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## CB 6 MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 9, 2020

### PRESENT

A. WEITZMAN, CHAIR  
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H. DIMITRIADIS  
E. FELDER  
G. FERRERAS  
B. GRIFFITH  
B. GROSSBERG  
M. HECHT

O. HORODNICEANU  
M. JACOBSON  
J. KEVELSON  
M. LASTER  
N. LEIBOWITZ  
R. LEONART  
J. LI  
K. LY  
J. MAKIN  
J. MEDINA  
S. METZ  
P. MORGAN

E. MURRAY  
K. NEUMANN  
E. NEWTON  
T. PADGETT  
S. ROLNICK  
H. SCHONHAUT  
J. SILVA  
R. SILVER  
M. SILVERSTEIN  
S. WANDERMAN  
J. WESTON  
E. WONG

### ABSENT

M. BERFAS  
J. GOLANT  
E. KALENDAREV

R. MEHRRA  
R. NEKTALOV

### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

FRANK GULLUSCIO  
DONOVAN RICHARDS  
D. BROWN  
J. SCHABOWSKI  
J. GOLDES  
M. COHEN

CB 6 DISTRICT MANAGER  
QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY KATZ  
MAYOR'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS UNIT  
OFFICE OF CONGRESS MEMBER MENG  
OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ

This meeting was held virtually via Zoom due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

## PUBLIC FORUM

The public will now be able to state or read their comments during the zoom meeting. All requests for public comment must be submitted via email to [QN06@CB.NYC.GOV](mailto:QN06@CB.NYC.GOV) by 3pm on the day of meeting. Public comments submitted by Friday at 5pm, will be included in the minutes.

**1) Aashni Shah**

*Good evening everyone, I'm a resident of Rego Park and a concerned community member. Recently, I came across a bill pending in Council called Intro 2022-2020, a mobile application for food delivery that provides reduced/free of cost groceries. I understand that there is currently a food delivery system due to the pandemic. However, this is temporary and we need to make it a permanent program. Food pantries, soup kitchens, and grocery stores are not accessible to all our residents or New Yorkers. Those who struggle to acquire food are elderly, disabled, those who live in food deserts, and/or are immunocompromised. Let me share some statistics. New York City, has approximately 1.2 million residents, or 14.4% who are food insecure. This rate is higher for both the national and New York State rates. However, due to COVID-19, this figure could have risen because of the large number of people unemployed and cannot afford food right now. The Food Bank of New York City reported that they distributed nearly 21 million meals across the city since the start of the outbreak, this is an increase of 20% in overall food distribution compared to the same period last year. They also found that 91% of pantries and kitchens reported an increase in first-time visitors. Many of these food pantries and kitchens are being drained of their resources and people are traveling to other boroughs in search of food or stretching their existing food supply. This is unacceptable, food is a human right and we should treat it as so. Speaking to Councilmember Koslowitz's office, they said she will support the bill. However, that is not enough, it is important that all our community members push for our lawmakers in Congress and Senate to increase SNAP funding, and work towards combating food insecurity. Nobody should go hungry.*

**2) Jitendra Patel**

*Jitendra Patel is a 26 year resident of the Gardens at Forest Hills. Mr. Patel spoke about running for the co-op board and the election process. He highlighted the unethical behavior of his opponent, the current undemocratic voting process and the malfeasance of the current board leadership.*

**3) Lily Liang**

*My name is Lily Liang. I am a board director of the Gardens at Forest Hills Owners Corp. I request to speak at the 12/9 meeting as an organization representative, with regard to law enforcement's inaction to our Co-op board power abuse and apparent corruption. The issues concern 368 households in Forest Hills. Most of them are Asians with limited English proficiency and economically disadvantaged. We need help from our community board.*

