

**VIEW FROM THE CHAIR**  
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It has been my pleasure to serve as the Chairperson of Queens Community Board #3 over the last 3 years. I reaffirm that Queens Community Board #3 is an active and diverse board made up of 50 members who care about the quality of life in East Elmhurst, Jackson Heights, and North Corona.

I must first thank the former Chairpersons of Queens Community Board 3 – Phillip Papas, Steve Kulhanek, Marta Lebreton, Grace Lawrence , Vasantrai Gandhi and Jimmy Smith for being supportive to me during the time I served as Chairperson.

What can I say about our dynamic Executive Board? They consistently conducted their meetings , submitted their reports and assisted with the coordination of community initiatives. They are phenomenal!

Thank you Edmund Rosenbaum, First Vice Chairperson, Dr. Laverne Nimmons, Second Vice Chairperson, Kevin Hughes-Noboa, Secretary, Leoncio Romero, Treasurer, Jairo Rodriguez, Member at Large , Lobsang Salaka, Member at Large , Frank Taylor, Member at Large, Megan Rockwell, Member at Large, Ann S. Brown, Airport, Elba Buendia, Co-Chair, Capital and Expenses Budget ,Sonya Davis-Roberts, Co-Chair, Public Safety , Ulrick Gedeon, Co-Chair, Public Safety, Vivian Dock, Co- Chair, Health and Social Services , K. Toi Washington-Simon, Co- Chair, Health and Social Services, Kevin Hughes, Chair, Website Advisory & Social Media, Stephen A. Kulhanek, Co-Chair, Traffic and Transportation, Ed Kiernan, Co-Chair, Traffic and Transportation, Marta E. Lebreton, Chair, Parks and Recreations and Cultural Events William Meehan, Co-Chair, Airport ,Lisa Mesulam, Co-Chair, Education/School , Facilities, Reverend Peter Herron, Co-Chair, Capital and Expense Budget , Dr. Laverne C. Nimmons, Co-Chair Education/School Facilities, Hamlet Wallace, Chair, Land Use/ Landmarks Preservation, Lobsang Salaka, Immigrant Affairs, Dorothy Phelan, Co-Chair, Housing, Leoncio Romero, Chair, Budget and Personnel, Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair Business/Economic Development, David Rosero, Co-Chair, Environment and Sanitation , Muquith Choudhury, Co-Chair, Environment & Sanitation Committee, Arthur Teiler, Co-Chair, Housing .

Thank you Keisha Howard and Clara Colon for all you do (that many don't see) at the Community Board Office. You are truly appreciated. Finally, Ms. Reid you have gone above and beyond to ensure that the office is well run, and residents' issues are addressed. I, along with the members of the board have appreciated how you managed all of our board activities (meetings, community projects, and so much more..) while we are still in the midst of COVID-19.

**What are a few highlights of the last 3 years?**

- Queens Community Board #3 seamlessly moved to virtually full board and committee meetings in March 2020
- QCB3 Meetings - Monthly Board and Committee Meetings
- Outdoor Monthly Meeting
- Establishment of the Immigration Affairs Committee
- New Website that can be translated into multiple language and is ADA compliant.
  
- Community Initiatives Sponsored by Queens Community Board 3
  - Community Gift Giving Project where over 4500 items were collected from Community Board Members, Partner Organizations and Residents and we made donations to Churches, Shelters and Homes for Residents with Intellectual / Developmental Disabilities, September 11th Day of Remembrance, Immigration Information Resources Day, 1 Leon Von Holden - Health Fair , STOP Human Trafficking -- Stop IT Before it Starts, Census Day - April 1st, Census 2020 Job

Fair - Queens Community Board 3 and SHETU, April 1st Census Day – “Text Out the Count” – Queens Community Board 3/ National Association of University Women / NYC Census / DJ Kai / DJ Roy, Rat Academy - Councilman Daniel Dromm, Queens Community Board 3, Catalina Cruz, Department of Health, Census Out Reach , Shield and Mask Distribution (over 50,000) throughout the district, Queens Week of Service, Community Cleanup Flushing Bay Promenade

- Community Events Attended by Board Members -
  - Elmcot Block Party, Plaza Del Sol Family Day, National Night Out, International Peace Day Celebration, Q398 Ribbon Cutting , Neighborhood Housing Services –Beautification Project ,Pride Parade, Diwali – Jackson Heights Merchants Association, Halloween Parade - Jackson Heights Beautification Group, Meeting with Business Owners near Diversity Plaza, School Naming – Ivan Lafayette Early Childhood School of the Arts , Open Street Information and listening Sessions - 34th Avenue.,15th Precinct Trunk or Treat, 115th Precinct Council Committee, Flushing Meadow Soap Box Derby Race Day, FAA LGA EIS meetings, East Elmhurst Community Refrigerator, Celebration of India, Celebration of Bangladesh, 115th Precinct Paint Donation, 1 115th Religious Leaders, Louis Armstrong Open House
- CB3 Member of the Hiring Panel for the 115th Precinct Captain
- Donations to NYPD , Neighborhood Housing Services Community Project for Community Initiatives, Flushing Meadow Soap Box Derby Race Day
- QCB3 New Member Training
- COVID-19 -- Every month Since March 2020 provided information to members and the community related to the Virus
- Queens Community Board 3 Holiday Meet Up
- Special Meeting in June 2019
- Increased followers on social media - Twitter, Facebook and Instagram
- Queens Community Board Pins, T-Shirts, Jackets and Hats which were worn at community events.
- Conducted 2 successful Virtual Elections
- Member of the Queens Borough President's Committees - Borough Board, Complete Census Count, Queens General Assembly, Queens Solid Waste Advisory Board, Promenade Advisory Committee , Elmhurst Hospital Advisory Board

I look forward to being an active member and to continue working with all of you as an advocate for the residents of East Elmhurst, Jackson Heights and North Corona.

All the best in 2022.

Renetta English, Chairperson  
Queens Community Board #3

2019 - 2021

**January Holidays / Special Days /Cultural Celebrations**

New Year's Day, Human Trafficking Awareness Month, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.  
Makar Sankranti (harvest Festival India), Holocaust Remembrance Day

