



## COMMUNITY BOARD # 4Q

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### PUBLIC HEARING

**DATE: Tuesday, April 12, 2022**

**TIME: 6:30 P.M.**

**PLACE: On Line via Webex**

New York School Construction Authority — Pursuant to S1731 of the New York City School Construction Authority Act, notice has been filed for the proposed site selection of Block 1965, Lots 1, 4 and 6, and any other property in the immediate vicinity which may be necessary for the proposed project, located in the Borough of Queens, for the construction of a new, approximately 826 seat Queens High School, which includes 96 D75 seats. The proposed site is approximately 34,203 square feet (.785 acres) and is located on the east side of 108 Street, bounded by Waldron Street to the North, Penrod Street to the South, 108 Street to the West and the Castle Senior Living facility to the East. The proposed site is a privately-owned parcel with two existing buildings, located in the Corona section of Queens. The site plan and supplemental materials summarizing the proposed action are available at:

New York City School Construction Authority  
30-30 Thomson Avenue  
Long Island City, New York 11101  
Attention: Gayle Mandaro

Comments on the proposed action may be submitted to the New York City School Construction Authority at the above address or by email to [sites@nycsca.org](mailto:sites@nycsca.org) and will be accepted until April 21, 2022.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the School Construction Authority was not able to attend this Public Hearing. The Public Hearing was postponed until a later date. The full Board meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

April 12, 2022

## COMMUNITY BOARD ATTENDANCE

### Board Members Attending:

Marialena Giampino  
Rownoka Ashakhan  
Michelle Calderon  
Valery Calderon  
Chaio-Chung Chen  
Jaime Cho  
Leeanne G. Bowley  
Lara Gregory  
Ramakrishna Kadukuntla  
Vincent Laucella  
Carol Machulski  
Sunil Mahat  
Patricia Martin  
Sylvia Martin

Matthew McElroy  
Rovenia McGowan  
Mac Ryan Merchan  
Edgar Moya  
G. Oliver  
Georgina Oliver  
Shrima Pandey  
Ashley Reed  
Clara Salas  
A. Redd Sevilla  
Alton Derrick Smith  
Charlie Tetiyevsky  
Louis Walker  
Minwen Yang

### Board Members Absent:

Lynda Coral  
Tsering Dechen  
Michelle Dunston  
Ari Espinal  
Deependra Lama  
James Lisa  
Salvatore Lombardo  
Abu Zafar Mahmood  
Jose Morillo  
Ruby Muhammad  
Sandra Munoz  
Alexandra Owens

Purushottam Panthee  
Alexa Ponce  
Lindsay Quartini  
Brian Ramirez  
Cristian Romero  
Urgen Sherpa  
Dewan Tarek  
Marcello Testa  
Yilin Wang  
May Yu

ATTENDING:

Christian Cassagnol, CB4 District Manager  
Margaret Silletti, CB4 Community Coordinator  
Christina Long, CB4 Community Associate  
Council Member Shekar Krishnan  
Kyle Salcido, Congresswoman Grace Meng's office  
Michelle Luna, Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's Office  
Samantha, Assemblywoman Catalina Cruz's Office  
Kat Brezler, Queens Borough President's Office  
Berenice Navarrete-Perez, Council Member Francisco Moya's Office

## COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

**DATE: Tuesday, April 12, 2022**

**TIME: 7:00 P.M.**

**PLACE: On Line via Webex**

I. Chairperson Marialena Giampino opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

### **II. Vote on the March 8 CB Minutes**

Since a quorum was not present, the vote could not be taken,

### **III. Chairperson's Report**

Board Chair Marialena Giampino mentioned the holidays in April and wished all enjoyment with their family and friends. Next, the Board Chair attended the Borough Board meeting last night where the New Commissioners of the Department of Transportation as well as the Department of City Planning were present. Both Commissioners took questions and provided answers, which was very informative.