*"Our Co-op president Belal Mohd, who is a real estate broker and owns Superiors Services Realty LLC, controls the Co-op board. For years, we could not have a fair election. Mohd was caught on video of himself examining election proxies in support of his opponents. It is like Trump examined Biden's votes or vice versa. In 2019 election, vote inspectors hired by the board disqualified 35 proxies which resulted in only two opposition leaders including me elected to the board. Mohd and pals still control the board. The decade long control resulted in:*

*1. More than 100 apartments from our Co-op were sold by Mohd and his associate. One woman provided affidavit that she was charged \$10,000 for accommodating a relative and left no choice but to hire Mohd's firm and sold her apartment. Some others were also arbitrarily charged penalties of thousands of dollars.*

*2. \$5 million rent stabilized apartment sales with \$920,000 wiped off to somewhere unknown.*

The board under Mohd's tenure sold 22 rent stabilized apartments that belonged to the Co-op from end of 2007 to 2016. The sales which totaled about \$5 million were under Co-op subsidiary's name and record at ACRIS. Co-op financial statements showing about \$920,000 was wiped off to places unknown. Mohd claimed that the wipe offs included renovation expense, but renovation contracts he provided to court had no signature. Even the contractor did not sign.

3. Hired a management company for \$52,000 a year but the company doesn't do the management job under contract

A management company called SLJ Property Management was hired for \$52,000 a year. Under contract the company was to "perform its duty in the management, operation and maintenance" of the Co-op. But in reality, the Co-op has its own management office onsite to perform such duties. We never seen any personnel from SLJ comes to the Coop to perform duties as described.

Hundreds of our households have served as income sources for Mohd for more than 13 years. We asked the New York Attorney General Office to help. They responded that they had too many cases to care about us and we should sue on our own. We sued twice, but both cases were dismissed by Queens Supreme Court for procedure issues. While we were paying out of our own pockets, the board was entitled to Coop money for their lawyer fees. After spending Co-op money on their legal expenses, Mohd and his pals on the board started charging shareholders an assessment in the difficult time when lots of families having trouble to pay for food. We pay taxes, but don't see any protection from law enforcement and judiciary. We humbly ask the CB6 to address our issues to Queens DA to help have our voices heard."

#### 4) **Dilshoda Sultanova**

Re: A Local Law to Amend the Administrative Code of The City Of New York, In Relation to Establishing an Emergency Student Food Plan

The above is a bill (Int. No. 2057), aims to create a food plan to provide food security for students during emergencies. This paper will summarize the issues contained in the Bill (Int. No. 2057).

Students from poor backgrounds who cannot afford meals such as breakfast, lunch, and after school meals are normally provided with those meals at school; however, the lockdown onset due to Covid-19 and the proposal to resume learning via online platforms has left these students stranded. Thus, the Bill has been present by a public advocate Jumanee Williams to have these meals provide nonetheless. Such ensures that any time there are emergencies that lead to the closure of schools or online learning, students eligible for free school meals will continue benefiting from that policy. This Bill is, therefore, an extension to the school free meal policy. It is an amendment to the administrative code of New York City (NYC) via sections 30-104.1.

The Bill provides that the Emergency Management Commissioner will create a student food plan by December 2020. They will collaborate with the office of food supply, the department of education (DOE), and other relevant city agencies to effect this plan. The Bill is meant to benefit all students under 21 years old by September 1st of each academic year enrolled in elementary, middle, and high schools within the jurisdiction of NY city DOE, belonging to district 75 schools or any other educational facilities owned or leased by NY city. The plan should describe; the procedure of food provision, the identification of distribution personnel and their organizational structure, criteria for identification and publicizing of the food distribution points, mechanisms for availing public communication in languages understandable in the community, and any other foreseeable contingencies. The Bill also requires the plan to be availed at the DOE website and for modifications to the food program to be posted within 30 days.

