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- Leadership*
- Community Development & Budget Priorities*
- Economic Development*
- Education & Culture*
- Health & Social Services*
- Housing*
- Land Use*
- Parks & Recreation*
- Public Safety*
- Sanitation & Environmental Protection*
- Transportation*
- Youth Services*

## September 2019 District Manager's Report

You may recall that at the April Leadership Committee meeting, I got complaints/inquiries about the following situation at 2225 Lodovick Avenue:



As stated in April, May and June, this is a temporary boiler, which has been on the street at this location for well over a year. In May, DOT issued Easco Boilder Corp a violation for lack of a valid permit, but ever since then, Easco has been keeping its permit up to date.

Since 2225 Lodovick Avenue is owned by a group home, which is licensed by New York State, I reached out to my contact at the State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), which Council Member Gjonaj's Office has been in touch with. My contact at OPWDD said that the group home is doing all within its power to rectify the situation.

The *Bronx Times* is doing a story on this, which is expected to hit newsstands tomorrow.

Some of you may recall an email I sent to the Board in August, where I said “It is against our new intern Salsabeel’s religion to touch a man in public. So, sorry, guys. No handshakes when visiting the office.”

The same applies to our other Muslim intern, Aiya Mustafa, who started interning for us on September 3. Our other new interns (including start dates) are as follows:

- Osmary Saint-Hilaire, September 24, 2019-Present
- Demaris Diaz, September 17, 2019-Present
- [Dakota Medina](#), September 4, 2019-Present

Some of you may wonder what the blue highlight/underlining of Dakota’s name is about. That’s a hyperlink. In other words, if you’re on the Internet, looking at our website, you can click on Dakota’s name and read the following:

## Dakota Medina's Biography

Dakota Medina is a first-year college student at The City College of New York, where she is majoring in Sonic Arts Audio Engineering. She has been involved in Army JROTC, the Theater Development Fund’s Wendy Wasserstein Project, and in several other projects with ArtsConnection (Art2Art: Dear Evan Hansen, Teens Curate Teens, OnTRaC, and TRaC). Dakota continues to be involved in music and theater, composing her own original work, using it as a platform to speak out on prominent issues in the world today.

On our website, we have three intern bios in addition to 31 other bios (board members and staff, former and present).

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As you may have heard, we had ten new appointments to our board this summer:

1. [Christian Amato](#)
2. [Valerie Babb](#)
3. [Durrell Boahen](#)
4. [Paula Creary](#)
5. Maleny Lahoz
6. Natali Medina
7. [Hazel Miura](#)
8. Jacob Rosado
9. Joseph Schaentzler
10. [Edit Shkreli](#)

# Christian Amato's Biography

Christian Amato is a strategist and community organizer, who has worked across politics, theatre and media—creating products, campaigns and productions—for candidates, organizations and companies in the public and private sectors.

Christian worked in New York State government serving as Senator Alessandra Biaggi's Deputy Chief of Staff and District Director. Previously, he was an active director and producer, producing over 45 off-broadway productions. On Broadway, he served as a producer on notable productions including *Rocky* and *The Color Purple*; as a director, he staged several world premiere productions. Amato served as founder and producing artistic director of The Theatre Project and Shakespeare Off-Broadway, which also toured Bronx Schools to bring theatre to children. For his work in the theatre industry, he has appeared on *Fox News* as an entertainment contributor and in magazines such as *DOWNTOWN*, *Entrepreneur*, *Breaking Character*, *Playbill*, *TheaterMania* and *Condé Nast Traveler*.

As a community organizer, Amato has trained with Organizing For Action (OFA) and the Progressive Change Campaign Committee. He has worked on several campaigns in New York and across the country. Through OFA, he also mentored and trained dozens of up and coming organizers in New York State.

Working with clients to craft and enact marketing, branding and digital strategies, Christian has developed tools that further monetize industries. At the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and at Samuel French, Inc., he created opportunities for artists to earn a living wage through their talents. As the Director of Digital Product at Samuel French, Christian was at the forefront of the company's digital innovation. Samuel French, as acknowledged by *Playbill* in 2017, "leads the pack in bringing work to the digital space." Christian has pioneered new ways to interact with plays by creating Abbott, the world's first ePlay app, and the first Enhanced ePlay of Agatha Christie's best-seller *And Then There Were None*.

