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### **CB 6 MEETING MINUTES** **MARCH 12, 2025**

#### **PRESENT**

HEATHER BEERS-DIMITRIADIS, CHAIR  
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M. LASHLEY-KABORE  
K. LY  
P. MORGAN  
S. MUNAWAR  
J. PRATT  
D. RACHNAEV  
P. RODRIGUEZ  
S. ROLNICK

M. SALTON  
G. SANDOVAL  
D. SCHANTZ  
H. SCHONHAUT  
A. PRATAP SHAH  
E. SHVARTSMAN  
J. SILVA  
M. TUCKER  
B. WINSTEAD  
E. WONG  
E. ZAKRY

#### **ABSENT**

D. ARONOV\*  
J. AVILA  
LT. CIACCIO\*  
K. CLARK\*

DR. R. MEHARRA  
N. PIENKOWSKA\*  
M. FERNANDEZ KONIGSBERG  
J. POORAN

\*EXCUSED ABSENCES

#### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

CHRISTINE NOLAN  
JORDAN GOLDES  
SEAN McCABE  
MERCEDES JENNINGS  
GIANNA VALENTE  
AMPARITO ROSERO  
MICHAEL CARLIER  
JAVIER FIGARO  
ANDREW DAVIS  
MEGAN YUAN  
MARIA CONCOLINO  
BARBARA VULICH

DISTRICT MANAGER (PRESENT ON WEBEX)  
OFFICE OF CONGRESS MEMBER GRACE MENG  
OFFICE OF SENATOR JOSEPH P. ADDABBO  
OFFICE OF SENATOR MICHAEL GIANARIS  
OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER ANDREW HEVESI  
OFFICE OF QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY MELINDA KATZ  
OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER LYNN SCHULMAN  
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## COMMUNITY BOARD 6 MINUTES

MARCH 12, 2025

Chair Heather Beers-Dimitriadis opened the meeting with one change in the agenda for tonight's meeting. The community board will not be voting on the adult retail cannabis dispensary license application for 71-64 Austin Street, Forest Hills. The applicant has informed us that the landlord has entered into a lease with another prospective cannabis business. We have not received notice of this new business.

This meeting was held in person with a limited virtual option via Webex for individuals with extraordinary circumstances. The following CB6 Members joined the meeting via Webex: Diana Rachnaev, Pat Morgan, Eugene Shvartsman. The meeting was recorded and posted on YouTube ([www.tinyurl.com/cb6youtube](http://www.tinyurl.com/cb6youtube)).

Chair Heather Beers-Dimitriadis opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## GOOD AND WELFARE

### CB 6 MEMBERS

Heidi Chain:

- The 112<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council meeting will be held at the American Legion Hall, Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm. If you have questions for the precinct, email [council112@yahoo.com](mailto:council112@yahoo.com).
- Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 10 am-6 pm, Queens Boulevard Forest Hills Fair located between Yellowstone Blvd. And 70<sup>th</sup> Road.
- Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 11 am-2 pm at Rego Center and 97<sup>th</sup> Street – Health Safety Fair. If you know anyone who would like to participate in the fair email me at [council112@yahoo.com](mailto:council112@yahoo.com).

Mark Laster:

- Council Member Schulman secured funding for Big Reuse to re-open the food scrap drop-off site in MacDonald Park. It re-opened on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 8 am–1 pm. The location is by the post office; it's no longer by Target. Please spread the word, as for the first two weeks, we did not see the number of people coming to drop off their food scraps.
- Reminder that curbside composting is now mandatory in Queens, and if you or your building is not separating food scraps, as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, you will be fined. Food scraps that are not separated go into landfills and when they decompose, it emits methane, which further promotes climate change. Historically, 33% of the garbage that goes to landfills is compostable. If you are interested in having someone; come to your building to discuss how to separate your food scraps, please email me at [fhgtime@gmail.com](mailto:fhgtime@gmail.com).
- Central Queens Against Hate is planning to hold the next Breaking Bread Building Bonds luncheon in May. If you would like to be on the distribution list, please email me at [fhgtime@gmail.com](mailto:fhgtime@gmail.com).
- Last week, I was one of 600 graduates of the Trash Academy.
- The Forest Hills Green Team, in partnership with Metro Village, will be organizing a cleanup activity along Metropolitan Avenue on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Jean Silva:

The ongoing situation regarding the loading zone on Austin Street. They are giving out tickets to people who have a handicap plaque in the window. We would like the Community Board 6 to get more involved in discussing this issue with elected officials and fighting the tickets.

Edwin Wong:

- Thanked everyone who attended the Forest Hills Asian Associations Lunar New Year and 10-year Anniversary Celebration and to our State of Forest Hills Civic Event which was held last month.
- Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 am, the unveiling of the Queens World's Borough, a large 3D letter sculpture celebrating Queens' diversity of people and cultures. This is headed up by Larry Ng, sponsored

by Northwell. It will be held by Trader Joe's on Queens Boulevard and Yellowstone Boulevard and it is a free event.

**Bruce Grossberg:**

Aging, Social Services, and Disabilities, along with other community co-sponsors, will be having an intergenerational webinar next Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. The discussion will be about jobs and careers. At our last briefing Pat Morgan reported there was proposed legislation in the New York State Assembly to raise income eligibility thresholds for senior citizens and disability rent increase exemption from \$50,000.00 to \$75,000.00. Bruce thanked District Manager Nolan and Chair Dimitriadis for writing a letter to the elected officials in support of the legislation.

**Pat Morgan:**

Walgreens on 63<sup>rd</sup> Drive is the only large pharmacy left in the area. The line is long at the pharmacy, and if you call the pharmacy the wait time can be up to one hour. The pharmacist and staff have been cut. When you have certain medical policies, i.e., Part D on Medicare, there is a restriction on which pharmacy you can use to get the best price. Walgreens has been bought by another company which has created difficulty for the community. The staff has asked residents to call 1-800-Walgreens and write letters telling them about the staff cuts. We need more permanent staff at Walgreens.

**Edgar Alfonseca:**

The New York State Department of Health recently reported that an unvaccinated child had measles in Long Island. In New York, three cases have been reported. This disease is completely preventable by getting the MMR vaccine.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis reported that the board is going to move into the public comments. The Executive Committee decided to reduce the time allowed for individuals, whether you are from the district or outside the district, it will be two minutes. If you are an organizational representative in or outside the district, you will have three minutes.

### ***Marty Levinson – Concerned Citizens of Forest Hills***

*I have been a resident of Forest Hills for almost 60 years and I'm with the Concerned Citizens of Forest Hills. Tonight, I will only talk about the noise created by the seasonal plagues, the Forest Hills Stadium concerts. At previous board meetings I have spoken about the very negative effect that the many disruptive concerts at the Forest Hills Stadium are having on the quality of life in our neighborhood. I have mentioned the deafening sounds coming from the stadium. The booming bass: boom! boom! Boom! I have talked about my neighbors complaining that the children are terrified by the blasting loudspeakers turned up to an excessive volume. I heard that the Board of the West Side Tennis Club is approving additional concerts for the 2025 season. Where is the input from those affected? Doesn't the West Side Tennis Club care about its neighbors? Well, you know it is all about money. Millions of dollars to be exact. I'm asking the NYC noise code to be strictly enforced and that there be a halt to the automatic issuance of sound amplification permits. Fortunately, our story is getting out. Recently there were reports on WNYC, WCBS, FOX News and in the Gothamist. I even appeared on CBSTV News and was interviewed by the New York Post. Meanwhile this problem is being litigated in the courts. Will someone please tell me why the volume can't be turned down? It would surely eliminate most of the complaints received by 311. Several years ago, at a public meeting one of the promoters suggested that those who complain should purchase ear plugs. Is that chutzpah? I'm fortunate to have a hearing deficit, so I can simply remove my hearing aids. Not everyone has this luxury.*

### ***Elisa Koenderman – Forest Hills Gardens Corporation***

*I am appearing on behalf of the Forest Hills Gardens Law Committee, as well as on my own behalf, to advocate for an environmental impact study of the continued use of the Forest Hills Stadium as an open-air commercial music venue, hosting almost 40 concerts over a five-month period annually. I have lived in Forest Hills Gardens, approximately three blocks from the Stadium, for over 60 years. I was here when the Stadium was primarily used for its original purpose as a tennis venue, hosting music concerts only sporadically until the 70's, and since 2013, when the Stadium was renovated as a music venue*

and began hosting a steadily increasing number of concerts annually, reaching 37 concerts from May to September 2024. I can attest, based upon my lived experience, that the Stadium's current use as an open-air commercial music venue for almost forty concerts over a five-month period, on weeknights, within 50 or so feet of private homes in a residential neighborhood, bears no resemblance to its past use as an occasional music venue. Indeed, to equate the scope and scale of the music events regularly occurring there now to Barbra Streisand's or Simon and Garfunkel's sporadic appearances there over 50 years ago is ludicrous. I was present at the last Community Board meeting when Louis O'Neill spoke and submitted a letter from the Forest Hills Gardens Corporation regarding the significant harm the Stadium concerts cause to surrounding residents. I too submitted a personal letter about that harm, specifically objecting to the renewal of a liquor license to the Stadium, which I reiterate tonight for the reasons stated therein. In their response to the Gardens Corporation letter, the Community Board states that they cannot support the Corporation's "exceptional request" to treat the Stadium as a "new venue" warranting an environmental impact study. I urge the Community Board to reconsider its position. Although the Stadium itself may not be "new," its current use as a commercial music venue certainly is a new use that is incomparable to its past use as an occasional music venue. Additionally, the Stadium is not the same venue as in the past since it has been renovated as a music venue. Especially given the noise and quality of life complaints by the surrounding residents, the current use of the Stadium as a commercial music venue should at least be subjected to an environmental impact study. It is patently unfair to ask those residents who are being actively harmed by the scope and scale of the concerts to wait for years for lawsuits to resolve to obtain any possibility of relief, or to work things out directly with the concert promoters. The Community Board has a strong voice. Our elected officials listen to you. I implore you to use your position to highlight the serious issues surrounding the concerts that must be addressed to protect the well-being of your constituents.

#### **Tatyana Artemova - Residents of Forest Hills**

I would like to thank Robert Ashe for initiating the discussion about the complaints regarding Forest Hills Stadium during the last meeting. However, I was deeply disappointed by the baseless and misleading statements from the Chair of the board and district manager. The claim that the mayor personally or his office issued a permit for concerts at the Stadium is false. Permits for events or business activity on private property are issued by the appropriate city departments, not the mayor. On behalf of a large group of community members living near the stadium, I made five attempts to arrange a meeting with the board Chair to discuss the concert activities at Forest Hills Stadium. Instead of engaging with us, I received a formal letter from the Chair denying our request, showing no interest in addressing the legitimate concerns of the community. Questions about the stadium's concert activity were raised at 8 out of 10 community board meetings in 2024 alone, with similar concerns raised in 2023. On February 12<sup>th</sup>, representatives from three different citizens' organizations voiced their concerns. This issue is clearly significant when multiple groups are involved. On February 24, an hour of valuable time of the community board members was spent questioning a single cannabis store applicant on Austin Street at the Committee for Consumers Affairs, yet no time was allocated to hear from the community members who have repeatedly come forward. Two or three minutes of speaking time is insufficient to address a matter of such importance. The community board may not directly issue or renew liquor licenses, but it presents "recommendations" to State or City Agencies. We urge you to hold a full hearing, listen to the concerned citizens, and ensure their objections are presented to the State Liquor Agency. To "recommend" renewing a liquor license without considering the community's objections would be irresponsible. It would also be prudent to involve the Committee for Land Use and Zoning in this process. I reviewed the community board's by-laws but found no mention of non-board members participating in committee votes. Other boards actively welcome non-board members to express their views and vote on issues in the committees of the community board as it stipulated in NYC Charter. We ask that you postpone the liquor license renewal for Levy Restaurants to the next meeting in April, allowing time for a separate hearing and vote. Last year, the renewal occurred in the April meeting, one month later than this year, so there is ample time to do it properly.

#### **Kenny Purdo – IATSE Local 4**

I want to speak on the topic of representing my member of my union when it pertains to the concerts at Forest Hills Stadium. I feel like I have been thrown into the lion's den and want to give a little food for thought for the people who are against the concerts. I am the business agent for the International Alliance of the Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE). We are the dedicated professional working behind the scenes to bring you live entertainment to Brooklyn and Queens serving our communities since 1888. As union members we play an essential role in bringing events to life at venues like Brooklyn Academy of Music, Brooklyn Paramount, Coney Island Amphitheater, Brooklyn Steel, City Field, Barkley Center, Billy Jean King Tennis Center, Kings Theater, and Forest Hills Stadium. Since 1960, IATSE Local 4 has proudly provided backstage technicians for concerts at Forest Hills Stadium. Forest Hills Stadium is an iconic New York venue renowned for its rich history in both tennis and concerts hosting legendary performances that you continue to shape its legacy. After the Billy Jean King Tennis Center took over as a site for the US Open the stadium fell into disrepair. For many years in the late 90s and 200s it remained unused for concerts, which was truly unfortunate for such a beautiful space. Fortunately, Mike Luber from Tiebreaker Productions recognized the potential of revitalizing the stadium bringing it back to life and re-establishing it as a historic live music venue. We acknowledge the concerns some local residents may have regarding the stadium's events; I

urge you to reconsider the ongoing legal action against the concert series and its promoter. I can personally attest that Mike Luba and his team are deeply committed to addressing concerns within their control such as sound management, traffic and safety. Their door is always open to community feedback and working collaboratively to resolve any issues. While it's easy to focus on the challenges that may come from hosting large events. I encourage everyone to consider the many positives they bring. Local 4 can confirm that these concerts generate good union jobs complete with health benefits and retirement plans. Beyond union work these events also provide local employment and give a boost to nearby businesses before and after shows. Most importantly these concerts create lasting memories for all those that attend. I understand that some may view these events as corporate driven endeavors focus solely on profit. However, it's important to recognize that workers of local businesses also sharing the benefits of these events. Taking legal action to stop these concerts will not only harm the livelihood of workers but would also deprive local businesses of significant income. We ask that the community reconsider the course of action and work with the promoter to resolve concerns. Many individuals look forward to these concerts every year and numerous local businesses and workers rely on the opportunities they provide. Thank you for your time and consideration of Local 4's perspective on keeping these concerts a part of our community.

**Sharon Levy – Women's Action Group of Forest Hills**

I have lived in Forest Hills for 30 years. I am in support of the stadium. I would like to speak about it from two basic perspectives on the economic benefit and the community benefit. The local business benefits from the stadium, the stadium itself allows for local restaurants to provide services in the stadium. Restaurants from Austin Street to Metropolitan Avenue who really struggled post COVID are now coming back through the stadium and the influences they had on our local economy. The community benefit is about community engagement and being a center of community. I work for an organization in my day job that really prides itself on strengthening communities. The stadium tries hard to do that, by hiring our kids, partnering with local community-based organizations, to do fundraising and other activities. The stadium paid for the lights on Austin Street.

**Leah Zapel - Women's Action Group of Forest Hills**

I am here to support the stadium. I have lived in Forest Hills since 2005. I am a musician and a music teacher. If you have a child at PS 144, PS 139, PS 206 or PS 101 I am one of their music theater teachers. My fourth-grade class, the program that I bring to the children is called the Beatles Class. I open fourth-graders' eyes to the magical world with the beginning of pop music. The Beatles, we do 10 weeks, we learn all about the Beatles and their history, they learn Beatles songs and then we perform a gigantic Beatle show. There is a time during our seventh class that we meet together, where we talk about the Beatles influence in the world. I ask a question to the students, have you ever been to the Forest Hills Stadium and hands are raised. I tell them that the Beatles played at Forest Hills Stadium on July 24, 1964. The children feel a part of the legacy that is the Forest Hills Stadium. It is not just a story they're hearing about from some random music teacher. They are excited to say I've been there. I live on 69<sup>th</sup> Avenue, a few blocks away you are at the bowl of the stadium. I can't think of an entity or establishment in our neighborhood that gives back to the community as much as the stadium does. They do things and they don't talk about it. Nobody knows that they pay for the lights on Austin Street. The stadium makes this community a better community. They host a toy drive every holiday season and hundreds of children in the neighborhood get toys because of what the Forest Hills Stadium does.

**Amy Althoff - Women's Action Group of Forest Hills**

I live close to the stadium, since the concert series restarted it has made our living experience better. I moved with my husband from Manhattan to Forest Hills in 2008 because we wanted to start a family in a more affordable neighborhood. We were sad to be priced out of Manhattan and Brooklyn as we love the easy access to live music and art in living in those areas provided. We found an apartment on Burn Street, one block west of the West Side Tennis Stadium at the corner of 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue. In 2010, our twin sons were born and in 2012, much to our delight the West Side Tennis Stadium held its first live concert series in nearly two decades. We attended the show and were back in the living room after 10 PM. As concerts continued in the subsequent summer seasons, we continued to enjoy them and marvel at how amazing it was not to have to go to another borough for world class live music and also save money on babysitting. I live one block away from the stadium and didn't experience adversity around the production of the concerts or the audience members attending. We were delighted to see how much money they were spending at all of our local businesses. The shows ended at 10 PM, the stadium guards channeling audience members into the Burns Street concert entrance, never gave us an issue with allowing us easy access to our residential section of Burns Street and the local police were helpful in managing the crowds as well. Feeling on concert nights was one of fun, safety, organization and control. In 2021, we were fortunate to move to a larger apartment on the opposite side of Burns Street. Now I live on the Forest Hills Garden side of Burns Street on the stretch between Station Square and Ascan Avenue. Our experience on the east side of the stadium is the same as it was when we lived one block west. We still love concert nights and love that people from all over the city now commute to our neighborhood. They enjoy our live

music and infuse our businesses with their dollars. The concerts have put Forest Hills back in the cultural conversation. We used to be famous for our US Open and now once again alive in the consciousness of our city.

### **Alexander Chokalis**

Medical Aid In and Dying Act Bill number AZ00995 provides support for patients who have full decision-making power. What consideration is made for Alzheimer's patients who plan for medical aid in dying when their decision-making power is not intact? In the Netherlands, these rights for Alzheimer's patients are supported. See following NY Times article: Nolen, S. (2025). *She's Trying to Stay Ahead of Alzheimer's in a Race to the Death*. New York Times, [www.nytimes.com/2025/02/16/health/assisted-death-alzheimersnetherlands](https://www.nytimes.com/2025/02/16/health/assisted-death-alzheimersnetherlands). This right to plan when decision making is not intact is important because of the state of care in New York State nursing homes today. According to Queens Community Board 6 - Aging, Social Services and Disability committee meeting February 2024 webinar where Long Term Care Community Coalition (LTCCC) director participated: mentioned in this meeting was: 1) psychotropic drugs used as chemical restraints of New York State (NYS) nursing home residence; drugs are used in frail residents, I think it is 20%, one in five 2) poor rating of New York State nursing homes (bottom 20); 3) New York State lacks enforcement of nursing home standards set by law; 4) issues of high turnover rate of staff at NYS nursing homes; 5) Medicaid/Medicare dollars received by NYS nursing homes are used by the nursing homeowners to buy luxury items as the director mentioned a Mercedes-Benz. Remember live free, age in place, die with dignity.

### **Irina Vovsha**

I want to talk about music, music is a powerful form of art that can make us happy and sad. That can heal us or destroy our bodies and minds. It is the form that uses sound through frequency and vibration. Sound is powerful, be careful with the sound frequency and the music styles you are being exposed too. This is a citation from my experiments. For thousands of years music was created at the frequency of 432HZ. Why? Because it harmonizes with earth and nature. Therefore, it has a calming effect on the body and mind. It is known for stress relief, improved energy level, pain relief, increased mental clarity and improved sleep. As far as sleep is concerned, when my husband and I are at Carnegie Hall listening to classical music, we hear people snoring. Subconsciously their bodies are healing. Every part of your body there is frequency that heals you. What is happening here, we have 440HZ which means that it destroys your body on a cellular level. So many young people say it's okay, it's fine. It's not okay. I see the people complaining about the noise, their houses, their children and their learning disabilities. The concert goers who get drunk on our streets are terrible.

### **Claudia Man**

I am your neighbor in Forest Hills. I have some concerns over the Forest Hills Stadium concerts and their impact on my community. The families who live within the vicinity of the stadium are not exposed to music. Instead, they are subjected to vibration, frequency and noise pollution that has a detrimental effect on their health and well-being. Noise pollution can significantly affect human health by causing hearing loss, sleep disturbance, increased stress levels, cardiovascular issues like high blood pressure, and mental health problems like anxiety and irritability, particularly when exposed to loud noises over extended periods of time. Key impacts of noise pollution on humans. Hearing damage: exposure to loud noises can cause temporary or permanent hearing loss. Prolonged exposure to high intensity sound can damage the delicate structures of the inner ear, especially children's inner ear that is in development. Physiological stress: noise pollution can contribute to increased stress levels, sleep disturbances, and cardiovascular problems. Sudden or unexpected noises can trigger the bodies "fight or flight" response. Psychological distress: noise pollution can lead to irritability, anxiety, and difficulty concentration. Exposure to unwanted noise can disrupt sleep and contribute to fatigue. Physical effects from vibrations: prolonged exposure to vibrations can cause things like numbness, pain and other physical issues. Key factors: frequency, different frequencies have different effects on the body and mind. Intensity (decibels): the loudness of sound is a crucial factor in determining impact. Duration: the length of exposure to sound also plays a significant role. In essence, sound is a powerful force that can have profound effects on human health, and wellbeing. If we as a society want to be healthy and productive, we have to reconsider the levels of noise pollution. We have bombarded our citizens with. We must do the research to better understand how frequency and vibration could heal or harm our bodies and minds.

### **Casey Martinez**

I am a long-time resident. My family has lived in the neighborhood since 1971. I had an apartment on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 31<sup>st</sup> Street and couldn't take the noise. I am opposing the New York State Liquor license for the stadium. The reason is I have experience on the liquor license, usually on the other side promoting for landlords and developers. Requiring a liquor license, one of them is that you have a legal use. The stadium is not a legal use, it's non-conforming and illegal. I request CB6 and City Planning to make an EAS study report on finding a way how we can work together. I would like to say in opposing the stadium adverse possession, they are using our streets in a way that can override our deeds. Everyone here is a homeowner; I'm sure that your house is the greatest investment. I want to protect my home.

**The following comments were submitted in writing for the minutes:**

**Jon Blumenfeld**

*We don't need another cannabis "dispensary" in Forest Hills. While I understand New York State government wants the voters as stupid as they can be, and the voters truly live up to the state's expectations, does the mechanism to accomplish this have to be in my neighborhood? We don't need any more drug dealers "licensed" or not in our neighborhood. Register me in as a big "NAY".*

**Alex Weller**

*I wanted to express my support for making Juno between 69th and 70th a school street. PS 144. School drop off and pickup is very dangerous with double parked vehicles and distracted, low visibility driving as 4–10-year-old kids are trying to move around the school. The problem is particularly acute on both Juno and Kessel. As a father of children in the school, and a neighbor living near the school, I strongly request that you approve this community requested school street/safety improvements. A few weeks ago, the dangerous conditions resulted in a student being hit by a vehicle. The driver sped away and the child was taken to the hospital. While it's unfortunate that it took this close call to make change, the principal did the right thing and announced the closure of that segment of Juno to through traffic for drop off and pickup. A week later, the 112th decided to revoke the school's ability to maintain this commonsense safety improvement and asked that the school submit an application to become a school street. When we have a dangerous street condition, we need to weigh the positive impact that this change will have on the vast majority of families and vulnerable road users that walk to PS 144. We need to make sure we do not surrender our community's safety to a small contingent of entitled individuals that believe they have a right to park right in front of the school (when there are multiple blocks of less congested streets around the school to park on which would avoid the vast majority of pedestrian conflicts). I am writing to ask that you approve the school street so that the next crash is not even worse.*

**Rachel Weller**

*I would like to express my support for turning Juno Street into a school street near PS 144. I am a school parent and neighborhood resident. I have seen so many unsafe drivers there and speed is not usually the issue. The double parking and cars pulling out around them are bigger threats. Anything that can be done to make that intersection and street safer would be much appreciated.*

**Patrick Haney**

*I'm a local father of two young children and am writing in support of two measures up for vote at tonight's CB meeting. Having a School Street and lowering the speed limit around PS144 would make it much safer for all neighborhood kids attending school there and the nearby Our Lady of Mercy school, which shares a playground with PS144. I have repeatedly seen reckless drivers around the school during drop-off and pickup. Their actions put our children in danger. Having a School Street would be a great measure towards prioritizing the safety of our kids. Thanks for your consideration.*

Chair Heather Beers-Dimitriadis closed the public forum and reminded the public that if they know anyone who couldn't attend tonight's meeting, they can submit their comment by the end of business on Friday.