Due to the lack of a specific emergency food program by the DOE, students have received food relief during past emergencies from a collaboration of the New York government and other agencies. During superstorm Sandy, for example, students in all public schools got lunch through the USDA, but the duration was different for each school (Etingoff 3). When Covid-19 struck, public schools were used to distribute food through GetFoodNYC, which has provided over 100 million free meals (Porcelli). The program started by using 470 DOEs to provide three daily free meals to students under 18 years before expanding to 'grab and go' meals for families and adults without children at various other locations. A stipulated program will guarantee three free meals directly from the DOE for as long as the emergency persists.

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**The following public comments were submitted and read out loud by Chair Alexa Weitzman**

**5) Natalie Taktachev**

*Today I raise the issue of construction noise before the board. Currently, there is ongoing construction on 62<sup>nd</sup> and 108<sup>th</sup>, and while I understand this to be necessary, I believe the noise mitigation guidelines neglected to consider COVID restrictions that force many residents to be indoors. Construction regularly begins at almost 7AM on the dot – commendable – however, the pile driver runs all day. It is loud, and echoes as far as the Unisphere in the park. There is no respite from the constant banging except during the lunch break or the end of the workday. This noise has adverse effects on students, and people who work from home or work late.*

*Personally affected is my family. Among us: two essential workers with cardiac issues who return home around 1am, and as a result of this noise, get fewer than 6 hours of sleep -- something proven to be a serious health risk.*

*My sister and I take online courses. Normally straight A students, our performance has been adversely impacted because it is nearly impossible to finish a single thought. Colleagues have commented the sounds, which they hear during Zoom meetings. To tune the sound out with headphones effectively, we risk hearing damage and at that volume music is hardly any less of a distraction.*

*There are very few public spaces currently available where one can safely be productive because of the pandemic. It is also winter now, and even more difficult to remove ourselves from the sound. Reading in the park is no longer appealing.*

*I urge that construction noise be limited during this time. It would be extremely beneficial for all residents struggling with similar issues if: construction began later in the day, if the pile driver ran for a shorter period throughout the day, or if there were a significant series of breaks throughout the day from the noise. Quite frankly, it feels maddening to be exposed to that type of noise for prolonged periods of time and I would be lying if I said I hadn't cried out of frustration to the clanging of a piledriver, staring at my blank assignment, before I decided to write this. Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope a resolution can be reached.*

**6) Tom Delaney**

*There is ongoing construction on 62<sup>nd</sup> and 108<sup>th</sup>. It starts unnecessarily very early at 7 am. It is incredibly distracting to people like myself who work from home. It wakes me up early every day causing sleep deprivation. It's affecting my performance at work. Please do something about the time when the noise begins at a more reasonable time.*

Chair Weitzman expressed to the Board that all public comments are taken seriously and are followed up with personal emails from the Chair. Chair Weitzman reminded the public that you do not have to wait for the next month's meeting but can email issues and concerns anytime to [QN06@CB.NYC.GOV](mailto:QN06@CB.NYC.GOV).

## **QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT DONOVAN RICHARDS**

Borough President Richards wished the community happy holidays and he is looking forward to working and serving along CB6. Queens is leading in the uptick of covid cases and asked folks to continue taking measures to prevent the spread of the virus. BP Richards plans to take the vaccination as he believes you should lead from the 'head and not the tail'. BP office is concerned with the looming closures for small business and is talking to the Mayor and Governor for financial and rental assistance. BP Richards also wants to ensure the equitable distribution of city funds to small businesses in Queens. BP Richards expressed gratitude to outgoing interim BP Sharon Lee for the smooth transition. BP Richards answered

two questions from the floor, one on staff transition and the other on long lines at testing sites. BP encouraged going to city testing sites for faster service.

## MINUTES

The minutes of November 12, 2020 were accepted as written.

There was one objection from the floor from Jean Silva regarding the request to amend the October minutes. Chair Weitzman recognized objection and restated the October minutes were passed by the Board as written. The member's objection is hereby duly noted of the rejection by the Chair for the requested amendment. In order to streamline approval of the minutes, Chair Weitzman requested that the Board review minutes and if possible submit comments/edits before the next meeting. Chair of the By-laws committee expressed to the board that according to Robert's Rule of Order, minutes are not written verbatim but only to summarize decisions made by the Board.

## CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Alexa Weitzman reiterated she welcomes continued engagement and encourages the board to reach out anytime with suggestions and comments.

An ad hoc committee tentatively named *Diversity, Education and Community Engagement Committee* has been formed. Committee is made up with those who were affected by the racial profile incident spoken at last month's public comments and with board members who expressed interest in addressing racism and discrimination in the community. Board member, Tania Padgett was named as the Chair of this new committee.

There was a meeting with the Test & Trace team to cover how to access the most up to date Covid data resources and statistics. Please help prevent overwhelming our healthcare system by adhering to the 4 Core Practices: 1) *Stay home if you are sick*, 2) *Wear face covering*, 3) *Social distance 6 feet apart*, and 4) *Wash & clean hands*. And more recently added 5th practice: 5) *Get tested*. Testing at Health + Hospital sites have the best wait and turnaround time. Please prevent spreading virus by keeping holiday gatherings limited to your immediate family.

Meetings have been planned for community board chairs and district manager with new Borough President Donovan Richards. Chair Weitzman expressed gratitude for outgoing Interim Borough President Sharon Lee.

Chair Weitzman closed with happy celebrations for whatever holiday you will be celebrating.

## **DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT**

District Manager, Frank Gulluscio emphasized again that meeting minutes are not verbatim and anyone is welcome to dissent. In the past meetings have been recorded and now virtually available, can be reviewed at any time.

Mr. Gulluscio spoke about the district office is being audited by the City to review office policies & procedures; update sexual harassment training; and for transition of Borough Hall administration.

Mr. Gulluscio, a member of new Borough President Donovan Richard's transition, commented he was happy to see other board members named onto the transition team. He will be working on a survey to get feedback from other community boards on how to improve the work boards do

Mr. Gulluscio again encouraged anyone who wants to get tested, get tested at the city's Health + Hospital sites.

Lastly, Mr. Gulluscio wished everyone happy holidays and expressed appreciation for the continuing support of the district office and all the work being done by the board. Also, the office has received a limited supply of face and gator shields. Please contact the office if you are in need of face shields and can pick up from the office.

### **Additional comments by Board Chair**

Going back to the Test & Trace meeting, Chair Weitzman indicated the meeting was part of a series hosted by the Aging and Social Services committee and encouraged folks who couldn't attend to watch the meeting recorded available on CB6 Facebook page. Chair Weitzman asked for help to identify indoor locations to be test sites as colder weather during the winter makes it difficult to do outdoor testing. She also mentioned to stay tuned for the availability of home test kits.

## **CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Elizabeth Newton, Chair of Consumer Affairs Committee reported that the Board received one (1) new liquor license application.

- 1) La Boulangerie de Francois Corp, 109-01 72<sup>nd</sup> Road, FH

Comments: Restaurant not new in the neighborhood (est 2011) but will add alcohol beverages to brunch menu. Ms. Newton met with the manager. Outdoor setup: 10 outdoor tables (2 seats); 6 gas heaters within fire department compliance.

CB 6 received the following liquor license renewals:

- 1) Umi Sushi Zheng Inc., 96-05 Metropolitan Avenue, FH
- 2) Austin House, 72-04 Austin Street, FH
- 3) Cabana, 107-10 70<sup>th</sup> Road, FH
- 4) Katsuno Corp., 103-01 Metropolitan Avenue, FH

**Comments:**

1. Austin House: Ms. Newtown met with the manager; outdoor setup includes tables (2 seats) and covering above spread out for socially distancing. Awaiting electrician to install wiring for electrical heating which also will be in compliance with fire department guidelines. Manager indicated they receive emails from the City on updates and changes to outdoor dining regulations. Adheres to indoor capacity guidelines. No complaints from 112th precinct.
2. Cabana: 4 tables (2 seats); 2 gas heaters similar to La Boulangerie; sign in front to show indoor capacity #, conduct body temp check. No complaints/issues from 112th precinct.
3. Umi Sushi: No complaints/issues from 112th precinct. Ms. Newton did not visit.
4. Katsuno: No complaints/issues from 112th precinct. Ms. Newton did not visit.