Appointed to Community Board 11 in August of 2019, Christian was born and raised in Morris Park and continues to be a proud advocate for his community.

# Valerie Babb's Biography

Valerie Babb is a human resources professional, former education reform advocate and small business owner. She has always had an interest in community engagement and was first exposed to its importance by her grandparents. As a teenager, she was a canvasser for her grandfather's run for the community school board in Harlem. It was through that experience she learned the impact citizens could have on their community.

As an education reform advocate, Valerie was responsible for leading New York City's first Charter Parent Action Network, a network of education reformers consisting of parents, educators, elected officials and other community activists who were invested in collaborating with and supporting the betterment of public education. She helped push legislation in both the New York State Assembly and Senate to support the growth of charter schools in New York City, helping get the cap on charter schools lifted in 2010. In 2012, she co-wrote legislation asking for charter schools to be given equal access to special education funding. In 2011, she was listed on City and State's top "40 Under 40"

list.

Valerie is a hiring manager at a small charter school in Manhattan. She is also the host and co-producer of an online show called The Fact Desk, an edutainment and pop culture show. She is the former producer and co-host of Takin' Care of Business on WHCR 90.3 FM. She is a wine enthusiast, sharing her knowledge of wine with others through private wine tastings where she also sells custom glasses, mugs and apparel.

Valerie attended City College and lives in the Bronx with her husband and two children.

## **Durrell Boahen's Biography**

Durrell Boahen was born in Manhattan but raised in the Bronx. He attended Our Savior Lutheran high school, graduating in 2003. In 2008, he received his bachelor's degree from Five Towns College, and currently, he's a Master of Business Administration candidate at Capella University.

Professionally, he is a Relationship Manager at Bank of America, assisting clientele with their life priorities and financial well-being. Personally, he is the married, proud father of two young boys.

One of the newest members of CB11, Durrell looks forward to adding value and energy to the Board by doing what's best for the community. He and his family lives in the Pelham Parkway section of the district.

## **Paula Creary's Biography**

Appointed to Community Board 11 in July of 2019, Paula Creary has been a Bronx native since she took her first breath at Einstein College of Medicine's Jack D. Weiler Hospital.

In the late 1990s, she attended Holy Rosary School before transferring to St. Frances de Chantal. In 2007, she graduated from the Academy of Mount Saint Ursula and was accepted into Manhattanville College.

While at Manhattanville, Paula participated in community service, was a mentor to underclassmen and took the opportunity to be a residential advisor. During her senior year, she was the promotions manager of the school's radio station, WMVL Radio (now called MVL Radio), and upon graduation in 2011 with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications, she received the Castle Pin award "for living the mission of [the college]" which is "...to educate students to be ethical and socially-responsible leaders in a global community."

It wasn't until a few years ago that Paula started attending Manhattanville College alumni events, which lead to her being the guest speaker at the pinning ceremony for the class of 2019. Very soon afterwards she would become an elected member of the school's alumni board.

Paula currently works for SiriusXM Radio, Inc. as an Assistant Music Programmer and is looking forward to getting more involved in her community!

# Hazel Miura's Biography

Through her work with the Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation (NIDC) for more than 28 years, Hazel Miura has built a solid background in case management and tenant advocacy as well as in organizing community-based approaches to crime prevention and neighborhood revitalization, helping found the Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association, Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance and Bronx Park East Community Association.

Aside from her work at NIDC, she has demonstrated leadership in the community by being a member of the 49th NYPD Precinct Community Council, the NYPD Auxiliary Police from 2002 to 2015, and Community Board 11 from 1995 to 2012.

Born and raised in the Bronx, Hazel has lived in CB11 since 1986 and is fluent in both Spanish and Spanglish.

# Edit Shkreli's Biography

Edit Shkreli is an adjunct professor at New York Law School and an attorney. She has lived in the Pelham Parkway section of Community Board 11 since she and her family moved to the United States when she was a teenager. A long-time Bronx resident, she has an interest in positively shaping her own neighborhood and hopes to improve community life through her active engagement and involvement in the community board.

