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AMENDED

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Health and Human Services and Housing Committees & All Interested Board Members

FROM: Shahenaz Hamde, Chairperson
Health and Human Services Committee
Katie Ellman Chairperson,
Housing Committee

RE: Health and Human Services Committee and Housing Committee Agenda

Monday, May 18, 2026

DATE OF MEMO: May 11, 2026

Item #1: CUNY School of Public Health (CUNY SPH) MPH students supported initial data collection related to primary care access across Queens. That work provided and important foundation.

- Refine and contextualize previously collected data
- Identify gaps or nuances that are not captures in existing datasets
- Ground finding in neighborhood-specific realities related to access, barriers and care utilization.

Item #2: Presentation and conversation with DHS Representatives and CEC Representatives regarding the Royal Stay at Long Island City of Queens, New York. Concerns regarding the removal of a Family Shelter displacing families with children and the transition to a men shelter are the topics to be discussed.

Item #3: Dr. Stella Safo, MD, MPH, will present and introduce the [Green Book for Health](#), a national, community-driven initiative designed to help Black communities identify, navigate, and share safe, equitable healthcare providers and resources. Green Book for Health was created in response to the ongoing discrimination, distrust, and barriers that many Black patients continue to face in healthcare, and it combines practical healthcare guidance with community-informed tools to help people find care with greater confidence, dignity, and safety.

Business Session

- Old Business /New Business
- Adjournment

To insure the health and safety of attendees the above referenced informational session has been scheduled for **Monday, May 18, 2026, 6:30 PM via Zoom. You may join online or via telephone.**

Your attendance is very important as a committee member. We will be reviewing information at the committee level.

Please call the Board Office if you will be attending via telephone to share your information. All interested Board Members are welcome to attend.

Thank you.

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Community Board 1, Queens invites you to a Zoom meeting/Session

Topic: Community Board 1 Queens Health and Human Services Committee

When: May 18, 2026 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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