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District Manager's Report May and June 2022

From: Yahay Obeid <cb11yahayobeid@gmail.com> Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2022 8:58 AM To: Warneke, Jeremy (CB) <jwarneke@cb.nyc.gov> Cc: Kirka, Chris (CB) <ckirka@cb.nyc.gov>; Lasky, Harriet (CB) <hlasky@cb.nyc.gov>; Joanne R Subject: [EXTERNAL] Nomination Statement for CB11 Chair

Dear Fellow Board Members:

I would like to start by thanking all of you for your hard work and commitment to Community Board 11. It's a thankless job we do, but we all want to improve our community.

In accordance with the Community Board 11 Bylaws, please accept this statement as to why I seek the position of Chairperson of the Board. Accepting the nomination was not easy because I take my position on the Board and in the community seriously. As you know, the pay is not great, but I see myself as a continuum of positive change. I want to be your champion for what's right and best for all.

I have relationships with many of you, but for those of you who don't know me, I joined the Community Board in 2016, becoming the Vice Chair in 2020. Originally from Yemen, I did not learn English until I came to the United States at eight years old. As a result, I know adversity and what discrimination feels like. I know what it feels like to be questioned by the FBI, to be targeted by a City agency, to be attacked for my personal opinions and beliefs, and to be ignored by the government. But despite the negativity, I do my best to push everyone in a positive direction.

In 2005, I started my civil service career by working for the United States Department of Homeland Security. (Currently, I work for the FAA.) In 2018, I was selected to serve on the NYC Civil Engagement Commission Advisory Board. I was also a member of the Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation Board, the NYPD Auxiliaries, and the School Leadership Team at PS 83. Lastly, I'm an active member of the 49th Precinct Community Council, the Morris Park Community Association (currently its Vice President) and the Bronx Muslim Center.

To request any special accommodations, please call us at (718) 892-6262 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting or event.



It is my hope that you will give me your vote of confidence on June 23, and if you are not yet prepared to vote for me, I'd very much like to understand why because as chairperson, my success depends on each and everyone of you. I have an open door policy and am here for any one of you any time of the day.

Thank you,

Yahay Obeid

From: Hazel Miura <<u>hazelmiuracb11@gmail.com</u>> Sent: Saturday, June 18, 2022, 2:11 PM To: Warneke, Jeremy (CB) <<u>jwarneke@cb.nyc.gov</u>> Cc: Lasky, Harriet (CB) <<u>hlasky@cb.nyc.gov</u>> Subject: [EXTERNAL] Position of Secretary

Good afternoon Jeremy.

Could you please inform CB11 that I, Hazel Miura, am honored and gladly accept the nomination as Secretary of Community Board 11 as well as share the following with the Board? It has been an honor to serve you these last couple of years and I hope to continue to serve the Board and community.

As some are aware, I was reappointed to CB11 in 2019 after a seven-year absence. Prior to this, I had served on the Board for 17 years, active and involved in many committees, staying actively involved with the Auxiliary Police and Precinct Community Council, the latter of which I am its current Vice President. For 30 years, I have been working for the Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation, currently serving as its Director of Housing and Community Development.

According to Article IV, Section 13 of our bylaws, the Secretary of the Board is responsible for the Full Board Meeting Minutes and "a record of each [board] member's attendance shall be included in the minutes of each meeting." I have done my best to comply with this requirement. I think it helps with transparency and keeping members accountable. I also want to comply with the New York State Open Meetings Law, which states that "minutes of meetings of all public bodies shall be available to the public in accordance with the provisions of the freedom of information law within two weeks from the date of such meeting." It's not easy complying with the OML, but to do so is a benefit to the Board, the staff as well as the public. I encourage all committee chairs to do their utmost in complying with state law.

If I am to win re-election on Thursday, my only hope is to receive the full support of all board members and staff in fulfilling my duties. I appreciate any and all feedback you all are willing to provide.

Thank you so much, Hazel

From: Bernadette Ferrara Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 11:20 PM To: Warneke, Jeremy (CB) <<u>jwarneke@cb.nyc.gov</u>> Cc: Lasky, Harriet (CB) <<u>hlasky@cb.nyc.gov</u>>; Kirka, Chris (CB) <<u>ckirka@cb.nyc.gov</u>> Subject: [EXTERNAL] Position of CB11 Chair

Hi Jeremy,

Please pass this on to all our CB11 Board Members. It is an honor to be part of Community Board 11, always moving forward to improve and clarify all aspects of the communities comprising CB11's borders. I am also humbled and honored to have been nominated for this position of Chair.

It is an understatement to say that I love my borough of the Bronx, born, raised and still living in the neighborhood of Van Nest where I grew up. Before I was appointed to the Board in 2008, I cared for our Bronx communities as an animal advocate and certified TNR rescuer for 20 years. I founded Animals Saved By Grace cat rescue on Petfinder since 2005 and was actively making the Bronx public aware of how underserved our borough was and the need for the Bronx Animal Shelter. Banding with other Bronx animal advocates, we formed B.A.S.E. (Bronx Animal Shelter Endeavor) to compile a detailed proposal for our Bronx Animal Shelter submitted to the De Blasio Administration along with numerous testimonies to City Council and City Planning. We are currently awaiting the groundbreaking of this long awaited animal shelter!