Subsequently, the Board Chair spoke about budgets and how the districts are short-changed. Many of the Board Chairs brought up this fact and that since Elmhurst and Corona were severely impacted by COVID-19 and recent hurricanes, instead of increasing budgets they were reduced. Since the Borough President was fighting for more funding, she was optimistic more money would be allocated to the districts.

Accordingly, Board Chair Marialena Giampino welcomed the new Board Member appointees for the next two years. The Board Chair noted Community Board 4 does have a full complement of members totaling 50 members.

Before concluding, the Board Chair mentioned the Queens Network Bus redesign. Before the pandemic, workshops were held as all were concerned about the new design. Recently, the redesign was reintroduced and all were urged to review it since it will affect many people.

### **IV. District Manager's Report**

District Manager Christian Cassagnol welcomed the new board members. The District Manager will report throughout the night as individual items are presented. However, he did reiterate that the School Construction authority had canceled the presentation this morning. It is Charter-mandated that the Board respond within 45 days of receipt that the site selected is to be used as a school. The deadline is April 21. It was unclear why the presenters cancelled the presentation. The public hearing may be held as a separate item independent of the full Board meeting.

A statement from John Wang, CEO, Queens Night Market, was read to the Board:

*Dear CB4:*

*I am happy to announce that the Queens Night Market is returning this weekend. As we have done since 2017, we're limiting attendance with \$5 tickets to two sneak preview weekends to help prevent overcrowding. We're pledging at least 20% of the ticket proceeds to charity and would love your suggestions. So far, most public suggestions have asked us to support victims of the conflict in Ukraine, but we'd also love to support a more locally focused cause.*

*The event will be free to attend starting May 7. I can't wait to see you all this year. But for those who are accustomed to driving to the event, I want to note we do not control the parking lot, and the lot operator is planning to charge \$15 parking fee per vehicle this year.*

*Please walk, bike, or take public transit.*

*As a final note, we may lose access to our current space for our fall season September/October.*

*As I mentioned before, we would love to bring the event to the Unisphere where it was originally envisioned to be over seven years ago,*

*I'd love to discuss the possibility with you as a Board soon.*

*Thank you so much.*

*Sincerely,  
John Wang*

**V. Open Session #1/ Board Member Attendance (Statements will be limited to two (2) minutes**

Board Chair Marialena Giampino took the roll call.

Rownoka Ashakhan – In attendance

Commented she is a 20 year old college graduate working in Queens and currently is working for a nonprofit organization in Astoria.

Michelle Calderon – In attendance

Valery Calderon – In attendance

Chaio-Chung Chen – In attendance

Jaime Cho – In attendance

Looks forward to working with all.

Lynda Coral – Absent

Tsering Dechen - Absent

Michelle Dunston – Absent

Ari Espinal – Absent

Leeanne G. Bowley – Present

Advice to new members: Get involved as soon as possible.

Marialena Giampino – In attendance

Commented, not acting as Board Chair, but in her role in the community talked about the fight to preserve the Janta House where it was sought to impress on the Landmarks Preservation Commission how important this historic site was in regard to the people who lived there for so long and their role in the Holocaust etc. The Landmarks Commission took two years to respond. Council Members Krishnan and the former council member joined in to advocate to preserve this site and grant landmark status. She noted demolition permits will be issued. It was heartbreaking that the Landmarks Commission denied the request to preserve the Janta House, and it is disheartening the community is losing its history every day.

Lara Gregory – In attendance

Ramakrishna Kadukuntla – In attendance

Happy to be here.

Deependra Lama – Absent

Vincent Laucella – In attendance

Commented no 110 Precinct council meeting will be held for the month of April in light of the pizzeria stabbings, the meeting will be moved to St. Bartholomew's and a May date is also planned, but the meetings will be held in Elmhurst as meetings need to be moved around. More of the community is needed to attend.

On behalf of the Queens United Lions Club, the first annual health and resources fair will be held June 4, 2022. The park permit was secured and partnering with the Board's Youth, Parks and Health Committees. He urged new members to be present and support it. Project Hope, Corona Ambulance Corps., Fidelis Care, Mount Sinai, NYU Langone Health among other presenters will be readily available.

