nyc.gov/covidtest) or call 311.

### **Julie Kim – HHC Test and Trace, Queens Borough Director**

Julie Kim, Queens Borough Director for HHC Test and Trace, encouraged everyone to get tested for COVID-19 regardless if they don't have any symptoms. There have been cases of people being asymptomatic and have tested positive for COVID-19. If anyone tests positive, they will get a call or a visit from a Tracer. The Tracer will contact people that were in contact with the person who tested positive. They will also contact them with resources available. Ms. Kim encouraged, besides following precautions, to keep it small this year for the holidays. Don't gather and don't travel.

NYC is offering free resources during isolation or quarantine to help people stay safe and to prevent more people from getting sick. They will provide hotels, food and medication delivery.

HHC would like to partner with community organizations/groups who can:

- Promote basic COVID-19 prevention via digital outreach
- Promote nearby testing sites
- Distribute palm card and masks to their communities
- Organize days of action for nearby testing sites
- Host a microsite, a simplified testing site that can be located just about anywhere

Free Resources call 844-NYC-4NYC or visit [testandtrace.nyc](https://testandtrace.nyc)

Testing is safe, easy and free. No insurance needed. Go to: [nyc.gov/covidtest](https://nyc.gov/covidtest)

Dr. Laverne Nimmons, Second Vice Chair, asked how long it takes to get the test results.

Ms. Kim said that test results take at least 48 hours.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **Traffic/Transportation – (Stephen Kulhanek & Ed Kiernan – Co-Chairs)**

**Street Co-Naming - Dr. Sergio I. Rubio Way** – Northern Blvd. from 94th Street to Junction Blvd. (Sign Location - SW corner of Northern Blvd. & Junction Blvd.)

Ed Kiernan, Traffic & Transportation Co-Chair, reported that there is a proposal to Co-Name Northern Blvd. from 94th Street to Junction Blvd. to Dr. Sergio I. Rubio Way. Mr. Kiernan asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak.

Qibin Ye, representative from Council Member Daniel Dromm, said that CM Dromm is asking the Community Board to approve the application for Dr. Sergio I. Rubio Way. Ms. Ye read a statement:

*Dr. Sergio Ivan Rubio, originally from Peru, received his veterinarian license from Peru in 1967. He made his way to the United States in 1970 seeking the American Dream. He applied to Veterinarian schools to redo his studies and become licensed in the US so he could practice his love of medicine. With a wife and three children to care and provide for, he achieved his dream in 1976 and passed the license in four States: NY, California, Minnesota, and Missouri, all states where he studied. As a family it was decided that NY will be the place to call home. He started his own practice as a house call veterinary business working evenings and weekends and after his jobs as a surgeon in Bideawee*

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*and North Shore Animal League. He finally opened his clinic in 1980 in the most diverse county in the world, Jackson Heights Queens. Here he settled and dedicated his entire career. In 2017, going into semi-retirement, he moved his practice to East Elmhurst where he got to live his last years doing what he loved most, veterinary medicine.*

*Dr. Rubio was a dedicated professional who didn't believe in 9 to 5 to do his job. His love for animals and his clients often had him stay overnight watching and caring for pets that required extra care. In addition to being the professional, he was a good friend often providing advice, encouragement, and friendship to neighbors and young people who got a chance to work with him and learn from him. He was the true essence of achieving the American dream. He will always be remembered and tremendously missed.*

Beverly Carroll, resident, said that she is part of a three generation family who entrusted their pets to the care of Dr. Sergio I. Rubio. She said that Dr. Sergio dedicated 40 years to the Community. He worked 6 days a week, he stayed overnight with very sick pets and opened his business on a Sunday to make special accommodations for an owner. He kept fees affordable to encourage well visits. He gave follow up free care and discount visits. Dr. Rubio was compassionate, warm, generous, funny and a bit of a MacGyver. Ms. Carroll said that her sentiments are echoed in the petitions that was sent to the Community Board. "There is no doubt that Dr. Sergio loved his clients and the petitions return that love."

Edmund Rosenbaum, Second Vice Chair, said he never knew Dr. Sergio but the owner of Pizza Sam knew the doctor for 40 years and spoke very highly of him.

A former intern for Dr. Sergio said he was her neighborhood veterinarian, mentor and father figure for over 10 years. He inspired and advised her to seek higher education. He often adjusted cost to low income clients. In his 40 years in the community, he provided affordable services to many. She is thankful to have had him in her life.

A resident and Veterinarian said that she is grateful to Dr. Sergio for encouraging her to seek her veterinarian license. She said it would take too long for her to say how much Dr. Sergio means to her. He was a wonderful person and a great teacher.

Dr. Rubio I. Sergio's grandson thanked all the supporters and the Board for their time. He said that his grandfather has always been a great role model. Being an immigrant and achieving his dream, he defined something special for Jackson Heights.

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

#### **Latino Bites 2, LLC – 84-15 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights (New – Wine/Beer)**

Chair Edmund Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Wine/Beer license. He called up the owner for Latino Bites 2, LLC.

