



# COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 9

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Kenichi Wilson, Chairperson \* James S. McClelland, District Manager \* Donovan Richards Jr., Borough President

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## SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR TELECONFERENCE VIRTUAL MEETING

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2021-MARCH 2022

2<sup>nd</sup> # Represents Absences as of January-December 2021 (Borough President's Attendance)

Marla Abarca	(0)(0)	Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Cristal Rivera	(1)(3)
Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(1)(1)	Stephen Esposito	(1)(2)	Regina Santoro	(1)(1)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(0)	Laraine Fletcher	(0)(0)	Anjali Seegobin	(0)(0)
Faiuze Ali	(0)(1)	Daniel Grieve	(0)(0)	Jarnail Singh	(0)(1)
Dilraj Batchu	(0)(0)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Mohinder Singh	(2)(2)
Julio Batista	(1)(2)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)(2)	Raghibir Singh	(0)(0)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(1)(1)	Reaz Khan	(1)(1)	Sursattie Singh	(0)(1)
Kirpal Billing	(0)(0)	Kemanad Kishore	(1)(3)	J. Richard Smith	(0)(0)
Zoila Bofill	(0)(0)	Katharine Maradiaga	(0)(0)	Alexandria Sumpter-Delves	(0)(0)
Latchman Budhai	(0)(0)	Kevin O'Leary	(0)(0)	Esta-Joy Sydell	(0)(0)
John Carter	(0)(0)	Raquel Olivares	(2)(3)	Marie Turley	(0)(0)
Daniel Chu	(0)(0)	Michael Pereira	(0)(0)	Seth Welins	(0)(0)
Andrea Crawford	(1)(1)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(0)(0)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)
Sandra Datnarain	(0)(0)	Sassy Ramoutar	(0)(0)		

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dulal Bhattacharjee	(2)(2)	Linda Fogal	(1)(2)	Matthew Singh	(3)(4)
Nick Comaianni	(4)(7)	Sherman Kane	(2)(2)	Lilian Yagual	(2)(2)
Marilyn Custodio	(1)(2)	Mohamed Safie	(3)(3)		
Jan Fenster	(2)(2)	Maharani Singh	(1)(1)		

### ALSO PRESENT

James S. McClelland, District Manager

Irina Barayeva, Community Associate

### LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Amparito Rosero, Rep. Queens Borough President Donovan Richards

Rokeya Akhter, Rep. DA Melinda Katz

David Sperry, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin

Kate Mooney, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams

Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo

**1. PUBLIC HEARING**

***Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider Licenses, Letters of Intent Received***

**a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New**

Caleta 111 Bar Inc.  
111-25 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

117 Hillside Avenue Corp.  
D/b/a Nectar  
117-11 / 117-13 Hillside Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Alleyway Fusion Cuisine LLC  
D/b/a Eternity, The Flavor Library  
120-35 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave  
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 *No speakers*

Blue Tequila Restaurant & Bar Corp.  
112-07 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

131-15 Jamaica Bar Corp.  
D/b/a Casa NYC  
131-15 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Exotic Poetry LLC  
92-30 91<sup>st</sup> Ave  
Woodhaven, NY 1121 *No speakers*

**b. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal**

The Ranch Rest & Bar of Guyana  
134-01 Liberty Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

111 Atlas Restaurant Corp.  
D/b/a Atlantic Diner  
111-16 Atlantic Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Don Pollo Son's Corp.  
92-10 Jamaica Ave  
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

Delicioso Restaurant & Bar Inc.  
D/b/a Pollos Dona Maria  
93-03 Jamaica Ave  
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

- c. **Health & Fitness Text Amendment (N210382ZRY)** *No speakers*
- d. **Proposed Open Restaurants Text Amendment (N 210434 ZRY)** *No speakers*

## 2. REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS

Amparito Rosero, Rep. Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, offered her condolences to the board members and the staff for the passing of Victor Ampuero. Ms. Rosero made the following announcements:

- Each Thursday from 10 AM to 5 PM beginning earlier this month, Borough President Richards' Immigrant Welcome Center will be hosting a bilingual Community Mediation Services staff member, whose role within the Center is to assist immigrant New Yorkers in applying for the New York State Excluded Workers Fund — a one-time payment program for immigrant residents who lost income during the COVID-19 pandemic but were ineligible for various federal unemployment and pandemic relief benefits.
- Each Tuesday from 9 AM to 5 PM beginning September 14, the Immigrant Welcome Center will host an immigration lawyer from CUNY Citizenship Now! — offering Queens immigrants free legal consultations and application assistance.
- Open on weekdays from 9 AM to 5 PM, the Immigrant Welcome Center can be contacted via phone at 718-286-0644 and via email at [welcome@queensbp.org](mailto:welcome@queensbp.org).
- The office of the Queens Borough President is still accepting donations of bottled water, non-perishable food, personal care products, toiletries, and feminine hygiene products at Queens Borough Hall, located at 120-55 Queens Boulevard in Kew Gardens. Donations can be dropped off in a box located in the lobby of Borough Hall next to the security desk, just inside the building's main entrance.
- There will be Immigrant Resource Fair on Saturday, September 25 from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM at St. James Episcopal Church 84-07 Broadway, Flushing NY 11373. The fair will distribute resources from local community organizations, application assistance for the NYS Excluded Workers Fund on a first serve basis.
- Queens Live Concert Series Tribute to Biz Markie will take place Sunday, September 19, 6:00pm-8:00pm at Baisley Pond Park located at Sutphin and Rockaway Blvd.

Rokeya Akhter, Rep. DA Melinda Katz, stated that Queens DA's Office is requesting proposals from qualified applicants to implement the Queens District Attorney Community Youth Development and Crime Prevention Project. Proposal submissions are due by Friday September 24, 2021, by 4:00 PM. For more information visit [www.queensda.org](http://www.queensda.org). Ms. Akhter's contact information is as follows: [rakhter@queensda.org](mailto:rakhter@queensda.org), 929-232-9016.

David Sperry, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin, stated that their Richmond Hill office at 111-12 Atlantic Ave will temporarily be opened for three days a week until they are fully staffed. He also stated that the Assembly Member is hosting a Game Day for seniors on Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 10 AM to 12 PM at 80-45 Winchester Blvd.

Kate Mooney, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams, gave her condolences for the passing of Victor Ampuero. She stated that CM Adams, as a Co-Chair of Administration of Tax Lean Sale Task Force, submitted her recommendations as to how tax lean sales should be changed. Ms. Mooney spoke about the events sponsored by the Council Member.

Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo, announced the events sponsored by the Senator:

- Free COVID antibody testing event will take place on Friday, September 24 from 12 PM to 2 PM at the district office.
- Paper Shredding and Household Goods Donation Event will take place on Sunday, September 26 from 10 AM to 2 PM at Bandshell Parking Lot in Forest Park.
- For more information feel free to reach out to the office at 718-738-1111.

### 3. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Ray Valentin, Woodhaven Resident, spoke against the opening of the Exotic Poetry LLC at 92-30 91<sup>st</sup> Ave due to its proximity to a public school and street parking issues.

Bill Knight, Ozone Park Resident, asked for information on Community Board 9's moratorium on the distribution of permit issuance to the number of construction supply facility stores.

### 4. OPENING OF MEETING & READING OF MINUTES

Chair Wilson asked if there were any corrections/additions to June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes and motions. There were none. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented.

**Motion # 1:** To accept June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes and motions as presented

**Vote # 1:** Unanimous

### 5. MONTHLY UPDATE NYPD 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. Report

Lt. Estrella reported on the crime stats stating that the numbers are even comparing to the last year and for the last 28 days except for grand larceny of auto theft. According to latest complaints, all incidents of cars being stolen took place due to the vehicles' owners leaving their car engines running.

Det. Simonsen Foundation Family Event will take place on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 2 PM to 6 PM in Forest Park.

Question and answer period followed.

### 6. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS & EXEC. REPORT – Kenichi Wilson

- Stated that Community Board 9 was represented at most of the summer events that took place in the district: NYC Make Music Event, National Night Out at 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct., Queens Chamber of Commerce Job Fair, multiple Clean Up Events, Graffiti Removal Event and Food Distribution Events around the community.
- Gave his condolences to Victor Ampuero' s family and thanked those members who attended the viewing and funeral. A moment of silence was held in honor of his memory.
- Chair Wilson spoke about the aftermath of flooding, cellar apartments issues, and flood insurance.
- A special pick up of items that got damaged during hurricane Ida can be arranged by calling the CB9 office.
- CB 9 will be participating in Det. Simonson Foundation Family Event on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> as well as Queens Symphony Orchestra Concert in Forest Park.
- Long-awaited paperwork on the demolition of building at 78-19 Jamaica Ave was received by the office.