**Additional comments from Board:**

Peter Beadle: Clarifying if restaurant outdoor space is open or fully enclosed structure (outdoor indoor structure). Ms. Newton confirmed both La Boulangerie and Austin House are fully open outdoor spaces.

The Committee had no objections to the new and renewal applications, and a motion to approve the new and renewal applications passed unanimously on a voice vote.

## **AGING / SOCIAL SERVICES / DISABILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mark Laster, Co-Chair reported the success of the Test & Trace meeting and won't give away the cost of the testing home kit! For those who have difficulty quarantining at home, there is a City program that provides hotel rooms. Next Committee meeting is next Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting presenters will be Queens Community House and Commonpoint to talk about the services they provide. Committee meets every month and welcomes all to attend.

## **EDUCATION, LIBRARY AND YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT**

Heather Dimitriadis, Chair reported the committee met last week.

- Library Update: Rego Park and Forest Hills libraries are opened; North Forest Park remains closed due to ongoing site work. Grab and go service only at the open libraries. Please note libraries are closed for one hour daily for cleaning.
- School Update: Elementary schools reopened. Blended learning students will move to in-person 5 days a week. D75 students return on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Currently 21% of schools are open 5 days a week. No current plans for the return of middle and high

school students. Guidance on the admissions process has been pushed into December without any decision. Ms. Dimitriadis has called schools in our district and currently estimated there are 1,533 outstanding devices (Chromebooks) for students. Overall the city is currently short 60,000 devices. Next committee meeting is January 4<sup>th</sup> with Queens Public Libraries to talk about their on-line resources and capital project overviews.

- Ms. Dimitriadis responded to a question from the floor about the status of specialized high school admissions.


## GOOD & WELFARE

Heidi Chain: Gave an overview of what the Precinct Council does:

- Helps to increase community and precinct relations;
- Holds monthly meetings and the next meeting is on Wednesday at 7pm, please RSVP at [council112@yahoo.com](mailto:council112@yahoo.com);
- the Commanding officer is always present to answer questions at Council meetings, please email questions in advance.
- Hosts community events like: Night Out Against Crime with 2,000 attendees; sponsor Health Safety Fair with CERT, Volunteer Ambulance Corp and Lions Club; sponsor celebrate diversity event with a student art contest and cultural dinner; and fundraise at the street fairs.
- During pandemic, Precinct Council has found they have had to shift services because they have been contracted with many issues and have directed them to the precinct. Some of the issues have been of an emergency nature like food and water assistance and precinct has delivered food. Council is assisting people with getting on Meals on Wheels, and contact Queens Community House for individual assistance.
- Worked with the CERT team to provide free interview practice for remote interviews for those who are looking for employment but doing it virtually for the first time. Please email [remoteinterviewpractice@yahoo.com](mailto:remoteinterviewpractice@yahoo.com) for assistance.
- Respond to questions about Sector meetings (ABC&D). Sector meetings are happening virtually and are facilitated by the Precinct Council. It's good to attend these meetings as they specifically cover the area you live in. Board can help cross promote sector meetings in a flyer.

Jean Silva: City parks are open. Go to <http://www.nycgovparks.org/> for numerous free programming available at our city parks. Encouraged folks to go out and enjoy the fresh air but to do it safely.

Naomi Altman: Asked all committee chairs to submit budget priorities for their area of concerns by February meeting; and to send a note to who she will be contacting from the committee. Chair Weitzman reviewed the process for submitting capital and expense projects for next year's budget priorities. Committee chairs should be discussing with their committees and developing a committee level priority list. Naomi and the Finance Committee will then





review the committee lists and compile all the projects to be reviewed by the full Board hopefully in early spring.

