

From: Marc Ameruso, Assistant Secretary,

Hello fellow Community Board One member,

I have been a community board member since 1995 and the assistant secretary for the last 6 years.

The job of taking the minutes is something I take very serious and have been committed to on a consistent basis. Experience as a board member and working as assistant secretary is what is needed to properly do the job of secretary.

It is not a popularity contest or who you may like or dislike.

The job of secretary is working for the betterment of the community board.

It is not a leadership or policy making position.

That is what must be the consideration of every community board member.

Personal time commitments and working with the staff is also a requirement.

This is why last month I was shocked when for the first time the minutes could not be voted on because the secretary did not submit complete minutes.

Dozens of times I have taken the minutes over the years and that has never happened, in fact I do not recall that a correction has really been needed for the many times I have submitted minutes.

This is what happens when the secretary has a minimalist attitude toward taking the minutes which two people have advocated.

I reject this notation of simply cut and pasting the agenda.

I guess you as board members agree with me because there has never been a complaint about what I have submitted over the last six years.

It is crucial to record the history of community board with a short synopsis of your thoughts.

Attending the full board meetings is also important. I have had only two excused absentees in the last 17 years.

As a Tribeca resident since 1990 I love my neighborhood and Lower Manhattan where I have worked on various issues pretty much starting from when I moved here.

Some of these include;

Working on quality of life issues early on with regards to the SLA and bars something I still do as chair of the SLA task Force. I am vice-president of the 1st Precinct Community Council. I have been an advocate for the waterfront and have chaired the HRPT Advisory Council. I was a first responder on 9/11 and vigorously advocated for the Zadroga 9/11 health care law. I work on transportation issue as CATS liaison and chair of the Tribeca Transportation and Parking sub-committee, as well as landmarks and many other issues that affect our communities.

Bottom line;

You don't have like me, to vote me...The question you need to ask yourself is;

What is the right way to vote that would be the best scenario for Community Board One?

My long track record for the last six years of recording the board minutes proves that I am the most qualified person and the most willing board member to do the job of secretary.

Hope I can count on your vote.

Thank you for time and consideration.

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