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January 21, 2021

**ATTENDANCE**

Kham Bhatta  
Ann Brown  
Elba Buendia  
Mark Buhrmester  
Muquith Choudhury  
Haiko Cornelissen  
Shiv Dass  
Vivian Dock  
Margaret Dozier  
Renetta English  
Ulrick Gedeon  
Pastor Peter Herron  
Larinda Hooks  
Abdur Rahim Howlader  
Kevin Hughes-Noboa  
Joyce Julian  
Edward Kiernan  
Stephen Kulhanek  
Marta Lebreton  
Lisa Mesulam  
Richard Mullings  
Laverne Nimmons  
Veronica Ng  
Nuala O'Doherty  
Ladislav Perez  
Dorothy Phelan  
Megan Rockwell  
Jairo Rodriguez  
Leoncio Romero  
Tammy Rose  
Edmund Rosenbaum  
David Rosero  
Lobsang Salaka  
Marlene Tapper  
Frank Taylor  
Arthur Teiler  
Shanel Thomas-Henry  
Hamlett Wallace  
Toi Washington-Simon  
Edwin Westley

**ABSENT**

Sonya Davis Roberts  
Vasantraï Gandhi  
Carlos Andres Lopez  
Ralph Moreno  
Philip Papas  
Esteban Peralta  
Fausto Rodriguez  
Jimmy Smith  
Pat Thorpe

**Guest**

Assy. Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas  
Dr. Jorge H. Soler, Project Achieve  
Jessica Schabowski, Mayor's Office  
Ifan Amed, NYC Soccer Initiative  
Johanna Santana, PS 149 Beacon Program  
Max Weprin, Rep., Qns Boro Pres Office  
Michele Hernandez, Congresswoman  
Ocasio-Cortez  
James Mongeluzo, Rep., NYC Comptroller  
Mary Jobaida Rep., NYS Sen. Ramos  
TaQuoia Jones, Rep., CM Moya's Office  
Qibin Ye Rep., CM Dromm's Office  
Alexandra Owens Rep., Assy. Cruz

**Please Note: The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Teleconference.**

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**

### **P.S. 149 Beacon Program – Queens Community House**

Johanna Santana, Assistant Director for Queens Community House, said that Queens Community House is a multi service settlement house that serves the diverse neighborhoods of Queens. It serves residents of all ages, races, faiths and ethnicities while supporting the vitality of the borough as a whole.

They offer a broad network of comprehensive services at 32 sites in 14 different neighborhoods in Queens impacting individuals, families, and entire communities.

The Beacon program at PS 149 is a school-based community and youth development driver offering afterschool programs, tutoring services for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grades and a variety of evening events.

The staff is trained in a positive youth development framework to build a family-friendly and community focused culture in all of the programs benefiting participants of all ages. The focus is on a holistic approach that centers social, emotional, cognitive, and physical growth.

For more information, contact: [jsantana@qchnyc.org](mailto:jsantana@qchnyc.org) or call 917-862-7298.

### **Assembly Member Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas**

Assembly Member Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas introduced herself as the new representative for the 34<sup>th</sup> Assembly District which includes the neighborhoods of Jackson Heights, East Elmhurst, Corona and Woodside. She said that while they are looking for a new office space, they are currently using the former Assembly Member's office. Assy. Gonzalez-Rojas said they have been assisting constituents while working remotely due to COVID-19, but that they are making in-person appointments when the circumstances require a face-to-face meeting.

Assy. Gonzalez-Rojas announced that the committees she has been assigned to in the State Assembly are "Children and Families," "Cities," "Environmental Conservation," "Social Services" and the "Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions," which oversees the MTA. In regard to her role on the "Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions" she said that she will be a vocal advocate in ensuring that all communities have the transportation access that they need.

Assy. Gonzalez-Rojas is working with the Queens Borough President's Office in identifying testing sites for COVID-19. They are in the process of setting up mobile vans and looking for the best locations in the District.

Assy. Gonzalez-Rojas reported that a law has been passed that no one can be evicted until May 1, 2021. The office can assist with hardship forms available for anyone facing foreclosure and eviction. She noted that the COVID Rent Relief Program deadline is February 1, 2021 and that deadline to secure a loan through the Paycheck Protection Program is March 31, 2021.

