

**Community Board 1 Queens Full Board / Public Hearing Meeting Transcript
Tuesday March 17, 2026**

Present:

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| Daniel Aliberti | Jacqueline Ibarra | Quinella Williams |
| Michelle Amor | Richard Khuzami | Pablo Zuniga |
| Kian Betancourt | Huge Ma | Excused |
| Gerald Caliendo | Athanasios Magoutas | Cristian Batres |
| Christina Chaise | Patricia Mahecha | Dean Feratovic |
| Stacey Eliuk | Andreas Migias | Shahenaz Hamde |
| Katie Ellman | Stella Nicolaou | Brian Martinez |
| Elizabeth Erion | Phyllis Parra | Amin Mehedi |
| Robert Feltault | Juliet Payabyab | Dino Panagoulis |
| Adam Fisher-Cox | Thomas Ryan | RoseMarie Poveromo |
| Frank Fredericks | Plinia Sarchese | Judy Trilivas |
| Tyrone Gardner | Dominic Stiller | Corinne Wood-Haynes |
| Evie Hantzopoulos | Marie Torniali | Absent |
| Christopher Hanway | Rod Townsend | Jean Marie D'Alleva |
| Amy Hau | Ryan Van Manen | Jaqueline Diaz |
| | Mario Vergara | Vanessa Jones-Hall |
| | Kathleen Warnock | |

Board Staff:

Florence Koulouris, District Manager

Elected Official / Representatives:

BP Donovan - Clare Collins
DA Melinda Katz - Colleen Babb
Assembly Gonzalez-Rojas – Cristian Gilces
Assembly Steven Raga - John Beia
Assembly Diana Moreno - Shawna Morlock
Senator K Gonzalez - Isamar Brito

Chair Evie Hantzopoulos: Meeting called to order at 6:37pm. The Chairwoman welcomed everyone, acknowledged St. Patrick's Day then asked for a moment of silence to acknowledge the passing of Assemblymember Cathy Nolan before presenting the agenda.

Item #1: YouTube marker 0:07:45

Presentation by Alexander Han, Chief of Concessions and Luiggi Almanzar, Project Manager for a seasonal enclosure at Astoria Park. The Parks Department is considering issuing a request for proposals for a concession to install a seasonal tennis bubble at the Astoria Park tennis courts. The proposal was initiated by the public with a petition containing 300 signatures in support of this type of concession. The presentation is to gather information from the public before moving forward with issuing an Request for Proposal (RFP). The bubble would also contain additional lighting for longer play.

Q&A

Kathleen Warnock: Asked how long it would take to install and dismantle the bubble.

Alexander Han: Between 1-2 weeks for inflation and 1 week for deflation.

Christina Chaise: Asked about the cost of play.

Alexander Han: A single play ticket is \$15 during spring and summer. It is free in winter and on the 6 open courts but accommodation can be made for free play within the bubble according to community needs.

Dan Aliberti: Asked about how the bubble is inflated and whether or not Pickle Ball was a consideration.

Alexander Han: It is continuous air flow with a backup generator to keep the bubble inflated. It is possible for courts to be used for other sports.

Phyllis Parra-Asked who started the petition and how it came to the attention of the Parks Department.

Alexander Han - Parks media department forwarded the petition from [change.org](https://www.change.org). It was started by the community. The Parks Department did not start the petition.

Richard Khuzami - Asked for an explanation of the term concession and is it possible to not use a generator for safety and environmental reasons; will there be other concessions such as food and public restrooms. Can the state or city provide grants for affordability.

Alexander Han - A concession is a business that is responsible for keeping the space clean and safe; there may be other concessions built from this concession; this will be powered from the grid, the generator is a backup power source. The agency is not providing grants. The concessionaire would have to seek grants for affordability.

Robert Feltault - Asked if the agency considered running the concessions themselves before offering it to the private sector.