Edwin Wong: Announced Forest Hills Asian Association will be hosting a Rank Choice Voting seminar in partnership with Rank the Vote on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm. Noted that Commonpoint and Queens Community House have food pantries for those who are experiencing food insecurity. Please donate if you can to the pantries.

John Dereszewski: Announced By-laws committee will be meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. All are invited from the Board to attend. By-laws update is closed to being finished by Committee and the Board will get to review amended by-laws soon.

Pat Morgan: Emphasized the need to streamline posting of notices and announcements from CB6 on the twelve+ local Facebook community groups covering our district. Chair Weitzman indicated there will be an upcoming Public Relations and Social Media committee meeting next Wednesday at 4pm. The committee will be a starting point to discuss the promotion, process and criteria for more effective sharing on social media. Lastly, inquired about the Preservation Committee meeting which Chair Weitzman indicated one is scheduled in January.

Heather Dimitriadis: Asked to clarify the reason for a February deadline of budget priorities which Chair Weitzman explained the thought process in the timeline for the finance committee. Committee chairs are being asked to submit a preliminary list as it has always been done in past years but there's an effort to fine tune the process this year.

Steve Metz: Asked if anyone was aware of holds on renewal of Medicaid, entitlements and denial of public assistance.

#### MAYOR'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS UNIT

Jessica Schabowski announced the following:

- Applications will open on December 14 for businesses impacted by Covid in zip code 11374 for the NYC Low to Moderate Income (LMI) storefront loans. Loans are interest free and up to the amount of \$100,000 to help restart or continue business operations. To qualify businesses must be in the designated zip code zone, employ 2 to 99 employees, and have been in operation before January 1, 2018. For more information go to [nyc.gov/storefrontloan](https://nyc.gov/storefrontloan).
- Covid cases have been increasing rapidly. City has amassed 150,000 pieces of PPE after announcing a 90 day stockpile. City is advising adults over 65 and people with underlying conditions to limit their activities outside of their home and avoid public spaces and gathering. New Yorkers in general are advised not to travel during this holiday season. City has been working with the State on the roll out of Covid19 vaccine. Vaccines may not be available to the general public until mid-2021. First Pfizer vaccine shipment is expected on December 15<sup>th</sup> and first Moderna shipment the week after. Distribution priorities are for those in the most need groups including

healthcare workers, workers in nursing homes, and those in the 24 hardest hit neighborhoods, and those in public housing. Pfizer vaccine requires ultra cold storage and the City is preparing storage capacity for processing. The city will monitor inventory by reviewing immunizations records to ensure everyone gets both doses.

Closed by wishing everyone a happy holiday and asked folks not to travel.

Ms. Schabowski addressed a question about the long delay of admissions details for middle and high school application processes and criticism of DOE using pandemic as an excuse to change test and screening criterias. Also, asked to provide an updated number for outstanding electronic devices and transparency on tech support for schools, students and families.

#### QUEENS DISTRICT ATTORNEY MELINDA KATZ

Dan Brown thanked the Board for their work during these trying times. Dan and Tara Chester are members of the Community Engagement Division and responsible for building a bridge between the community and the DA Office . The DA's slogan is the 'first time you meet the DA shouldn't be when you are being prosecuted'. Dan will reach out to Mr. Gulluscio about Co-op issue spoken during public comments and can put this on the DA's radar. Dan can be reached at (718) 286-6593 and email, [dtbrown@queensda.org](mailto:dtbrown@queensda.org). Please contact for specific issues, or request DA to come to meetings/events, or to do presentations. Go to website [queensda.org](http://queensda.org) to learn more about the various assistance programs (hotline numbers, victim advocacy, youth, elder fraud, domestic violence, human trafficking) provided by the DA office.

