

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR
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Good evening all Board and Community members. First of all, I would like to thank the former members of the Board Chair English and former Chair Papas. They have served our community well. I would also like to thank the people on the Board who voted for me, the people who weren't there that wanted to vote and also the people who did not vote for me.

Continuing that thought it is not about me, Community service is never about one person or the person who is serving. I believe that serving is paying your rent on this earth. Community service is one of the most selfless things that a person can do in your life, in your community, and in this world. I am humbled and grateful for this opportunity to work with this Board, with that said: We must be stronger, smarter and continue to lead all Boards of New York City.

This will require leadership from the elders, it will require leadership and direction from the younger members and more participation in our community. There are only 50 of us 46 right now but that's 100 Eyes; 100 ears; 100 legs, 100 arms, 50 brains and 50 attitudes: We must utilize our resources together for our 250,000 members of our communities of East Elmhurst, North Corona and Jackson Heights; 'for we are all one community, and we are much stronger when we proceed as such. In conclusion I will always be available to speak with anyone, sit down with anyone and work out anything, I am a result driven person so if something is not to your liking voice that please, but also come with a solution.

Just want to add that we will make practical decisions that may be not popular, but practical. We will not pass the buck, but one thing we must realize is that our elected officials are the key to changing and/or keeping our current state of being. Lots of work ahead of us, but I'm sure we're all up for the challenge. Looking forward to working with all.