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January 20, 2022

ATTENDANCE

Kham Bhatta
 Ann Brown
 Elba Buendia
 Mark Buhrmester
 Vicky Chan
 Haiko Cornelissen
 Muquith Choudhury
 Shiv Dass
 Sonya Davis Roberts
 Michael De Valera
 Vivian Dock
 Renetta English
 Vasantraï Gandhi
 Ulrick Gedeon
 Larinda Hooks
 Abdur Rahim Howlader
 Kevin Hughes-Noboa
 Edward Kiernan
 Stephen Kulhanek
 Marta Lebreton
 Lisa Mesulam
 Richard Mullings
 Laverne Nimmons
 Nuala O’Doherty
 Dorothy Phelan
 Megan Rockwell
 Fausto Rodriguez
 Jairo Rodriguez
 Leoncio Romero
 Tammy Rose
 Edmund Rosenbaum
 David Rosero
 Lobsang Salaka
 Dawn Siff
 Shanel Thomas-Henry
 Fahad Solaiman
 Frank Taylor
 Arthur Teiler
 Hamlett Wallace
 Toi Washington-Simon

ABSENT

Margaret Dozier
 Pastor Peter Herron
 Joyce Julian
 Ralph Moreno
 Marco Munoz
 Ladisla Perez
 Jimmy Smith
 Marlene Tapper
 Edwin Westley

Guest

CM Shekar Krishnan
 CM Tiffany Cabán
 Helen Arteaga Landaverde, Elmhurst Hospital
 Assy. Jessica González-Rojas
 Michelle Luna, Rep., Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez
 Jeannine Agard, Rep., Qns Boro Pres
 TaQuoia Jones, Rep., CM Moya’s Office
 Lili Pioche, Rep., Assy. Aubry Office

Please Note: The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 17, 2022 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 PARTICIPATION

Sherif Sadek, resident, said that 83rd to 85th Street between 34th and 35th Avenue has not been cleaned by the sanitation sweeper in six weeks. The regular garbage and recycling have been picked up on time but he has not seen the sweeper pass by. Mr. Sadek asked that if anyone is having the same problem to reach out to Community Board 3.

Shanel Thomas, Community Outreach LaGuardia Redevelopment, announced that the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police Department will be recruiting. There is an information session on Wednesday, February 16th at 4:00pm. Ms. Thomas said there is an outstanding pension after 20 years of service. The written test is available to anyone over 20 years of age.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Council Member Shekar Krishnan – District 25

Council Member Shekar Krishnan reported that since late December his office has been working on getting more COVID testing sites for the District. There were no testing sites in Jackson Heights and only two in East Elmhurst. Being the epicenter of the epicenter of the pandemic that was a big concern. CM Krishnan reached out to the City, the State and Federal government. They partnered with Elmhurst hospital to have a testing site as well as testing sites at Newton High School and a CDC testing site at Travers Park which has language accessibility. The Travers Park site is for ages two and above.

CM Krishnan said that the reopening of schools during the height of the new wave was a big concern for parents as well as the educators. CM Krishnan office was very vocal about having sufficient testing and PPE for the schools as well as having a remote learning option. The office contacted every principal across the district to see if they needed any PPE or any testing. The office compiled data on student absentee rates and what they were looking at each school and making sure to be checking in regularly with teachers in the district.

CM Krishnan along with NY State Senator Jessica Ramos, Council Member Tiffany Cabán, Assembly Member Jessica González-Rojas and other elected officials wrote a letter to Mayor Eric Adams advocating for a remote learning option. As a result, several council members met with the NYC School's Chancellor David Banks. They spoke about remote learning and early education centers that were not receiving PPE supplies like other schools. He said that there are discussions happening right now with the city, the Department of Education, the Chancellor, the teachers unions and the principals unions.

CM Krishnan announced that he was appointed by the speaker to chair the Committee of Parks and Recreation for the NYC Council. This new role is crucial for the community that has the least amount of green and open spaces in New York City. He promised to be very vocal about it.

CM Krishnan said that his staff is mostly from Jackson Heights and East Elmhurst. It's a multilingual office that is fluent in nine different languages.

The location of the office is 37-32 75th Street. The staff is working remotely, but anyone can call the office at 929-293-0206 or email at: Krishnan@council.nyc.gov

CM Krishnan said he is looking forward to many more conversations about all the different issues in the neighborhood and working together for resources and services for the special communities that make up Community Board 3.

