



Dear Community Member,

The Mayor’s Community Affairs Unit (CAU) is the direct link between the Mayor and New York City’s diverse communities. CAU plays an important role in improving the quality of life for all New Yorkers by working with neighborhood organizations and city agencies to address large-scale issues and make city government accessible, transparent and accountable. The City’s Community Boards are essential to this mission.

Community Boards provide New Yorkers with a voice and an opportunity to help their local communities. Whether advising on land use decisions or fighting for social services, Community Board members work to strengthen and celebrate NYC. By serving as the local experts of city government, Community Boards play a valuable role in strengthening the already active civic life of New York City.

Through partnerships with Community Boards, CAU serves as the connection between City Hall and the City’s vibrant neighborhoods. This administration is very appreciative of the fact that every day, all 59 Community Boards offer their time, energy and talents to make life better for New Yorkers. We are grateful for this partnership and look forward to working closely with community members who are committed to bettering their communities and helping others.

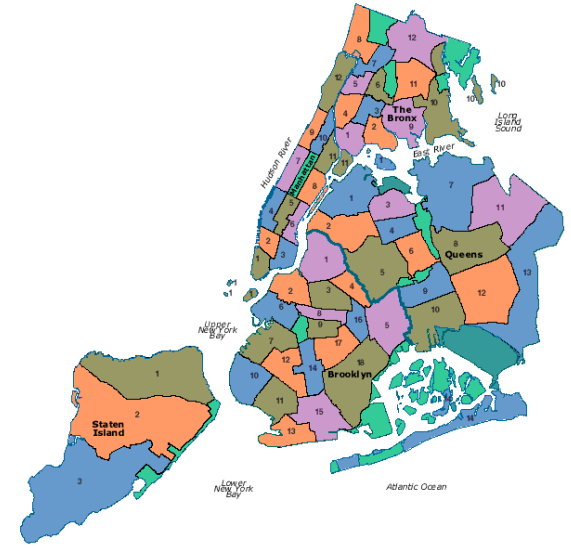
Sincerely,

Nazli Parvizi  
Commissioner

### Community Board Phone Numbers

Bronx 1	(718) 585-7117
Bronx 2	(718) 328-9125
Bronx 3	(718) 378-8054
Bronx 4	(718) 299-0800
Bronx 5	(718) 364-2030
Bronx 6	(718) 579-6990
Bronx 7	(718) 933-5650
Bronx 8	(718) 884-3959
Bronx 9	(718) 823-3034
Bronx 10	(718) 892-1161
Bronx 11	(718) 892-6262
Bronx 12	(718) 881-4455
Brooklyn 1	(718) 389-0009
Brooklyn 2	(718) 596-5410
Brooklyn 3	(718) 622-6601
Brooklyn 4	(718) 628-8400
Brooklyn 5	(718) 498-5711
Brooklyn 6	(718) 643-3027
Brooklyn 7	(718) 854-0003
Brooklyn 8	(718) 467-5574
Brooklyn 9	(718) 778-9279
Brooklyn 10	(718) 745-6827
Brooklyn 11	(718) 266-8800
Brooklyn 12	(718) 851-0800
Brooklyn 13	(718) 266-3001
Brooklyn 14	(718) 859-6357
Brooklyn 15	(718) 332-3008
Brooklyn 16	(718) 385-0323
Brooklyn 17	(718) 467-3536
Brooklyn 18	(718) 241-0422
Manhattan 1	(212) 442-5050
Manhattan 2	(212) 979-2272
Manhattan 3	(212) 533-5300
Manhattan 4	(212) 736-4536
Manhattan 5	(212) 465-0907
Manhattan 6	(212) 319-3750
Manhattan 7	(212) 362-4008
Manhattan 8	(212) 758-4340
Manhattan 9	(212) 864-6200
Manhattan 10	(212) 749-3105
Manhattan 11	(212) 831-8929
Manhattan 12	(212) 568-8500
Queens 1	(718)626-1021
Queens 2	(718) 533-8773
Queens 3	(718) 458-2707
Queens 4	(718) 760-3141
Queens 5	(718) 366-1834
Queens 6	(718) 263-9250
Queens 7	(718) 359-2800
Queens 8	(718) 264-7895
Queens 9	(718) 286-2686
Queens 10	(718) 843-4488
Queens 11	(718) 225-1054
Queens 12	(718) 658-3308
Queens 13	(718) 464-9700
Queens 14	(718) 471-7300
Staten Island 1	(718) 981-6900
Staten Island 2	(718) 317-3235
Staten Island 3	(718) 356-7900

# YOUR COMMUNITY BOARD



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK**  
**MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG, MAYOR**

**Mayor’s Community Affairs Unit**  
**Nazli Parvizi, Commissioner**



## YOUR COMMUNITY BOARD

Community Boards play an important role in improving the quality of life for all New Yorkers, but many people don't know about them or how they operate. CAU urges you to take a moment to learn how your Community Board can help you, and how you may be able to help your Community Board.

### COMMUNITY BOARDS

**Membership**– Community Boards are local representative bodies. Each of the 59 Boards has 50 unsalaried members. Members are nominated by the community's Council Members and appointed by the Borough Presidents. Board members must reside, work or have a specific interest in the community they represent.

**Meetings**– Community Board meetings occur once a month and are open to the public. At these meetings, Board members discuss community concerns and give residents the opportunity to express their opinions. Boards also regularly conduct public hearings on the City's budget, land use and other related items.

**Committees**– Committees do most of the planning and work on issues that are raised at Community Board Meetings. Each Community Board establishes its own structures and procedures for committees, and non-Board members may apply to join them.

## THE BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Boards take on an advisory role in dealing with land use and zoning matters, the City budget, municipal services and many other issues related to their community's welfare.

**Land Use and Zoning Matters**– Community Boards must be consulted on the placement of most municipal facilities in their community and may initiate their own plans for growth and improvement. Changes in zoning regulations must come before the Board for review, and the Board's position is considered in the final decision.

**City Budget**– Community Boards review the budgetary needs of their neighborhoods and meet with City agencies to make recommendations in the City's budget process.

**Other Community Concerns**– Any problem that affects part or all of a community, from deteriorating housing to traffic, is an issue for the Community Board to address.

**Limitations**– Although the Community Board, District Manager and Board staff serve as advocates and service coordinators for residents, they do not have authority over City agencies and officials. Nevertheless, Boards are usually successful in solving problems through dialogue with other government entities.

## THE DISTRICT MANAGER AND DISTRICT OFFICE

The District Manager and District Office work to improve the delivery of City services to their community and promote the quality of life for their residents.

Each Community Board is led by a District

Manager who establishes an office, hires the staff and oversees Board functions. While the main responsibility of the Board office is to receive and resolve complaints from community members, they also take on other duties such as

**To locate your Community Board, get a membership application, or learn more about Community Boards, contact your Borough President's office:**

**BRONX.....(718) 590-6001/5**  
**BROOKLYN.....(718) 802-4032**  
**MANHATTAN..... (212) 669-8151**  
**QUEENS..... (718) 286-2900**  
**STATEN ISLAND.....(718) 816-2232**

**or call 311.**

**You can also visit CAU's website [www.nyc.gov/cau](http://www.nyc.gov/cau) for additional information about Community Boards.**

processing permits for block parties and street fairs. Many Boards even choose to provide additional services and manage special projects, including organizing tenants associations, coordinating neighborhood cleanup programs and more, depending on community needs.