The objective of the Lions Club is diabetes, mental health, vision, hunger and environmental matters. Plans are to incorporate matters into one fair so that each year they will return to the community. All were urged to attend and support the event.

Elected officials were also invited to reach out in support of the event.

James Lisa – Absent

Salvatore Lombardo – Absent (technical issues with attending)

Carol Machulski – In attendance

Thanked Council Member Francisco Moya for securing approximately \$900,000 for funding and servicing programs, including ACE, for cleanups in the district.

Sunil Mahat- In attendance

Abu Zafar Mahmood – Absent

Patricia Martin – In attendance

Sylvia Martin – In attendance

Matthew McElroy – In attendance

Reported Thursday, April 28, is the evening workshop from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. for Community Board 4 for the new bus redesign program. All were urged to review the plan before the workshop as it impacts Elmhurst and Corona. He emphasized to join the workshop because the more voices, the better.

Rovenia McGowan – In attendance

Mac Ryan Merchan – In attendance

He was born and raised in Elmhurst. Glad to serve on the Board.

Jose Morillo – Absent

Edgar Moya – In attendance

Ruby Muhammad – Absent

Sandra Munoz – Absent

G. Oliver – In attendance

Georgina Oliver – In attendance  
Alexandra Owens - Absent  
Shrima Pandey – In attendance  
Purushottam Panthee – Absent  
Alexa Ponce – Absent  
Lindsay Quartini – Absent  
Brian Ramirez – Absent  
Ashley Reed – In attendance  
Cristian Romero – Absent  
Clara Salas – In attendance  
A. Redd Sevilla – In attendance  
Urgen Sherpa – Absent  
Alton Derrick Smith- In attendance  
Dewan Tarek – Absent  
Marcello Testa – Absent  
Charlie Tetiyevsky – In attendance  
Lives in Elmhurst and looking forward to working together.  
Louis Walker – In attendance  
Commented when he served as Chair of the Board, he had 50 Board members under his management and noted to get members to attend meetings grows. More people are needed for quorums.  
Yilin Wang – Absent  
Minwen Yang – In attendance  
May Yu - Absent

**NOTE:** Many of the Board Members welcomed and congratulated the new Board Members on their appointment and expressed warmest wishes to all who celebrate Passover, Easter, and Ramadan.

At this point, a quorum was present and a vote on the March 8, 2022 minutes was taken.

**VI. Vote: Minutes March 8, 2022**

Health and Human Services Committee Chair Clara Salas made a motion, seconded by Parliamentarian Louis Walker, to **approve** the minutes.

Since there were none opposed or abstentions, motion passed.

**VII. Report from Elected Officials**

- Federal
- State
- City

Council Member Shekar Krishnan congratulated new Board Members. Community Boards are a fundamental and vital part of the democratic process of our city and the most local form of government.

Council Member Krishnan reflected on today's tragic incident at the Brooklyn subway station and the violence and gun violence within our city.

The Council Member spoke about Queens Marathon organized by the Queens Distance Runners at Flushing Meadows-Corona Park held on April 9.

Next, Council Member Krishnan gave background information on former occupants such as Council Member Daniel Dromm, John Sabini, and Helen Sears who have occupied his office. Many repairs needed to be done for over 20 years of use. However, constituents were being serviced. The office opening will be held tomorrow although the office had been open for a while. All were urged to stop by the office at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow on 75 Street/ Roosevelt Avenue to meet the Council Member and staff.

