

Brooklyn Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, June 19, 2019
Hope Gardens Multi Service Center
195 Linden Street
Brooklyn, New York 11221
6:00PM

Chairperson, Mr. Robert Camacho
District Manager Ms. Celestina Leon

Board Members in Attendance:

Jo-Ena Bennett, Bridgette Blood, Joshua Brown, Martha Brown, Robert Camacho, Felix Ceballos, Gardea Caphart, Elvena Davis, Julie Dent, Denisse Reyna-Dolin, Freddy Fowler, Egaudy Gomez, Christopher Graham, Anne Guiney, Jose Guzman, Michelle Hilliard, Tanesha Honeygan, Barbara Jackson, Cheryl Jones, Virgie Jones, Austin Martinez, Desmonde Monroe, Sharline Moore, Samy Nemir, Zulma Novoa, Luisa Jose-Olea, Eliseo Ruiz, Julio Salinas, Barbara Smith, Annette Spellen, Jerry Valentin, James Wiseman and Odolph Wright.

Board Members Excused:

Grace Aytes, Melissa Carrera, Carlos Feliciano, Victoria Fernandez, Nancy Liao, Mary McClellan, Acire Polight, Raul Rubio, and Vernedeaner Shell

Board Members Absent: Louisa Chan, Sufia Chowdhry, Ernest Estime, Gladys Puglla, and Dustin Sonneborn,

The District Manger opened the monthly Community Board #4 meeting at 6:05PM

- Public Hearing Item -

- 1) Police Officer Lisa Prezzano, 83rd Precinct Crime Prevention: Presentation on crime prevention and safety tips.

Lisa Prezzano, Crime Prevention Officer, 83rd Precinct NYPD – Presentation on Senior Safety and Crime Prevention Tips.

- 1) Telephone Scams: Robo calls – Do not gave out any information to the caller.
- 2) Gift Card Scams: The IRS, Police or Con Edison, etc. will never call to ask for personal information, nor will they call to ask for you to send them a gift card.
- 3) Carry as little money and credit cards as possible and give it to the robber if requested. Your life is more valuable.
- 4) Carry your keys on your person separate from your identification.
- 5) Do not leave valuable items such as jewelry and money at home in your sock draw. That is the first place criminals look
- 6) Vision Zero: Cross the street at the corner and not in the middle of the block. Look in all direction for bicycles when crossing, watch out for turning cars, and cross at the curb. Do not assume drivers see you. Add a brightly color umbrella, bag or scarf or something white at night.
- 7) Do not let Con Edison or any into your home if you are not expecting them.
- 8) Put your phone down while crossing the street.

- 9) When walking use well-populated and well-lit streets. If you must walk in a desolated areas, do so in groups.
- 10) Make eye contact with the driver of large vehicles. Even waving to them to make yourself seen if needed.
- 11) When taking the bus or subway have your money or metro card available.
- 12) Wait for bus on the sidewalk away from the curb.
- 13) Sit in the center of the car, away from the door, to avoid a purse or chain snatch.
- 14) Cover jewelry; turn stone rings toward the palm side of your hand.
- 15) Stay awake and aware, ride in the conductor's car during off-peak hours.
- 16) If a stranger asks to use the phone, keep the door locked and tell them you will place the call for them. Keep him/her out of your home.
- 17) When driving: Keep valuables secured in the truck, not lying on the seat next to you. Put your purse on the floor of your car.
- 18) Never leave property in your vehicle. Items such as loose change, shopping bags, GPS, cell phones, laptops, tablets and the charging cords are targeted by thieves.
- 19) When using ATM machines, be aware of suspicious people near the entrance, use well-lit and well-populated ATM's. Put you money away and take your card and receipt before exiting, block a bystander's view when viewing your pin number, do not let anyone into a bank vestibule using your card.

Enroll in NYPD anti-theft programs such as VIN Etching, Operation ID and Combat Auto Theft.