Assy. Gonzalez-Rojas announced that the Fall 2020 School Experience Surveys are available for parents to fill out and provide feedback.

Assy Gonzalez-Rojas recently held a virtual rally to speak out against white supremacy and recent attacks on the Capital. She joined Assembly Members in signing a letter for the removal of former president Donald J. Trump.

Assy. Gonzalez-Rojas said she is excited and humbled to be Community Board 3's representative. She will continue to keep the Community Board abreast of any future activities.

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### **Project Achieve – Dr. Jorge H. Soler, MPH**

Dr. Jorge H. Soler, representative for Project Achieve, reported that they are the Laboratory of Infectious Disease Prevention. They are one of eight labs at The Blood Center. Dr. Soler said that The Blood Center deals primarily with blood donation services and that there is a research institute called The Lindsley F. Kimball Research Institute. The Institute consists of eight labs, one of them being Project Achieve. Dr. Soler said what makes Project Achieve different from the other labs is that the research is done with human participants rather than bench science research.

Project Achieve was founded in 1993 with the goal to find ways to prevent HIV infection. They collaborated with researchers and sites across the United States and globally.

Dr. Soler gave a brief presentation:

Research:

- HIV/AIDS and SARS-CoV-2 / COVID-19
- Biomedical, behavioral and social sciences
- Prevention – focused but also treatment

Because of its history doing work on HIV prevention and vaccine research, specifically, Project Achieve was invited to participate in the Phase 3 – COVID-19 vaccine studies.

Education:

- Up-to-date and science-based information across multiple topics, issues and innovations
- Building awareness, acceptance and support of research and related interventions

Community:

- Tailored programs for key populations
- Partnerships with organizations representing a broad range of communities
- Advocacy and representation

Dr. Soler said community engagement and recruitment is an important part of the work but has changed dramatically since the pandemic. It is important because there is constant innovations.

The Community Engagement and Recruitment Team enrolls people into their studies. The mission is to have research studies with populations that represent community. "At the end of the day, it's a numbers game in order to complete the studies, we have to reach enrollment targets so we can actually see if what we're looking at is effective or not."

Dr. Soler said that "it's critical for clinical studies to have people (who participate in the studies) to represent diverse communities because marginalized populations are being disproportionately impacted by health issues and diseases."

Dr. Solar went through Commonly asked questions:

- **Can vaccines cause SARS-CoV-2 infection or cause COVID-19 illness?**  
*No. Vaccines show a piece of the virus so the body will recognize it as something boring that can never cause illness.*
- **How do we know that vaccines are safe?**  
*There are clinical studies done in three phases. Once there is some kind of immune response in phase three there has already been at least 20,000 people that have received the same exact vaccine in the study. So there is a lot of information about any side effects.*
- **When can I get the vaccine and how do I sign up?**  
*Just Google the following terms: nyc doh covid*

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- **How much does the vaccine cost?**  
*It doesn't cost anything but in some cases health insurance is being charged.*
- **Should I get vaccinated if I was already infected before?**  
*Everyone is encouraged to get vaccinated.*
- **If I'm vaccinated, can I stop using a mask and stop social distancing?**  
*For now, people should continue following the guidelines of social distancing and wear a mask. It is still not known the extent to which people can still carry the virus and transmit the virus and what are the side effects.*
- **Does it matter if I get the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine?**  
*Both vaccines are equally effective and are two injections spaced about a month apart. Common effects are tiredness, headache, pain at the injection site, chills and joint Pain.*

Through a research network called "The Coronavirus Prevention Network," Project Achieve was able to get a medical bus. There is a mobile medical van that is stationed three times a week at Jackson Heights on 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

For more information:

[www.joinusnyc.org](http://www.joinusnyc.org)

[www.covidstudiesnyc.org](http://www.covidstudiesnyc.org)

[www.projectachieve.com](http://www.projectachieve.com)

Board Member Frank Taylor asked about the mobile van going to East Elmhurst and Corona areas.

Dr. Soler said that the vans have to remain at their locations due to study participants having to get back there for their appointments.