Following the Council Member provided an update from his office:

Regarding the Janta House, it had been a disaster. Although it was known many worked and fought together to protect the Janta House to put pressure on the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC). Council Member Daniel Dromm wrote letters to LPC about the historic value of the house as well as Council Member Krishnan to save the house. Notices, not from city agencies, were posted on neighbors doors that the developer was going to demolish an historic home to build a development. All were shocked to find out information from those posted notices and not by the city itself. Mobilizing into action with Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, Assembly Member Catalina Cruz, and the Council Member, who met with City Hall, the Landmarks Preservation Commission, and the NYC Department of Transportation, At the meeting, the Council Member brought up for two years the community had been supporting Landmark status of the Janta House

During that time, no decision was ever made and no communication with the LPC Chair was given to the supporters. The supporters were told there was nothing LPC could do and the real issue is once the Department of Buildings (DOB) begins the process of issuing demolition permits, there is nothing LPC can do to stop the demolition. There was finger pointing among the involved agencies. Both agencies DOB and LPC blamed the other and no real information was asked for by the community.

Because one of the criteria was not met: what type of historic activities happened in the house. The history of the house, and the legacy of the family is well known. The Council Member suggested talking to the family of the past owners. This was not done while noting the history of the Janta House is well documented.

At this point, Council Member Krishnan gave more details concerning meetings with LPC and DOB.

In Elmhurst with rising rents, displacement, and with all the luxury, shoddy construction projects along Queens Blvd, we are losing our community and tenants are at risk of being displaced. How can LPC not see this project as protecting against displacement and to not allow these kinds of developments, which were questions directed to LPC by Council Member Krishnan.

Also brought up to LPC was how many homes of immigrants have been actually landmarked, questioned Council Member Krishnan? Immigrants span multiple countries fleeing from oppression and persecution coming here. According to LPC standards, no immigrant homes would be landmarked no matter how much those immigrants contributed to society or their accomplishments abroad. It's sad because we do focus on how to honor our immigrant communities. According to information sent by LPC, there are not many immigrant homes that were landmarked in the city's neighborhoods. Council Member Krishnan will review the data sent. Also noting, there are some serious flaws the DOB demolition process, and work at the Janta House will be monitored. From a legislator's standpoint, local authority is needed to stop agencies such as DOB from demolishing the very buildings we are trying to protect and how agencies are communicating with each other. Since it is a significant property, it is sad and deeply shocking demolition will be allowed.

Legislation to this effect will be introduced as well.

The Council Member urged all if they see any work being done on the property, please contact his office. No demolition permit has been approved yet, but DOB has notified the Borough President and the Council Member the developer is close.

Next, Council Member Krishnan spoke about National Public Health Week. Highlighting the importance of preventative health measures, aside from Covid-19, whether checking blood pressure, cholesterol, mental health etc. The Council Member spoke about partnering with many health organizations, it was a very successful event and addressed a need in our district.

Partnering with PS 13 and CUNY Citizenship Now hosting an immigration clinic in Elmhurst where over 90 individuals sought help with the citizenship application process.

Recognizing and thanking Louie's Pizzeria a father and son duo for their heroic actions. A press conference was held with Congresswoman Grace Meng and other elected officials that showcased the dedication of Louie's Pizzeria to our community.

Council Member Krishnan met with the victim and her thoughts were not for herself but for Louie and his father. Working with the victim to connect her with services in the community.

Additionally, many school visits were done including PS 13 and PS 7 and more meetings and visits are planned on funding and educational programs in our schools

In conclusion, the Mayor had released his preliminary budget where a number of cuts were reflected to crucial services from education to housing services to parks which are unacceptable. A number of hearings were held on the need to increase \$1 billion in the parks budget, and he mentioned a large press conference with many parks advocates/coalitions in attendance, highlighting Elmhurst and Jackson Heights' necessity for more attention to our parks.

In addition, the Council Member visited all the parks within the district with the Parks Department to repair the bathroom at Newtown Playground and other repairs required at other area Parks such as Hoffman Park and Crowley Playground. The Council put out the budget response: At a time like this, we cannot cut crucial services; funding must be increased to public hospitals, parks, and education and housing services. It was a strong response indicating neighborhoods such as ours need more support and funding.

More details were given on the services the Council Member's office provides such as public services, legal services, and addressing agency issues

All were urged to contact Council Member Krishnan's office for assistance.

