



**COMMUNITY BOARD 11**  
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- Land Use*
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- Public Safety*
- Sanitation & Environmental Protection*
- Transportation*

Leadership Committee  
 April 14, 2022  
 6:30 p.m.  
 Webex Meetings  
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**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Veronica Castro (Treasurer and Public Safety Committee Chair), Albert D'Angelo (Chairman of the Board), Oral Selkridge (Sergeant at Arms), Bernadette Ferrara (Education Culture & Youth Services Chair), John Johnson (Ethics & Disciplinary Committee Chair), Sandra Unger (Health & Social Services Chair), Richard Reynoso (Housing Co-chair), Lisa Soto (Parks Chair) and Avril Francis (Sanitation Co-chair)

**EXCUSED:** Yahay Obeid (Chairman of the Committee), Kenneth Gelnick (Land Use Chair) and Rabbi Fuchs (Transportation Chair)

**ABSENT:** Joseph A. Thompson (Economic Development Chair)

**STAFF:** Jeremy Warneke (District Manager)

**GUESTS:** Malcom Gray, Phyllis Nastasio and Juanita Randall (Board Members), Kaitilin McNamara (Senator Biaggi's Office), Aliya Schneider (*Bronx Times Reporter*) and Joe Buck, Erica Buk, Jonmichael De La Rosa, Gene DeFrancis, Irene Estrada, Diana Finch, Toni Falsetti, Robert Gazivoda, Jack Kocovic, Nick Leshi, Robert Press, Robert Santiago, Ruth Yasky, John Vinci, Jeannie Timpone and six unidentified caller-ins (members of the public)

The meeting was called to order after a quorum was established.

1. Proposed group home relocation for [2436 Kingsland Avenue](#)  
 The Committee discussed the proposed group home.
2. Gallery Session (Public Input)
  - R. Yasky expressed concern about harm to children in the community.
  - J. Vinci believed the home would ruin the atmosphere of the block.
  - R. Gazivoda expressed concern about the men because of children and other concerns.

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R. Santiago expressed traffic and other concerns.  
J. Timpone agreed with the concerns of the previous speakers and asked about process.  
Committee members responded to her concerns/comments.  
J. Buck stated concerns related to COVID-19.  
J. De La Rosa talked about behavioral and traffic concerns.  
N. Leshi main concern is traffic because there is not enough space in the community.  
E. Buk gave kudos to her neighbors and asked a hypothetical question. Committee members responded to her question and other things.  
I. Estrada was upset a board member informed her about the proposal, which she said she was against.  
R. Press said that group homes are not as bad as people make them out to be, and he believed the Full Board should vote, not just the Leadership Committee.  
Gene DeFrancis stated a concern regarding finances, which created discussion amongst committee members.

3. Recommendation to the New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities regarding 2436 Kingsland Avenue  
Further discussion took place regarding the proposed group home.  
Motion by A. D'Angelo that Community Board 11 OBJECT to the group home proposal based on the State's same reasoning for denial: oversaturation in the area.  
**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes by J. Warneke and BxCB11 Intern Jasira Shakes.