### 7. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – James S. McClelland

- Wished happy Birthday to Sandra Datnarin, Maharani Singh, Esta-Joy Sydell, and Marie Turley.
- Agency budget consultations start tomorrow. Will provide agency response to appropriate committee.
- Also, the office sent email requesting board members submit Capital/Expense project ideas for next fiscal year – 2023. Please send your suggestions to the office or call me directly.
- Local civic groups on our mailing list were also contacted for their suggestions. Deadline for submission is 10/31/2021.
- The office received a Demolition notice for 78-19 Jamaica Ave which has been a community eyesore for many years.
- Since January, the office has received over 200 complaints, concerns, or questions regarding various quality of life issues and requesting assistance. A vast majority of these cases have been resolved and we will continue to work to ensure that each one is closed to the satisfaction of the constituent.
- District Service Cabinet Meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2021.

**8. PUBLIC SAFETY & CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT – Rabbi Daniel Pollack & Joe Iaboni, Co-Chairs**

Rabbi Daniel Pollack wished all a happy and safe Jewish New Year. He gave his condolences to Victor Ampuero's family and spoke about his work ethics stating that they worked hand in hand for the last several years. Victor was a very diligent and hardworking young man. With his help, the committee co-chairs were able to streamline the process to do a better job to get liquor licenses in order and to work with the constituents to make sure they were treated properly and fairly. Victor was a great asset to the entire board and to the staff, and he will be greatly missed.

**a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New**

Caleta 111 Bar Inc.  
111-25 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Committee's motion is not to approve new On Premises Liquor License Application for Caleta 111 Bar Inc., 111-25 Jamaica Ave due to refusal to sign the 1 AM Stipulation.

Chair Wilson made a motion to table this application due to applicant's health issues. Joan DeCamp seconded the motion.

**Motion # 2:** To table new On Premises Liquor License Application for Caleta 111 Bar Inc., 111-25 Jamaica Ave  
**Vote # 2:** 40 in favor and 1 abstention

117 Hillside Avenue Corp.  
D/b/a Nectar  
117-11 / 117-13 Hillside Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**Motion # 3:** Not to approve new On Premises Liquor License Application for 117 Hillside Ave Corp., d/b/a Nectar, 117-11/13 Hillside Ave due to refusal to sign the 1 AM Stipulation  
**Vote # 3:** 39 in favor and 2 abstentions

Alleyway Fusion Cuisine LLC  
D/b/a Eternity, The Flavor Library  
120-35 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave  
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

**Motion # 4:** Not to oppose new On Premises Liquor License Application for Alleyway Fusion Cuisine LLC, d/b/a Eternity. The Flavor Library, 120-35 83 Ave  
**Vote # 4:** 39 in favor and 2 abstentions

Blue Tequila Restaurant & Bar Corp.  
112-07 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**Motion # 5:** Not to approve new On Premises Liquor License Application for Blue Tequila Rest. & Bar Corp., 112-07 Jamaica Ave due to incomplete paperwork  
**Vote # 5:** Unanimous

131-15 Jamaica Bar Corp.  
D/b/a Casa NYC  
131-15 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**Motion # 6:** Not to oppose new On Premises Liquor License Application for 131-15 Jamaica Ave Bar Corp., d/b/a Casa NYC, 131-15 Jamaica Ave

**Vote # 6:** 40 in favor and 1 opposition

Exotic Poetry LLC  
92-30 91<sup>st</sup> Ave  
Woodhaven, NY 1121

**Motion # 7:** Not to approve new On Premises Liquor License Application for Exotic Poetry LLC, 92-30 91<sup>st</sup> Ave due to proximity of four houses of worship

**Vote # 7:** Unanimous

There were no adverse reports from the 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. for any of the establishments listed in the Public Hearing portion of the agenda. Approval letters were sent to the SLA.