## **House of Representatives**

### **Grace Meng**

Kyle Salcido provided the following updates:

Earlier last month Congresswoman Grace Meng secured nearly \$10 million for local projects in New York City. As New York's senior appropriator on the House Appropriations Committee, she secured funding for ten crucial projects in Queens.

In addition, the Congresswoman co-sponsored the Postal Service Reform Act of 2022 which has passed the House and the Senate and is headed to President Biden's desk to be signed into law. After years of uneven service and poor financial health, this Bill helps to improve reliability and affordability for the postal service for all Americans and to secure long term financial health of the postal service. The USPS must create an online dashboard to track service performance and national and local delivery times.

The Crown Act HR2116 which was recently passed and prohibits discrimination based on a person's hair style in employment, housing and public accommodations and other venues. There were many instances where blacks have been fired or received negative employment reviews because of their hairstyle or hair texture. This Bill would prevent discrimination against black men, women, and children simply because of their natural hair. This legislation is headed to the Senate for consideration.

In addition, Congresswoman Grace Meng has co-sponsored the Big Oil Windfall Profits and Tax Act. This bill imposes an excise tax on excessive profits from oil companies and credits tax collected to be paid to individual taxpayers. This is important because oil and gas companies have increased their profit margins to as high as 60% while Americans are feeling the pain where Con Edison and other fuel prices have risen incredibly.

In addition, with the Federal Aviation Administrator (FAA) Steve Dickson resignation, Congresswoman Grace Meng sent a letter urging President Biden to nominate a new FAA Administrator who will address aviation noise, which is a major problem in the district and one that has not been properly addressed by the FAA in the past.

Congresswoman Meng introduced a legislation (Disability ID Act of 2022) to improve the relationship of persons with disabilities and first responders to facilitate the placement of disability symbols on certain identification cards and for other purposes. Also to provide funding for training for first responders to recognize disability identifiers and to act appropriately with such individuals.

Next, Kyle Salcido spoke about the Affordable Insulin Act Now (H.R.6833) which Congresswoman Meng co-sponsored. This bill caps cost sharing under private health insurance for month's supply of selected products at \$35 or 25% of the plan's negotiated price. Since there are over 37 million Americans with diabetes, and 1 in 3 are at high risk of developing diabetes.

At this time, the average cost for a 40 day supply is over \$600. No one should have to pay a high price for life saving medicine. This bill is now headed to the Senate for consideration.

Next, Kyle Salcido spoke about the Russian invasion in the Ukraine. As vice chair of the House Appropriations subcommittee, Congresswoman Meng continues to support robust funding for economic security and assistance to the Ukraine including \$13.6 billion aid package. President Biden has signed this legislation into law.

Just this past week, Congresswoman Grace Meng co-lead a bipartisan letter to Administrator Power of the United States Agency for International Development (USA) and the Secretary of State requesting USA ensures efforts to prevent gender based violence in response to the crises in Ukraine. From the millions fleeing Ukraine at this time, 86% are women and children and there have not been enough resources dedicated to address gender based violence.

Additionally, the Congresswoman joined in a Bill that called for travel restrictions on Russian government employees and military guards. Details followed.

At this point, more sponsored/co-sponsored legislation by Congresswoman Grace Meng was read to the Board.

### **Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez**

Michelle Luna reported welcomed the new Board members. On March 24, the Congresswoman hosted the first in-person Town Hall since February, 2020 and was held at Parkchester section of the Bronx and delivered remarks on the State of the District summarizing the work the office had done in the past few months. Watch a recording of the event at aoc-youtube page and please subscribe to the Congresswoman's Newsletter for the date and location of the next Town Hall in Astoria.

Community project funds for FY 2023 are now open and applications due April 15. Some of the projects funded for the previous fiscal year include \$96,000 for Plaza del Sol upgrades to tele-health equipment, \$3 million for Elmhurst Hospital upgrades to maternal health facility, and \$225,000 for family support counselors at Queens Community House.

