



The City of New York

Queens Community Board 11

Serving the Communities of Auburndale, Bayside, Douglaston, Hollis Hills
Little Neck and Oakland Gardens

Paul DiBenedetto Chairperson / **Joseph Marziliano** District Manager

To: All Board Members

From: Victor Dadras, Committee Chair

Date: November 18, 2025

Re: Street Co-Naming

On November 18, 2025, the CB11 Transportation Committee met to review submissions for street co-naming.

Committee Members

Paul DiBenedetto, Board Chair

Victor Dadras, 1st Vice Chair

Henry Euler, 2nd Vice Chair

Jena Lanzetta, 3rd Vice Chair

Laura James

Eileen Miller

Matthew Mamak

Christina Scherer

Joan Garippa

Zhengyu Kang

Melanie Harster

David Ro

George Hadjiconstantinou

CB11 Staff

Joseph Marziliano, District Manager

Christina Coutinho, Community Associate

Guests

Bonnie Skala Kiladitis

Noah Sheroff – Bayside Village Bid

Alie Zirachi – Representing Council Member Paladino

Street co-naming requests for the following:

"Millie Rigoli Way" in front of PS 159 on 33 Ave., between 205 St. and the Clearview Expressway Service Road – This was presented by Jena Lanzetta, Millie Rigoli was her grandmother. She read a letter on behalf of her mother. Mrs. Rigoli was a staple in the community with a long legacy of helping the community. She volunteered with several organizations, including Board of Elections and Dept. of Education. Ms. Lanzetta submitted seven letters of support including one from the local civic association. Mrs. Rigoli passed away in 2024 at the age of 100.

"Firefighter Thomas Hoey Way" at 248th Street and Northern Boulevard. This request came through Council Member Paladino's office. A fellow firefighter submitted a letter of support listing Thomas Hoey's countless efforts in helping the community. Also submitted, a news report reporting on how Mr. Hoey donated his organs. Mr. Hoey passed away in 2024.

"Kathy Posa Way" at 188th Street and 56th Avenue. This was submitted by Ms. Kiladitis. Kathy Posa was the Principal of P.S. 177. Ms. Kiladitis submitted several letters of support, including three from local elected officials. Ms. Posa passed away in 2007.

"Alexander S. DiPaolo Way" at Bell Boulevard and 38th Avenue. This was submitted by Mrs. Kiladitis. Mr. DiPaolo was her uncle. She discussed how he helped her family. Mr. DiPaolo served in the US Army, owned a business on Bell Blvd. and was a lifelong resident of Queens. Mr. DiPaolo passed away in 2022. Dr. Miller stated she knew Mr. DiPaolo and he was a kind man.

"George Plunkett Way" at Bell Boulevard and 41st Avenue. This was submitted by Noah Sheroff, President of the Bayside Village BID. Mr. Plunkett worked on Bell Blvd. and was a patron of the local stores. Mr. Sheroff stated that Mr. Plunkett passed away September 2025. A request for street co-naming is one year after death.

After the presentations the Committee discussed the Community Board's guidelines for street co-naming. Mr. Marziliano read a memorandum which will be forwarded to the Committee once finalized. Some of the new requirements are letters of support from local elected officials, local civic associations, a petition with signatures from the residents on the block being co-named. Ms. James discussed how a local elected official or organization should make the request. A family member should not submit a request. Mr. DiBenedetto said Ms. James' comment should be added to the CB co-naming guidelines. Council Members are present at street co-naming. Ms. Zirachi said that CM Paladino is working on tightening the guidelines for street co-naming. The community and residents' input are important in the co-naming process. Mr. DiBenedetto said the honoree needs to have made a significant difference in the community. The Community Board's recommendation for street co-naming is reviewed strongly by Council Members.

Discussion ensued on the following street co-naming:

"Firefighter Thomas Hoey Way" – Mr. Hoey was honored at the Little Neck/Douglaston Parade. He was an organ donor, firefighter and loved by the residents on his block. Mr. Euler made a motion to approve the street co-naming. Ms. Scherer seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously in favor.

“Kathy Posa Way” – P.S. 177 was renamed to honor Kathy Posa. Mr. Dadras made a motion to approve the street co-naming. Ms. Garippa seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously in favor.

“Alexander S. DiPaolo Way” – Mr. DiPaolo did a lot of pro bono work for the community. The Committee suggested changing the street for the co-naming to 38th Avenue and another cross street rather than Bell Blvd. It was discussed how major/main streets should not be co-named. Additional support was requested. Mr. Euler made a motion to approve the street co-naming. Mr. Mamak seconded the motion. The Committee voted, one present, one in favor, and 11 opposed.

"Millie Rigoli Way" – The block for this request has no residents, P.S. 159 is on the block. Ms. Lanzetta is a family member and President of the local civic. Mrs. Rigoli was a long-standing volunteer for several organizations. There is a memorial bench in front of P.S. 159 in her honor. Ms. Scherer made a motion to approve the street co-naming. Mr. Euler seconded the motion. The Committee voted 11 in favor and one abstention with cause.

This report will be reviewed at the January 2026 general meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