In 2010, CB11 agreed to support the forming of Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance (VNNA). As a founding member and current President since 2015, it has been my honor to be part of this great team. We have accomplished many goals over the years and started many annual traditions.

In 2017 the BronxTimes nominated me as one of the 25 Bronx Influential Women and the Chamber of Commerce honored me celebrating Italian Heritage. As a Computer Graphic Designer, my 40-year career with advertising agencies as long-term clients has given me the experience of teamwork. As a Community Leader I have learned the importance of teamwork.

If I am elected to this position of Chair at Community Board 11, I will vow to always listen, choose fairness, take action to protect and continue to sharpen our skills as a fine-tuned team.



Thank you all.

Bernadette Ferrara

President, Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance www.facebook.com/VanNestNeighborhoodAlliance Community Board 11 Boardmember



From: Warneke, Jeremy (CB) Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 11:22 AM Cc: Lasky, Harriet (CB) <hlasky@cb.nyc.gov>; Kirka, Chris (CB) <ckirka@cb.nyc.gov> Subject: Al's election statement

Please see below and Al asked that I email you his bio on the CB11 website: <u>https://www1.nyc.gov/site/bronxcb11/about/bio/albert-dangelo.page</u>.

Jeremy

From: Al Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 12:13 PM To: Warneke, Jeremy (CB) <<u>jwarneke@cb.nyc.gov</u>> Subject: [EXTERNAL] Short Bio

Dear Colleagues,

I have accepted the nomination as First Vice Chair of Community of Board 11 because I feel I have the experience and a strong desire to work for our community. Appointed to CB11 in 2004, I have been a community activist for over 40 years in this community and with your help and dedication we can strive to make sure the residents of Community Board 11 are well served. Thank you for your continued confidence.

Sincerely, Al D'Angelo

-----Original Message-----From: Renata Sclavo Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 8:37 PM To: Warneke, Jeremy (CB) <jwarneke@cb.nyc.gov> Subject: [EXTERNAL] Yankee tickets

Dear community board 11

I have been a resident of Morris park community for over 30 years. I just wanted to say thank you so much for the yankee tickets. My family and I had a great time. My kids were so excited to see a game so close. We almost caught a foul ball it was an amazing night. I can't thank everyone enough for all the work and effort you put into this. The night was truly amazing. This made me feel like I was part of the community and my community board was giving back to the community.

Million thanks to all.

Regards

The citation Chairman D'Angelo gave Sergeant Passalacqua at last week's 49th Precinct Community Council Annual Appreciation Breakfast: https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=418665470266113&set=a.257634006369261.

The Sergeant has been instrumental in getting derelict vehicles removed from CB11's public streets. (The honor was CB11 Community Coordinator Chris Kirka's idea. Citation designed by yours truly. Looks much better in person.)

In May, I was listening to the radio and heard an ad regarding the Central Park Conservancy. How they rely on donor funding or something. I then thought of the history of Central Park, how it was created at the expense of less privileged members of society (approximately 1,600 residents in total) such as free blacks and Irish immigrants.

I don't readily identify with my Irish heritage, but I'm not a fan of injustices, large or small (I'm <u>not alone in this feeling/belief either</u>). So, the wandering mind I have then thought of reparations for African Americans because of slavery, the draft riots and other transgressions such as the Central Park evictions. Reparations for black Americans is a topic which has gained more attention in recent years. But is reparations something we should be discussing at the local level? I think so, but I'm not black, so I asked some black CB11 residents what they thought.

Their responses:

- 1) I think we should. A discussion is always good, as we have kept things quiet for too long.
- 2) Yes only for Foundational Black Americans not immigrants. Foundational Black Americans are not immigrants we are actually the only non immigrant group here. The only group that built the USA up from the ground up. There was no USA until FBA built it. We are exclusively the natives of the United States. The aboriginal people of the USA. We are not African American. We don't even like the term black American. Rachel Dolazar was a black American. We like to specify what we are, foundational Black American, and what our lineage is. This is a lineage claim.
- 3) It's crazy how people think money can solve issues... there are more just ways things can be resolved if people only took responsibility.

Yeah, I never cared about Central Park after learning of that history. It just reminds me of the times I'm on the I-95 and I wonder about the communities that existed before they were destroyed.

Reparations is always a topic I'm unsure how to handle. Given I can't say I have ancestors who were enslaved in the United States since my family on both sides previously came from the Caribbean. I keep asking myself would I qualify for reparations?