Alexander Han - The city does not own the equipment nor does it have the business expertise to run this type of business. If someone made a donation of a bubble the department would have to decide how it could utilize it.

Huge Ma - Requested that tennis courts be kept as tennis courts and pickle ball courts be built elsewhere and that lights be installed for longer play.

Alexander Han - Explained that the concessionaire would resurface all the courts and provide lighting so that the public could have more free play.

Gerald Caliendo - Asked about the possibility of a clubhouse.

Alexander Han - There is a possibility of a clubhouse and food vendor.

Quinella Williams - Asked whether concessionaires would be prohibited from selling cigarettes and bubble gum.

Alexander Han - The parks department gets final say as to what is sold on its property. The sale of cigarettes is prohibited on parks property.

Katie Ellman - Wanted to know if the operator would also provide private lessons and if the chosen vendor would have priority year after year.

Alexander Han - The concessionaire can use courts for lessons. We are aware that lessons are being provided on Astoria Park tennis courts without a concession license. Unlicensed lessons take courts away from the public without reciprocation.

Phyllis Parra - Wanted to know where exactly the bubble would be.

Alexander Han - That will be determined after the public feedback on whether we should issue an RFP and after discussion with the concessionaires.

Christina Chaise: Requested that if an RFP goes out it should include language to ensure that there is free programming during the day.

Alexander Han: Yes.

Richard Khuzami - Wanted to know how they could safeguard against a vendor not wanting to remove the bubble.

Alexander Han - The concession agreement is very strict and can be terminated at the request of the Parks Department Commissioner. Vendors understand that they must comply with the rules and guidelines of the agreement.

Chair Evie Hantzopoulos: Wanted clarification of the season and asked if there was ever a situation when the bubble didn't come down and how it was handled.

Alexander Han: Typically the season is October to April. There have been occasions when a bubble could not come down. The Parks Department approves those circumstances in advance.

Phyllis Parra - Wanted to know if the material remained on the court when the bubble is deflated.

Alexander Han - The entire bubble is removed except for the anchor which is temporarily embedded. That is covered.

Marie Torniali- Asked for clarification on the statement about unauthorized lessons.

Alexander Han - If someone is using tennis courts at Astoria Park without a concession agreement from the Parks Department and they're charging for lessons, their tennis permit does not allow them to charge for tennis lessons, it only allows them to play tennis. Parks has only issued one permit for lessons so far. If others are providing lessons they are unauthorized. We will have to alert Parks Enforcement to take the appropriate action.

Stella Nicolaou - Asked if coaches or parents providing instruction to youngsters without compensation need a license.

Alexander Han - That would have to be considered on a case by case basis.

Public Questions - YouTube marker 0:36:38

Evan Vrsaljko - Stated his support for affordable indoor tennis as a sport to bring families and communities together.

Tim Stofa - Stated support for affordable indoor tennis courts.

Lena Wu - Started the petition for the bubble. Spoke in support of bubble.

Stacey Eliuk - Asked if members of the local community would have first dibs on permits and who pays for the bubble.

Alexander Han - Permits are for all parks facilities anywhere in the parks system. If a court isn't available there is an attendant who keeps a list. Concessionaires pay for the costs of running the business.

Robert Feltault - Wanted the team to address the public comments about the maintenance of the courts.

Alexander Han - Snow stretches staff and is hard on courts which is another reason why the bubble will be a benefit to the public.

Jaidev Phadke - Supports the bubble but reiterated the need for the RFP to contain free and low cost tickets.

Chair Evie Hantzopoulos - Wanted to know how the public could give feedback on the RFP and what the timeline is.

Alexander Han - We can receive a letter, continue meeting, keep the dialogue open. We can not send draft RFP's because we need to ensure that it is a level playing field.

Public Session - YouTube marker 0:50:15

Ahmed Tomal - Spoke against a bylaws amendment to lower the votes needed to amend the bylaws because it dilutes conversation and results in less thoughtful rules.