### **Mayor's Office – Jessica Schabowski, Queens Borough Director, CAU**

Jessica Schabowski, Queens Borough Director for the Mayor's Office, reported that last week there were 220,000 vaccines administered. The week before there were 100,000 vaccines administered. There are large scale vaccination centers that will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including the widely announced City Field site. Ms. Schabowski said however, without a resupply of doses from the Federal Government the city is going to have to begin closing vaccination sites starting today.

The Mayor has been advocating for the federal government to invoke the Defense Production Act. The administration remains optimistic that with the change in administration in Washington, D.C. there will be an increase in production of the vaccine.

The city has created a program where New Yorkers, who are 65 years and older, qualify to be vaccinated and can make an appointment for a vaccine at a city operated site. They will be asked if they have a way to get to and from the appointment. If they do not, they will be directed to various transportation options.

The city has been focusing on opening vaccination sites at NYCHA developments to provide on-site vaccinations for residents 65 years or older and addressing the most vulnerable populations that have been most largely impacted by this pandemic.

Anybody who had a first dose appointment may have had their appointments canceled but second dose appointments are not being canceled at this time.

For more information call: 877-829-4692 or go to <https://vaccinefinder.nyc.gov>

Board Member Ann Brown asked if the sites are providing proper refrigeration.

Ms. Schabowski said the City was working on proper refrigeration before the vaccinations were approved. The city is working with the DOH to see how they can take vaccinations out of refrigeration for homebound constituents ultimately making sure that they do not spoil.

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Board Member Joyce Julian asked if the vaccine would conflict with existing medications.

Ms. Schabowski said that there hasn't been any conflicts, to date, with crossing medications but that there are some concerns regarding allergies.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **Parks & Recreation - (Marta Lebreton, Chair)**

##### **NYC Soccer Initiative - At Louis C. Moser Playground - Ifan Amed**

Marta Lebreton, Chair of the Parks & Recreation Committee, reported that the Committee met in December to see a presentation for the New York City Soccer Initiative at Louis C. Moser Playground. The Committee did not make a recommendation. Ms. Lebreton said that a recommendation will be made in Executive Session.

Irfan Ahmed, Senior Manager and Lead of the NYC Soccer Initiative, reported that they have a five-year initiative to build soccer fields throughout the city of New York. It is being funded by The Mayor's Fund, U.S. Soccer Foundation, New York City Football Club, Adidas and Etihad Airway as well as NYC Parks, NYCHA and NYC Department of Education who are serving as the City partners.

It is a \$3 million initiative to build 50 soccer fields with a \$600,000 maintenance fund to maintain the fields. Mr. Ahmed said that Moser Playground has an empty space that can be a soccer field. He said it is the last final year of the initiative.

The soccer field will be open to the public and have a free after school program called "Soccer for Success" developed by the U.S. Soccer Foundation. They will offer free uniforms, 90 minutes of play, three days a week for 24 weeks per year. The NYC Football Club will also offer educational programs including a robotics program that teaches children how to code and program robots.

Council Member Costa Constantinides said that part of the initiative was a soccer field built in Astoria under the Triborough Bridge. He said it has been a great experience for the children. There has been no loitering issues or any other issues.

Board Member Ed Westley asked Mr. Ahmed if he reached out to the Jackson Heights Homeowners Association as he was asked to at the Committee meeting.

Mr. Ahmed said he didn't recall anyone saying to reach out to the JHS Homeowners Association.

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

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

##### **Blue City Lounge Corp. - 107-11 Northern Blvd., Corona, NY (New - Full Liq.)**

Tabled to next month

##### **104 Entertainment Corp. d/b/a WET - 39-20 104th Street, corona, NY**

##### **(New - Full Liq.)**

Chair Edmund Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of 104 Entertainment Corp.

The representative said the owner could not be present because he had to work. The representative stated that the application was presented before the Board last year, but due to financial reasons, the application was never filed with SLA. It is going to be operated as a sports bar with employee dancing/exotic dancing. Hours 5:00 p.m. - 4:00 a.m.

Board Member Mark Buhrmester asked if anything is going to be happening outside of the premises. He also asked if the hours will be different than the library nearby.