Answered a question regarding the restarting of the DA advisory councils for specific community groups (Veterans, Asian, Jewish, clergy). A question was asked about a committee specifically on community and police relations. DA has an overall focus on community and police relations within each of the advisory boards but not a dedicated committee per se.

#### NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER KAREN KOSLOWITZ

Michael Cohen reported that due to the uptick in covid cases in the last 2 weeks, Councilwoman has closed the office and everyone is working remotely from 9am-5pm Monday thru Friday. If you have any concerns or problems, please email [kkoslowitz@council.nyc.gov](mailto:kkoslowitz@council.nyc.gov) or call and leave a message at (718) 544-8800. Councilwoman is only attending virtually meetings including hearings. Details to attend or observe these hearings can be found at <https://council.nyc.gov/>. Vaccine distribution is coming and this is not the time to give in to Covid fatigue and hopefully in a few months we can go out freely again. Closed by wishing everyone a happy holiday season on behalf of the Councilwoman.

#### CONGRESS MEMBER GRACE MENG

Jordan announced the following updates from the Congresswoman:

- Introduction of legislation on social security cost of living increase for seniors
- Resolution regarding anti-asian sentiment passed in the House

- Sent letter to CDC/HHS to ask that personal info (social security #, passport #, driver license#) not be required to get covid vaccine
- Work on increasing the number of mobile hotspots for remote learning. Lastly, the office is working remotely but is open and available for assistance. Happy holiday season to everyone.

Chair Weitzman closed out the meeting giving appreciation and holiday cheers to the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Soumaly King  
*Vice Chair Secretary*

<b>CB 6 VOTING SHEET</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>New &amp; Renewal</b>
<b>12/9/2020</b>		<b>Liquor Licenses</b>
NAOMI ALTMAN	P	Y
ANISIA AYON	P	Y
PETER BEADLE	P	Y
MIRIAM BERFAS	ABSENT	ABSENT
HEIDI CHAIN	P	Y
SHERIDAN CHU	P	Y
ALEXANDER COHEN	P	Y
JOHN DERESZEWSKI	P	Y
ALEJANDRA DIAZ-HOUSTON	P	Y
HEATHER DIMITRIADIS	P	Y
ETHAN FELDER	P	Y
GLORIA FERRERAS	P	Y
JEREMY GOLANT	ABSENT	ABSENT
GAIL GORDON	P	Y
BRENDAN GRIFFITH	P	Y
BRUCE GROSSBERG	P	Y
RABBI MORDECHAI HECHT	P	Y
ODED HORODNICEANU	P	Y
MYRNA JACOBSON	P	Y
EMANUIL KALENDAREV	ABSENT	ABSENT
JOYCE KEVELSON	P	Y
SOUMALY KING	P	Y
PRAMEET KUMAR	P	Y
MARK LASTER	P	Y
NORMAN LEIBOWITZ	P	Y
RALPH LEONART	P	Y
JONATHAN LI	P	Y
KEVIN LY	P	Y
JAMES MAKIN	P	Y
JACK MEDINA	P	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE
RENEE MEHRRA	ABSENT	ABSENT
STEVEN METZ	P	Y
PAT MORGAN	P	Y
EDWARD MURRAY	P	Y
RAFAEL NEKTALOV	ABSENT	ABSENT
KARL NEUMANN	P	Y
ELIZABETH NEWTON	P	Y
TANIA PADGETT	P	Y
SHARI ROLNICK	P	Y
DAVID SCHNEIER	P	Y
HERBERT SCHONHAUT	P	Y
JEAN SILVA	P	Y
ROBERT SILVER	P	Y
MARSHA SILVERSTEIN	P	Y
SUSAN WANDERMAN	P	Y
ALEXA WEITZMAN	P	Y
JOAN WESTON	P	Y
EDWIN WONG	P	Y
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>43 P, 5 A</b>	<b>42 Y, 0 NO</b>