Mushfique Chowdhury - Astoria Love Family Enrichment Center located at 31-18 31st Street in Astoria. A welcoming space where everyone can relax and utilize workshops. The mission is to empower the community. Offers free laptops, cooking, laundry, open space to host events and a community cafe that serves free snacks throughout the day.

Gloria Maloney - Spoke out against the lower speed limits and the bike lanes because the city is clearly trying to get rid of cars. People need to be responsible when they drive and cross the streets.

Rosamund Gianutsos - Spoke in favor of bike lanes and slow zones.

Michelle Alleyne - Requested better street lighting around 4th Street; recreation for the youth; better fire safety in buildings; security in the buildings; enrichment center on 4th Street; community investments in the area for AI.

Shawna Morlock, Assemblymember Diana Moreno - Supports Sammy's Law and slow zones in the area for public safety.

Unidentified Community Member - Requests funding to repair skate parks.

Chair Evie Hantzopoulos - The office will make the parks department aware and suggests that comments be sent to the board for their capital and expense budget request; also reach out to elected officials.

Bryan Valarezo - LIC resident concerned with trash along the streets.

Chair Evie Hantzopoulos - Requested that those locations be logged at 311 and sent to the board office.

Business Section-YouTube marker 1:09:22

Chair Evie Hantzopoulos: Called for a motion to adopt February meeting minutes.

Motion to adopt - Rod Townsend second - Chris Hanway

Jaqueline Ibarra: Correction on page seven, the second to last paragraph under old business/new business - It should read, "On behalf of the CB1 Land Use committee, I reached out to Ellie Lauderback, who is the land use and zoning director at Councilwoman Julie Wan's office, and I had inquired about the status of the Heart of the District Plan and if there are any next steps for its implementation, Ellie replied back and said that the plan is now in the office of city planning and they are awaiting news from that.

Chair Evie Hantzopoulos. That will be corrected.

Motion to accept the minutes with the stated change adopted unanimously

Chair's Report

Chair Evie Hantzopoulos: Will be sending out a survey to members regarding committees before the new board members are sworn in this April. Also reminded that term limits will be kicking in 2027 and we want to do everything we can to have as smooth a transition as possible.

District Manager Report

Florence Koulouris, District Manager: The Arsenal handles Parks events each year. Concerts, parties, sports, events, and special events permits are provided. A 21-day or more application should be submitted to the Parks Department. Applications are made through the Parks Department Portal. The day after Labor Day the portal opens for the next application year. Individuals are encouraged to apply early. Permits are on a first come first serve basis. Reasons for denial may be lack of sustainability over 500 people or past issues with damage. Site visits do occur and the Parks Department works with the applicants. Political demonstrations must be applied for 5 days in advance and NYPD availability is reviewed. Common reasons for changes are too small an event, other capacity issues too late, open flames, restrooms inflatables time, vehicle use, landscape issues. The WENGER WAGON/ mobile stage is only for events sponsored by elected officials or New York City agencies. Use is only on Parks property. Fees do apply with permitting. You may visit parks website for more information <https://www.nycgovparks.org/permits> For the month of February, our office had an overwhelming number of complaints regarding potholes. The Department of Transportation was notified for each of the complaints. Snow removal was an extremely large concern. These concerns were filed with DSNY and also DOT. We have seen concerns for unhoused neighbors and all concerns have been processed with the Department of Homeless Services and DSS. These were the top complaints in our district for February. Additional concerns listed on our spreadsheet were entered and addressed with the appropriate agencies. Please contact our office about issues in the community. We are here to address potholes, catch basins, rats, unhoused, street signs or street issues, bike lanes, bike racks, or such. Please do not forget the district office is a service provider and you are the eyes and ears of the community. We need your reports to improve the community.