Cc: Lasky, Harriet (CB) <hlasky@cb.nyc.gov>; Kirka, Chris (CB) <ckirka@cb.nyc.gov> Subject: FW: COIB Settlements and Order Announced

Hey, Board Members:

You might want to contact Mr. Tremblay about being on his distribution list. As you can see in the email from him below, a Manhattan Community Board 12 member was fined \$1500.00 recently by the City Conflicts of Interest Board (COIB) for misusing his/her position. Unfortunately, this is not the first time I've read about board members being fined by COIB.

Unless of great importance, I will not be forwarding on anymore emails from Mr. Tremblay.

Sincerely,

Jeremy

From: Jeff Tremblay <<u>Tremblay@coib.nyc.gov</u>> Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 12:38 PM Subject: COIB Settlements and Order Announced



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 1, 2022 CONTACT: Jeffrey Tremblay at tremblay@coib.nyc.gov or (212) 437-0740

The New York City Conflicts of Interest Board (the "Board") announces two settlements and one Board Order.

Prohibited Appearances. A Member of Manhattan Community Board 12 ("CB 12"), which covers the neighborhoods of Inwood and Washington Heights, also works as Chief Administrative Officer and Community Liaison for the Armory Foundation, a not-for-profit organization based in Washington Heights that leases much of the Fort Washington Avenue Armory from the City. Community activists have alleged that the Armory Foundation fails to ensure that the residents of northern Manhattan have sufficient opportunity to use Armory facilities. In 2021, CB 12 responded to these allegations by considering a resolution that called for greater oversight by the New York City Council of the operations of the Armory Foundation opposed the resolution. The Member spoke against the adoption of the resolution at two CB 12 meetings and two meetings of the CB 12 Housing and Human Services Committee. By communicating with her community board on behalf of her private employer, the Member violated City Charter § 2604(b)(6). To resolve these violations, the Member agreed to pay a \$1,500 fine. The disposition is attached as "COIB Disposition (CB)."

Misuse of City Resources. In 2018, a Community Affairs Representative at the New York City Public Advocate's Office ("PAO") volunteered for a political campaign. On six occasions, the Community Affairs Representative drove a PAO vehicle to locations in New York City and Long Island for campaign-related purposes, including to prepare for and staff campaign events. In so doing, she used a City resource for a non-City purpose in violation of City Charter § 2604(b)(2), pursuant to Board Rules § 1-13(b). To resolve these violations, the now-former Community Affairs Representative paid a \$1,100 fine. The disposition is attached as "COIB Disposition (PAO)."

Misuse of City Position. In January 2017, the Deputy Commissioner of the Information Technology Bureau at the New York City Police Department ("NYPD") had NYPD transfer to her supervision a fellow

NYPD employee to whom she had loaned \$75,000 (the "Debtor"), give the Debtor a higher-ranking NYPD title, and provide the Debtor with a 12% salary increase commensurate with this new title. The Deputy Commissioner forgave the loans she had given the Debtor in a gradual process that lasted from May 2017 to January 1, 2018, during which time she remained the Debtor's supervisor. By having the Debtor transferred to her supervision, obtaining a higher-ranking title and increased salary for the Debtor, and supervising the Debtor, the Deputy Commissioner used her City position to benefit a person with whom she was "associated," as defined in the City's conflicts of interest law, in violation of City Charter § 2604(b)(3). The Board issued an Order (attached as "COIB Order") after a full hearing before an Administrative Law Judge at the New York City Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings ("OATH"), imposing a \$2,000 fine – the amount recommended by the OATH Administrative Law Judge – on the now-former Deputy Commissioner.

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From: Warneke, Jeremy (CB) Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 3:11 PM Cc: Lasky, Harriet (CB) <hlasky@cb.nyc.gov>; Kirka, Chris (CB) <ckirka@cb.nyc.gov> Subject: Former board member Daisy Rodriguez...

FYI: Former board member Daisy Rodriguez has been named this year as a <u>Power Woman of the</u> <u>Bronx - Schneps Media</u>.

Separately, the Supreme Court released this important ruling today: <u>Supreme Court Overturns</u> <u>New York's Concealed Carry Gun Permit Law – NBC New York</u>.

From: Kenneth Johnson Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 12:16:11 PM Subject: DOHMH Monkeypox Vaccine Clinic

Greetings,

I'm writing with some news from the Department of Health. Today we announced the opening of a temporary vaccine clinic offering vaccine for monkeypox to eligible people who may have been recently

exposed. The press release is here: <u>https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/about/press/pr2022/monkeypox-vaccine-clinic.page</u>

As of now, the eligible population is all gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (cisgender or transgender) age s 18 and older who have had multiple or anonymous sex partners in the last 14 days.

The vaccine clinic will be located at the **Chelsea Sexual Health Clinic** (303 Ninth Avenue in Manhattan). The clinic will open today (6/23), and will be open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. for both appointments and walk-ins (appointments are preferred).

For more information about monkeypox in NYC, please see <u>nyc.gov/health/monkeypox</u>. Please share this information with your constituents and promote using our <u>social media kit.</u>

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Kenneth Johnson | he, him, his Community Liaison Bureau of Community Affairs Office of External Affairs NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene