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CB 6 MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 16, 2025

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CHRISTINE NOLAN
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ELIANA SWELL
JORDAN GOLDES
MERCEDES JENNINGS
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JAMES MONGELUZO
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OFFICE OF SENATOR JOSEPH P. ADDABBO
OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER ANDREW HEVESI
OFFICE OF CONGRESS MEMBER GRACE MENG
OFFICE OF SENATOR MICHAEL GIANARIS
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OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER CATALINA CRUZ
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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: Shari Rolnick, L.T. Ciaccio Marcelle Lashley-Kabore and Diana Rachnaev.

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

GOOD AND WELFARE

CB 6 MEMBERS

Mark Laster

Central Queens Against Hate – Our next Breaking Bread Building Bonds luncheon is a week from Sunday, October 26th at 1 PM. We would like to thank Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi for funding this one. Future luncheons will be funded by the Queens Jewish Community Council and the New York State Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. The community board is one of the sponsors and a number of community board members have attended past ones.

We are proud to announce we have received a \$3,500 grant from the Citizens Committee of NYC to fund Breaking Bread Building Bond luncheons in the communities and also to pay a consultant to train our facilitators on how to lead more challenging discussions.

We are also exploring partnering with other organizations to bring a program called “The Longest Table” to our community.

The Forest Hills Green Team has received an allocation for daffodils and will be planting them in November. Watch for more details.

Commonpoint, Queens Community House, Central Queens Against Hate, and Let’s Talk Democracy are continuing to work on Intergenerational presentations. Our next meeting to plan for these discussions will be on Monday, October 27th at 6:45 PM. If you are interested in participating, please email me at marklstr99@gmail.com.

On a personal note, I’m very happy to announce that my daughter, Robin Laster, has just become engaged to Ben Isaacson. Ben is from London, England and has given me as a gift a 700-page book about Boris Johnson, which I have committed to reading. He insists I would be surprised about him. I’ll keep you posted.

Jean Silva

On November 2nd from 11 AM to 2 PM, there will be a free Halloween scavenger hunt on the Pat Dolan trail.

Keith Engel

There are three affordable housing-related measures that will be in November’s ballot. There are five ballot questions in total. I want to direct everyone’s attention to questions 2-5; as a brief summary these ballot questions came out of an independent Mayor’s commission. The NYC Charter Revision Commission, whose members were tasked to study ways of which the non as of rights on affordable housing development are currently working through the ULURP process. The goal was to succeed in how the processing can be tweaked and to be able to create more critically needed affordable housing. You can read more about it at NYCvotes.org. I want to talk about the measure, it’s basically to recognize that in the mids of our current affordable housing crisis the status quo since 1987, Mayor Ed Koch did an affordable provision to strike a balance to recognize that the local community level implore into the ULURP process is important. At the same time, to recognize that the citywide perspective is very important. While each community district is unique and important in its own right, community districts are also a part of our 51 districts that comprise our city and for all of us to do our fair share it was circulated to our Land Use

Committee about these measures in detail. I will be happy to share with the board and members of the public.

Peter Beadle

Thanks to the inspired idea from Salua Baida, we are putting together a bicycle tour of the entire district. Everyone is invited to join us on October 26th at 10 AM. It was in your Friday packet. This will be an easy-paced tour. Please, make sure that your tires are inflated. We start around the corner from the district office, up through the gardens and down by 108th Street to see the daylighting, through most of our commercial districts, and come back to Rego Park.

We also have a standing offer if anyone is interested in checking out how Access-a-Ride actually works and the nightmare that it is. Pat Morgan has offered to take anyone who would like to experience it firsthand. I am going to sign up for that, and I encourage others to do so as well.

Salua Baida added

For October 26th, it is for two groups, it a private bike ride for CB6 board members and their families. The second group is for elected officials for their staff and families. The idea is to build community and for them to see where the flooding happens, etc. You have to bring your own bike.

Herb Schonhaut

I want to bring to everyone's attention in the Queens Chronicle, October 2nd that there is an article about Community Board 6. The title is "still skeptical about the F and M switch that will happen in December". In the article they quoted me, Peter Beadle, John Dereszewski and Latrice Davis. It was a comprehensive article with one comment I have; the service we have right now has been operating for 24 years since December 2001. I'm skeptical that if there was no change in 24 years it is not going to be something great. There is constant flooding at the corner of 110 Street and 67th Drive. We have been trying to get milling by the DOT/DEP for that street. I had to walk in the street and due to the flooding, there was nowhere to go. I have been working on improving this since 2018.

I was at my friend's house for Sukkot for a meal and it was impossible to sit there outside because cars are racing without mufflers or catalytic converters. This block is 65th Avenue between 108th Street and 110th Street; we have requested a speed bump. If anyone else has a problem they should report it to the office, and they will do their best to get it fixed.

Pedro Rodriguez

I want to thank everyone who attended Austin Day, for all the people who are here today that came out as well as the businesses who supported it from the beginning. A special thank you to Tacombi for supplying the tables and chairs. The event itself was a success; that is what happens when you open up the street to people. When we opened up the street to people, we saw people using the space and walking, just enjoying the space. Some of the people were interacting with some of the organizations that were tabling and workers were taking their break in the sun. The children were able to play while the parents sat and chatted with each other. Since the event was free and had no commercial aspect, it encouraged a lot of people to visit the local businesses. Some of the businesses were overwhelmed with patrons. A boost in business activity was expected because there are numerous studies that consistently show that increasing pedestrian space in commercial areas is good for business. There is a write-up on our website saferaustinstreet.com/austinday.

Pat Morgan

Austin Street/open street event was wonderful; I had a great time. I enjoyed the workers coming out on their break and running into people I haven't seen in years.

This is LGBTQIIAASS month, and tomorrow, October 17th is Spirit Day. This brings to the forefront bullying against the whole slew of letters name of people who have been bullying. If you are under the age

of 22, if you grew up in a supportive home, family or friends you stand a good chance of surviving after the age of 24. If not, you would have attempted suicide or committed the act. According to The Trevor Project, 40% of all Jews across this country would have either attempted, thought about or committed suicide. Tomorrow, wear purple if you wish to acknowledge No Bullying Day.

Ephraim Zakry

Veterans Day is November 11th; and the Veterans Committee will be sponsoring breakfast for Veterans at the Westside Tennis Club.

Amit Pratap Shah

Wished everyone a Happy Diwali. This is the second year that public schools will be closed, honoring the holiday. I want to thank the community advocates, community boards and the Governor of New York. I went to a Diwali ceremony last night and met the Governor, and the mayor right here in Queens. I wish everyone a Happy Diwali, the city of lights which brings peace and prosperity for family and community.

Sabah Munawar

I wanted to remind everyone that early voting starts October 25th – November 2nd and runs until Election Day, which is November 4th.

PUBLIC FORUM

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis reported that we will not be reading written public comments and there are 14 speakers. There is one written comment in support of Trick or Streets for Halloween. You can submit your written comment by Friday, October 17th.

Jonathan Rinaldi

It is inappropriate for Forest Hills Garden Corp. that is suing the Forest Hills Stadium to have any kind of political rally in a few weeks. We should make sure that it doesn't happen because policies don't allow it to happen in the stadium. I here to speak about the men and women who dedicated their lives to this city. These benefits are not favors, they are rights, we cannot stand by retirees and ask them to accept less for benefits. These benefits are not favors they are actually earned rights. We cannot stand by while retirees are asked to accept less fewer benefits, more less pay, more confusion. Seniors are among our most vulnerable. It is our duty to make sure they are cared for and not burden. Changing what was promised to them, this breaks the trust that holds our community together. We want a city that is built on fairness and respect. We must champion for our retirees and seniors not just today but always. They put our trust, now we must stand for them. I would like to invite everyone Sunday at 3 PM, MacDonald Park for an antisemitism rally. Hope to see you there.

Deborah Camp

I am a Queens based local artist; I want to announce that MacDonald Park is going to get a mural approved by the parks department. I will be hand painting in the circular area. The mural is called Forest Hills Planting the Seeds of tomorrow. I will be passing some drawings around. The drawing is to show that the park is for everyone and to show our roots in the community. Taking care of each other and taking care of the planet. We made the Forest Hills Times front page with a two-page article. We are trying to get the community to know about the project, to support the project. I also want to announce we received our first sponsor. Ridgewood Savings Bank is going to be our first sponsor. They are going to award us the check on Saturday. We love the support of the Forest Hills community and is looking for more sponsors and more grant opportunities. We have a go fund me page for individuals as well to contribute to our project because this is how we make it happen though teamwork through communities. I will also have monthly art workshops there; this is going to be more than just a mural. If you are interested in the workshops, you can bring your children, you can come once a month, and we will have the mural a place to gather together to

learn; you can use it as a learning tool. I'm very excited to show you the drawing. This mural will be for 2026; we are still in the fundraising stages. This will be the first mural in 95 years that this park will have a mural. I have been doing this work my entire life. I was bullied as a child, and this kind of work is healing. It will also increase commerce because people will come to see the mural as a tourist attraction. We are going to have a grand unveiling ceremony as well.

Jacqueline Moise

I am speaking about Q23, northwest location which is in front of my building. Each time I come in and out of the building it has been a nightmare in front of my building. Whenever I see so many people online some are trespassing, loitering and littering, they are throwing their garbage in front of the residential building. When the doorman asked one of the people who was standing on the carpet to move into the street onto the bus line, they attacked the doorman. The quality-of-life issues for the residents of the building has no space when we come into the building. The whole block of 108th Street between 71st Avenue and 70th Road there are no parking spaces there anymore, it is all bus stops. If I want to deliver food to my mother, there is no place to stand in the car. The bus will take a picture of my license plate and give me a ticket.

Leslie Brown – Forest Hills Chamber

I am Leslie Brown for the Forest Hills Chamber. I am her to bring to your attention the fact that the chamber and the small businesses we represent along with many, many residents of Forest Hills are opposed to the street closures by Neighbors for a Safer Austin Street. The closing on October 31st will be the 2nd closure in about six weeks. It is a deep concern that these closures have not been voted on by the community board, nor has there been an opportunity for the community board to hear from the public and the chamber. I would like to share a brief history of the chamber's street fairs. When I was a business owner and on the chamber board our fairs were not popular events nor were they events Forest Hills could be proud of. I made it my main mission back then to make our fairs one of the best in the city. I did not allow live animals, fur products questionable make-up products and vendors that threw the merchandise in the street including Macy's as one of those vendors. Now our fairs are filled with great food, special merchandise and over 80 chamber members exhibiting and promoting their businesses. September 14th Austin Day was a complete failure, and they say a picture is worth a thousand words. So here are the photos I took in the middle of the day at the event. Only one business on the block had a table. It is not a good look for the Forest Hills community to have an event like this. It does not represent us in any way. To close off the block on a busy Sunday is really a hardship. Now on to Halloween, then 9/11 happened, I wanted the kids to be able to come out to trick or treat. I came up with Be Safe Trick or Treat here. As an artist I drew a poster that incorporated Be Safe Trick or Treat Here. I went to every store and sent the poster to all schools in our area. Posters went up in the store windows and kids could be heard exclaiming there's a poster lets go in. As time went on thousands of kids came to Austin Street trick or treating and stores would run out of candy. I have not put the posters up now for several years, but the tradition goes on with many business owners spending up to \$500 each for candy for the kids. Burns Street has another fabulous tradition on Halloween. Most of the houses are decorated and tons of kids come there to trick or treat. Not forgetting Metropolitan Avenue has Halloween events. I mention this because we do not need part of the street closed down and interrupting Halloween in Forest Hills, removing precious parking spaces and creating traffic jams. We have Halloween covered! I know that Neighbors for a Safer Austin are doing these interruptive events to further their goal of closing Austin Street. I am requesting voting on all future street activity events and that the businesses that keep the community prospering be considered in the decisions the board makes.

Mark Movesian

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to address the Community Board about the new Q23 bus route, specifically, the new bus stop in Forest Hills on 108th St., in front of 70-31 108th St. The new stop creates significant congestion that poses dangers for pedestrians, especially children, seniors and the disabled, as well for automobile traffic. In my opinion, it should be relocated. The new stop, which combines several busy former stops, is on a narrow sidewalk that gets a lot of foot traffic as people walk to and from the subway and stores on Queens Blvd and 71st Avenue. The city recently planted trees and rain gardens on this sidewalk, which only makes the sidewalk narrower and congestion worse. And the new stop is directly in front of the entrance to a large apartment building, where people go in and out

all the time. All this creates a situation where the narrow sidewalk is blocked throughout the day and night by crowds waiting for the bus. This is a hazard, especially for children going to and from school, seniors, and the disabled. Already, there have been incidents between bus riders and others on the sidewalk trying to pass, and this seems only likely to increase. The narrow residential street is also frequently blocked by buses from several different routes picking up and discharging passengers. There are now two major bus stops directly across from each other, which leads to 3-4 lanes being blocked frequently, creating regular traffic jams —a difficulty not only for motorists, but also pedestrians who have to weave through buses stopped in the crosswalk. In my opinion, the new stop should be relocated to a less congested spot. Perhaps it could be returned to where it was, at 70-11 108th St, which would allow for staggering the bus stops to ease the pedestrian and road traffic and wouldn't place a stop directly in front of an apartment entrance. Or relocated to Queens Boulevard, which is commercial and has wider sidewalks.

Michael Moore

I would like to speak about an event that happened this weekend. For the past 6 months our community has been plagued with reckless street takeovers. When this first occurred, it could take an hour for the officers to respond. This weekend it was down to 15 minutes. This weekend, however, I was assaulted on my own property by the crowd for filming. The crowd was very hostile and aggressive. They were also parked in my driveway and on my front lawn. Not a single vehicle was stopped by the responding officers or ticketed. Just dispersed to our adjacent communities. I wouldn't be surprised if a single car hadn't been stopped at these events the entire summer. District 29 office has been working on funding for safety cameras to be installed in our community that will be monitored at the precinct and hopefully trigger a faster response, but I've been told the footage cannot be used against the individuals committing these crimes. I have yet to hear an anticipated date of their completion. The 112 did sound like they will increase their efforts to respond but ultimately are only allowed to chase these vehicles on foot. Although I have witnessed them not even attempting to approach stopped vehicles at these events which will hopefully change. The also said they will try to station a vehicle in the area whenever possible and are extending the shifts of officers to help with coverage, which is greatly appreciated of these officers working extra hours. The 112 leadership also referred to these events as traffic infractions rather than the Reckless endangerment it truly is. They also said it's ultimately a DOT issue and believes the DOT is working on a fix, but NYPD had no idea what it was. Unfortunately, I don't believe DOT can redesign every intersection in NYC to stop these events. DOT should be invited to address the concerned community at the next 112 council meeting with their solution they have been working on with the NYPD. I understand the police department lately is very limited on the actions they are allowed to take against criminals, but I don't think any of us should be satisfied with the answer of "we wish we could do more". If officers cannot perform their job effectively it needs to be escalated through the NYPD until the officers on the street are provided with the ways and means they need to resolve this dangerous situation. If the NYPD has been rendered ineffective against street racers in our community, I was informed of the efforts Queens District Attorney Brown in 2004 stopped the infamous street racers on Francis Lewis Blvd. This only occurred after two 14-year-old children were struck by the reckless vehicles. Vehicles were seized by District attorneys' officers in conjunction with the local precinct and offenders faced criminal charges. I hope we are more proactive in this situation and don't need to wait for a death. It may be the only hope for the community to put an end to this issue which is not only plaguing our community but all of NYC.

Michael Rucci

This is the result of the last two weeks of the first two weeks of September living near the Forest Hill Stadium. The concerts at Forest Hills Stadium disturbs the peace of this largely residential neighborhood. On the days of the concerts, not only do residents such as me have to endure the loud music, pounding of amplified drums, and roar of the audience during the actual evening performance. We also have to put up with the blaring cacophony of rehearsals which have sometimes begun as early as 10:30 in the morning and which continue intermittently though the day until the actual show starts. I understand the appeal of having entertainment in the vicinity and I even attended a concert back in 2018, back then there were much fewer concerts. The corporation running these shows has increased their frequency and no doubt the profits it is making. It behooves the corporation, therefore, to invest in building a dome to cover the stadium to prevent the concerts from destroying the peaceful enjoyment of our homes. This way, the concerts can remain without disturbing the peace, making a win win for everyone involved. Thank you.

Marla A. Cornejo

I'm here to speak about Halloween street. I have been a resident for 36 years and business owner of 5 Borough Café. I will start with the question, what is the end game? An event every month, and to what purpose, and at whose expense? Putting up barriers, taking them down, insurances cleanup, just to name a few. The last street closing, 9/14, appeared to be a bust. There are pictures to support that statement. I think one business owner was there.

Street closures cause a traffic nightmare, cut down on parking, and force families that might want to go for a meal, shop, or go to the movies to find alternatives to Austin Street, maybe the mall or a more car friendly destination. The petition for a Halloween event is divisive. We are one community and have had events for as long as I can remember. We have support from almost all vendors along Austin Street from Yellowstone to beyond Ascan. Burns Street has been hosting Halloween activities for as long as I can remember. My boys are 30 and 27. Metropolitan Avenue has a wonderful event in the bank parking lot. We just had a successful street fair with a lot of entertainment for the children and tremendous support from the neighborhood and far beyond. Store owners spend tons of money to buy a lot of candy to support the crowds of children that come into the evening. If this group wants to do something for the neighborhood, support one of the events that already exist. Donate money or candy to the local businesses or Burns Street. I do not see the attraction of putting people on black tar in the middle of the street when we have Forest Park, MacDonald Park, and Austin Street Park. There are so many green spaces where our children can enjoy nature and not sit on a street that's a business district. One of the many in one community should be considering all and serving more.

Luis B. Bazoberry Pericon

I stand before you tonight not only as a resident of the Fairview, but as a deeply concerned taxpayer who expects the basic services we fund with millions of dollars. Our community is on the grip of a worsening safety crisis, and the notion that Forest Hills is a safe, quiet suburb is now a cruel and dangerous joke. The violence has become terrifyingly real. Just blocks from my home, a young life was tragically taken in the September 28th shooting. This single act pushed the 112th Precinct's murder rate up 100% this year, a shocking trend that proves current police strategies are failing. This fear is compounded by persistent property crime. Our residents are dealing with repeated break-ins, often by individuals who scale our property walls. Our cars are targeted nightly for wheel theft. At my building, management repeatedly requested increased police presence and a dedicated camera, without success forcing us, the residents, to spend thousands of dollars out of pocket on private security. Compounding this is the ongoing quality of life issue with illegal 18-wheelers. I raised this complaint over a year ago. These massive trucks continue to damage our infrastructure and create dangerous blind corners. The 112th Precinct only responds with token towing operations, conveniently timed around public meetings for a social media opportunity. This is not governance; it is theater. The facts are clear, 2025 data shows that auto-related grand larcenies and property crimes are the most concerning, stubborn trend in our area. We pay for consistent protection and genuine law enforcement, not public relations. I demand immediate accountability for the responsibilities of the NYPD, specifically the 112th Precinct, as they are demonstrably derelict in their duty. Finally, I am here tonight to ask for the Board's direct assistance. We need CB6 to partner with us, to raise these critical issues with the 112th Precinct leadership, and to ensure that the NYPD provides the consistent, responsive services that our tax dollars already pay for. Help us restore safety and order to Forest Hills.

Mark Abbey

I want to speak about the bus stop in front of our building, 70-31 108. As you heard about the overcrowding and threats to our building staff, the issue is the sidewalk in front of our building is half the sidewalk where the original bus stop was north of 70th Road. Plus, there's a nice bus shelter already there. I don't see any good reason to have it in front of our building. It's getting worse. Now, they had to erect barricades in front of our front door to keep the trespasser out. In addition to what's already said, I noticed that if more than one bus shows up, the second or subsequent buses don't fit they block the intersection between 108th Street, 70th Road and the Queens Boulevard service road with horns honking and the general deterioration in quality of life and it's becoming quite unsafe for us.

Ms. Wang

I live with my family at 89-11 69th Road, directly across from the McDonald's drive-through exit. I am expressing my comments not just for myself, but for our entire residential community on 69th Road who are being affected. Over the years, this drive-through has demonstrated repeated disregard for community well-being, sanitation, and safety. It is

fundamentally incompatible with a quiet residential block and directly violates the intent of the zoning resolution 73-311, which requires drive-through facilities to avoid undue traffic, health, and environmental impacts on nearby homes.

Noise, Fumes, and Light Pollution

My window directly faces the drive-through exit. Idling cars, engines, and honking expose us daily to excessive noise and exhaust fumes. The drive-through operates from 6 a.m. until midnight, meaning the disturbance starts before we wake and continues after we go to bed. At night, multiple cars waiting to order or collect food keep their bright headlights on. At any given time, at least three sets of headlights shine directly into my bedroom window. Even blackout curtains cannot block the intrusion. I had to change bed directions, wear an eye mask and earplugs to be able to go to sleep. I am not even a light sleeper. One tenant in our building broke their lease and left because they cannot sleep well under the impact. A small tree on our sidewalk provides no protection, especially in winter when it loses its leaves. Adding to this, delivery trucks—including large cold freezer trucks and CO₂ trucks—regularly park on 69th Road during their late-night deliveries. These deliveries often happen around midnight and occur three to five times a week. The sound of engines running, air brakes released, metal doors slamming, and equipment operating creates intense noise and vibration that wake us up repeatedly in the middle of the night. (see attached videos)

Traffic Congestion and Pedestrian Danger

Cars exiting the drive-through create dangerous congestion on a narrow residential street lined with homes. Drivers rarely stop or look for pedestrians and oncoming vehicles; they are often distracted, eating, or checking their food while driving. This creates daily risks for our children, elderly residents, and families crossing the street, especially where the drive-through exit crosses the sidewalk. My family member was almost hit once. My car was hit and run last year by a driver exiting the drive-thru without paying attention. Our small block was never meant to absorb the constant flow of drive-through traffic. The safety risks are real and growing.

Trash, Vermin, and Sanitation Hazards

Customers frequently park or double-park on the street to eat immediately after leaving the drive-through. Our small street became their designated eating space. They throw trash and half-eaten food out of their windows before driving away. (see attached photos) Despite my best efforts to clean daily, I have received multiple sanitation fines because of this litter. (see attached fine tickets) Rotten food attracts rats so large they are almost the size of my neighbor's poodle; I have seen them running across the street many times at night. This is a severe public health hazard for every household nearby.

Our request

We are not asking for anything unreasonable. We are asking for peace, safety, and health in our own homes. We respectfully urge the Board to:

- 1. Relocate the drive-through exit to Metropolitan Ave.*
- 2. Require all delivery trucks to conduct deliveries within McDonald's parking lot or on Metropolitan Ave, not on 69th Road.*
- 3. Strict conditions must be imposed on sanitation, traffic management, and noise buffering.*

These problems are not unsolvable. McDonald's has a huge parking lot that is constantly empty. Due to the poor operation, our small street became their designated parking lot and eating space. When McDonald's underwent renovation several years ago, the company temporarily closed the 69th Road exit and rerouted all entry and exit to Metropolitan Avenue. Operations continued smoothly using a service window on that side. This demonstrates that relocating the exit is both feasible and effective. It would move car traffic much farther from our homes, significantly reducing noise, fumes, and safety hazards. We deserve a safe, clean, and peaceful neighborhood once again.

Marcia Hittner – Forest Hills Owner Corporation

I am the secretary of the Forest Hills Owners Corporation; a residential co-op building located on 71st Avenue and 70th Road across 108th Street from the Ridgewood Savings Bank. The block is now the Forest Hills bus depot. Since the city eliminated all parking and replaced it with a block long bus stop for the newly rerouted Q23 bus. The Q23 route improvements allegedly were made within the MTA'S equity framework. The realignment eliminated stops adjacent to the commercial shopping district and the ADA compliant elevator connecting street to the subway platform. The 71st Street Continental Avenue subway station was extremely active exchange point for this neighborhood with significant pedestrian activities seven days a week. For many residents, especially seniors, young parents with strollers, and individuals with disabilities, proximity to that elevator was crucial and equitable. Where the bus stop was adjacent to the elevator entrance. The stop was a lifeline providing direct accessible connections to

essential services, businesses, and transportation options. Its removal has created real hardships for riders who now must navigate longer distances and unsafe crossings to reach connections. Most notably, these marginalized residents and commuters, our neighbors, must now navigate Queens Boulevard in order to connect to the next part of their journey. As a lifelong Forest Hills resident, I recall when Queens Boulevard was gaining the nickname of the boulevard of death. Do not allow the MTA to return us to those days and that nickname is well earned. We recognize that route adjustments can improve efficiency and reduce congestion. Those improvements should not come at the expense of safety, nor should they be shortsighted. You have heard already from other residents about problems this realignment has caused for our building tenants, neighborhood residents, and commuters, including traffic and pedestrians gridlock, blocked building egress, environmental concerns, disrespect for private property and employees. As a community we are seeking changes that will be better for everyone. Changes that come with transparency and accountability in understanding how these decisions were made, the level of oversight, analysis, and community consultation that took place and whether the potential consequences, environmental, health, and social impacts were fully evaluated. We respectfully request that the board work with the MTA to share findings and data that inform the decision behind these changes, including ridership studies, residential feedback, accessibility and equity reviews, and any community impact assessments. Our goal is that public transportation in Forest Hills continues to serve all residents efficiently, equitably and accessibly. We thank you for your time, your commitment to our neighborhood. I passed around some photos to those who were asking.

The following comments were submitted in writing for minutes:

Steve Strauss

I support the closing of Austin Street for the Trick or Street on October 31st. Longer term we need wider sidewalks on Austin Street and less vehicles through traffic. It will promote more shoppers and with streetscape investments it will help the stores.

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis thanked all the public speakers and closed the public forum.

MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes for September 10, 2025, was made by Brently Winstead and was seconded by Edgar Alfonseca. All were in favor.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Heather Beers-Dimitriadis announced the following:

Thank you, Metro Village and Rachel Kellner, for a wonderful community day on Metropolitan Avenue; and thank you Peter Beadle; for volunteering with us as we hosted community members at our office that day.

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis thanked Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi for his ongoing support with issues that are ongoing with the Q23 bus. We continue to collaborate with his office through his chief of staff; by writing letters.

I also want to thank Council Member Lynn Schulman for working with the DOT Queens Commissioner on some potential solutions to address the street racing challenges that are happening on Union Turnpike; Metropolitan Avenue and Union Turnpike, and 71st Drive. We have been aware of these issues throughout the summer and have been working with the 112th Precinct on these issues. Councilwoman Lynn Schulman has had discussions with the DOT; and the Queens DOT commissioner to put delineators in certain intersections, specifically the Union Turnpike and 71st Drive. A greater challenge is finding a solution for Union Turnpike and Metropolitan Avenue; which is a bigger intersection.

The District Manager and I had some MELS students over at the office and discussed what are some of the issues are in the community. One student brought this issue up. When you call in this issue on 311 or 911 don't call it in as a noise complaint. They will not respond as quickly. Call it in as cars are taking over Union Turnpike and Metropolitan Avenue. They will respond quicker as per the 112th Precinct.

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis announced that if you requested a t-shirt and you haven't picked up your t-shirt from the office; to see Barbara before you leave.

Please respond to community board emails promptly and read them thoroughly. The office and the board are trying to meet deadlines; it puts everyone behind when you don't respond promptly. If you are unsure if you need to respond; email us and ask.

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis asked board members to stay until adjournment, it helps us complete our work efficiently and respects everyone's time. Many members leave before the legislative representatives speak. This opportunity to hear from the representatives and to ask questions is a real benefit to board members.

An update on the transportation committee. There is going to be a low-traffic neighborhood subcommittee. The subcommittee will consider the development of low-traffic neighborhoods, developing a recommendation for studying the subject. A low traffic neighborhood is a community design approach used in cities to reduce through traffic by cars in residential areas. The main goal is to make local streets safer, quieter and more pleasant for people who walk, cycle; and spend time outside, who are commuting and walking to the train station; or walking to school. If you are interested in joining and you are not on the transportation committee, reach out to Karla Fuentes or Sabah Munawar by October 26th.

A few months ago, we sent a letter to Congress Member Grace Meng about our concerns about air traffic in our community. We received a letter back from the Congresswoman. The letter reads as follows:

As you know, Forest Hills and Rego Park sit below one of the most complex airspaces in the country. And that is why, as your Member of Congress, ensuring the safety of our nation's aviation system remains one of my highest priorities. This spring, I experienced firsthand the gaps that still exist when my plane, traveling home to Queens from Washington, had its wing clipped by another aircraft. Fortunately, no one was injured, but I was deeply alarmed to see a similar incident occur at LaGuardia Airport just this month. These incidents serve as stark reminders that aviation safety cannot be taken for granted. We must do more to strengthen oversight, improve infrastructure, and support the professionals who keep our skies safe. Earlier this year, I met with local members of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association to hear directly about the growing pressures facing our aviation workforce and the support they need to keep our skies safe. Their commitment and expertise are unmatched, and I am determined to ensure they have the tools and resources necessary to succeed. That is why I joined my colleagues in calling on the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to: Reexamine the safety of heavily trafficked airspaces, address both the national and local shortages of air traffic controllers and fully implement the key safety and personnel provisions of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024. I also recognize that making our sky safer requires a significant investment. And as a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, which is responsible for funding the federal government, I've done just that, consistently fighting for more money for safety and modernization at the FAA. As we enter the third week of a government shutdown, there is even greater uncertainty across the aviation sector, threatening both safety operations and the stability of our workforce. That's why I co-sponsor the Aviation Funding Stability Act of 2025 (H.R. 5451), which would protect FAA programs and personnel from funding disruptions and maintain continuous safety oversight even during a lapse in government funding. Please be assured that I will continue to advocate for robust federal action to enhance aviation safety and protect the professionals who make air travel possible. I appreciate your commitment to these issues on behalf of the Community Board.

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis thanked the Congresswoman for her advocacy and for her response to this issue.

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT

District Manager Christine Nolan reported the following:

We are co-sponsoring a Flu shot clinic with Northwell and Council Member Lynn Schulman on Tuesday October 28, 2025, from 3 pm – 8 pm at the Community Board Office. Please sign up using the QR code on the flyer or call the office. They need to know how many shots are needed, so you need to make an appointment.

The Transportation, Public Transit, Street Safety Committee will be holding a committee meeting and public hearing on Thursday October 23, 2025, on Citi-Bike. We will get a presentation from DOT and hear from the public. Even if you are not on the Transportation Committee, we encourage you to attend, since this is a public hearing. While there won't be a vote on this, DOT will also be presenting at our November meeting, and it will be good if board members hear from the public before that meeting. Please help us by sharing the information about the meeting with your neighbors, friends, networks, etc. We want to make sure the community knows that Citi-Bike is expanding and they have a chance to voice their opinions.

Lost Battalion Hall construction has been delayed again. It is delayed due to the fact that it is a very old building and as the construction was going on, they discovered additional issues. They are now working on getting their C of O's and permits closed with DOB to complete construction. Once the construction is complete, they will start to prepare the center for programming. They do plan to bring back the Summer Camp and the After School Program when They are anticipating completion by the end of the year. We will keep you all updated.

You will hear more during the Consumer Affairs Report, but I wanted to give an update on the Trick or Streets. We received a request from Street Activity Permit Office to make a recommendation on a Street Event for Austin Street between 71 Ave & 71 Road. It was placed on the agenda for the Consumer Affairs Committee on Tuesday evening and on tonight's agenda for a vote. Once the vote was taken, we would have made a recommendation. On Tuesday, I logged into the system to see that the event was already approved by the Street Activity Permit Office without the recommendation of the Community Board or the NYPD. At that point Heather and I decided to remove it from both agendas. At the Consumer Affairs Committee Meeting, the committee asked if the applicant could come to the Board meeting to talk about the event even if we aren't voting.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS, CULTURAL AFFAIRS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Co-Chair Gladys Sandoval gave the following report:

NEW LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

1. J&D PIZZA RESTAURANT, 98-51 63rd ROAD, RP

This is a pizzeria restaurant. Business is relocating from next door, and has been at this location for over 20 years

2. PORTOFINO, 109-32 ASCAN AVENUE, FH

This is a new owner that is taking over but the method of operation will remain the same as it is currently. The new owner has 25 years of experience here and 15 years in Austria. He is currently the owner of 3 other restaurants/catering halls. However, this location will be a restaurant only.

RENEWAL LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

1. AGORA TAVERNA, 70-09 AUSTIN STREET, FH
2. LOCAL EATERY & CRAFT BEER, 66-75 SELFRIDGE STREET
3. DA MIKELLE II, 102-39/41 QUEENS BLVD., FH
4. TUSCAN HILLS, 110-60 QUEENS BLVD., FH
5. NICK'S BISTRO, 104-20 METROPOLITAN AVENUE, FH
6. L'AMOUR, 102-11 QUEENS BLVD., FH

The Consumer Affairs, Cultural Affairs, Economic Development Committee unanimously supported the new and renewal applications. The 112th Precinct did not have any issues to report. A voice vote was taken for the new liquor license; all were in favor. A voice vote was taken for the renewal of liquor license; all were in favor.

STREET EVENT – TRICK OR STREETS ON AUSTIN STREET

Co-Chair Sandoval reported that the trick or streets on Austin Street has been approved by the mayor's office, no vote needs to be taken. The committee decided for courtesy to ask Pedro Rodriguez to speak about trick or streets on Austin Street as the committee has heard about other festivals, street events or anything where we need to close the streets for.

Pedro Rodriguez – I am the founder of Neighbors for a Safer Austin Street. The event will be held on October 31st, it will be a tricker or street event. The city started safer streets, which is a program throughout parts of the neighborhoods in order to make trick-or-treating safer in the city. According to the Red Cross and other health administrations, the most dangerous day of the year is Halloween. They are twice as likely to get hit by a car as opposed to finding a sharp item in an apple. There are a lot of small children walking around in costumes at night. We applied in January for an open street permit, which didn't happen and received a one-day permit in the summer. Before the event actually happened, the council member brought up the idea of trick or streets. We decided to try it, and it was approved even though it was rushed. I do apologize to the board for rushing the event, it wasn't my intention. This process is new to me. This is the first safety street in Forest Hills and in Community Board 6.

Questions and comments were taken.

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis wanted to clear up trick or streets. She reported that the board is used to a street closure coming to us and waiting for us to weigh in. In fact, we've been collaborating with the 112th Pct. which coordinates with us. This is a DOT-sponsored event hoping to make children safer. That is why it was initially on the agenda, since we don't have to vote on this, I didn't want to waste time at the meeting.

District Manager Nolan added that we are frustrated with the city because they change the rules, they tell us one thing and then they tell us something different. It's hard for me to do my job if the rules are changing every day. We would have preferred it if the street activity permit office or DOT had informed us about this event.

BSA APPLICATION – 98-01/05 METROPOLITAN AVENUE ZONING – THIS APPLICATION SEEKS A SPECIAL PERMIT, PURSUANT TO 73-03 AND 73-311 OF THE NEW YORK CITY ZONING RESOLUTION (“ZONING RESOLUTION” OR “ZR”). TO PERMIT, ON A SITE WITHIN A C1-3 (R3-2) ZONING DISTRICT, THE OPERATION OF AN EXISTING ACCESSORY DRIVE-THROUGH FACILITY OPERATING IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN AS OF RIGHT

McDONALD'S EATING AND DRINKING ESTABLISHMENT (USE GROUP VI). APPLICANT IS REQUESTING A SPECIAL PERMIT TO EXTEND THE PREVIOUSLY ISSUED SPECIAL PERMIT (WHICH EXPIRED ON 3-24-25) FOR 10 YEARS.

Chair Keith Engel reported on the BSA application located at 98-01/05 Metropolitan Avenue zoning application. The committee met on September 18th, where we heard from the applicant. This application renews. The operation of an existing accessory drive-through facility operating in conjunction with an as-of-right McDonald's eating and drinking establishment. The applicant is requesting a special permit to extend the previously issued special permit which expired in March for ten years. I would like to thank the public for their testimony. Since the committee meeting, there have been some clarifications from the applicant team as to what action was being sought. I would like to ask the applicant to detail some of the information on the conversation during the BSA meeting and to respond to what we heard from the public comments tonight.

Eric Palatnick represents McDonald's at 98-01/05 Metropolitan Avenue, it's been there since 1983, and it's been operating since 1983 with a special permit from the Board of Standards and Appeals for its drive-through. This special permit is required to be renewed every ten years, and it expired in 2025 of this year. It is being renewed now and filed as a new special permit provision of the City of Yes, basically the same thing that has been going on for many years.

We met with the Land Use Committee, Elyse Foladare was there from my office, and with the Board of Standards and Appeals. Originally this application was to change the drive-through hours to 24 hours, we have taken that back. We are asking to maintain the same hours, opening at 6 AM and closing at 12 PM.

Another concern that came up at the meeting is the deliveries that occur at night, and garbage is taken out at night. The garbage truck comes in through 69th Road; we spoke with the Board of Standards and Appeals and will be installing a chain enclosure along 69th Road at night when the facility closes. It will force the trucks to come into the facility through Metropolitan Avenue.

There were concerns about noise from the neighbors, we will be installing a sound attenuation fence. Much like you see along the Long Island Expressway or other similar locations. We will be submitting plans to your board in an effort to be more responsive to the speakers' concerns and others.

With respect to any garbage that's on the side street of McDonald's, this is operated by the franchisee, it's not operated by McDonald's corporation. They agreed to send out more staff onto the side street to clean up. People parking and eating are entitled to park wherever they want to park their cars, once they leave the property. We can't stop people from doing so. We will do our best to encourage them to park and eat on our property when they come through the drive-through. This is basically everything that came up at the committee meeting. I recognize that some people who live near the property aren't very happy, but we have been there for 42 years, and we're not changing too much about it. We are improving on the concerns that were raised with the fencing that will be put up on 69th Road.

Questions and comments were taken.

I live nearby, I observe the drive through, you have two lanes and there is a blind spot on each side. On the left side you have a building, and, on the right, you have a hedge. Cars need to go onto the sidewalk to leave the drive through, and they can't see pedestrians. The cars aren't stopping or going slowly to look for pedestrians.

In the summer the store had a policy that said no kids allowed. Are you aware of this sign?

Answer: No, I have heard throughout the country that there's been a problem with high school kids getting rowdy in public establishments. Where I live there are places where they are not welcomed.

District Manager Nolan: We did get some complaints about children from local schools getting rowdy in McDonald's. There were fights that broke out in McDonald's. I think the policy is no kids without parents. There were patrons that couldn't sit in McDonald's because of the fighting.

Eric Palatnick: I want to clarify that they are very welcoming of customers in the facility. This policy was put in place just to protect the well-being of the general public.

Chair Heather Beers-Dimitriadis: They also have this policy as well at Wendy's or time limits as to how long you're allowed to be there not just in the summer but through the school year with high school students. I think the question is about the blind spot, cars not seeing the pedestrians. Are there mirrors that could help?

Answer: I will see if there are mirrors at these blind spots. I do know that there haven't been any reports of accidents on the property in the past ten years. There haven't been any injuries, but that doesn't mean that one can't happen. We'll take a look.

During the committee meeting we asked about 911 complaints, I don't think there were any 911 complaints, do you know of any 311 complaints?

Answer: No, I haven't been alerted to any problems; I have known it to be a well-liked facility

What about Ms. Wang's question regarding Metropolitan Avenue versus the 69th Road exit?

Answer: There is no intention of changing the exits. It was designed, built and was rebuilt with this design in place. We have met with the BSA about it and have reviewed it. As for the quality of life, we are doing our best to address it. The functionality of the layout is good; it functions well. It has been operating for 40 years and has not caused any accidents.

What is the status of allowing people to park their cars in the parking lot and use the library?

Answer: I doubt that anyone was given a hard time in parking in the parking lot to go to the library after you ate in McDonald's. It's not something that will be encouraged; using the McDonald's parking lot to access the library. We are required under the zoning to have a certain amount of parking to satisfy the anticipated demands.

Chair Keith Engel: The BSA met at the end of September, they are waiting for our vote and recommendations. The committee did recommend approving the applications with conditions; eight yes and four no.

A motion was made with these conditions for the land use vote on McDonald's:

- BSA to seriously consider the public testimony regarding the facility operations and incorporate that into their vote.
- Suggest that the existing parking spaces above the minimum amount required by the zoning resolution be set aside to allow parking for the library at the east end of the site.
- Applicant to strongly consider future development of the site for housing with a retail base which would continue to allow McDonald's tenancy.

The motion was 19 Yes and 19 No, the motion failed.

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PUBLIC HEARING

Noah Waldman

I'm speaking on behalf of NYC plan, the public library's Action Network, and I ask that you, as my community board, commit to fighting in every way you can for at least half of the city's annual expected expense budget to be earmarked for our public libraries. Not just for fiscal year 2027 but for every year going forward to be pegged to that amount of the budget, 0.5%, not even a whole percent. Libraries provide some of the best places in the city for people of all ages, incomes, immigration status, ethnicity, et cetera to spend time and socialize without the expectation of a purchase or transfer of money. If they were just places where people would borrow books, movies and other media, or get online, that would be enough to justify their existence. But they also provide spaces for group meetings, programming that enriches the public, and they provide places somewhere cool in the summer for people to cool down and somewhere warm in the winter for people who otherwise lack those spaces. All good things about the library are driven by library workers, I also ask that as part of that budget, we prioritize hiring more library workers, that's librarians, and that everyone who works in the library, everybody responsible for keeping these places open, safe and clean. For everybody in the room and everybody listening virtually, I recommend stopping by your local library. These are your places too. If you don't have a library card, you should get one; they're the best deal in the city.

Mark Laster thanked the public speaker and stated that we do have a number of priorities on our list for Queens Public Library. He then started the Budget Priority Presentation:

In spring of 2025, all the committees met, and they reviewed budget priorities.

In the summer of 2025, there was a board priority ranking. We gave out a survey to all 50 community board members, 45 responded, and that's how we got these priorities. We also did a public survey over the summer, which was sent to the CB members to review when making their rankings. Once we received the rankings, we held a board review, where we invited the whole board to come and ask questions about the budget priorities. I think at that meeting about 35 board members came. So, to get that's how we got to this point.