The owner said the restaurant is a family restaurant that doesn't attract a party crowd.

Mr. Rosenbaum mentioned that the owner is operating a food truck across from the restaurant. He asked about the seating inside the restaurant.

The owner said the restaurant can fit 70 people.

Board Member Toi Washington-Simon asked if he gets a liquor license will he still operate the food truck in the same location. It may cause a flow of patrons back and forth.

The owner said the concept of having the restaurant is to move the food truck to another location.

Board Member Frank Taylor asked if there was any Police activity at the restaurant.

The owner said he has not had any problems. The name is very popular and attracts families.

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### **Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado LLC - 37-47 Junction Blvd., Corona (New - Wine/Beer)**

Not present.

### **Vecinos Corp. - 85-13 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights (New - Full Liquor)**

Chair Edmund Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Vecinos Corp.

The owner said that the restaurant is going to be a Brazilian Lounge. The chef was a cook at Park Avenue. Because of COVID-19, he hasn't been able to do anything with the restaurant.

Mr. Rosenbaum asked if he filed his application and if he owns 100% of the business.

The owner responded that yes he has filed and owns 100% of the business.

Mr. Rosenbaum asked if he was finger printed.

The owner said he has not been finger printed yet.

### **Tradiciones Mexicanas Corp. dba Los Chiles - 96-07 37th Ave, Corona (Class Change/Full Liquor)**

Chair Ed Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Class Change. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Tradiciones Mexicanas Corp.

The owner said, due to the pandemic, the restaurant has been struggling. In the summer they were able to do better because of outdoor dining. In the winter, with limited customers allowed in the restaurant, they might not make it and have to close. The owner hopes with a Full Liquor license the restaurant can survive.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

### **Motion # 60 - Adoption of the Agenda**

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

### **Motions By Committees:**

#### **Traffic/Transportation - (Stephen Kulhanek & Ed Kiernan - Co-Chairs)**

**Street Co-Naming - Dr. Sergio I. Rubio Way** - Northern Blvd. from 94th Street to Junction Blvd. (Sign Location - SW corner of Northern Blvd. & Junction Blvd.)

Ed Kiernan, Co-Chair of Traffic & Transportation, reported that the committee recommends **approval** of Co-Naming SW corner of Northern Blvd. & Junction Blvd Dr. Sergio I. Rubio Way.

#### **Motion # 61 - Traffic/Transportation - (Stephen Kulhanek & Ed Kiernan - Co-Chairs)**

**Street Co-Naming - Dr. Sergio I. Rubio Way** - Northern Blvd. from 94th Street to Junction Blvd. (Sign Location - SW corner of Northern Blvd. & Junction Blvd.)

Upon motion duly made by Ed Kiernan, seconded by Hamlett Wallace, to **approve** the application was passed with 26 in Favor, 1 Opposed and 1 Abstention.

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

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

#### **Latino Bites 2, LLC - 84-15 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights (New - Wine/Beer)**

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

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### **Motion # 62 - Latino Bites 2, LLC - 84-15 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights (New - Wine/Beer)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Hamlett Wallace, to **approve** the application was passed with 24 in Favor, 2 Opposed and 2 Abstentions.

### **Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado LLC - 37-47 Junction Blvd., Corona (New - Wine/Beer)**

Tabled until December.

### **Vecinos Corp. - 85-13 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights (New - Full Liquor)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economic Committee, reported that the committee recommends **disapproval** of an application for an on-premises Full Liquor license for this applicant. Reasons are due to unwillingness of the applicant to meet with the committee and lack of disclosure of applicant as filed with New York State Liquor Authority. The applicant principal violated the Governors Executive order and New York State Alcohol Beverage Control Law, exemplifying the fact that the principal, Nicole Mancini, is not a viable licensee.

Mr. Rosenbaum said that the State Liquor Authority has received the application. Nicole Mancini was finger printed and listed as the corporate principal of the location. That contradicts what the owner stated.

### **Motion # 63 - Vecinos Corp. - 85-13 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights (New - Full Liquor)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Arthur Teiler, to **disapprove** the application was passed with 26 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 1 Abstention.

### **Tradiciones Mexicanas Corp. dba Los Chiles - 96-07 37th Ave, Corona (Class Change/Full Liquor)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economic Committee, reported that the committee recommends **approval** of an application for a Class Change to an on-premises Full Liquor license for this applicant provided that a stipulation has been signed. The Stipulation was signed.

### **Motion # 64 - Tradiciones Mexicanas Corp. dba Los Chiles - 96-07 37th Ave, Corona (Class Change/Full Liquor)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Ann Brown, to **approve** the application was passed with 23 in Favor, 3 Opposed and 1 Abstention.

### **Chairperson's Report**

Renetta English, Chairperson, said that November is a special month because of recognition of Veterans. It's a special month where people are thankful for families/friends and are in good health during this COVID-19 resurgence.

She reminded everyone to follow the "Core 4" recommendations from the NYC Department of Health: Stay home, stay six feet apart, wear a mask and keep hands clean.