- 2) New York City Housing Authority and the Bushwick Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Development Team: Presenting a general overview of the RAD program and it impact on Bushwick

PACT: Permanent, Affordable, Commitment, Together

The Problem: Lack of Public Housing Funding

The Result: \$32 Billion in Physical Needs

- NYCHA conducts a physical needs assessment (PNA) every 5-6 years
- The PNA identifies the capital expenditure required to bring NYCHA campuses to a state of good repair. The most recent estimate – the 2017 PNA – identified 5- year needs of \$31.8B or \$180,000/unit.
 - 2006 – PNA = \$6.9B total \$39K/unit
 - 2011 – PNA = \$16.8B total \$95K/unit
 - 2017 – PNA = \$31.8B total \$180K/unit
- Capital Repair Needs: Category Breakdown
 - Category 1: Structure/Architectural – Includes roofs, façades, \$10.69B (33% of total)
 - Category 2: Systems – Includes boilers, elevators, \$5.94B (19%)
 - Category 3: Apartments – Includes kitchens, bathrooms, \$12.58B (8%)
 - Category 4: Site/Grounds – Includes playgrounds, sidewalks, \$2.58B (8%)

The Solution: PACT to Preserve

Stability of Section 8 Funding / Debt and Equity Financing + Significant Repairs plus Streamlined Property Management & Increased On-Site Social Services + Protected Resident Rights & Permanently Affordable Housing

PACT to Preserve

- Under PACT, NYCHA seeks to identify resources and opportunities to make major improvements to developments, while preserving long-term affordability and maintaining strong resident rights
- PACT creates public-private partnerships to repair and manage the developments.
- PACT includes two portfolios:
- A) Rental assistance Demonstration (RAD)
- B) Unfunded Units (LLC II, PACT City/State Developments)

What is RAD?

RAD is an innovative HUD tool, created to achieve two goals:

- ❖ Preserve public housing
- ❖ Address capital needs

Under RAD, public housing authorities like NYCHA convert the funding source that supports a development from public housing subsidy (Section 9) to a Section 8 voucher platform

Conversion puts the development on more solid financial footing

- ❖ Historically higher funding from Congress
- ❖ Allows PHAs to leverage public and private debt and equity

HUD Fast Facts on RAD

- a) RAD allows public housing authorities to leverage public and private debt and equity in order to invest in the public housing stock
- b) In RAD, units move to a Section 8 platform with a long-term contract that, by law, must be renewed.
- c) Residents continue to pay 30% of their income towards rent and they maintain the same basic rights as they possess in the public housing program.
- d) RAD maintains the public stewardship of the converted property through clear rules on ongoing ownership and use.
- e) RAD is cost-neutral and does not increase HUD's budget.

Setting the Record Straight

PACT-RAD will NOT:

- I. Sell the land
- II. Displace NYCHA Families
- III. Raise NYCHA resident's rent above 30% of household income

PACT-RAD will:

- I. Help secure millions of dollars for major renovations (including for major renovations (including apartment interiors, roofing, mold remediation, and façade upgrades)
- II. Ensure permanent affordability
- III. Maintain residents rights in line with public housing protections

NYCHA's Continued Role

Enforce rules and term of the lease and other agreements with the development partner

Serve as the Section 8 contract administrator

2nd Presentation

Improvement Goals & Engagement

- Renovation, Modernization and Upgrading of Palmetto Gardens, Hope Gardens, Bushwick II, Groups A and C Bushwick II CDA Group E
- Foster "a Secure Sense of Home and Feeling of Shared Community"
- Renovate all apartment kitchen & bathrooms
- Modernize building's exteriors including windows, entrance, and roofs
- Modernize building's heating, ventilation and plumbing systems

- Improve sitework and landscaping
- Strengthen tenant safety through better security, lighting & intercom systems
- Provide community-based resident services and support existing on-site programs
- Minimize displacement through tenant-in-place rehab

Apartment Interiors: Kitchens

- Replacement in-kind and new Section 504 units
- All kitchens and baths to be modernized
- New vinyl wood plank look floor tile in kitchens
- Replace doors and hardware where needed
- Replace all windows; provide new A/C units in windows

Apartment Interiors: Bathrooms

- Replacement in-kind and new Section 504 units
- All bathrooms to be modernized
- New Vinyl flooring in baths
- Replace doors and hardware where needed

Systems Modernization / Unsung Heroes

- Replace boilers / new condensing boilers, install thermostat controls on radiators & replace /repair radiators as required, with WIFI monitoring for quicker response
- Modernize elevators as required
- New electrical sub-panels
- New rooftop fans
- Sewer backflow piping to stop back-up
- Crawl space slab & venting to reduce odors
- Add insulation in crawl spaces, roof and attics
- Improve Quality of Life

What will happen when the work begins?

Work will be conducted in phases

1. Preparation and protection (1 day)
2. Removals of old finishes etc. (1-2 days)
 - a) Abatement
 - b) Old Cabinets
- 3) Repairs (pipes, walls, floors, ceilings, etc.) and Preparation (3-4 days)
 - a) In wall repairs to plumbing and electrical
 - b) Bathroom and floor finish preparation
- 4) Installation of new finishes and fixtures (7-10 days)
 - a) Paint
 - b) Doors
 - c) Outlets and switches, grilles etc.
 - d) Shower Enclosure
 - e) Plumbing Fixtures
- 5) Cleanup and reestablishment (1 day)
 - a) Final cleanup
 - b) Punch List and review

Construction Schedule Overview – Timeline

- ✚ Group A – Fall 2019 – Summer 2020
- ✚ Group B – Winter 2019 – Fall 2020
- ✚ Group C – (Central Avenue) – Winter 2019 – Summer 2021

- ✚ Group D – Winter 2020 – Fall 2021
- ✚ Group E – Summer 2020 – Winter 2021
- ✚ Hope Gardens – Fall 2019 – Winter 2020
- ✚ Palmetto Gardens – Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

SAV – Affordable Housing – Services & Solutions

- 1) Notices and Communication
- 2) An Initial Household Interview prior to the start of work
- 3) Help to get ready and financial assistance
- 4) Resources and Availability – Furnished hospitality suites with a kitchen, refrigerator, microwave, bathroom (s), television, dining table and sitting area.

The Acacia Network will be providing social services to the residents of Hope Gardens Community. The social Service program model will be focused on ensuring the tenants have access to the support services they need to maintain and improve their quality of life.

About Pinnacle City Living:

Pinnacle manages multifamily properties nationwide. Established in 1980, they say that they are one of the largest multifamily management companies in the United States with a portfolio of over 165,000 units, 30,000 of which are affordable units, and 4,100 team members!

Mr. Camacho stated that the community board has requested a meeting with the Bushwick Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) development team several times with no success. The community board would like to make sure that the tenants are safe during the program. Hope Garden is our family and what effects them affects us too.

When someone calls the community board because they are not being treated right, we need to have someone that we can talk to.

So we would like for you to come back to answer questions and to address some of the concerns that we have.

Motion by the chairperson was made to have NYCHA and RAD to come back to the full board in the near future. The first Vice Chair Mr. Joshua Brown second. All board members present were in favor. Motion passed.

The District Manager, Ms. Leon closed the public hearing item portion of the meeting and thanked everyone for being present.

The District Manager, Ms. Celestina Leon called the first roll call:

First Roll Call: – 33 members present this does constitute a quorum.

The acceptance of the agenda was made by Ms. Elvena Davis and second by Ms. Anne Guiney. All board members present were in favor. Motion moved.

The acceptance of last month's minutes was made by Ms. Annette Spellen and second by Mr. Joshua Brown. All members present were in favor. Motion moved.

Chairperson's Report:

The chairperson let the board members know that he is aware of their concerns regarding the May 2019 election of officers and that he is working on solving the problem.

Mr. Camacho list some of the meetings that he attended since that last Community Board meeting....

May 16

May 19 - A Saturday he went to a job fair held by Maritza Davila

May 21 – Bushwick Collective

May 23 – Broadway Weekend Walk meeting

May 24 - Friday: He had a staff meeting with Willie and Sharon.

May 30 – Hand out flyers for Shape-Up Bushwick

June 4 – Attended Public Safety Meeting

June 5 – Executive Board Meeting

June 9 – 1st Puerto Rican Day Parade

June 12 – District Service Cabinet Meeting & EDC Meeting

June 18 – 83rd Precinct Council Meeting

June 19 – Clergy Council Meeting & CB4 Meeting

The Elected Officials and / or their representatives that was present at the meeting.

- 1) Karen Cherry, Representing 54th Assembly District, Assembly Member Erik Martin Dilan, 366 Cornelia Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-386-4576
- 2) Paula Mendez, Representing 53rd Assembly District, Assemblywoman Maritza Davila, 249 Wilson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-443-1205
- 3) Jonathan Pomboza, Representing District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, 350 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, 718-250-2340
- 4) Marcus Harris, Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 718-802-3700
- 5) Lorenzo Brea, representing Councilmember Rafael Espinal, 37th Council District, 1945 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11207, 718-642-8664
- 6) Boris Santos, Representing Senator Julia Salazar, 18th Senatorial District, 1068 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11221
- 7) Darryl White, Representing Letitia James, 67th Attorney General of NY, 55 Hampton Place, 718-560-2040.

Federal, State or City Agencies

- 1) Sergeant Anna Serrano, 83rd Precinct N.C.O. (Neighborhood Coordination Officer), 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237
- 2) PO Gomez, 83rd Precinct, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-574-1697
- 3) Commanding Officer DI Dan Dooley,, 83rd Precinct, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237
- 4) Caesar Rodriguez, CUFFH, 7 Marcus Garvey (headquarters) & 1288 Hancock Street, 347-583-0476

83rd Precinct

Captain Sperraza: In just found out today that he is being transferred to the 88th Precinct. This was his 6th command in 14th years and he stated that Bushwick is the best that he has seen so far. He enjoyed how everyone love each other and interact together well.

He will not be too far. Bushwick is getting a good guy. Keep up the good work!!

District Manager's Report:

The District Manager, Ms. Celestina Leon thanked all in attendance.

“June is certainly a time full of pride and celebration. I would like to congratulate all children and parents on completing another school year and acknowledge the countless graduations taking place throughout the month. Today is also the historical celebration of Juneteenth, which is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States.

Regardless of what you're celebrating in June, we wish everyone a safe and happy time.

Additionally, this is a reminder that June is the end of the board's meeting year. Our monthly board and committee meetings will resume in September 2019. I would like to take a moment to share an overview of how Community Board 4 used the \$42,500 budget increase for fiscal year 2019. The board's office allocated funds to primarily improve communications, technology, and events.”

\$42,500 – Allocated Funds for FY'19

- Communication – Newly designed newsletter, new phone system
- Technology – CRM (Customer Relationship Management) the creation of a much-needed CRM software, internet upgrade, new computers, and presentation/meeting equipment

Events – The board held almost 10 events this year. Additional support for larger scale community events

Ms. Leon list some of meetings that she attended. (For the complete listing of her report please contact the CB)

Saturday, May 18, 2019 - Career/Job Fair hosted by Assemblywoman Maritza Davila at RiseBoro Youth Center (1474 Gates Avenue) – congratulations to the Assemblywoman and her team on a well-organized and attended event. Various employers were onsite to provide information about available employment opportunities.

Sanitation Press Conference with City Council Speaker Corey Johnson and Council Member Antonio Reynoso at Maria Hernandez Park (Starr Street and Irving Avenue entrance) – Mr. Camacho and I joined Speaker Johnson and Council Member Reynoso to call on Mayor de Blasio to restore \$4.2 million in funding for extra litter basket collection in the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget. We greatly appreciate the Speaker and Council Member Reynoso's advocacy and decision to host the conference in the district.

Thursday, June 6, 2019 - 14th Annual Parade and Shape-Up Bushwick VII – what a success! It was a beautiful day in Irving Square Park. A special shout out to our Civic and Religious Committee Chairperson, Elvena Davis, and Health—Committee Chairperson, Ms. McClellan for their efforts. A special thank you to all our sponsors and to Deputy Inspector Dooley and the 83rd Precinct for providing additional support. This event is a true community endeavor.

Monday, June 17, 2019 - Bushwick Scope Prep Meeting at the Hope Gardens Senior Citizen Multi-Center – community leaders gathered to hear from the Land Use Division in the NYC Council about the upcoming scoping meeting on Thursday, June 27th at 4pm in Bushwick Campus High School (400 Irving Avenue).

The District Manager introduced the new board members:
Brigette Blood, Tanesha Honeygan, and Samy Nemir Olivares

The District Manager handed out Certificates of Recognition for Perfect Attendance for the 2018-2019 service year. The certificates were provided by the Brooklyn Borough President's office. These certificates went to board members that attended all their assigned monthly meetings for the year.

Melissa Carrera, James Wiseman, Joshua Brown and Mary McClellan
(Regarding Ms. Mary McClellan, she is sick today and could not make it to the meeting.)

Chairperson Camacho: I do not want to hear any excuses! If she can make it here then all of you could make it here, because she is up there and she comes here.

Committee Reports:

The following committee reports were tabled:

- Public Safety
- Economic Development
- District Office

Ms Barbara Smith made a motion to table the committee reports. The motion was second by Mr. Joshua Brown. All members present were in favor.

Recommendations:

District Manager: The PSC had one recommendation. 1264 Myrtle Avenue – Risky Dice, Inc.

- Restaurant just a few doors away from the M train Central Avenue station
- Restaurant open all 7 days of the week from 8 AM to 2AM, but on Friday and Saturday the hours are from 8 AM to 4 AM in order to cater to the residents around this location walking to and from the train station.
- Restaurant willing to comply with the no sale of alcohol after 12 AM on Sundays
- After reviewing the application there are still certain questions that need to be addressed by the applicants, once they get their attorney to modify the application and bring it back to the Community Board the recommendation can go forward.

One concern is the 30 day advance notice. They want live music – various kinds. The CB said please update. An update was received today stating that the music will be a Jazz trio and a vocalist.

The PSC recommends to approve with the usual stipulations and to update the 30 day notice.

Chairperson Mr. Camacho: You cannot make a recommendation if the committee reports were tabled. You must say this is informational.

District Manager Ms. Leon: I can say informational but I must caution that without these recommendations the SLA will not get any information about any of the applicants that were on the agenda.

Mr. James Wiseman: You must go back to the committee reports. Go back to Public Safety and renew the recommendation. Recommend that Public Safety be brought back to the table. Second that. Give our recommendation for Public Safety and then vote on that.

Mr. James Wiseman recommend that the board bring back the PSC report only with the purpose of disclosing a recommendation for the meeting so that we can take a vote for the SLA recommendation.

Ms. Martha Brown second the motion. All board members present were in favor. Motion moved.

District Manager Ms. Leon asked: Is there a motion from the board to accept the PSC recommendation? Ms. Julie Dent motion to accept the recommendation and it was second by Ms. Elvena Davis. All members present were in favor. Motion moved.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mr. Robert Camacho: Board Members are reappointed by the Borough President's Office and these board members have not been re-appointed. These board members have not been re-appointed to the board due to their attendance.

Cirilo Nunez, John Scheafer and L A Blacksmith

Mr. Marcus Harris, representing the Borough President's Office explained:

The Borough President's office reviews the application. There are only 10 monthly Community Board meetings a year, when you miss 6 of them there is no reason why you are here because you are not providing any kind of assistance to the community board. Every single board member was looked at when reappointment time came up again.

It is not just one meeting per month, there are committee meetings that you have signed up to attend.

You take a lot of time working on this community and it is very important that everyone takes this seriously. A quorum must be met at every meeting. Attendance is a factor. Excused or absent you are not here. It is very important that even if it is an excused absence you still need to be here, so that there is a quorum and votes can be made.

Ms. Leon: The By-Laws says removal from the board: A total of three unexcused absences during the year from regular monthly meetings or three assigned committee meetings shall constitute sufficient cause to recommend removal from the board.

Mr. Joshua Brown, 1st Vice Chair: Had the privileged/honor of going to the Borough Hall as a representative of the Community Board 4. I am here to support a motion that was made to support a baseline increase in the community board budget. We send a letter to the mayor advocating on our behalf. This will increase the efficiency of our office. Mr. Joshua Brown motioned to send a letter of to support a baseline increase to our CB budget. The motion was second by Ms. Julie Dent. All members present were in favor. Motion moved.

Announcements:

Barbara Smith: "National Night Out Against Crime" – 83rd Precinct Council Honoring 1st Vice Chair Community Board Member Joshua Brown. Tuesday, August 6, 2019. Come join the 83rd Precinct and your neighbors to help build a stronger and safer community. Location: Maria Hernandez Park (Knickerbocker Avenue and Suydam Street) Free BBQ, Games, Giveaways, Cellphone & Bicycle registration.

For more information contact the 83rd Precinct Community Affairs Officers at 718-574-1697.

Mr. Kurt Barnes Jr.: Cooper Street Community Association Inc. Invite you to their 20th Anniversary "Back to School Block Health Fair Festival" Saturday, August 17, 2019 from 12pm to 7pm. Location: Cooper Street between Evergreen and Central Avenues. Vendor space is still available. Volunteers are needed.

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NYC CENSUS 2020

Join the fight to get every New Yorker counted!

The Office of the Census for New York City, led by Director Julie Menin, is focus on ensuring a fair and accurate population count of New York City through the federal 2020 Census survey.

What is at Stake?

- Over \$800 billion for federally funded programs – your public schools and housing, senior center, Medicaid, SNAP, WIC, roads and bridges, and more are at risk!
- Up to two Congressional seats, affecting the balance of the Electoral College.

How you can help?

- Spread the word about the importance of responding to the census in Spring 2020
- Recommending New Yorkers for federal Census jobs (www.2020census.gov/jobs for Census taker jobs & www.usajobs.gov for jobs in local area offices)

Let's make sue NYC doesn't lose out on its fair share!

www.nyc.gov/census2020 Email questions to info@census.nyc.gov

Bushwick Brooklyn Public Library - Introduction to Podcasts: Wednesday, June 26th, 2019 at 6:30pm, Bushwick Library, Auditorium, 340 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206, www.bklynlibrary.org

Podcasts are the fastest growing way that people across the country are getting their news, information, and stories. Like radio shows that you can download from the internet, Podcasts provide easy access to free programs about sports, current events, comedy and more.

Brooklyn Public Library has partnered with Bushwick Podcast – a local podcast series that shares stories about the Bushwick community - to offer a complete introduction to podcasts. By joining this program you will learn:

- What podcasts are
- What types of podcasts are available

- Where to find podcasts for your interest
- How to listen to podcasts on your smartphone, tablet or computer

The program is open to anyone interested in learning more about podcasts! All you need to start the program is a smartphone, a tablet or a computer. Please feel free to bring your device with you. No prior experience is necessary.

SAVE A LIFE. Carry Naloxone. About 3 New Yorkers die from drug overdose everyday...YOU can save a life with Nalaxone. Take a course. Save a life. Strengthen your community. NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Brooklyn Neighborhood Health Action Center. Contact: Z Novoa, DOHMH, ZNovoa@health.nyc.gov, 718-637-5221 For more information, visit www.nyc.gov/health/naloxone

The Honorable Rafael L. Espinal Jr., NYC Council Member District 37: June 26, 2019, 10:30am to 6:30pm

In collaboration with Public Utility Law Project – A free service

Council Member Rafael L. Espinal Jr. invite you to participate in a utility clinic focused on assisting you with utility problems related to:

- Your gas and electricity provider & ESCOs
- Telephone
- Water
- Cable
- Internet
- ESCOs
- If you are on the verge of having your utility services shut off
- If you are late in paying your monthly utility bills and the company is demanding full payment
- If you are 65 years of age and older
- If you are disabled
- If you have been denied service
- If your account has been transferred to another company without your consent
- If you suspect that you are paying another tenant's or landlords bill

Please bring shutoff notices, letters from the company, and utility bills to the clinic so that they could better assist you.

Senator Julia Salazar: Save the Date! June 29, 2019

Are you passionate about the future of NYC Public Schools? Join your fellow parents, teachers, educational professional and advocates: 1st meeting of the North Brooklyn Education Roundtable hosted by NY State Senator Julia Salazar. RSVP: <http://bit.ly/BKEduRoundtable>

Location: NY Public Library / DeKalb, 12pm to 2pm, 790 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211

North Brooklyn is facing a housing crisis of vast proportions. With market rates skyrocketing and our neighborhoods losing rent-stabilized units every year, thousands of people—including residents who have lived here for decades—are being displaced from their homes. Tenant harassment and racial discrimination in housing are rampant. Bushwick is faced with the

prospect of a massive up zoning that would destroy jobs, cause evictions and transform our community. With our rent laws expiring in 2019, New York is at a crossroads. That's why Senator Salazar has placed affordable housing at the center of her campaign. She will fight to:

- End the vacancy decontrol that incentivizes tenant harassment and eviction,
- End preferential rents and sharply limit MCI-induced rent increases, both of which abet gentrification
- Secure state financing for truly and deeply affordable housing—housing that's affordable to the working-class residents of North Brooklyn, not just the rich.
- Fight the up-zonings which hold our communities hostage to the forces of gentrification
- Expand the rent stabilization system to cover all New York apartments, so that no tenant is faced with the prospect of suddenly being evicted from their homes

Join Senator Julia Salazar, Assemblywoman Davila and other Elected Officials on June 24, 2019, 6pm, 211 Ainslie Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211

For more information and to RSVP please contact Alvin Pena at Pena@NYSenate.gov.

Mil Mundos: Librería – Bookstore

Bilingual Reading Room & Community Space – Tienda de Libros Bilingüe y Espacio de la Comunidad

\$1 Cafecito – Pasteles De Guayaba. 308 Irving Avenue. Open March 2019

NYPD 83d Precinct Bushwick: Build the Block

Neighborhood Policing and Safety Meeting

The NYPD officers serving the Bushwick Community invite you to a discussion of the public safety problems in our neighborhood.

Thursday, August 8, 2019, 6:30pm at the Maria Hernandez Park. The goal is to identify policing and public safety needs in the community.

NCO's: Police Officer Ana Mora and Police Officer Alexander Mignone

For further information please contact: Sergeant Serrano at 917-484-0698

Buena Vida – Continuing Care and Rehabilitation Center Presents “Be In the Know” Health and Wellness Fair. June 27, 2019, 2pm to 6pm, 48 Cedar Street, Brooklyn NY 11221

Questions? 347-831-0998 / DCohen@BuenaVidaCenter.org

Mr. Darryl White, Representing Letitia James the 67th Attorney General of NY: Presented a Citation from the Attorney General to former Community Board Chairperson Ms. Julie Dent in honor of appreciation for her service to the Community Board.

Mr. Marcus Harris Representing Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams presented a Citation to former Community Board Chairperson Ms. Julie Dent for all her years of service and dedication to the Bushwick Community.

Mr. Harris read the citation.

Mr. Marcus Harris – Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams: WINGATE Concert Series, Brooklyn 2019. SAVE THE DATE! July 9, 10, 16, 17 & 18.

FREE Mortgage Assistance Event: ONE DAY ONLY!

Thursday, July 11th, 2pm to 8pm. Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201

Meet with your mortgage servicer face to face and learn about:

- Loan modifications
- Forbearance
- Short sales and deeds-in-lieu
- Other mortgage solutions
- Learn about the Property Tax and Interest Deferral (PT AID) Program, a NYC initiative to assist with property tax payments.
- Enroll in the Community Energy Engagement Program, a sustainable energy program for NYC residents
- Plus, FREE comprehensive counseling from local, HUD-approved housing counseling agencies

What to bring: Photo ID – 2 most recent pay stubs – 2 most recent bank statements - Mortgage statements – 2 years tax returns & W-2s – Property tax and home insurance info – Most recent profit / loss statement if self-employed – hardship letter – documentation of all income.

www.hopenow.com

'A Summer Movie under the Stars' – Wednesday, July 17th: Brave

Wednesday, July 24th: Love and Basketball

Wednesday, July 31st: Babe: Pig in the City

Long Meadow North at Prospect Park, 7pm. Bring your own blanket and picnic basket.