Committee Reports - YouTube markers 1:16:00

Business & Economic Development:- No Report

Capital/Expense Budget Committee, Amy Hau: Reported that the responses to CB 1 budget are available. Requested that committee chairs look over the list to prepare for the new budget.

Communications and Public Outreach, Quinella Williams: No Report

Consumer Affairs and Licenses, Kathleen Warnock: No objections for outdoor dining or weed dispensaries. Objection to THEZONE 2 Corp. for refusal to present to committee.

Motion to approve weed dispensaries as presented: Stella Nicolaou second Rod Townsend
YouTube marker 1:21:10

No discussion. Motion passes - one opposed

Motion to approve outdoor dining application - Adam Fisher-Cox; second - Frank Fredericks
Discussion. YouTube marker 1:22:16

Rod Townsend: Inquired about the French Workshop on Broadway being a renewal since they are new.

Florence Koulouris: District Manager will look into this possibly being a clerical error.

Christina Chaise: Expressed concern that 26 tables with chairs is too much for outdoor dining.

Adam Fisher-Cox: Should Martha's Country Bakery on Ditmars which has 33 tables with chairs also be concerning?

Dominic Stiller: Inquired whether the applicant is required to send an architectural layout?

Florence Koulouris, District Manager: Architectural layouts are previewed by DOT before it comes to committee.

Kathleen Warnock - Amend the motion to approve all applicants except the French Workshop until there is clarification of why the application states renewal when it is new.

YouTube marker 1:28:57

Marie Torniali: Requested an explanation for the amendment.

Kathleen Warnock: Recommends further investigation as to why a brand new establishment is applying for a renewal; concerns regarding the fact that the request is for a very busy section of Broadway where there is substantially less outdoor dining than is being requested by the applicant.

Rod Townsend: There is also an issue for applicant Omonia which is a roadway.

Chair Evie Hantzopoulos: Omonia is a sidewalk application, not a roadway application.

Phyllis Parra: Pointed out that Martha's Bakery might have the same issue.

Rod Townsend: Second the amendment. **YouTube marker 1:32:17**

No Discussion - Motion passes - 1 opposed

Motion to approve liquor license with the exception of THEZONE 2 Corp. as they appear on the sheet- Kathleen Warnock; second Gerald Caliendo YouTube marker 1:34:14

No discussion. Motion passes unanimously.

The committee will be following up on the news story regarding problems at CODE nightclub.

Education/Libraries Committee: No report.

Environmental/Sanitation, Patricia Mahecha: No report.

Health and Human Services, No report.

Housing, Katie Ellman: March 9th meeting included Housing Options and Geriatric Association Resources, Inc., (HOGAR) operator of a shelter at 23-34 35th Avenue for single men. HOGAR treats housing insecure with dignity. Anyone seeking further information can contact the District Manager. The second guest was Uniform Affordability Preference (UAP) with an application at 47-07 Broadway. The developer is not required to come and present anything to the board.

It's an as-of-right project. A staff member from Councilmember Caban's office also attended.

Land Use & Planning, Elizabeth Erion: Reported on a pre-certification meeting Steinway and 34th Avenue project - two buildings - nine stories and 12 stories. The committee suggested that the lower floor commercial space be geared toward family focused uses; retail space should contain local stores; impact on transportation services; it's not deeply affordable. It's currently under environmental review so it will come to the board in several months. The second project is 47-07 Broadway by UAP 15 affordable units are targeting 60% AMI. Comments included that it wasn't architecturally relevant to the context of the neighborhood - construction materials should be oriented towards brick instead of metal and glass. Discussion on how to cultivate a more comprehensive approach to reviewing all of these ULRP items while taking into consideration what the community sees as important. The Mayor is focusing on Sunnyside Yards redevelopment, which goes all along the Northern Boulevard corridor. There is a new Chair at City Planning, Sideya Sherman. DCP held a meeting to discuss how they are implementing the charter revisions that were adopted last year. The public review timeline is reduced, but the Community Board and Borough President still have 60 days. What projects the Community Board reviews have changed. All changes will come to the Board for public comment. Fast Track for BSA will be heard on April 1st. City Planning Fast Track will be reviewed in October. Watch the City Planning meeting online. The next committee meeting is April 13, 2026.