Edit strongly believes in the power and impact of community involvement. During the 2018 to 2019 school year, for instance, she coached eighth grade students at Icahn Charter School 1 to compete in the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Program.

Edit obtained her Bachelor of Arts from Hunter College and her juris doctorate (*cum laude*) from New York Law School. She enjoys hiking, biking, playing volleyball and off-the-beaten-path travel experiences.

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For practically three full days this month, I was at Community Board 12 with our Budget Priorities Chair, Andrea Siegel, meeting with City agencies re borough-wide budget concerns.

When we met with the Department of Health and talked about rodents, we learned that the City's sterilization pilot project, which began with New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) properties, had failed.

NYCHA informed us of a pilot project in Manhattan, which, if successful, will give the Police Department remote access to their video cameras in all five boroughs.

I asked the Department of Homeless Services if any of the City's 59 community boards has been forthcoming with real suggestions for homeless shelters. The immediate short answer I received was "no."

The FDNY reminded us that their open houses are coming up:

The FDNY will be hosting open houses Saturday, October 5 and Sunday October 6. We would like to invite you to attend an open house in your neighborhood! Sessions will be held either from 11 a.m.-1p.m. or 1 p.m.-3 p.m. To find out the date/time/location of your nearest firehouse or EMS station , click on the link below for our interactive map; <http://www.nyc.gov/fdnyopenhouse> Throughout the day Firefighters, Paramedics and EMTs will be educating the public about fire and life safety, conducting demonstrations, discussing the Department’s storied history, and offering tours of FDNY apparatus (engines, ladders and ambulances). Thanks to generous support from the FDNY Foundation, members will be distributing free smoke alarms, fire safety coloring books, fire helmets for children and educational material promoting fire and life safety tips. This event is open to any member of the public. Attached are flyers for you to share with all. We look forward to seeing you!

The three events in our district are as follows:

**Firehouse: Squad 61**  
**Open House Times:**  
10/5/2019  
11:00AM - 1:00PM

**Location:**  
1518 Williamsbridge Rd  
Bronx NY, 10461

**Firehouse: E-97**  
**Open House Times:**  
10/5/2019  
11:00AM - 1:00PM

**Location:**  
1454 Astor Ave  
Bronx NY, 10469

**Firehouse: E-90/L-41**  
**Open House Times:**  
10/5/2019  
1:00PM - 3:00PM

**Location:**  
1843 White Plains Rd  
Bronx NY, 10462

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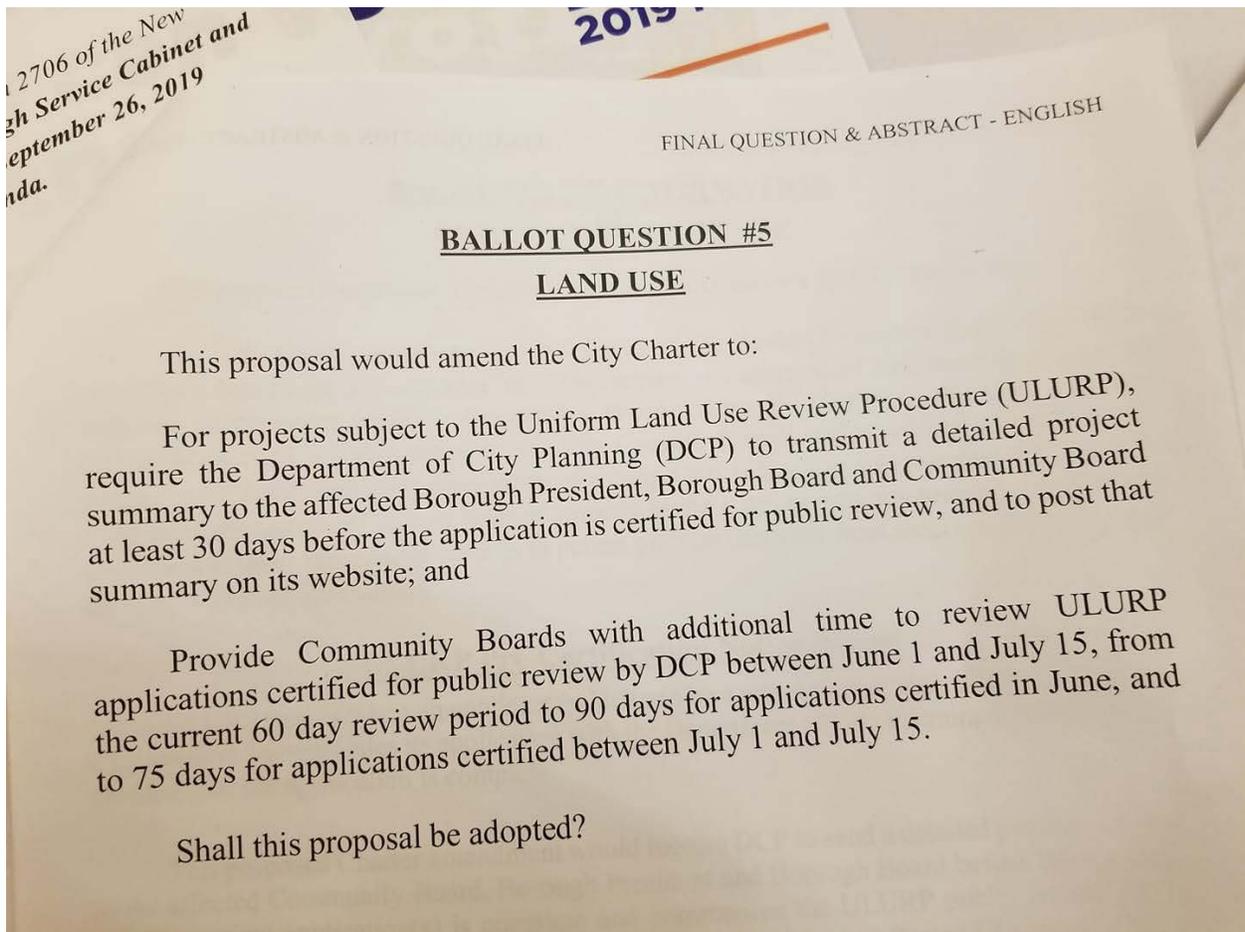
October 31 is the deadline for CB11 to submit its annual budget priorities. It’s also the deadline the Education, Culture & Youth Services Committee set for next year’s Youth Leadership Award, aka the Yankee Award. As of today, we have not receive any award nominations from anyone. Unfamiliar with the award or our budget priorities? Please speak to Harriet, Chris or me after the meeting. At the October full board meeting, we will have a public hearing to receive input as it relates to the City budget. If you have a budget priority request, please don’t wait until the public hearing to make it known to us.

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New York State Senator Alessandra Biaggi was scheduled to come to our September Full Board meeting, but she is now scheduled for October. Someone pointed out to me that State Senator Jamaal Bailey has never come to a CB11 meeting. I still think it would be nice for Senator Bailey to visit us as well and am attempting to arrange this.

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This morning I attended the joint Borough Board and Cabinet meeting, at which we listened to an "overview of ballot proposals of the NYC Charter Revision Commission." The proposal that directly relates to or affects community boards is ballot #5:



For more info on this proposal and the other four, consult this website, [www.charter2019.nyc](http://www.charter2019.nyc), and/or the following:

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The New York City Charter is our city's constitution—an instruction manual for our local government. It describes how the city spends our tax dollars, the powers of our elected officials, and how decisions are made about changes to our neighborhoods.

On November **fifth**, New Yorkers across the **five** boroughs will vote on **five** ballot questions that could change our local elections, how police officers are held accountable, how the city budget is set, government ethics rules, and how land in the city is developed.

**On November 5, 2019, you can vote on that.**

## 2019 BALLOT PROPOSALS OCTOBER COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS:

OCTOBER 7 <sup>th</sup>	STATEN ISLAND	COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND
OCTOBER 10 <sup>th</sup>	BROOKLYN	BROOKLYN BOROUGH HALL
OCTOBER 15 <sup>th</sup>	QUEENS	QUEENS BOROUGH HALL
OCTOBER 16 <sup>th</sup>	BRONX	BRONX MUSEUM OF THE ARTS
OCTOBER 17 <sup>th</sup>	MANHATTAN	JOHN JAY COLLEGE

**\*\* All meetings are 6:30pm-8:00pm \*\***

Translation and Accommodations available upon advance request,  
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If you haven't heard, the Bronx Borough President's Office published its first annual Community Board Members and Demographics Report in August. The information provided is not the most up to date. So, I'm exploring how to project this info on our website, where it doesn't already exist.