Throughout the process, we asked board members to participate in the budget priority process and ask questions. We also asked board members to let us know ahead of time if they had any changes to the budget priority ranking that was distributed. We received 3 requests from Nile Johnson.

Nile Johnson made a motion to switch # 31 on the expense budget priorities list which was to provide technical assistance resources to help homeowners navigate the process of adding a locationally appropriate, safe, legal, and rentable ADU, including basement apartments with #19 which is to study land use & zoning to better match current uses or neighborhood character. Motion was seconded. After the discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed, 23 Yes, 14 No.

Nile Johnson made a motion to switch expense budget item # 36, which is to expand and maintain the Breaking Ground Mobile Teams with # 20, which is Maintain and Increase funding for snow removal of sidewalks, crosswalks and bike lanes. Motion was seconded. After discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed 19 Yes, 20 No.

Nile Johnson made a motion to switch expense budget item # 39, which is to increase inspections of stores that sell tobacco and flavored vapes without a license and who sell to minors with # 11, which is to conduct traffic and parking studies to reduce traffic and congestion. Motion was seconded. After discussion, a vote was taken. Motion failed 30 No, 7 Yes.

Keith Engel made a motion to switch # 31, which is study land use & zoning to better match current uses or neighborhood character and # 24, which is to add 1 additional day of collection for curbside composting for buildings with 10+ units. Motion was seconded.

After discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed 26 Yes, 10 No.

Motion was made by John Dereszewski to accept the Capital Budget Priorities. Motion seconded by Peter Beadle. Motion passed on a voice vote, All In Favor.

Motion was made by Peter Beadle to accept the Expense Budget Priorities. Motion seconded by Karla Fuentes. Motion passed on a voice vote, All In Favor.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPRESENTATIVES

ASSEMBLY MEMBER ANDREW HEVESI

Eliana Swell reported the following:

- Five bills are awaiting the governor's signature from last legislative session regarding childcare, foster youth, child protective services, and staff-to-child ratios in childcare.
- October is domestic violence awareness month; the Assemblymember led a hearing for domestic violence shelters to testify on issues with current funding streams and how we can move forward to better support the workers and survivors.
- We held a community cleanup at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Garden.
- Metro cleanup was rescheduled to November due to the weather.
- Q23 update; The MTA will extend the Q23 bus stop at 108th Street and 71st Avenue to cover the entire block to give buses more space and reduce congestion.

CONGRESS MEMBER GRACE MENG

Jordan Goldes reported the following:

- We are in the middle of a federal government shutdown, our offices remain open, and our staff continues to assist constituents.
- The congresswoman is ready to negotiate and vote for a government spending bill that protects healthcare, lowers costs, and ends the shutdown. We will keep you posted.
- Saturday October 18th, electronics and textile recycling event in LeFrak City.
- Thursday, October 23rd, electronics and textile recycling event at 114-03 Queens Boulevard.
- Friday, October 24th, paper shredding event at Briarwood Library.
- The congressional app. challenge is still open until October 30th. It is for middle school children in the district; you must live or go to school in the district. The winner gets their app. displayed on Capitol Hill and they come down for a reception.

COUNCIL MEMBER LYNN SCHULMAN

Kevin McAleer reported the following:

- Participatory Budgeting is starting late; it will be done mostly online. I left some palm cards to show you how to submit your ideas online. You can also send me your ideas.
- I left some ballot information for everyone to take; it explains the proposals.

NEW YORK CITY COMPTROLLER BRAD LANDER

James Mongeluzo reported the following:

- We audited the ACS, Department of Health, Department of Social Services and Department of the Aging to see if they've spent over \$8 million on subcontractors they didn't vet, get competitive bids or their contractors did get competitive.

- We audited the law department, and we found that a lot of the time; they delay contracts, companies aren't getting paid on time, nonprofits aren't getting paid on time, and they have to take out loans. All our audits are on our website; you can track and see the recommendations we gave.
- English language learners' programs and Department of Education, the comptroller found that a large percentage of students have teachers who aren't prepared to teach in an environment of English language learners.
- We secured \$15 million from private companies that had contracts with the city and underpaid workers. You can check to see if your name is on that board through our website.
- We have a dashboard for the worst employers; Amazon has the most labor violations in the city. DoorDash has the most cases of not paying workers.

SENATOR MICHAEL GIANARIS

Mercedes Jennings reported the following:

- **Con Ed Scam:** If you receive a letter indicating that you're moving and you never informed Con Ed of this please inform Con Ed right away and contact our office. Already our office received 6 constituents in the district (2 from Maspeth, 1 from Woodside, 1 from Astoria, 1 from Ridgewood, and 1 from Sunnyside). Our office and Assemblyman Raga's office are working on this collaboratively to ensure that this is known on a citywide scale to prevent fraud and accounts falsely being opened under accounts that already exist and are not moving to a new location. Many have complete shut-offs, and our office had to work to ensure their service was turned back on and stays on. Also our office has reached out to the NYC Department of Consumer and Worker Protection to see if they have heard of this going on city-wide, to identify if this is an isolated incident or a full-fledged scam.
- I have also included the online link to Con Ed and a PDF on how to communicate with Con Ed if anyone sees a scam or identifies if someone is trying to scan your Con Ed account
- **Inflation Refund Check:** As I mentioned in my June report, the 2025-2026 NY State Budget is providing the first-ever state of NY inflation refund checks to New Yorkers who file tax returns. These one-time payments will provide relief to New Yorkers who have paid increased sales taxes due to inflation. If you qualify for a payment, you do not need to do anything; the state will automatically send you a check. Checks will be mailed over a period of several weeks starting at the end of September. Checks will only be mailed out. This is important to remember because there is a scam happening where you would receive an email or phone call requesting account information to get the check. **DO NOT VOLUNTEER YOUR INFORMATION!** The state will not email you or call you. They already have your information to send you the check (if you haven't received it already). They will only be mailed out to those who filed taxes. They will not be directly deposited, and the state will not contact you to send them.
- **Our Office moved to a new address.** We are now located at 37-18 Northern Blvd, LIC, NY 11101. Our phone number and contact information remain the same. Please view the copy of the new business card attached.
- **Queens Bus Redesign Update:** Our office remains vigilant in following up with the MTA and DOT about the changes that have happened to our bus routes. If anyone is experiencing mobility issues, access to necessary buses on their route, or needs stops reinstated please feel free to contact our office.
- **OMNY card update:** Our office has received several complaints about Senior OMNY cards, Student OMNY cards, and the double-charging and the lack of honoring transfers on the OMNY card. If you are experiencing this, please feel free to contact our office. We have been following up with the MTA to see if this can be resolved before the "retirement of the Metrocard" which is happening on December 31, 2025.

QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT DONOVAN RICHARDS

Amparito Rosero reported the following:

- Saturday, October 18th join us for our first-ever Filipino American History month celebration at St. James Episcopal Church, 84-07 Broadway in Elmhurst. This is an all-day event so drop by any time. From 10:30 am – 12 pm, we'll be hosting a free breakfast and welcome panel.
 - 12 pm – 1 pm mental health workshop.
 - 1 pm – 2 pm we'll be hosting our awards ceremony acknowledging our Queens-based members of the Filipino community.
 - 2 pm – 5 pm we'll be hosting cultural performances, meryenda (afternoon snacks), and a resource fair. Come enjoy the performances, food, and receive information on healthcare, legal services, workers' rights, education, small business support, hate crime prevention, environmental protection, voting and more!
- Thursday, October 23rd, we hope you can join us for our South Queens Job Fair. This will be from 2 pm -5 pm at the Ozone Park Library, 92-24 Rockaway Blvd. Join us for a day of networking and on-site interviews with dozens of employers from a wide array of industries. Bring your resume.

You may RSVP to any of these events on our website at queensbp.nyc.gov

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to our office. You may call us on 718-286-3000. Or you may email me directly at arosero@queensbp.nyc.gov

ASSEMBLY MEMBER CATALINA CRUZ

Jessica Cortes reported the following:

- The NLA mobile van clinic, it will be held in our office next week. If you want to schedule an appointment, call our office.
- We will be hosting a workshop with the New York Power Authority located at NHS of Queens, 94-33 Corona Avenue.

SENATOR JOSEPH P. ADDABBO

Sean McCabe reported the following:

- Sunday, October 26th from 10 AM – 12 PM Java with Joe, at Deja Brew, 102-10 Jamaica Avenue, Richmond Hill
- Sunday, October 26th from 12 PM – 3 PM Artist Showcase, at Forest Hills Jewish Center, 106-06 Queens Boulevard
- Wednesday, October 29th from 10 AM – 2 PM, Metrocard Van, 84-16 Jamaica Avenue, Woodhaven
- Friday, November 14th from 10 AM – 1 PM, annual job fair, Aqueduct Racetrack, 110-00 Rockaway Boulevard

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm.

Minutes are submitted by Maria Concolino

The meeting recording will be posted on YouTube (www.tinyurl.com/cb6youtube).

The meeting minutes will be posted on the CB6 website (<https://www.nyc.gov/site/queenscb6/indexpage>).

CB 6 VOTING SHEET 10-16-25	NEW LIQUOR LICENSE APPS	RENEWAL LIQUOR LICENSE APPS	BSA - 98-01/05 METROPOLIT AN AVE			
EDGAR ALFONSECA			N			
DAVID ARONOV			Y			
ROBERT ASHE			Y			
ANISIA AYON			N			
SALUA BAIDA			N			
KAVISH BATRA			Y			
PETER BEADLE		A	A	N		
HOWARD BIRNBAUM		L	L	N		
L.T. CIACCIO		L	L	N		
KANDRA CLARK	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT			
LATRICE DAVIS		I	I	N		
JOHN DERESZEWSKI		N	N	Y		
HEATHER DIMITRIADIS				N		
KEITH ENGEL		F	F	Y		
ALEM FERATOVIC		A	A	Y		
KARLA FUENTES		V	V	N		
NICHOLAS GALIPEAU		O	O	Y		
TAMARA GAVRIELOF	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT			
ANDY GUO			N			
KAREN IMAS	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT			
SARINA JAIN	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT			
NILE JOHNSON			Y			
MARCELLE LASHLEY-KABORE			N			
MARK LASTER			N			
DR. RENEE MEHRRRA			NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE			
PAT MORGAN			N			
SABAH MUNAWAR			N			
JESSICA POORAN	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT			
JOI PRATT			Y			
RAJ PUNJABI			PRESENT			
DIANA RACHNAEV			Y			
GARRI RIVKIN			Y			
LIZ ROBINS			Y			
PEDRO RODRIGUEZ			N			
SHARI ROLNICK			Y			
GLADYS SANDOVAL			N			
DAVID SCHANTZ			Y			
HERBERT SCHONHAUT			Y			
AMIT PRATAP SHAH			Y			
EUGENE SHVARTSMAN	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT			
JEAN C. SILVA			Y			
DANIEL SOLOW			N			
LOU TECPANECATL			Y			
MARTHA TUCKER	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT			
DIANA WALCOTT			N			
BRENTLY WINSTEAD			N			
EPHRAIM ZAKRY			Y			
TOTALS:	ALL IN FAVOR	ALL IN FAVOR	19 YES, 19 NO			

CB 6 VOTING SHEET 10-16-25 CAPITAL AND EXPENSE VOTES	EXPENSE SWAP #19 & #31	EXPENSE SWAP #20 & #36	EXPENSE SWAP #11 & #39	EXPENSE SWAP #31 & #24	EXPENSE BUDGET PRIORITIES AS AMENDED	CAPITAL BUDGET PRIORITIES
EDGAR ALFONSECA	N	N	N	Y		
DAVID ARONOV	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE
ROBERT ASHE	Y	N	Y	Y		
ANISIA AYON	N	Y	N	Y	ALL	ALL
SALUA BAIDA	N	Y	N	Y	IN	IN
KAVISH BATRA	Y	Y	N	N	FAVOR	FAVOR
PETER BEADLE	N	Y	N	Y		
HOWARD BIRNBAUM	Y	Y	N	N		
L.T. CIACCIO	Y	Y	N	Y		
KANDRA CLARK	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
LATRICE DAVIS	N	N	N	Y		
JOHN DERESZEWSKI	N	N	N	Y		
HEATHER DIMITRIADIS	Y	Y	N	Y		
KEITH ENGEL	Y	Y	N	Y		
ALEM FERATOVIC	Y	N	N	N		
KARLA FUENTES	Y	Y	N	Y		
NICHOLAS GALIPEAU	Y	N	N	N		
TAMARA GAVRIELOF	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
ANDY GUO	Y	Y	N	Y		
KAREN IMAS	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
SARINA JAIN	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
NILE JOHNSON	Y	Y	Y	Y		
MARCELLE LASHLEY-KABORE	Y	Y	N	Y		
MARK LASTER	Y	Y	Y	N		
DR. RENEE MEHRRRA	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE
PAT MORGAN	Y	N	N	Y		
SABAH MUNAWAR	Y	Y	N	Y		
JESSICA POORAN	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
JOI PRATT	N	N	N	Y		
RAJ PUNJABI	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE
DIANA RACHNAEV	Y	N	N	Y		
GARRI RIVKIN	N	Y	N	Y		
LIZ ROBINS	N	N	N	N		
PEDRO RODRIGUEZ	N	Y	Y	Y		
SHARI ROLNICK	Y	N	N	Y		
GLADYS SANDOVAL	N	N	Y	Y		
DAVID SCHANTZ	Y	N	N	Y		
HERBERT SCHONHAUT	N	N	N	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE
AMIT PRATAP SHAH	N	N	N	Y		
EUGENE SHVARTSMAN	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
JEAN C. SILVA	N	N	N	N		
DANIEL SOLOW	Y	N	N	Y		
LOU TECPANECATL	Y	Y	Y	N		
MARTHA TUCKER	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
DIANA WALCOTT	Y	Y	Y	N		
BRENTLY WINSTEAD	Y	Y	N	Y		
EPHRAIM ZAKRY	Y	N	N	N		
TOTALS:	23 YES, 14 NO	19 YES, 18 N	7 YES, 30 NO	26 YES, 10, N	ALL IN FAVOR	ALL IN FAVOR