Legal, Legislative & Parliamentary, Rod Townsend: Presentation of proposed changes to bylaws - YouTube marker 1:51:11

1. **Article VI - 4** - Every board member attending said meeting in person or remotely in the event of a remote meeting, if allowed by law, will be entitled to one vote for each board officer position.
2. **Article VI-5** - The board shall record each board member's vote for a board officer position and the district manager shall make the board's voting record available to the public as permitted by the open meetings law by maintaining a record that is of the written vote separate from the minutes that is available to the public upon request to the district manager.
3. **Article VI-6** - "majority" was changed to 50% plus one to underline the meaning of the word majority, which was a point of confusion in the past.
4. **Article VII - 6a** - add "at that meeting" to clarify the timing of a runoff meeting which was something that was confused a few years ago.
5. **Article VII - 6b** - "at said meeting" to further clarify the timing of the runoff vote.
6. **Article VIII - 1d** - is removed.
7. **Article VIII - 1w** - adds "ensure that yearly performance evaluations of the District Manager and office staff are completed."
8. **Article 1x** - condenses the number of committees to the actual way that the board operates and allows future chairs to determine committees.
9. **Article VIII - 1a** - removal of board officers changes from a 2/3 vote to a majority vote to remove a board officer - normalizing removal vote thresholds to what is consistent with other community boards.
10. **Article VIII - 1d** - Revised to "upon report of said subcommittee, a majority vote of the entire appointed board members present at the regular monthly board meeting is needed to approve the motion for removal" This normalizes a removal vote threshold and makes it consistent with the City Charter and how the board operates.
11. **Article VIII - 2b** - strike "however, the vote required for removal of board members shall be a majority board pursuant to section 2000 City Charter." That's a redundancy with something earlier in the bylaws.
12. **Article XIV** - paid employees -removal of the District Manager - changes the threshold for 2/3 of entire appointed board members to a majority of the entire appointed board members present during a monthly board meeting. Normalizing a vote threshold.
13. **Article XIV - D** - Duties of the District Manager - This is lessening the burden of median attendance for the district manager and removes a task not required by the City Charter. Instead of requiring that the District Manager attend all regular monthly and special board meetings and executive committee and standing committee meetings, we are lessening it so

that they do not need to be at all committee and working group meetings, but they can be. So it's maybe as opposed to requiring the presence.

14. **Article XIV - O** - during the months of July and August when the board is not active, refers any committee related matters that require urgency, or typically, an advisory vote to the attention of the board chair and respective committee chairs to determine if special session is needed, This ensures reporting and communication through an inactive summer.
15. **Article XIV - P** - compile monthly reports to the board summarizing constituent service calls in the previous month highlighting any issue generating outside public interest.
16. **Article XV** - We're adding to the construction that the board chair must appoint a committee to review the bylaws for every year ending in a five or zero. This is just ensuring that future board chairs are paying attention to their bylaws.
17. **Article XV!!!** - Amendment to the bylaws: The current ratification requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote - we are suggesting a majority vote, which makes this vote consistent with the City Charter.

Those are the proposed changes. This motion was presented and seconded at a previous meeting.

Discussion:

Richard Khuzami: Wanted to clarify that in order to remove the District Manager there needs to be a majority of board members present when there is a quorum; Wanted to put on the record a request for a standard RFP process for vendor contracts to avoid bias; Wants the public to be able to speak when they show up.

Gerald Caliendo: Wants the word quorum inserted into the sections regarding removal of paid employees and board members by majority votes.

Rod Townsend: It will be added as a footnote.

Christina Chaise: Expressed concern for removal by majority vote - there should be removal for cause and not just because the majority votes.

Phyllis Parra: Spoke against removal by majority. $\frac{2}{3}$ vote is more fair.

Stella Nicolaou: Spoke against removal by majority vote of someone who is a volunteer. It is not a democratic process.

Quinella Williams: Agrees that the word quorum should be inserted in the sections regarding removal by a majority vote.

Frank Fredericks: Spoke in favor of majority vote for removal. Simple majority for removal is standard practice.

Adam Fisher-Cox: Spoke in favor of majority vote for removal. Reminded that the bylaws state a lengthy process for removal of members and staff.

Huge Ma - Spoke in support of majority vote for removal. $\frac{2}{3}$ vote is undemocratic because a minority of members can decide for the board.

Ryan Van Manen - Inquired whether anyone has been removed in the last 5 years.

Chair Evie Hantzopoulos: No

Kian Betancourt: Spoke in favor of the majority because when the threshold is set high, things don't get done.

Daniel Aliberti: Wanted to clarify that when an officer is removed by majority, they are not removed from the board.

Rod Townsend: Removal as an officer and removal from the board are two separate sections but both are being amended to a majority.

Tom Ryan: Pointed out that in 35 years of service he only saw one person removed and that was through sending a letter to the Borough President and the Borough President did not reappoint that person.

Juliet Payabyab: Reminded board members that unexcused absences are cause for removal and asked every member in attendance to sign the attendance sheet.

Dominic Stiller: Spoke in support of all the changes.

Kathleen Warnock: Spoke against being able to remove a paid city employee but supported the by-laws changes.

Stella Nicolaou: Spoke against the section which puts a volunteer in charge of performance evaluation of a paid city employee.

Adam Fisher-Cox: Friendly amendment to include quorum wherever majority is mentioned.

Rod Townsend: Rejected because the board can not conduct business without a quorum.

Motion Carries: 28 Favor 6 Against 0 Abstentions

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural: Co-hosted a meeting with the Transportation Committee about Baby Park and Parks Department putting up barriers. Transportation will report. Next meeting April 6, 2026.

Public Safety, Chris Hanway: No Report

Transportation, Dominic Stiller: Next meeting April 16, 2026.

**Motion to support “Sammy’s Law” - Whereas there have been eight crash related deaths, four pedestrians, one scooter and three motorists and over a thousand crash related injuries in our district between January 25 and February 26; whereas lower vehicle speeds are known to lower the risk of serious injuries and crashes; whereas CB1 already has successful slow zones implemented in Astoria in the area bounded by 21st Street on the west Astoria Boulevard on the north, Steinway Street on the east, and 30th Avenue on the south; and whereas Sammy's law allows for implementation of district-wide slow zones by NYC DOT, we request the city of New York, evaluate and implement a slow zone of 20 mph, including 15 mph in school zones on all streets with fewer than three lanes as applicable under Sammy’s Law in Queens Community Board District 1. Athanasios Magoutas; second - Stacey Eliuk
YouTube marker 2:32:00**

Discussion

Richard Khuzami: I recommend an amendment to include two wheeled vehicles and micromobility vehicles.

Dominic Stiller: Rejected the amendment because Priscilla's Law will address those vehicles.

Mario Vergara: Two wheeled vehicles already have a 15 mph speed limit which falls below the threshold that Sammy’s Law provides.

Kian Betancourt: Clarified that all two wheeled vehicles registered with the DMV have a 15mph speed limit. Also offered statistics regarding speed limits and safety.

Kathleen Warnock: Spoke in support of the motion.

Tyrone Gardner: Requested clarification about where the slow zones would be.

Chair Evie Hantzopoulos: The resolution applies to wherever the law applies.

Rod Townsend: Spoke in support of the resolution.

Adam Fisher-Cox: Spoke in favor of the resolution.

Motion passes with 1 abstention.

Athanasios Magoutas: Requests a motion to approve a letter to DOT, DSNY and FDNY which includes the following requests:

**A letter asking DOT in collaboration with DSNY and FDNY to explore the possibility of adding emergency vehicle zones and loading zones in the area of Queensbridge Road abutting Baby Park with the intent of mitigating double parking, which would allow proper egress for all vehicles at all times, even in the event of an emergency services operation along: 10th Street and 12th Street and 41st Road. Request that DOT, in conjunction with DSNY, review the current parking and alternate side regulations within that same area. Finally, we ask DOT if they would please do a walk through with the relevant city agencies and any of the interested parties or board members regarding any particular issues that otherwise were not stated in relation to the park being parallel to that road - Ryan Van Manen; second - Richard Khuzami.
YouTube marker 2:46:55**

Discussion:

Chris Hanway: Spoke in support of the letter.

Christina Chaise: Clarification - Baby Park has nothing to do with One LIC. Spoke in support of the letter.

Katie Ellman: Spoke in favor.

Motion carries unanimously.

Elected Officials - YouTube marker 2:51:02

BP Donovan Richard’s Office, Clare Collins: Announced events: March 18, 2026 Black History Month celebration at Queens Borough Hall; Thursday 9:00 a.m. Women and Independent film making breakfast at LaGuardia Community College; at 6 PM Irish American Heritage Celebration at Queens Borough Hall; Monday, March 23rd at 6 p.m., Bangladesh independence celebration; Wednesday, March 25th at 6 p.m., we’re having our annual Eid celebration; March 28th at 1:00 p.m., it’s our annual egg hunt and the family resource fair. Community Boards are independent city agencies that are responsible for carrying out their own internal responsibilities, which does include staffing and personnel decisions.

DA Melinda Katz, Colleen Babb: The District Attorney's Office does provide public safety workshops, scams, frauds, frauds for elders, deft, as well as we've been doing, enforcement on illegal cannabis shops.

Assemblymember Jessica Gonzalez Rojas, Cristian Gilces: Free tax prep clinic in partnership with Urban Outbound to provide free, accessible tax preparation services to all members of our community. Two dates: March 20th and April 10th from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at our district office in East Elmhurst. Call our office 718-457-0384 to make an appointment. We have a mobile legal service clinic hosted by NYAG on Monday, March 26th from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Call our office. We are hosting our paper shredding event on Saturday, May 9th from 10:00 a.m. until 1:45 at LeFrak City Houses

Assemblymember Steven Raga, John Bahia: On January 31st, we kicked off our free tax preparation services with Urban Outbound. These services will go through April 5th. To reserve an appointment, Please call our office at 718-651-3185. Thursday, March 19 from 6:30 to 7:30, our office is proud to join the Mamdani Masjid and to host a community Iftar in Woodside. Saturday, March 21st from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. join us at Elmhurst Hospital, as we celebrate Women's History Month by honoring the incredible women of Assembly District 30 whose leadership, care, and contributions make our neighborhoods stronger every day. The Assembly One House budget came out and we got some wins - \$750 million dollars for Mitchell Lama preservation, \$200 million for housing access voucher program; increase taxes on those making more than \$5 million per year and signed on to invest in the New York budget.

Assemblymember Diana Moreno - Shawna Morlock: Assemblymember got a bill included in the One House budget which would increase the corporate tax rate for large corporations hoping to bring in \$1.7 billion in revenue for the city. Applications are open for the EAP, so the enhanced affordability program, it's a new program, expanding upon the traditional EE, so midlevel incomes are also eligible. We've had a pretty steep uptick in unemployment application issues. If anybody is having that issue themselves, our office is more than happy to help clear any roadblocks. We are hiring so we would love it if any constituent services folks would like to reach out to our office.

Senator Kristen Gonzalez, Isamar Brito: Senator Gonzalez has had a lot of funding and legislative priorities that were included in the budget, like the tax rate on high-income businesses and corporations; a gender affirming care fund that would provide \$4 million to protect gender affirming care, an AI literacy act and \$3.9 million in investments for District 9.

New Business/Old Business - YouTube marker 2:57:31

Richard Khuzami: Old Astoria Neighborhood Association is going to have on the 25th a virtual broadcast featuring Senator Kristen Gonzalez and a representative from the Comptroller's office. So, if you want information on it, there's a flyer on the table back there.

Frank Fredericks: There is going to be a community table talk this Friday night at Astoria Love.

**Motion to Adjourn: Katie Ellman; second - Rod Townsend; Motion carries unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm**

ATTENDANCE FULL BOARD MEETING

Date: March 17 ,2026

KEY:
 P Present
 A Absent
 E Excused

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| 1 | DANIEL ALIBERTI | ✓ | | |
| 2 | MICHELLE AMOR | ✓ | | |
| 3 | CRISTIAN BATRES | | | ✓ |
| 4 | KIAN BETANCOURT | ✓ | | |
| 5 | GERALD CALIENDO | ✓ | | |
| 6 | CHRISTINA CHAISE | ✓ | | |
| 7 | JEAN MARIE D'ALLEVA | | ✓ | |
| 8 | JACQUELINE DIAZ | | ✓ | |
| 9 | STACEY ELIUK | ✓ | | |
| 10 | KATIE ELLMAN | ✓ | | |
| 11 | ELIZABETH ERION | ✓ | | |
| 12 | ROBERT FELTAULT | ✓ | | |
| 13 | DEAN FERATOVIC | | | ✓ |
| 14 | ADAM FISHER-COX | ✓ | | |
| 15 | FRANK FREDERICKS | ✓ | | |
| 16 | TYRONE GARDNER | ✓ | | |
| 17 | SHAHENAZ HAMDE | | | ✓ |
| 18 | EVIE HANTZOPOULOS | ✓ | | |
| 19 | CHRISTOPHER HANWAY | ✓ | | |
| 20 | AMY HAU | ✓ | | |
| 21 | JACQUELINE IBARRA | ✓ | | |
| 22 | VANESSA JONES-HALL | | ✓ | |
| 23 | RICHARD KHUZAMI | ✓ | | |
| 24 | HUGE MA | ✓ | | |
| 25 | ATHANASIOS MAGOUTAS | ✓ | | |

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| 26 | PATRICIA MAHECHA | ✓ | | |
| 27 | BRIAN MARTINEZ | | | ✓ |
| 28 | AMIN MEHEDI | | | ✓ |
| 29 | ANDREAS MIGIAS | ✓ | | |
| 30 | STELLA NICOLAOU | ✓ | | |
| 31 | DINO PANAGOULIAS | | | ✓ |
| 32 | PHYLLIS PARRA | ✓ | | |
| 33 | JULIET PAYABYAB | ✓ | | |
| 34 | ROSEMARIE POVEROMO | | | ✓ |
| 35 | THOMAS RYAN | ✓ | | |
| 36 | PLINIA SARCHESE | ✓ | | |
| 37 | DOMINIC STILLER | ✓ | | |
| 38 | MARIE TORNIALI | ✓ | | |
| 39 | ROD TOWNSEND | ✓ | | |
| 40 | JUDY TRILIVAS | | | ✓ |
| 41 | RYAN VAN MANEN | ✓ | | |
| 42 | MARIO VERGARA | ✓ | | |
| 43 | KATHLEEN WARNOCK | ✓ | | |
| 44 | QUINELLA WILLIAMS | ✓ | | |
| 45 | CORINNE WOOD-HAYNES | | | ✓ |
| 46 | PABLO ZUNIGA | ✓ | | |
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Number of Board Members Present 34 on March 17 ,2026

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| PRESENT | 34 |
| ABSENT | 3 |
| EXCUSED | 9 |