

COMMUNITY BOARD #3

655 Rossville Avenue
Staten Island, N. Y. 10309

Quality of Life Committee

January 3, 2012

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Frank Morano, Chairman of the Board
Patricia Conway, *Co-Chair*
Harold Kozak, *Co-Chair*
John Cassese
Verna Lauria
Dennis McKeon
Diane Peruggia
Dawn Raner

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Daniel Ajello
Vincent Calamia
Michael DiPilato
James Mahaney

STAFF:

Charlene Wagner, District Manager
Stacy Wertheim, Community Associate

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chairman Frank Morano told the committee about an article from the Wall Street Journal regarding voter photo identification. Supporters of new photo voter identification laws claim they are not overly burdensome and combat voter fraud. The Supreme Court recently upheld an Indiana law requiring voters to present photo identification at the polls. Currently, New York only requires proof of identity for new voters (as mandated in the 2002 Help America Vote Act "FAVA"). New Yorkers have a growing opinion that laws need to be enacted to safeguard against fraud.

MOTION: by Frank Morano *"to send a letter to Governor Andrew Cuomo and Staten Island's elected officials to ask for their support to enact a law that would require photo identification for voters in New York State."*

SECOND: Harold Kozak

VOTE: 8-0-0 Motion passed

- Chairman Frank Morano had a meeting with James Stanley from the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities "OPWDD" and a neighbor who lives adjacent to the proposed group home to be located at 277 Darlington Avenue. The neighbor explained that he had concerns regarding some of the changes to the exterior, specifically because it looked institutional and did not fit with the character of the neighborhood. One request was that the side metal side door be replaced with a typical residential door. Mr. Stanley agreed to change the door to attempt the other minor modifications requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Conway
Co-Chair Quality of Life Committee