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The representative said that everything is going to be contained inside of the premises. The hours will be outside of the hours of the library. But, if the community is uncomfortable with him opening at 5:00 p.m. he will open later.

Board Member Tammy Rose asked for clarification on “exotic dancing.”

The representative said that the exotic dancing is basically go-go dancing. The employees will be wearing a bikini. She noted that it’s not a strip club.

Ms. Rose asked if there is dancing now at the establishment.

The representative said no because the owner didn’t file the application so they been closed for over a year.

Board Member Jairo Rodriguez said that the community doesn’t need that kind of club in a family-oriented area.

The representative said the premises have always operated that way so it’s not new.

Margaret Flanagan, resident, asked if the owner would consider creating a college fund or job training for his employees because exotic dancing is not the kind of career young people should strive for in life.

The representative said that the owner would absolutely consider it because he has daughters of his own.

### **Vibras Rest. Group Inc. – 91-01/05 Astoria Blvd., East Elmhurst (New – Full Liq.)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economic Committee, reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Vibras Restaurant Group Inc.

The representative spoke for the owner who was present. The representative said that the business is a full-service restaurant that contains 21 tables and a total of 62 seats. It has a 10-seat customer area at the bar.

Mr. Rosenbaum informed the Board Members that the previous licensee had a summary Suspension. The application will end up going before the full members of the Board at the State Liquor Authority for a full review. Mr. Rosenbaum noted that it has no bearing on the applicant, but that’s how SLA is running procedure.

Board Member Lobsang Salaka asked what the purpose of a security guard on premises being there is no music or dancing.

The owner said the purpose of having security is to ensure everyone is following the social distancing guidelines.

### **Saraeli Enterprises Corp. d/b/a Evolution – 76-19 Roosevelt Ave, Jackson Heights (New - Full Liq.)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economic Committee, the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Saraeli Enterprises Corp.

The owner said he been working with the previous owner since July. He said he is going to run the restaurant the same way it was running for the last 20 years along with most of the same staff. As well as work closely with the Jackson Heights Queens Pride Parade. There are security guards that are retired Police Officers.

Kevin Hughes-Noboa, Board Secretary, asked if the club was going to remain a LGBTQ location.

The owner said that it will remain a mixed club.

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Board Member Tammy Rose said they have done a lot of community events and she looks forward to having them as neighbors for many years.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

### **Motion # 1 - Adoption of the Agenda**

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

### **Nominating Committee**

Vivian Dock, Nominating Committee Chair, thanked the Committee Members Pastor Peter Herron, Ed Kiernan, Marta Lebreton, Veronica Ng, Philip Papas, David Rosero and Toi Washington-Simon.

The Committee decided on the following slate of candidates for Board Officers:

Chairperson: Renetta English  
First Vice Chair: Edmund Rosenbaum  
Second Vice Chair: Dr. Laverne Nimmons  
Secretary: Kevin Hughes-Noboa  
Treasurer: Leoncio Romero

### **Members at Large:**

Meagan Rockwell  
Jario Rodriguez  
Lobsang Salaka  
Frank Taylor

Ms. Dock said that the Committee acknowledges and thanks Hamlett Wallace for having serve three consecutive years in the same office as Member at Large.

Ms. Dock opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Members-At-Large. There was no nominations from the floor.

### **Parks & Recreation – (Marta Lebreton, Chair)**

#### **NYC Soccer Initiative – At Louis C. Moser Playground**

Marta Lebreton, Parks & Recreation Chair, reported that the presentation was heard at the Parks Committee Meeting. The project might take eight years, or it could be in production indefinitely. After the time period expires, it is up to the Community Board and the Parks Department to decide what can be done with the site. The Committee did not make a decision. Ms. Lebreton asked for a motion to either support or disapprove the project. Ms. Lebreton opened the floor for discussion.

Board Member Lobsang Salaka said that a soccer project is good for the neighborhood. He motioned to approve the project.

Board Member Tammy Rose seconded the motion to approve the project.

### **Motion # 2 - Parks & Recreation – NYC Soccer Initiative – At Louis C. Moser Playground**

Upon motion duly made by Marta Lebreton, seconded by Lobsang Salaka, to send a letter in support of the project was passed unanimously.