Community Board 3 distributed over 1,500 Masks for Jackson Heights Merchant Association Diwali Food Distribution. The Board also distributed 2,500 Masks at the Congregation Tifereth Israel of Jackson Heights Free Food Community distributions

Note: 2020 Virtual Community Gift Giving Project - Dates TBD

Ms. English said that she is thankful the consistent support in attending Board / Committee meetings and the numerous community events. She wished all in attendance a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

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

District Manager Giovanna Reid thanked the Board Members their corporation and support during the pandemic. She wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

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### **Motion # 65 - Adoption of the October 22, 2020 Monthly Minutes**

Upon motion duly made by Renetta English, seconded by Ed Westley, to adopt the October 22, 2020 Minutes, was passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Nominating Committee**

Vivian Dock, Nominating Committee Chair, announced that the Committee will be meeting before the December 17, 2020 Board Meeting to decide on a slate of candidates for office. The Elections will be on January 21, 2021. At that time, nominations can be made from the floor by Board Members and seconded by another Board Member. No Officer elected may serve more than three consecutive terms in the same office and shall not be eligible for reelection to the same office for a period of two years. In the process of nominating, the Board takes into consideration members' attendance at Board and Committee meetings, representation from the entire district, diversity of the Board and terms served.

Members of the Committee were appointed by Chairperson Renetta English. The members of the Committee are Vasantrai Gandhi, Pastor Peter Herron, Ed Kiernan, Marta Lebreton, Veronica Ng, Philip Papas, David Rosero and Toi Washington-Simon.

Any Board Member interested in being nominated for an office can contact anyone on the Nominating Committee.

There will be a change to the voting process due to the pandemic. The Queens Borough Presidents Office will inform.

#### **Traffic & Transportation Report**

Ed Kiernan, Traffic & Transportation Co-Chair, reported that the Committee met on October 28, 2020 to discuss the Open Streets Program with DOT. There were over 100 residents in attendance for the meeting. Mr. Kiernan reported that there are traffic concerns on 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue between 75<sup>th</sup> to 78<sup>th</sup> Streets. DOT is going to be looking into the condition. The Committee is also going to be looking into a street hump on 93<sup>rd</sup> Street between 31<sup>st</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenues.

Mr. Kiernan announced that on December 2, 2020 there will be a Zoom meeting on "Open Street Information and Listening Session: 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Jackson Heights". The event co-sponsors are Council Member Daniel Dromm, NYC Senator Jessica Ramos and Queens Community Board 3.

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

Lisa Atkins, representative for Borough President Office, encouraged all in attendance to take advantage of the free COVID-19 testing at LaGuardia Airport. On behalf of the Queens Borough President Office she wished everyone a healthy, happy Thanksgiving.

#### **Legislators' Report**

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

Lili Pioche, representative for Assembly Member Jeffrion Aubry's Office, announced that there is a COVID-19 test site at Terminal B at LaGuardia Airport. She encouraged all to get tested. It's easy and the results come back fast.

##### **Office of the NYC Comptroller Scott M. Stringer**

James Mongeluzo, representative for NYC Comptroller Scott M. Stringer Office, announced that there is over \$800 million of tax revenue that was unexpected at the first quarter of fiscal year.

The Office of the NYC Comptroller has put out the work and family survey to collect data on how people are doing during the pandemic. More responses are needed from diversity areas and Queens.

For more information, go to [www.comptroller.nyc.gov](http://www.comptroller.nyc.gov).

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### **Council Member Daniel Dromm's Office**

Qibin Ye, representative for Council Member Daniel Dromm's Office, reported that according to Local Law 152 of 2016: Periodic Inspection of Gas Piping systems is required in most buildings beginning January 1, 2020 until the end of this year. Due to the pandemic many buildings were not able to meet the deadline. Council Member Daniel Dromm introduced a bill to extend the deadline for another six months. Ms. Ye said that they will keep the Community Board updated on any Public Hearings.

### **New York State Senator Jessica Ramos Office**

A representative from the office of New York State Senator Jessica Ramos, reported that Senator Ramos spoke out about the energy power plant and advocated for extendable infrastructure at the NY Senate Budget Hearings.

On Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a Thanksgiving turkey giveaway at the courtyard of the Louis Armstrong Middle School at 3:00pm.

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

Michelle Hernandez, representative for Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, reported that in November, Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez hosted a Town Hall meeting and update regarding what to expect from congress at they finish their first term. The Town Hall meetings can be seen on Facebook.

Ms. Hernandez announced that the Congresswoman is working on a spending bill to keep the government funded.

On November 20, 2020 Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez will appear on the House floor to honor the centennial of the Jewish Center of Jackson Heights with a brief speech on their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and ongoing service to the community.

### **Old Business**

Board Member Ed Westley reported that the BSA is going to have a meeting on December 1, 2020. Mr. Westley said they will probably approve the development on 114<sup>th</sup> Street and Northern Blvd.

### **Motion # 66 - To Adjourn**

Upon motion duly made by Renetta English, and seconded by Kevin Hughes-Noboa to adjourn the meeting, was passed unanimously. Adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted by  
Clara Colon*

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