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BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8 COMMUNITY OUTREACH INITIATIVE

BRONX, NEW YORK, September 1, 2011, Bronx Community Board No. 8, (BXCB8) seeks community residents to serve on Board committees. BXCB8 Chair Robert Fanuzzi is announcing a coordinated outreach initiative effort to recruit community members for Board committees. The Board has 11 committees: Aging, Economic Development; Education; Environment & Sanitation; Health, Hospitals & Social Services; Housing; Libraries & Cultural Affairs; Parks & Recreation; Public Safety; Traffic & Transportation; and Youth. A schedule of monthly meeting dates along with mission statements for these committees are available on the Community Board 8 website at www.nyc.gov/brxcb8.

Under the authority of the New York City Charter, Chapter 70, community residents who are not Board members are permitted to serve on Board committees. Anyone who resides or has a business in the community can join a committee provided: they attend three consecutive meetings; receive a recommendation from the committee chair which is submitted to the Board Chair. All committees are chaired by appointed Board members and every committee chair has been asked to extend this invitation to the public at their monthly meetings.

This committee membership drive is part of BXCB8's community outreach initiative and is intended to increase citizen activism and participation in all its neighborhoods. "We want to bring the benefits of committee membership to all people in this district so that every neighborhood is represented and everyone has a say," says Chairman Robert Fanuzzi. Community membership guarantees that the committee will stay in close touch with its members' concerns and deal directly with the issues that effect their neighborhood. "We cover that much more ground," says Fanuzzi, "when we have wide community representation on a committee." Community members in turn gain additional experience and expertise from their attendance at monthly meetings that make them better able to help their fellow citizens.

With this membership drive, BXCB8 is also making a clear call for people of all abilities, backgrounds, and interests to participate and lend their experience to the community as a whole. "Our community's greatest resource," says Chairman Fanuzzi "is the talent of our citizens. Many of them have devoted their adult lives to important issues affecting our community. Community Board membership might be too great a commitment for some, but a monthly meeting in which you discuss your passion and work together to follow something through, that's within almost everyone's reach."

Bronx Community Board 8 announces this membership drive in an effort to bring visibility and transparency to this important civic opportunity.

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Bronx Community Board No.8 (BXCB8) plays an important role in improving the quality of life for the communities it serves. BXCB8 is a vital liaison and advocate for the community in dealing with New York City government, elected officials, municipal service delivery, land use

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and zoning issues, community and business development, the City budget and many other matters relating to the community's health, safety and welfare.

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