District Manager to Ms. Julie Dent from the Community Board:

To Ms. Julie Dent for years of service and dedication as the chairperson of Community Board 4. We are truly going to be different without you but we are stronger because of you and you will be truly, truly missed. We appreciate you.

Ms. Leon read the citation for Ms. Dent from the District Attorney's Office: (In part):

Julie Dent, born and raised in the Borough of Brooklyn New York. She is the proud mother of a New York City Police Officer- Christopher Dent. Julie's father passed away when she was very young. He was a loving strong, but gentle man who loved his wife and children. Julie enjoyed growing up with her sisters and brothers, they were her best friends. Julie received a Master's of Science in Education from CUNY- City College of New York, she graduated with honors. Her Bachelors of Science in Early Childhood and Elementary Education was received from Empire State College at SUNY. Her Associates Degree was received from the Borough of Manhattan-Community College in Early Childhood Education.

At the Horace E. Greene Day Care center, Julie worked as an Early Childhood teacher for ten (10) years. Thereafter she served as Administrative Director for seven (7) years. In 1997 Julie

became the Executive Director/Educational Director of the Audrey Johnson Day Care Learning Center where she is currently employed. Resulting from Julie's resolve to get the best for the children the center was chosen by New York University to partake in their Early Reading First Literacy Program which has proven to be helpful in enhancing the children's reading skills. Julie collaborated with the Department of Education to bring additional monies to the Learning Center which was earmarked for four (4) year olds to enhance their educational, social emotional and physical skills. In that grant there was also a provision for educational trainings for teachers and the director.

As a leader, her vision was to address childhood obesity in young children. She recognized a need for programming that would address a holistic cultural competent approach to nutrition, and sports in an educational setting. She sought funding through the NYC Department of Health SPARKS Program where the children, teachers and parents are engaged in sport activities through play.

Julie's late mother Elaine King instilled in her the importance of giving back to the community and she has done just that. Actively involved in the Community, Ms. Julie Dent served as Chairperson of Brooklyn Community Board #4 for many years; she is the former Vice-Chairperson of the Woodhull Hospital Advisory Board, former NYC Community School Board - District #32 Vice- Chair. Most recently in 2007 Ms. Dent became a New York City Board of Elections Commissioner. Also during the 2007 year, Ms. Dent was the recipient of the coveted National Association of Child Care Professional Director's Award. Julie holds membership on the following National, Professional and Civic Organizations: NAACP, NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) NAFP (National Association of Female Professionals) Proactive Women, Day Care Council of New York, Inc., and Professional Association of Day Care Directors. Julie holds awards and citations from elected officials across the city and state and she is very appreciative for their recognition.

Julie attributes her strength and resiliency to the love and adoration she receives from her family. "To whom much is given, much is required" is what her late mother Elaine King taught her early in life.

Attorney General 2019 Citation in honor of the remarkable Ms. Dent for her many exceptional accomplishments and her numerous contributions to the Borough of Brooklyn and to the people of the State of New York.

Ms. Julie Dent:

1st of all I would like to give honor to God, who is the head of my life! I thank all of you for thinking highly of me. But everything that we accomplished in Bushwick, I did not do it by myself. I had such a wonderful team of people who saw the importance of giving back. We all gave to Bushwick to make Bushwick what it is today. The people who remained in Bushwick and gave so much of themselves, I thank you. For the new people that are new living in Bushwick ...I thank you. ...We will continue to fight for us and the future generations. I thank you, I thank you, I thank you.

Assemblywoman Maritza Davila also sent in a citation for Ms. Dent.

Second Roll Call.

Meeting Adjourned: 33 Members Present, at 8:05PM.