The office has officially kicked off the 2022 Congressional Art Competition. High schoolers please submit your artwork via email to the Congresswoman's office for a chance to display it in the U. S. Capitol. April 29 is the deadline to submit artwork by 5 p.m.

If you know of a school or student that would like to submit art work, please contact the Congresswoman's office.

More community information was given by Michelle Luna.

The Centers for Medicaid and Medicare are providing relief to individuals who could not complete Part A or Part B enrollment requests because they could not get through to the Social Security Administration's phone lines after January 1, 2022 will be granted additional time through December 30, 2022.

Reminder, e-file taxes by April 18 and non-filers were encouraged to file because of the available benefits.

Questions and comments are welcomed from constituents and the office is also available for case work assistance and the office is open for walk-ins Mondays to Thursdays, 9:00 – 5:00 p.m.

### **NYS Assembly**

#### **Catalina Cruz**

Samantha wished all Happy Holidays and reported on last month's community events. Assembly woman Catalina Cruz was present at the press conference to honor Louie Suljovic owner of Louie's Pizzeria and his father for their heroic actions.

Also, the Assembly woman joined Elmhurst Hospital to acknowledge all the doctors do for the community.

Upcoming events:

The Housing Rights Clinic with community leaders, tomorrow, April 13. Also a Covid-19 Town Hall updates will be held with Elmhurst Hospital. Corona Plaza will meet with city agencies and the Borough President to address issues and concerns.

The state budget which was completed this past week: \$1.1 billion in funding was allocated for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and the landlord Rental Assistance Program including \$150 million in federal funding, \$250 million in utility arrears programs to be administered by the Dept. of Public Service and an additional \$15 million for the homeowner protection program for a total of \$35 million.



Also, Alcohol to Go for small businesses was passed with some restrictions and more money added for schools. Some of the district office services provided were mentioned.

### **Queens Borough President's Office**

Kat Brezler congratulated the new Board members on their appointment and those members re-appointed who are such an important part of decentralization in the borough.

Upcoming events at Borough Hall:

Log on to [www.queensbp.org/calendar](http://www.queensbp.org/calendar) for more details and events. The Cannabis Conference is scheduled for April 20.

Cannabis is legal in New York State. However, licenses are still being rolled out through the state. Much information about this will be given at the conference.

April 28 a Queens Job Recruitment Fair will be held. Please reach out to her if you need assistance.

### **NYC Council**

#### **Francisco Moya**

Berenice Navarette-Perez welcomed the new Board members and reported on the Women's History Event where proclamations and citations were given out to women who went above and beyond in the community. Proclamations to Community Board 4 members were given to: Ari Espinal and Michelle Dunston were congratulated for their community service.

March 25 Council Member Francisco Moya along with School of Arts Academy students, a non-profit organization, and volunteers repainted the mural along the LIRR to send a message no more graffiti. This is one of the many beautification efforts and projects the Council Member spearheaded for the community.

All were reminded the last day for taxes is April 18. Contact Urban Upbound at 718-784-0877; press 2 for Spanish, then press 7, for assistance.

Testing sites will be posted in the chat. Pick up testing kits from the public libraries such as Corona, Langston Hughes, and E. Elmhurst.

Upcoming events will be posted on social media.

### **VIII. Report from the Nominating Committee**

#### **To fill vacant CB4Q Executive Committee Positions**

Board Chair Marialena Giampino announced this is a special election for the open positions: Board Treasurer, Executive Secretary, and Two At-Large Directors. The Board Chair reported the Nominating Committee met last week and was optimistic all were able to read the information in the email.

District Manager Cassagnol reported the Committee met throughout the month. Several Board members showed interest in the positions and inquired to exactly what the positions entailed, how long was the term etc.

The committee reviewed the available applicants. However the only position that had more candidates than the available slots was the position of At Large Director. Board attendance, Board participation and previous Board participation was taken into consideration and how much interest the Board member showed in the actual positions.

The Committee had presented a slate of nominees. One candidate for the position of Secretary (Louis Walker who will retain his position as Parliamentarian), one for the position of Treasurer (Leeanne G-Bowley). Two members from the four who were viable candidates were Clara Salas and Lara Gregory. The District Manager explained the election procedure, noting it is a temporary position as the actual Board election will take place later this year.

The Board's bylaws were amended some time last year to be more conducive to Covid-19 regulations and were discussed and edited accordingly.

It was the Committee's recommendation that at this special election cycle the Bylaws should be further amended to be clearer on how to handle an election in the middle of the year. Vote yes or no for the slate. If you vote no, the slate will not pass and the process begins again for another set of viable candidates.

At this point, the Board Chair called out if any Board Member had questions.

Since there were none, Board Chair Marialena Giampino called for a vote to fill the vacant Executive Board positions.

Transportation Committee Chair Matthew McElroy made to motion, seconded by Youth Committee Chair Sylvia Martin, to **approve** the Nominating Committee's slate of officers.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

During the course of the meeting 26 members were present, however, for this vote there were 23 members voting yes with one abstention. Board Chair Marialena Giampino called for clarity. Discussion ensued about a quorum being met. Parliamentarian Louis Walker ruled the vote was allowable. Motion passed.

**VIII. Report & Vote: Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee**  
**--State Liquor Authority Applications**

**NYS LIQUOR AUTHORITY LICENSES**

**April 2022**

**NEW/TEMPORARY PERMIT APPLICANTS**

<b><u>Establishment's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Address</u></b>	<b><u>License Type</u></b>	<b><u>New/Temp.</u></b>
Taco Velez II Inc.	96-06 Roosevelt Avenue Corona, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider	New & Temp.
D. Osoreo Corp.	95-44 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider	New
La Moon Inc.	81-40 Broadway Elmhurst, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider	New & Temp.
Sabor De Mi Tierra En NYC Corp.	41-06B Junction Blvd. Corona, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider	New & Temp.

**RENEWAL APPLICANTS**

<b><u>Establishment's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Address</u></b>	<b><u>License Type</u></b>
Hornado Ecuatoriano Corp.	81-10 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

**CLASS CHANGE**

<b><u>Establishment's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Address</u></b>	<b><u>License Type</u></b>
Hornado Ecuatoriano Corp.	81-10 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Staff Member Christina Long reported on the denials:

There were two denials, and one pending approval.

**New/Temporary - Denials**

La Moon Inc., *Jai Sung Ma*, 81-40 Broadway, Elmhurst, NY. Failed to attend.

**Class Change - Denials**

Hornado Ecuatoriano Corp., 81-10 Roosevelt Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY

Did not reveal why they were seeking a class change. Currently they are a full liquor restaurant and were seeking a tavern instead. Community expressed concern.

**Renewals – Denials**

Hornado Ecuatoriano Corp., 81-10 Roosevelt Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY

The Committee asked establishment to provide proof that some of its summonses had been dismissed. Information not received as yet, but as soon as received, it would be an approval only for the renewal.

Environmental Committee Chair Carol Machulski made a motion, seconded by Board Member Pat Martin, to **approve** the committee's report as presented.

Board Chair Marialena Giampino called out if there were any opposed or abstentions. Since there were none, motion passed.

## **IX. Committee Reports**

### **Consumer Affairs**

No Report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

### **Environmental**

Committee Chair Carol Machulski reported QSWAB met on March 23. Paige Williams, Compost Project Coordinator at the Queens Botanical Gardens was the guest speaker and spoke about composting and gave an overview of the gardens and how they are maintained. Also, an update was given on the QSWAB website by one of the members, however, it is in the development stages because a calendar needs to be added.

The Manhattan QSWAB presented two pieces of legislation State Bills S1278 and Assembly Bill 4308 on tobacco products and waste reduction act, noting there is much waste in cigarettes butts which adds up. The goal is to corral this waste product and stop cigarette butts floating around the city.

Additionally, a Nominating Committee was formed by QSWAB for next year's officers. The next QSWAB meeting is April 27, 2022.