The Chair clarified something that was stated during public comment tonight, which is her right as Chair. The community board sent a letter to the residents of Forest Hills following this meeting and sent a letter to the Department of Buildings. A request had been made by the community board, before the meeting, for similar information from the Department of Buildings regarding zoning and so on. We had put in that request, and we have been following up multiple times. What we stated in our message: The Community Board is not an enforcement agency. However, we work with all city agencies when a constituent has a concern. In your case, we will continue to follow up with the Department of Buildings regarding your request. We understand you would like to meet with us. We would ask that we wait to meet until we have received a response from the Department of Buildings. Should you have additional specific concerns in the interim, please let us know, and we will follow up with the respective agencies. We also received a request to connect them with different agencies and we've supplied them with the contact numbers for those agencies. We did offer to hear them out about any other issues that they had in the meantime. Until we heard back from the Department of Buildings, it made no sense to meet. The request is a priority C; it's not going to get filled right away. There are other priorities in the city. Our office has diligently every week following up with the agency to get that answer. We will provide it to the residents of Forest Hills, and at that time, we can get together, have a meeting and go over the issues and concerns that you have. We do ask that the people here tonight, when the issues do occur, let us know as close to the occurrence as

possible. You can send us an email from the concert night which won't start for a few months, send us your 311-complaint number, please send it immediately. We know we can be opening ourselves up for more work, it helps us better partner with the respective agencies in our community. As discussed at our last meeting, we have continued to have ongoing conversations with the 112th Pct., local elected officials, with the management team at the West Side Tennis Club and at the stadium to continue to raise our issues and concerns. The district manager and I, on our own time, occasionally have checked on the situation around the stadium. Our former district manager checked on the situation around the stadium. We have not been disregarding the issue. What also makes it challenging, when it comes to the Forest Hills Gardens, is that we must be cognizant of the fact that we are a city agency. How we conduct ourselves regarding litigation is tricky, we want to advocate for our community, but also know what we can do and what we can't. We have reached out to the General Counsel on this matter. I hope this provides some clarification.

## **MINUTES**

CB6 Member Herb Schonhaut emailed the office with corrections. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected for February 12, 2025, was made by Sabah Munawar and was seconded by Howard Birnbaum. All were in favor.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Heather Beers-Dimitriadis announced the following:

DOT has approved a school street that will be located on Juno Street from 69<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue, during drop off and pickup on school days from 7:50 am to 8:20 am and from 2:00 pm to 2:25 pm. The Department of Transportation will work with PS144 on the safe and successful execution of this open street location. This will start on April 28. The public comment period right now, this is why it is not starting immediately. Where the public can comment started on March 4<sup>th</sup> lasting 45 days and can be made by calling the DOT or calling 212-839-2510. We thank the DOT for their quick turnaround and the Borough President's office for their support.

The logo competition is ongoing. Thank you to the volunteers who tabled and ran voting at our three area libraries over the past month; it was appreciated.

We had a community advisory board meeting in February with the Lionheart Family Shelter. There are presently 69 families living at the shelter, which was recently opened and had three families that moved out of the shelter into permanent housing.

Thank you to all the Chairs who attended the budget priority meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>. We will follow-up with you and send you materials next week. I am making an announcement to all board members here that they should be attending April 9<sup>th</sup> as we will be discussing the upcoming budget process and schedule. This is an important meeting for you to be updated on any changes that we are making.

We are excited to see the food scrap and composting site returning to the Green Market, from 8am-2pm. I want to thank Councilwoman Lynn Schulman for getting those funds. We are the only district that received additional funds for the food scrap and composting. I would also like to thank the Forest Hills Green Team and Big Reuse who will be running the site. Please use the site, if we don't use the site, we lose it.

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis thanked community board members who will be leaving the board: Matt Fernandez Konigsberg, Bruce Grossberg, Edwin Wong and Hedi Chain. The Chair recognized Heidi Chain for serving 25 years on the community board. Certificates were awarded to Hedi from the Community Board along with Proclamations and Citations from elected officials.

## **DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT**

District Manager Christine Nolan reported the following:

The application period for the Community Associate position has ended. We will start the interview process in the next few weeks.

Heather and I attended a meeting at Borough Hall with local elected officials and the FDNY Commissioner Robert Tucker. He gave a brief overview of the fire department and then spoke about some of their budgetary needs. The fire department will send us a list of needs specific to our community so we can include in our budget requests if appropriate. Before the meeting concluded, Borough President Richards committed to funding \$3.5 million in the next budget for 15 vehicles.

There is a new building at Queens Blvd and 65<sup>th</sup> Road. We received a call saying that there was a bus shelter at the location prior to the building construction that was never replaced. We reached out to DOT to let them know that this was a priority location since there was a bus shelter there before and within about a month, the bus shelter was replaced.

## **CONSUMER AFFAIRS / CULTURAL AFFAIRS / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Brently Winstead, Co-Chair, gave the following report:

Retail United Alliance, 71-64 Austin Street, Forest Hills has withdrawn their cannabis application.

There were no new liquor license applications this month.

The board received the following liquor license renewal applications:

1. Salute Maria Inc. – 63-61 108th Street, FH
2. Levy Premium Foodservice – FH Stadium – 69-50 Burns Street, FH
3. Chipotle Mexican Grill – 70-28 / 70-30 Austin Street, FH

The 112th Precinct did not report any issues regarding these establishments. The committee's recommendation is to approve the renewal liquor license applications.

**Board Member Peter Beadle** asked if Levy Premium Foodservice at the stadium is a general license for liquor at the stadium? Is this just one specific vendor who is there? What is their role?

**Response:** They are the liquor provider licensed for the Forest Hills Stadium.

A voice vote was taken, motion passed. All were in favor.

## **LAW, BY-LAW COMMITTEE REPORT – PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENTS**

Chair John Dereszewski reported:

The Law and Bylaws Committee met online on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Attending were committee Chairs John Dereszewski and Bruce Grossberg. The attending members conducted a straw poll and unanimously supported the two proposed amendments to the board's bylaws that appear below. Subsequently, on February 25<sup>th</sup>, committee member Salua Baida, who was not available for the meeting, indicated that she had reviewed the text of the two draft amendments and cast her straw ballot vote in favor of approval.

The By-Laws were sent to the Borough President's Counsel and they made some changes and approved the language.

Here are the two proposed bylaw amendments:

**1. Public Session - This will add an additional Section 7 to Article XX. It concerns the proper and improper submission of testimony during the board's public session.**

Section 7. Testimony submitted at the public session can address the broad range of issues and concerns involving the community and the city. However, no such testimony that engages in partisan politics or speaks in support of a particular candidate or a political party shall be permitted. This includes the distribution of literature that is partisan or speaks in support of or in opposition to a particular candidate or political party. The Chair shall be authorized to ban the distribution of such literature or cut off any such testimony as soon as any such distribution or testimony begins.

This proposal will ensure that public session testimony is focused on non-partisan community-oriented issues and effectively prevent it from being unduly utilized to support a particular political agenda.

A discussion took place.

**Peter Beadle:** I just wanted to clarify that nothing in this amendment is intended to prevent any political speech speaking on the merits of any legislative or other policy. This is intended to focus on preventing political speech that is intended as sloganeering or campaigning.

**Response:** Yes, if you would say I oppose elected official x's position on the matter, that would be fine.

**Pedro Rodriguez:** If you were to support certain legislation that is only supported by one candidate, that would not be considered supporting the candidate, correct?

**Response:** A clear distinction between the substance of what the candidate or elected official does and advocates for, basically saying vote for or vote against this person. That is the line, and I think that is clear.

**Matt Salton:** If there is a ballot question about a particular policy, we could say something positive or negative about the policy, but then we couldn't translate that and say go vote yes on a proposal.

**Response:** Yes, as long as you have a discussion about a proposal and don't say vote for or against that proposal.

**Chair Dimitriadis:** I want to clarify, I thought this was specifically when the by-law was revised, we were talking about the endorsement of an individual. We want to keep this as a non-political space.

**Response:** It was not our intent at all to get into those kinds of substantive matters like that. We didn't address that directly. This amendment would not affect that, it only would affect political and partisan candidates who are either saying elect me or don't elect that person.

**Peter Beadle:** I would like to make a friendly amendment, that we modify the second sentence starting as however no such testimony that engages in and then at that point "that it engages in electioneering or parties and politics in support of a particular candidate or political party participating in an upcoming election shall be permitted" and then putting a sentence at the end. Stating that nothing herein is intended to prevent any substantive comments on any existing or proposed laws or public policy.

**Chair Dimitriadis:** I wanted to address the electioneering piece because that was a big question. I believe we ran the electioneering language that was initially here to the Borough President's Counsel, and had taken issue with that because the question became how you define electioneering. Because it is so broad, the question became how you define it. It then gets into a micromanaging policy that could be used inappropriately. Is that your recollection as well, John?

**Latrice Davis:** I would remove the language that said "engages in partisan politics" because it is vague. I think we could leave in support of a particular candidate or a particular party in there. We need to take out the partisan because partisan to you may not be partisan to me. That would be my friendly amendment.

**Response:** You would say here "no such testimony that speaks in support of a particular candidate, or a political party shall be permitted". I would like to add onto this to make it clearer to repeat the language with regards to literature. Could we say, "no such a testimony that speaks in support of or in opposition to a particular candidate or political party shall be permitted." I would accept Latrice's friendly amendment and the last sentence that Peter made in his friendly amendment.

**Chair Dimitriadis:** We had wanted to use the word election, and we were told not to. Another word we could use instead of engages in partisan politics instead of using electioneering we could use campaigning. They are close to the same word.

**Response:** On the second sentence, it would read “however not such testimony that speaks in support of or in opposition to a particular candidate or a political party shall be permitted”. The next sentence should read “this includes the distribution of literature that is partisan or speaks in support of or in opposition to a particular candidate or political party”. The last sentence would be what Peter said, “engages in electioneering or parties and politics in support of a particular candidate or political party participating in an upcoming election shall be permitted” and then putting a sentence at the end. Stating that nothing herein is intended to prevent any substantive comments on any existing or proposed laws or public policy.”

**Bruce Grossberg:** On top of the resolution that I attended the meeting. I had something different in mind when approving this resolution. It is clarifying what happens if we were having a fight during public testimony. It was meant to increase the Chair’s power to enforce or stop the public comment. The definition of what is electioneering, campaigning, and what’s sloganeering, if it is not a resolution, gives more discretion to the chair to run the meeting in the way, the Chair sees fit. I approved it in the committee, I’m not for it now. It’s about who has the power to shut things down; that’s what I voted for.

**Response:** I think the amendment is very clear, it says “the Chair can cut off the discussion or ban the distribution of literature”. It states this clearly, but I don’t see to what extent it changes anything.

**Pat Morgan:** I would like to know if this includes any member/public speaker who is speaking, for example about Abraham Lincoln is the best candidate for gun control. Is that a violation? Under electioneering, the amendment reads no distribution of literature.

**Response:** One can speak as much as possible about gun control or about any particular issue even noting the fact that the person is representing or supporting a position. The only thing here is you just don’t say support the person and vote for the person for this. I think you can make that distinction. No amendment is going to include every single thing; this is hypothetical in case. What we really are trying to address is testimony speech that occurs during the public session.

**Martha Tucker:** When you vote, you can’t wear a shirt nor the colors with the slogan. If we are going to make a proposal, we must clarify it in detail because these things have happened. I can totally see someone coming in with an agenda wearing colors, slogan on the t-shirt and addressing the public getting his message across. We need clarifications.

**Chair Dimitriadis:** This says testimony submitted in public session, that means member of the public, not members of the board. This doesn’t curtail board speech. Peter added to the fourth line down “this includes the distribution of literature and then added or the use of visual aids”.

**Kevin Ly:** If it was the intent of the executive committee to address electioneering at community board meetings, this amendment doesn’t address it anymore. This feedback was given by the Borough President’s general counsel. The amendment doesn’t address hate speech, if someone came to the meeting and they started using antisemitic remarks which would fall into the language here, it doesn’t stop it. Here we are talking about electioneering at the community board, shouldn’t we have a by-law amendment that encourages the public to come and discuss matters that are related to what is on the agenda. I don’t think this amendment addresses what needs to happen. Can we send this back to committee?

**Chair Dimitriadis:** I think Robert’s Rules of Order has rules for that, it’s not the only thing that guides us. I think we should send this amendment back to the committee. We want to make sure that when people come to give public comment, we don’t want to give them guardrails because public comment doesn’t have to be about the agenda. We have had people come and speak about things that aren’t on the agenda. Some of the comments wind up on the agenda. The language that the borough president provided to us, was their suggestions and it needs to be revised.

**Shari Rolnick:** I wanted to point out that Robert’s Rules doesn’t specifically mention anything about hate speech. It allows for freedom of speech. There is a provision about decorum, which allows you to decide to regain the meeting.

Given the comments tonight, Committee Chair Dereszewski withdrew immediate consideration at this time so it can be returned to the committee, and we could address what has been said tonight and redraft the amendment. He suggested that anyone that would like to participate in this discussion should reach out or attend the committee meeting.

**Chair Dimitriadis** made a motion to table the amendment and send it back to the committee. A voice vote was taken, and all were in favor.

**2. This proposal will explicitly indicate the Chair’s City Charter stated authority to remove or transfer board and public committee members from their assignments. It will modify two items in Section 1 of Article XV.**

In Sub-Section 1(a), it will add the phrase “including public members” to the provision that establishes how the Chair appoints committee members.

“f. All members of standing committees shall serve as such until their successors have been appointed. all members of special committees shall serve as such until the completion of the tasks for which they have been appointed. However, the Chair shall, at all times, retain the special committee, except for board members whose committee positions are specified elsewhere in these bylaws”. This resolution could be for board members on a committee who are never attending meetings, making it impossible to have a quorum. It can also mean that a board member isn’t on the committee they wanted and can’t ask the Chair to change them to a committee they wanted to sit on. It gives the Chair the power to do so. Also, the Chair has the power to remove a board member from a committee if that board member is disruptive. This reflects what is in the city Charter.

The committee was unanimous in adopting this resolution.

Questions and comments were discussed.

**Brently Winstead:** I want to understand more about the Chair’s role. As the Chairwoman of the board if she fails or if there is a unanimous decision that a Chair is not doing their duty as chair, you have the authority to remove them from their Chair position? It is a broader perspective not just for committee members.

**Chair Dimitriadis:** This is for the rare exception when one or two board members never show and the committee not having a quorum. It is also to remove a public member that has been disruptive, it gives me the opportunity to remove him.

**Ephraim Zakry:** What I read is not what was said, it reads like a Chair on a whim can just decide to remove or place a board member on a different committee. We need to write this resolution which is not written as removal for cause.

**Response:** The reason why we don’t give examples is because the City Charter does not give examples. The City Charter says in black and white that the Chair has the authority to appoint committee members.

John Dereszewski made a motion that this amendment be endorsed and was seconded by Salua Baida. A roll call vote was taken 32 Yes, 5 No, Motion Carries.

## **REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS’ REPRESENTATIVES**

### **DISTRICT ATTORNEY MELINDA KATZ**

Javier Figaroa reported the following:

- The DA is actively tackling the misuse of problematic motorized scooters. These scooters, often unregistered and/or uninsured, are parked illegally and, in some instances are being used as getaway vehicles when individuals are committing crimes. The DA’s ongoing operation has seized 1,109 scooters thus far. In 2024, the DA’s office processed more than 52,000 arrests and had over 43,000 arraignments. The office’s Crime Victims Advocate Program assisted more than 4,500 individuals with services, and more than 43,000 cases were adjudicated.
- The Queens Merchants Business Improvement Program is helping shopkeepers thwart repeated offenders from shoplifting or creating other problems in their businesses. Merchants can register with their local precinct and if someone is being disruptive, dangerous, or exhibiting some other illegal behavior, they can call their local precinct. A responding officer will issue a trespass notice. This notice warns the individual not to return to the business, and if they do return, they are subject to arrest. Since the start of this

initiative 430 businesses have registered with their local precinct, 1,617 trespass notices have been served with just 65 individuals arrested for returning to the establishment.

#### SENATOR MICHAEL GIANARIS

Mercedes Jennings reported the following:

- This month is budget month; the senator is concerned about budget cuts by the federal government, services like Medicare, Medicaid, education, and housing. The senator wants to make sure there's enough funding on the state level.
- The fire legislation is now on the floor with the state and senate on displacement of tenants, for landlords to fix the apartments in a timely matter, hopefully this legislation will pass this session. I will keep you updated.
- Please continue to see our office as support and a resource. Our office information is as follows, 45-02 Ditmars Blvd, Suite 1008, Astoria, NY 11105; Phone: 718-728-0960 or 646-598-8583.
- DMV Real ID events will be coming in the following months. I will give the information to District Manager Nolan when I receive it.

#### QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT DONOVAN RICHARDS

Amparito Rosero reported the following:

- On Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, Irish American Heritage Cultural Celebration at Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Blvd. in Kew Gardens.
- On Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12pm, at Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Blvd. We'll be hosting our Salute to Gold Star Spouses Ceremony. All year round we wish to acknowledge these Gold Star Spouses who deserve all the recognition. Queens knows that no one has sacrificed more for our nation than those who answered the call to service, and their spouses who supported them.
- Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6pm to 8pm, we'll be hosting our College and University Fair, located at Richmond Hill High School, 89-30 114<sup>th</sup> St.
- As always, you may RSVP to any of these events on our website at [queensbp.nyc.gov](http://queensbp.nyc.gov)

#### ASSEMBLYMEMBER ANDREW HEVESI

Gianna Valente reported the following:

- The Assembly has changed the Working Families Tax Credit to the New York Works Tax Credit; the elements are the same. This new credit would consolidate the existing Empire State Child Tax Credit, the state Earned-Income Tax Credit and the dependent exemption into one combined credit for most taxpayers. The credit amount would vary based on income, with a maximum credit amount of \$550 in year one, rising to \$1,600 when fully implemented. Additionally, the proposal would: include children aged 17. Eliminate the earned income requirement under the existing state Child Tax Credit, allowing lower-income families to receive a higher benefit include taxpayers with an Individual Identification Number (ITIN) and make the credit advanceable beginning in year four.
- Metro Village Clean up on March 29<sup>th</sup>, with Senator Addabbo and Councilmember Schulman's office, meet at 11 am outside of Aigner Chocolates.

#### MAYOR'S OFFICE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS UNIT

Meagan Yuan reported the following:

- The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) applications are now open. New York City youth between the ages of 14-24 are encouraged to apply, the deadline is March 14<sup>th</sup>. The program connects participants with career exploration opportunities & paid work experience during the summer.
- The mayor announced the NYC Baby Boxes initiative, a new program to welcome the newest New Yorkers to the biggest extended family in the country and support New York City families by alleviating early financial stress for new parents. The box includes diapers and wipes, clothing, bathing and feeding

supplies, a “Made in NYC” onesie, and the upcoming “NYC New Family Resource Guide,” which will include links to city and community-based maternal and baby health supports

- This week is Civics Week. Civics Week, a NYC Public Schools initiative, is a time for schools across the city to celebrate youth voice, civic empowerment, and the importance of registering to vote.

#### COUNCIL MEMBER LYNN SCHULMAN

Andrew Davis reported the following:

- The councilwoman allocated for community composting funding at MacDonald Park, from 8am to 2pm.
- A remote town hall meeting for Local Law 97 compliance information session along with the mayor’s office. For information on how to register email our office.
- Participatory budgeting will begin at the end of the month. The following voting sites in Community Board 6
  - Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> – Metropolitan Avenue Clean-Up
  - Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 112<sup>th</sup> Pct. Community Council Street Fair
  - Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup> - Forest Hills Library from 2pm to 5pm
  - Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Burns Street Senior Center at 11am
  - Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> - North Forest Park Library from 2pm to 5pm
  - Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> - Forest Hills Library from 12pm to 3pm

#### CONGRESSMEMBER GRACE MENG

Jordan Goldes reported the following:

- The congresswoman held a Telephone town hall, more than 7,500 constituents attended.
- March 19<sup>th</sup> office hours for local veterans to meet with the US Department of Veterans Affairs will be held at the American Legion on Metropolitan Avenue, Forest Hills.
- Office hours at our Northeast Queens office will be held April 6<sup>th</sup>.
- The congresswoman has been pushing back on cuts to federal workers and the negative impact they will have on services. Spoke out on the freezing of federal funding and cuts to keep programs. In this district we have about 6,000 federal employees. She is also concerned about the closing of the Social Security offices that serve the public. The congresswoman sent a letter to the head of Social Security Administration about this issue.
- Voted against a budget resolution that would allow deep cuts to Medicaid and children’s health insurance, SNAP benefits and increase healthcare costs. The resolution threatens approximately 280,000 people in our district who rely on Medicaid and 47,000 who rely on food assistance. The congresswoman joined the governor in Bayside at a children’s hospital to highlight these cuts specifically to Medicaid.
- The congress sent a letter to the Public Service Commission to propose double digit rating increases that Con Edison is seeking.
- Four relay boxes that were fixed in Forest Hills: Greenway South, Summer Street, Ingram Street and Ascan Avenue, Russell Place and 110<sup>th</sup> Street and 70<sup>th</sup> Road. Please report any broken relay box.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Salua Baida invited the community to a Know Your Rights and Sanctuary Homes Community Defense training, March 30<sup>th</sup> at Queens Borough Hall, at 12:30 pm in Forest Hills. It is to empower both migrants and their allies. This training will provide essential tools and information on all our rights and on the current tactics of immigration enforcement. It will show tools and skills to better prepare you for any interactions with ICE and others and learn how the deportation machine may target community members in their homes, schools and businesses. A sanctuary home presentation for employers who employ domestic workers in their homes, (nannies house cleaners, home attendants etc.) To RSVP [tinyurl.com/ForestHillsKYR](https://tinyurl.com/ForestHillsKYR) and you may contact [ForestHillsKYR@gmail.com](mailto:ForestHillsKYR@gmail.com) with any questions.

Chair Dimitriadis wanted to refer Jean Silva's problem about getting tickets in the loading zone to the Transportation/Public Transit/Street Safety Committee to write a letter to our elected officials to deal with this problem. Our office has tried to address this problem. District Manager Nolan added that she reached out to DOT and asked what changed in their policy such that suddenly, these tickets are being issued. DOT was going to check with their freight unit, which oversees the loading zones and they're getting back to her. We are still working on it.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Submitted by,  
Maria Concolino - Community Service Aide

CB 6 VOTING SHEET 3-12-25	RENEWAL LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS		BY-LAW AMEND PUBLIC SPEAKING SEND BACK TO COMMITTEE		BY-LAW AMEND COMMITTEES
EDGAR ALFONSECA					YES
DAVID ARONOV					YES
ROBERT ASHE					YES
JULIETH AVILA	ABSENT		ABSENT		ABSENT
ANISIA AYON		A		A	YES
SALUA BAIDA		L		L	YES
KAVISH BATRA		L		L	NO
PETER BEADLE					YES
HOWARD BIRNBAUM		I		I	YES
HEIDI CHAIN		N		N	YES
GINA CHEN					NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE
L.T. CIACCIO	ABSENT	F	ABSENT	F	ABSENT
KANDRA CLARK	ABSENT	A	ABSENT	A	ABSENT
LATRICE DAVIS		V		V	YES
JOHN DERESZEWSKI		O		O	YES
HEATHER DIMITRIADIS		R		R	YES
KEITH ENGEL					YES
TAMARA GAVRIELOF					YES
BRUCE GROSSBERG					YES
KAREN IMAS					YES
SARINA JAIN					YES
MATT FERNANDEZ KONIGSBERG	ABSENT		ABSENT		ABSENT
MARCELLE LASHLEY-KABORE					YES
MARK LASTER					YES
KEVIN LY					NO
DR. RENEE MEHRRRA	ABSENT		ABSENT		ABSENT
PAT MORGAN					YES
SABAH MUNAWAR					YES
NATALIE PIENKOWSKA	ABSENT		ABSENT		ABSENT
JESSICA POORAN	ABSENT		ABSENT		ABSENT
JOI PRATT					YES
DIANA RACHNAEV					YES
PEDRO RODRIGUEZ					YES
SHARI ROLNICK					YES
MATTHEW SALTON					YES
GLADYS SANDOVAL					YES
DAVID SCHANTZ					YES
HERBERT SCHONHAUT					YES
AMIT PRATAP SHAH					YES
EUGENE SHVARTSMAN					YES
JEAN C. SILVA					NO
MARTHA TUCKER					YES
BRENTLY WINSTEAD		▼		▼	YES
EDWIN WONG					NO
EPHRAIM ZAKRY					NO
TOTALS:	ALL IN FAVOR		ALL IN FAVOR		32 YES, 5 NO