

Former District Manager



Ischia Bravo serves as District Manager for Bronx Community Board 7 (CB7), which includes the communities of Bedford Park, Fordham, Jerome Park, Kingsbridge Heights, Mosholu Parkway, Norwood, and University Heights. As the only Latina and woman of color serving as District Manager among the 12 Community Boards in the Bronx, one of her main priorities is to ensure that underrepresented and underserved groups in her community are informed of, and have access to, vital resources and services provided by local government and community-based organizations. Through her work, in partnership with CB7 leadership, the Board serves as

unique vehicle to organize and amplify the voice of community residents to weigh in on important issues impacting their neighborhoods and to ensure that residents have a seat at the table during these transformative discussions, issues including affordable housing, economic development, workforce investment, and City services.

Prior to her role as District Manager of her local community board, Ischia served as Executive Director of the Bronx Democratic Party. Under the leadership of then Chairman and now New York State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Ischia was charged with carrying out the organization's mission and managing the day-to-day operations of the office. Ischia led the organization for 7 years, pushing the organization to double down on its commitment to its Democratic values through engaging Bronxites year-round to increase access to resources by connecting them to legal, financial, and other public services, participating in political activism initiatives, and serving as an inclusive facilitator between local community residents and Party leaders.

Ischia was born and raised in Bronx, growing up in public housing in the Kingsbridge neighborhood in the Bronx. She received a public education, having to earn a GED while working multiple jobs to help her grandmother meet the gaps that public assistance could not fill for her family. She continued her education at Hostos Community College where she was involved in student advocacy, eventually being elected as President of the Student Government, and organizing on issues like increased investment in student resources and additional assistance for ESL students. She continued her education at John Jay College and remains committed to the advocacy and community organizing work that she sharpened throughout her education and personal experience.

Among all these roles and experiences, she considers her most important role that of being a mother of two young boys. In addition to crediting her upbringing as the inspiration for her passion to serve others, she's also deeply moved to ensure that the neighborhood she calls home has good schools, clean parks, safe streets, and adequate access to quality healthcare – for her children and for generations to come.