Noteworthy info from the report is as follows (I have apprised the BP's Office of the name misspellings):

as of August 23, 2019

NAME	NOMINATING PARTY	EXP. YEAR	APPOINTMENT DATE
1. Aljayyessi, Tasneem	BP	2021	2017
2. Babb, Valarie	BP	2021	2019
3. Bacote, Joseph	Gjonaj	2020	2002
4. Blitzer, Edith	Gjonaj	2020	2010
5. Boahen, Durrell	BP	2021	2019
6. Campell, Junior	BP	2021	2003
7. Castro, Veronica	BP	2020	2016
8. Charles, Patricia	King	2021	2015
9. Creany, Paula	BP	2021	2019
10. D'Angelo, Albert	BP	2020	2004
11. Ferrara, Bernadette	Torres	2020	2009
12. Foley, Estella	Gjonaj	2021	2017
13 Francis, Avril	BP	2021	2015
14. Fuchs, Moshe Rabbi	BP	2021	1989
15. Gelnick, Kenneth	Gjonaj	2020	1990
16. Kawalick, Debra	Gjonaj	2020	2018
17. Leavitt, David	Gjonaj	2021	1991
18. Lohaz, Maleny	Gjonaj	2021	2019
19. Mazzella, Silvio	Gjonaj	2020	1994
20. Medina, Natali	BP	2020	2019
21. Menta, Joseph	BP	2021	2017
22. Miura, Hazel	Torres	2021	2019
23. Musto, John	Gjonaj	2020	2018
24. Norris, Diane	Gjonaj	2020	2000
25. Obeid, Yahey	BP	2020	2016
26. Pirtan, Shradhenard	Torres	2020	2014
27. Prezioso, Vincent	Gjonaj	2021	1997
28. Ramsey, Keith	BP	2021	2013
29. Rubino, Joanne	BP	2021	2005
30. Rodriguez, Daisey	BP	2021	2015

31. Rodriguez, Eliezer	BP	2020	2004
32. Rodriguez, Marnie	BP	2020	2016
33. Rosado, Jacob	BP	2020	2019
34. Schaentzler, Joseph	Gjonaj	2021	2019
35. Schiano, Dominick	Torres	2021	2011
36. Selkridge, Oral	BP	2020	2010
37. Siegel, Andrea	Gjonaj	2020	2011
38. Signorile, Tony	BP	2021	2011
39. Shkreli, Edit	Gjonaj	2021	2019
40. Soto, Elizebeth	Gjonaj	2021	2017
41. Squiteri, John	BP	2020	2012
42. Terrelonge, Joann	Torres	2020	2010
43. Thompson, Joseph	Torres	2021	1995
44. Unger, Sandra	Gjonaj	2021	2003
45. Vitaliano, Anthony	BP	2020	2008
46. Walcott, Janice	BP	2020	2004
47. White, Linda	BP	2020	1990
48. Zangredo, Frano	BP	2021	2009

Data as of May 30, 2019

## Community Board 11: Demographics

	<i>Raw Totals</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<b>Total Board Members</b>	44	100%
<b>Under 50</b>	8	18%
<b>Over 50</b>	36	82%
<b>Men</b>	24	55%
<b>Women</b>	20	45%
<b>Self-Identified POC</b>	16	36%
<b>Veterans</b>	5	11%
<b>City Employees</b>	7	16%

What's POC? Persons of Color.

as of May 31, 2019

<b>Community Board</b>	<b># of Applications Received</b>	<b># of Applicants Interviewed</b>	<b># of Vacancies</b>
<b>1</b>	19	15	6
<b>2</b>	10	10	20
<b>3</b>	11	8	16
<b>4</b>	16	12	15
<b>5</b>	11	10	20
<b>6</b>	17	10	20
<b>7</b>	26	26	13
<b>8</b>	10	9	9
<b>9</b>	34	27	28
<b>10</b>	41	35	15
<b>11</b>	30	26	10
<b>12</b>	23	23	5