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

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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 due to proximity to the residential portion of the mixed-use zone, proximity to churches & the Corona Library, ultimately creating a significant impact on the quality of life within the immediate area.

### **Motion # 3 - 104 Entertainment Corp. d/b/a WET - 39-20 104th Street, corona, NY (New - Full Liq.)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Kevin Hughes-Noboa, to **disapprove** the application was passed with 33 in Favor, 6 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

### **Vibras Rest. Group Inc. - 91-01/05 Astoria Blvd., East Elmhurst (New - Full Liq.)**

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

### **Motion # 4 - Vibras Rest. Group Inc. - 91-01/05 Astoria Blvd., East Elmhurst (New - Full Liq.)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Kevin Hughes-Noboa, to **approve** the application was passed with 32 in Favor, 7 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

### **Saraeli Enterprises Corp. d/b/a Evolution - 76-19 Roosevelt Ave, Jackson Heights (New - Full Liq.)**

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

Board Member Mark Buhrmester said that the previous owner has lent out the empty space next door for the food pantry which has been a huge benefit for the community.

Board Member Arthur Teiler said that staying open until 4:00 a.m. seven days a week is too much.

Board Member Tammy Rose said, "speaking as a neighbor, the hours of operation do not hinder the neighborhood at all."

### **Motion # 5 - Saraeli Enterprises Corp. d/b/a Evolution - 76-19 Roosevelt Ave, Jackson Heights (New - Full Liq.)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Kevin Hughes-Noboa, to **approve** the application was passed with 31 in Favor, 7 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

### **Chairperson's Report**

Chairperson Renetta English read her report:

*We began the New Year grateful that we made it to 2021. Despite the trauma of COVID-19, the destruction of our Community Refrigerator, and the disgraceful insurrection that occurred in our nation's Capital, our Community remains resilient. We will recover from COVID-19 and the Community Refrigerator was already replaced because many of you donated to it. Finally, we welcomed a new federal administration on January 20<sup>th</sup> and look forward to the progress ahead.*

*This month, we acknowledge the sacrifices and achievements of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. One important quote from him that we must remember "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."*

*I thank you for being vocal and committed board members who attend numerous committee meetings and support our community events. Please remember, we need full participation of Board Members at these committee meetings. This gives you the opportunity to share new ideas, express concerns and vote on recommendations for the good of our communities.*

There was a meeting held by The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) where they wanted community input in regard to LGA EIS.

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The COVID-19 numbers are high. Everyone should continue to wear their masks and practice social distancing. Vaccine Data Tracker - <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data-vaccines.page>

### **Motion # 6 - Adoption of the December 17, 2020 Monthly Minutes**

Upon motion duly made by Renetta English, seconded by Frank Taylor, to adopt the December 17, 2020 Minutes, was passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Social Media Committee**

Kevin Hughes-Noboa, Chair of the Social Media Committee, reported that the committee met to discuss a number of agenda items. He thanked the other Social Media Managers, Edmund Rosenbaum, Toi Washington-Simon and Philip Papas for their hard work. They discussed website redesign, which they are working on now. They also discussed strategies to avoid virtual meetings getting bombed.

Mr. Hughes-Noboa said that he will prepare another web analytics report to determine how the online audience has grown in two years. It will be an analysis of the website, social media channels (i.e., Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube). In the report, there will also be an updated social media policy.

Mr. Hughes-Noboa closed his report by saying “Anybody that is involved or has an interest in Community Board 3 should follow us on one or all of our social media channels.” **@CommunityBoard3** is the handle on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram

#### **Queens Borough President’s Office**

Max Weprin, representative for Queens Borough President’s Office, announced that there are new Community Board applications on the website. Renewing Board Members will be receiving notices.

Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Queens Borough President’s Office will have a “Ranked Choice Voting Training” from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Shanel Thomas-Henry, LaGuardia Redevelopment Outreach, announced that, in partnership with the Queens Borough President's Office and the Economic Development Corporation, there's \$15-\$17 million of grants for small businesses. Small businesses can apply for up to \$20,000. Ms. Thomas-Henry said the closest to CB3 to contact is Queens Chamber of Commerce.

### **Legislators’ Report**

#### **Office of Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez**

Michele Hernandez, representative for Office of Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, reported that there was a Town Hall Meeting on the attack on the Capital. It can be seen on YouTube.

Ms. Hernandez announced that on January 7, 2021 Congress certified the results of the 2020 presidential election despite the violent disruption. The Congresswoman’s office appreciates the concerns for those who reached out to the office.

The Congresswoman voted to impeach former president Donald J. Trump last week and supports Representative Cori Bush resolution to censor the Members of Congress who helped initiate the violence.

Ms. Hernandez said they are looking to host a Wounded Warrior Fellowship. The Fellowship Program will fund a veteran for a two-year period. The position pays \$52,000 a year with benefits and will be based in the local District office in the Queens and Bronx.

Applications for PPP loans are now open. Small businesses should speak to their loan providers to determine eligibility. There is a Small Business Development Center at

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LaGuardia Community College that will be able to assist with the small business PPP and EIDL applications

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

James Mongeluzo, representative for NYC Comptroller Scott M. Stringer Office, reported that the office put out recommendations on how to expedite the COVID-19 vaccine rollout across the city. They are making some recommendations to create standby lists of people who are not yet able to be vaccinated because they don't fit the criteria that's given by the state. It's to make sure there are enough sites to administer the vaccine once there is enough supply to actually give it out.

The Fair Shot NYC plan calls on the City to release all demographic data in real-time in terms of who has received the vaccine shots with breakdowns by age, race, profession and zip code.

The NYC Comptroller Office is asking the city to pay non-profits from the money that was initially told would be given to them. Mr. Mongeluzo said that was the indirect cost rate funding that was promised. A letter was sent to the Mayor asking that the funding be restored because a lot non-profits are on the front lines helping out the city and are struggling themselves.

There is a plan for fair distribution of the Paycheck Protection Program. New York City businesses only received 12% of businesses that receive money.

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

### **Council Member Francisco Moya's Office**

TaQuoia Jones, representative for Council Member Francisco Moya's Office, announced that Council Member Francisco Moya gave around 275 toys to students from local schools for Three Kings Day.

CM Moya participated in "Get Tested Tuesday." CM Moya handed out hand sanitizer and PPE.

On Martin Luther King Day, CM Moya gave out masks and hand sanitizer outside of Trade Fair Supermarket.

Ms. Jones announced that there were and are future COVID-19 testing sites in the District. There was a COVID-19 testing site at First Baptist Church. There will be another site at Park of America at the corner of 100<sup>th</sup> Street and 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

Any questions or concerns contact the office at 718-651-1971

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

Qibin Ye, representative for Council Member Daniel Dromm's Office, announced that the office is still working remotely but continues to provide free legal services, which includes Housing and Immigration.

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

Mary Jobaida, from Senator Ramos's Office, announced that there will be a Town Hall Meeting in Jackson Heights on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. The Town Hall Meeting en Espanol will be held on Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

Any issues or concerns call 718-205-3881 or email at [jobaida@nysenate.gov](mailto:jobaida@nysenate.gov)

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

Alexandra Owens, representative for Assembly Member Catalina Cruz, announced that the office has been hosting COVID-19 testing out of the office in partnership with Test and Trace.

On Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> there is going to be a Town Hall on "Know Your Rights Workshop".

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There are a limited of people allowed in the office. If anyone needs assists with SNAP, HEAP, legal services or other benefits and resources call to make an appointment.

### **Nomination Results**

Chairperson: Renetta English  
First Vice Chair: Edmund Rosenbaum  
Second Vice Chair: Dr. Laverne Nimmons  
Secretary: Kevin Hughes-Noboa  
Treasurer: Leoncio Romero

### **Members at Large:**

Meagan Rockwell  
Jario Rodriguez  
Lobsang Salaka  
Frank Taylor

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

District Manager Giovanna Reid congratulated the new and re-elected Executive Officers for Community Board 3. Ms. Reid also congratulated all the Board Members for an outstanding job in doing the election electronically for the first time.

### **Motion # 7 - To Adjourn**

Upon motion duly made by Renetta English, and seconded by Kevin Hughes-Noboa, to adjourn the meeting, was passed unanimously. Adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted by  
Clara Colon*

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