Margaret Flanagan, resident, said that the homeless encampment on 35th Avenue underpass of the BQE has been an issue for years. She said that the police precincts on either side deny it's their jurisdiction. NYC Department of Homeless Services (DHS) response teams have been unsuccessful in helping the individuals that reside at the encampment.

CM Krishnan said his office has reached out to the City at the highest level and other homeless advocacy organizations. There are several sites where teams have gone out to engage with the homeless population especially in the cold weather.

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Board Member Mark Buhrmester asked CM Krishnan what are his priorities for the City Council in the next few years.

CM Krishnan said he wants to make sure that neighborhoods coming out of the pandemic in Community Board 3, which have been disinvested for so long, are prioritized when it comes to those services and resources that are needed in the district. He said that he has been vocal about bringing a Community Center into the neighborhood. CM Krishnan wants to keep the community affordable for renters and small homeowners. He wants to get more resources for Elmhurst Hospital to invest in programs. Lastly, making sure that the immigrant communities have the resources they need.

Gloria Contreras, resident, expressed concern about the cyclists and scooters that ride through 34th Open Streets. It is concerning for children that use the open space.

CM Krishnan said he supports 34th Avenue Open Streets, but has witnessed dangerous conditions. He said that he is confident that through community conversations they can find a way to address these issues.

Board Member Fausto Rodriguez asked if he is concerned about the mental health of students who are studying remotely.

CM Krishnan said that according to research, most children have suffered during the pandemic whether they are studying remotely or going back to school. He has been in conversations with colleagues about working on mental health resources to be offered to all children.

Council Member Tiffany Cabán - District 22

Council Member Tiffany Cabán reported that since being sworn in, she co-sponsored over 20 pieces of legislation to improve the lives of New Yorkers across the five boroughs. One in particular was voting to pass voting rights to eligible non-citizen new yorkers in local elections. It is going to allow over 800,000 immigrants to be part of the democracy and that will include a lot of people from the Community Board 3 area.

CM Cabán announced that she will be the Chair for Women and Gender Equity. She will also be sitting on the committees for General Welfare, Civil Service and Labor, Mental Health Disabilities and Addiction, Public Safety and Small Business.

CM Cabán said that her team and colleagues visited Rikers Island to see for themselves the humanitarian crisis that is occurring. They will continue to visit and provide resources to constituents on Rikers Island.

CM Cabán said that they have been in conversations with all schools and she met with NYC Chancellor David Banks to address some of the concerns that teachers, staff, students and parents have shared. Her team brought home testing kits and masks to 95 PS 171 as school administrators talked about the struggles that they're facing. CM Cabán emphasized that school staff members are incredible, putting the social emotional health of the students first despite the resources. She said that they have been pushing for more testing kits, PPE for schools, and testing locations for vulnerable parts of the community.

CM Cabán announced the return of participatory budgeting. The office has allocated \$1 million dollars that can be used for physical infrastructure that benefits the public. They have to cost at least \$50,000 and have a lifespan of at least five years. They are also allocating \$50,000 in discretionary expenses funding for participatory budgeting. It can go to community classes, gardens, equipment to maintain parks, and art supplies for public area projects. Those grants have to be at a minimum of \$5000 and earmarked to organizations that are approved to receive City funding.

CM Cabán announced that the NYS Eviction Moratorium has ended. If someone is worried about being evicted they can reach out to the office. Residents should sign up for the Office Neighbor's List to be informed.

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CM Cabán announced that their office will be on 30th Avenue but they are under construction.

Anyone who needs assistance can call the office at 718-274-4500 Monday - Friday from 10am - 6pm, or email: osrosado@council.nyc.gov.

Bill Bruno, resident, asked if Rikers Island is gone what would she like to see replace it.

CM Cabán said she supports the “Renewable Rikers” Act. Making it into renewable energy Island to store enough battery storage to get rid of all of the dirty fracked gas, polluted plants across the city.

Elmhurst Hospital - Helen Arteaga Landaverde, CEO

Helen Arteaga Landaverde, CEO at Elmhurst Hospital, reported that Omicron has hit the community very hard and Elmhurst Hospital was called to duty to make sure the community was safe.

Elmhurst Hospital has developed three approaches in mitigating Omicron. . First, was to make sure that they reduced exposure of anyone unnecessarily coming to the hospital. Second, was to make sure that testing was offered to anyone that came through the doors. Mayor Eric Adams acknowledged Elmhurst Hospital for doing 1700 tests in one day. Third, was to create capacity for enough beds to take in critically ill patients.

Ms. Arteaga said that with the help of Community Board 3, she was able to keep the community informed because she wanted to make sure the community knew that there were lessons learned from Wave One and they were improved in the new wave.

Board Member Megan Rockwell asked what is done to help someone who is a COVID long hauler.

Ms. Arteaga said it depends on what kind of system they have. The hospital has many different specialties. She said, “One thing for sure is we make sure our patients are on a path of healing regardless of the ability to pay.”

Edmund Rosenbaum, 1st Vice Chair, commended Elmhurst Hospital on keeping the families involved with the patients during COVID time. He said that there was an online portal to schedule appointments for COVID test were not being honored.

Ms. Arteaga said in the midst of the peak Health and Hospitals was trying different things to try and accommodate everyone. The app may make the flow more difficult and it was requested that it be turned off. She said it was a hectic two days.

Board Member Muquith Choudhury asked how long to receive results for a COVID test.

Ms. Arteaga said because they have labs onsite the results will be quicker than other vendors. It would not take 48 hours.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Business Economic Development. - (Edmund Rosenbaum - Chair)

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

J & C Delicias Corp. d/b/a J & C Delicias – 37-61 79th Street, Jackson Heights (Alteration)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of the Business Economic Committee, reported that the applicant is seeking an Alteration. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of J & C Delicias Corp.

The owner said that they changed the location of the bar from front to back.

J & C Delicias Corp. d/b/a J & C Delicias – 37-61 79th Street, Jackson Heights (Method of Operation Change)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economic Committee, reported that the applicant is seeking a Method of Operation Change. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of J & C Delicias Corp.

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The owner said that they will be serving alcohol until 3:00am Thursday - Saturday and closing at 4:00am. There will be security until closing.

Board Member Mark Buhrmester said that he has ordered food from the restaurant. It's a welcoming environment with people enjoying the food. He wishes them well.

Board Member Arthur Teiler said that the restaurant is located in a residential area and the shops on the ground floor on residential buildings. He objects to the closing at 4:00am.

Board Member Fausto Rodriguez asked if there will be karaoke or dancing.

The owner said that there won't be any Karaoke or dancing but background music.

Mr. Rosenbaum commented that the business is in a one story building.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Motion # 1 - Adoption of the Agenda

Upon motion duly made by Kevin Hughes-Noboa, seconded by Vasantrai Gandhi, to adopt the Agenda, was passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee

Vivian Dock, Chair of the Nomination Committee, thanked the Committee Members: Ed Kiernan, Stephen Kulhanek, Marta Lebreton, Lisa Mesulam, David Rosero and Toi Washington-Simon.

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

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

Members at Large:

Meagan Rockwell
Jairo Rodriguez
Lobsang Salaka
Ulrick Gedeon

Ms. Dock said that board members not on the slide can be nominated by another board member and seconded by another. The nominee must accept the nomination. Due to the pandemic, the elections will be done virtually like last year using Google Forms with two volunteers assisting.

Ms. Dock said that the Committee thanks Renetta English, Kevin Hughes-Noboa and Frank Taylor for serving three consecutive years.

Board Member Sonya Davis-Roberts nominated Frank Taylor for Chairperson, seconded by Tammy Rose. Mr. Taylor accepted the nomination.

Board Member Nuala O'Doherty nominated Mark Buhrmester for Member at Large, seconded by Board Member Dawn Siff. Mr. Buhrmester accepted the nomination.

Board Member Tammy Rose nominated Nuala O'Doherty for Member at Large, seconded by Leoncio Romero, Treasurer. Ms. O'Doherty accepted the nomination.

Board Member Nuala O'Doherty nominated Board Member Tammy Rose for Member at Large, seconded by Dawn Siff. Ms. Rose accepted the nomination.

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After the Board Members voted Vivian Dock, Chair of the Nomination Committee, reported that there was a tie for chairperson. Jairo Rodriguez was the clear winner for Member at Large but there was a tie for the other three positions. For Members at Large, two were tied with 27 votes and two were tied with 22 votes. Ms. Dock said there has to be a runoff for chairperson and members at large.

Motions By Committees:

Business Economic Development. - (Edmund Rosenbaum - Chair)

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

I & C Delicias Corp. d/b/a I & C Delicias – 37-61 79th Street, Jackson Heights (Alteration)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economic Development, reported that the committee recommends approval of an application for an alteration of a premise with an on-premise Full Liquor license for this applicant

Motion # 2 - I & C Delicias Corp. d/b/a I & C Delicias – 37-61 79th Street, Jackson Heights (Alteration)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Kevin Hughes-Noboa, to **approve** the application was passed with 29 in Favor, 7 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

I & C Delicias Corp. d/b/a I & C Delicias – 37-61 79th Street, Jackson Heights (Method of Operation Change)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economic Development, reported that the committee recommends approval of an application for a method of operation change of a premise with an on-premise full liquor license for this applicant provided a stipulation has been signed. The stipulation was signed.

Motion # 3 - I & C Delicias Corp. d/b/a I & C Delicias – 37-61 79th Street, Jackson Heights (Method of Operation Change)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Kevin Hughes-Noboa, to **approve** the application was passed with 29 in Favor, 7 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

Chairperson's Report

Renetta English, Chairperson, read her report:

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,

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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 languages 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 2 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 - o Elmcors 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*

Ms. English said that she looks forward to being an active member and to continue working with all of everyone as an advocate for the residents of East Elmhurst, Jackson Heights and North Corona.

District Manager's Report

District Manager Giovanna Reid announced the passing of Board Member Pat Thorpe. Ms. Thorpe was an active member who served in many of the committees and was the Vice President of the 115th Precinct Community Council. Ms. Reid said she passed away in December and the family had a private service.

Ms. Reid reported that while COVID has had a major impact, Community Board 3 continues to be very busy resolving complaints and meeting the needs of our residents. The board is still holding committee meetings, Full Board Meetings and District Cabinet Meetings without interruption.

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Motion # 4 - Adoption of the December 16, 2021 Monthly Minutes

Upon motion duly made by Lobsang Salaka, seconded by Lisa Mesulam, to adopt the December 16, 2021 Minutes, was passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Parks Committee Report

Marta Lebreton, Parks Committee Chair, reported that Queens Commissioner Michael Dockett for Parks held a meeting on Thursday, January 6, 2022, regarding the Helen Marshall Ballfield Design with various stakeholders (leagues that use the field), representative for Councilmember Francisco Moya, and other Parks representatives. The stakeholders at the meeting were all in agreement for the synthetic field as it is easier to maintain vs. the natural grass where it would be damaged from continuous use and be costly to replace.

A meeting of the Parks Committee was held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, to further discuss the Helen Marshall Ballfield Design as there were concerns raised at the December 2021 Full Board Meeting.

Parks is requesting a letter of support from the Board regarding the project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Following the presentation by the Parks Department and a discussion by the committee, the consensus from the committee is to send a letter of support for the Helen Marshall Ballfield Design with the following provisos:

- An additional Misting Pole be added - A plan for rat abatement during and after construction
- Additional signage be placed stating the rules for dogs on the synthetic field and drinking from the water fountains is not permitted for dogs
- For flag football, lines on the field, can they be incorporated in the design
- Inform CB3Q on the permits requested for use of the field when completed
- Preference is for the community to use the field - Inform the community surrounding the Park the duration of the project and when it will be completed

Motion # 5 - Letter of Support to be sent to the NYC Parks Dept. for the Helen Marshall Ball Field

Upon motion duly made by Marta Lebreton, seconded by Lisa Mesulam, to send a letter of support to NYC Parks Department for the Helen Marshall Field, was passed unanimously.

Education & Youth Services Committee Report

Lisa Mesulam, Co-Chair of the Education Committee, reported that due to COVID the Education and Youth Committees were limited to contributing to more organizations like they usually do. The committees asked board members to bring items to distribute at Butler Street and in the East Elmhurst area. Ms. Mesulam said the items meant a lot to the people who received them.

Technology Advisory Committee Report

Kevin Hughes-Noboa, Chair of the Technology Advisory Committee, reported that they launched a new Website in July that is being managed by 1st Vice Chair Edmund Rosenbaum. The website was not announced until October but in a few months there were 5431 page views out of which 4154 of them are unique page views. There are 1318 regular users. Of that user amount, 80% of them are new people. The highest traffic period was in October 2021. Mr. Hughes-Noboa said it means our board is reaching the public.

Mr. Hughes-Noboa broke down how people reach the website:

- 40% Referral
- 34% Organic Search
- 18% Direct
- 8% Social Media

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On Facebook, which is managed by Renetta English, there have been 503 total followers which is an increase of 108%. Also, with an increase of 438 Likes. On Instagram, which is managed by Toi Washington-Simon, there are 242 followers since 2019 and 228 posts.

Mr. Hughes-Noboa reported on his Twitter Analytics for 2021:

- 187,016 Total Impressions
- 396 Total Tweets
- 919 Total Mentions
- 34,281 Total Profile Visits
- 160 Total New Followers
- 1122 Total Followers

Mr. Hughes-Noboa thanked Mr. Rosenbaum, Ms. English and Ms. Washington-Smith for their hard work in keeping the community informed through Social Media.

Queens Borough President Office

Jeannine Agard, Liaison for the Queens Borough President Office, announced on January 25th there will be a “Cannabis Take Action” webinar from 5:30pm – 7:00pm.

https://queensbp.org/event/cannabis-take-action-webinar/?instance_id=793

On January 27th there will be a “Homeowners Tax Benefits” webinar from 2:00pm – 3:00pm.

https://queensbp.org/event/webinar-on-homeowner-tax-benefits/?instance_id=826

Legislators’ Report

Assembly Member Jessica González-Rojas

Assembly Member Jessica González-Rojas announced that on Saturday, January 22nd from 10:00am – 2:00pm there will be a “Paper Shredding” event at the Shopping Center. There will also be a COVID test kits giveaway.

The office is giving out free fire alarms and the Red Cross will install them for free. Call the office to sign up.

Assy Gonzalez-Rojas said she introduced over 30 bills and one of her biggest priorities is a bill that would advocate for mental health counselors, school psychologists and social workers in the public schools. NYS Governor Kathy Hochul mentioned it at her State of the State.

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program has been reopened. Assy Gonzalez-Rojas said unfortunately, the program does not have money. But if someone is at risk or are concerned about being evicted they should apply because it would protect them from eviction for a period of time.

Contact office at 718-457-0384 or email: gonzalezrojasj@nyassembly.gov

Office of Council Member Francisco Moya

TaQuoia Jones, representative for the office of Council Member Francisco Moya, reported that the office has been able to give out 2000 toys to the children in the District for the month holidays.

CM Moya Office worked with First Baptist Church to secure vaccinations at testing sites. He continues to push to ensure that there are several testing units daily in the District.

Ms. Jones announced that any organization that wishes to apply for discretionary funding must submit a Council application. The submission deadline is Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

On January 24th there will be a “PPE and Testing Kit” distribution outside the office at 3:00pm.

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Assembly Member Jeffrion I. Aubry Office

Lili Pioche, representative for Assembly Member Jeffrion Aubry Office, announced that the office has PPE to offer to any organization. Anyone interested can call the office at 718-457-3615.

Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Michelle Luna, representative for Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, announced on January 26, 2022 at 5:30pm there will be a Town Hall Meeting.

Register for our January 26, 2022 at 5:30pm Town Hall

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qhFDMhHnQsqCuV_upMjQZg

Submit legislative comments: <https://ocasio-cortez.house.gov/contact>

Find a testing site near you: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/get-tested/covid-19-testing.page>

Apply for ERAP: <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/emergency-rental-assistance/>

Apply for the NYS Homeowner Assistance Fund: <https://www.nyhomeownerfund.org/>

Apply for HEAP through the NYC HRA: <https://access.nyc.gov/programs/home-energy-assistance-program-heap/#how-it-works>

Report an issue with ordering free at-home COVID-19 test kits: Call 1-800-ASK-USPS or submit an inquiry online: <https://email.usps.com/s/the-postal-store-inquiry>

Submit a casework request:

<https://ocasio-cortez.house.gov/services/help-federal-agency>

Contact info: Michelle.Luna@mail.house.gov

Elections Results

Chairperson: Frank Taylor

First Vice Chair: Dr. Laverne Nimmons

Second Vice Chair: Kevin Hughes-Noboa

Secretary: Richard Mullings

Treasurer: Leoncio Romero

Members at Large:

Meagan Rockwell

Jairo Rodriguez

Lobsang Salaka

Ulrick Gedeon

District Manager Giovanna Reid thanked the volunteers for assisting with the nominations.

Ms. Reid said it was a pleasure working with Ms. English who did an outstanding job in bringing the Board very far, despite Covid-19 and all the challenges that had to be dealt with. She thanked nominee for Chairperson, Edmund Rosenbaum, for all his hard work.

Ms. Reid congratulated the new Chairperson Frank Taylor and the new officers. She said looked forward to working with them. She said that Queens Community Board 3 is the best board in the City of New York.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted by
Clara Colon*

*Reviewed and Edited by
Richard Mullings, Board Secretary*