The next Public Safety and Consumer Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

## 9. EDUCATION & YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – Sherry Algreto, Chair

- Offered condolences for Victor Ampuero, a staff member at CB9 who recently passed away.
- Congratulated Mr. Faiuze Ali on his appointment to Community Education Council 27 as the Queens Borough President Appointee.
- No-show school buses left some NYC students stranded on the first day.
- Many kids, especially kids with special needs, were negatively affected by a lack of proper bus service.
- Council Member Adams wrote a letter to one of the largest bus companies, holding them accountable for the numerous complaints about inconsistency and poor bus service.
- Some parents are still requesting remote options.
- School Chancellor Porter said last week that the Administration for Children's Services could get involved if families refuse to send their children back after several weeks.
- The online health screening survey, that parents are required to fill out each morning temporarily, has crashed as hundreds of thousands of people logged on simultaneously.
- It caused a nightmare for parents whose children had to line up outside for a long time to fill out paper forms and then enter the school building.
- Several positive COVID cases were reported in schools, but since school just started, they were not school transmission cases.
- Only children 12 and older are currently eligible for vaccination, and it's expected that younger children will not be eligible until later this year at the earliest.
- Offered Condolences to Council Member Ulrich for the passing of his Budget Director Matthew Pecorinon.
- Committee Chair Algreto urged parents with P-EBT cards to hold on to them, as a 2<sup>nd</sup> payment will be added at the end of September.

Highlights from CEC27 meeting: lack of G & T programs in District 27 that just has 1; CEC27 passed resolution to give more accessibility to swimming classes as a sporting recreational option in schools.

Update on Richmond Hill Library Renovation: the architect submitted construction documents. Awaiting results of testing of site where elevator will be installed in library. Education Chair asked regarding the status of approximately \$15M allocated to the Library renovation.

City Council Capital Funding- Education Chair Algreto thanked Council Member Adams for her funding of \$950K to Richmond Hill High School and Council Member Ulrich and Council Member Koslowitz for their funding of CB9 school projects as well.

## 10. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – Andrea Crawford, Chair, stated that the third vaccine is offered to individuals over 65 years old and to those with any immune suppressing diseases. Delta variant is 100%

more transmissible, therefore, all adults should get vaccinated to protect themselves and their children under the age of twelve.

**11. LAND USE & HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT – Sylvia Hack, Chair**

➤ **Proposed Open Restaurants Text Amendment (N 210434 ZRY)**

Ms. Hack stated that the Committee recommends the approval of the proposed text amendment which can enhance the urban experience and provide additional economic benefits to the local business community.

**Motion # 8:** To vote in favor of the Proposed Open Restaurants Text Amendment (N 210434 ZRY)

**Vote # 8:** Unanimous

**12. ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – Cristal Rivera, Chair,** stated that the next committee meeting will take place on Monday, September 27, 2021, 7 PM to 8 PM via Zoom. There will be updates from EDC, SBS and the Woodhaven BID.

**13. TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chair Wilson asked if anyone is interested in chairing the committee as the Chair position is vacant. He also stated that DOT was not able to perform a traffic study for a Stop sign at the intersection of Babbage St, Bessemer St and 84<sup>th</sup> Ave. A new request was submitted by the Community Board.

Mr. Kirpal Billing suggested to address speeding issues on 120<sup>th</sup> Street from Liberty Ave to Jamaica Ave. It should also be studied for Alternate Side Street Parking as there are many cars that were not moved for extensive periods.

**14. PARKS, RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – Regina Santoro, Chair**

- The Committee will be meeting in October via Zoom.
- Fall 2021 Planting Season is starting soon; there are over four thousand tree requests for Queens.
- Daffodil bulbs can be requested from a Daffodil Project and be planted in different corners or Park areas in memory of 9/11 victims. They will be distributed on October 11<sup>th</sup> to those who registered.
- A special garbage pick-up can be requested through 311 for bulk items that were perished after hurricane Ida.

**15. BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – John Carter, Chair**

- The amount of \$12,000 that was pulled out from our budget the previous fiscal year, was restored for current FY 2022. The current budget for CB9 is about \$264, excluding extra \$40,000 that was added to the budget for community outreach purposes previous year.
- The merit increase for staff members was approved by the OMB. No retroactive amount was added.

**16. OLD BUSINESS**

EJ Sydell asked to submit a request for two pedestrian crosswalks at the intersection of 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave and Grenfell St.

She also mentioned that the community was not notified about the event that took place on Austin St by the Det. Simonsen Foundation.

**17. NEW BUSINESS**      *No speakers*

**18. PUBLIC FORUM**      *No speakers*

Regina Santoro made a motion to adjourn. Joe Iaboni seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 10:02 PM.