### **Health & Human Services**

Committee Chair Clara Salas reported on the lack of members at the last meeting and was optimistic new members will join the committee. She spoke about the new Omicron variant BA2 and some of the states returning to the mask mandate. All were urged to protect themselves otherwise we are heading down the wrong path. New members were urged to join the committee as it is an essential part of the community and the Board.

### **Parks, Cultural Affairs & Historical Preservation**

Committee Chair Ashley Reed reported last month a formal committee meeting was not held, however, the committee participated in the Josephine Caminiti Playground community participation meeting on March 9. The discussion included ways to improve public safety and the play equipment. Schematic plans will be reviewed in four to five months and a presentation will be made to the Parks Committee.

A Parks Committee meeting is planned later this month with the Parks Department where plans for Hoffman Park will be presented. Tentatively, a meeting is scheduled for April 27.

### **Transportation**

Committee Chair Matthew McElroy reported the Committee met to meet the time constraints of the Port Authority that had sent out a questionnaire about the Mass Transit Access to LaGuardia Airport. Plans were approved by the FAA and the Port Authority which was widely not liked in the community, noting although some did like it, but was withdrawn fairly recently.

The Port Authority had issued a list of 17 options for access to the airport. When the questionnaire was circulated, the deadline was a couple of weeks away.

Committee Chair Matthew McElroy thanked those who were able to attend the committee meetings: Lindsay Quartini, Alex Owens Linda Corral, and Rovenia McGowan. It was short notice and people had to rearrange their schedules. The effort was very much appreciated. After a very long meeting, good comments were sent out to the Port Authority.

Next, Committee Chair Matthew McElroy brought up the Queens Bus Redesign. Three years ago, the MTA put out a very large, radical plan for a total redesign of the Queens Bus system. There was much community unhappiness, not so much from us but from other areas of Queens. Because of the radical changes, people were uncomfortable.

The Transportation Committee sent in a very lengthy comment on the MTA plan. Of the four items up fronted as very important to us, the MTA changed three which was surprising and pleasant to see that they were so responsive.

The Committee Chair was aware of some of the comments from Queens Community Board 3. Many of their comments were also addressed by the MTA. The MTA did make a very serious effort to address community issues that were raised.

Committee Chair Matthew McElroy urged everyone to look at the plan on the MTA website.

Details were provided on the plan such as an explanation of the new routes in Queens. Look at the routes that are in our neighborhoods, especially those you use. More examples of service proposed and now were given.

April 28 at 6:30 p.m. a workshop is planned for Community Board 4.

Discussion ensued.

### **ULURP/Zoning**

Committee Chair Alton Derrick Smith reported a meeting was not held last month, however, a meeting is planned shortly.

**Youth Services**

Committee Chair Sylvia Martin reported a meeting was held March 24 with a quorum present and with two special guests in attendance:

Danielle, External Affairs Manager Queens, NYC School Construction Authority and YPC Youth Power Coalition Debra Chang. Committee Chair Sylvia Martin stated the two guests had addressed the Youth Committee and were on the agenda for tonight's Public Hearing for the school site at 108-15 Horace Harding Expressway. This is for a new, approximately 826 seat Queens High School which includes D75 seats. Debra Chang gave an overview and discussion presenting ways in which youth can better engage with the Community Board.

Also, District Manager Christian Cassagnol gave a summary on the process of how the youth can become Board Members.

**X. Open Session #2**

**Members of the Board please raise your hand on Webex to speak. Please limit all statements to two (2) minutes.**

Board Chair Marialena Giampino called out if any Board Member had any comments before adjourning.

Board Member Vincent Laucella reported on a hate crime that occurred in Jamaica, NY. He urged all to be on high alert and to be aware of your surroundings and walk in pairs.

At this point, District Manager Cassagnol outlined Board operating procedures, committee structure, and mentioned an upcoming orientation for the new Board members.

Discussion ensued.

Since there were no further issues, Environmental Chair Carol Machulski made a motion, seconded by Parliamentarian Louis Walker, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.