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September 8, 2026

COMMUNITY BOARD ATTENDANCE

Board Members Attending:

Marialena Giampino
Jonathan Anzalone
James Barga
Alexandra Rodriguez-Canizare
Isaac Carmignani
Indira Chongbang
Andrea Cumberbatch
Yue Dong
Michelle Dunston
Natasha Go
Sandra Gutierrez
Alexander Huaylinos
Vincent Laucella
Adam Lee
Moe Liu
Elizabeth Lopez
Carol Machulski
Matthew McElroy
Jennifer Ochoa
G. Oliver
Ashley Reed
Clara Salas
A. Redd Sevilla
Robbie Sheikh
Alton Derrick Smith
Shallah Stevens
Anthony Szeto
Morgan Taylor
Marcello Testa
Juliane Williams

Board Members Absent:

Brianna Cea
Edwin Chaves
Lynda Coral
Kathy Corona
Deependra Lama
Myrna Littlewort
Sandra Florez-Lopez
Sylvia Martin
Mac Ryan Merchan
SM Mezbah
Jose Morillo
Ruby Muhammad
Dewi Mulya
Fahim Nousad
Raditya Rahim
Mildred Ramirez
Courtney Jae Renee
Juttana Rimreartwate
John Wojciechowski
Minwen Yang

ATTENDING:
Christian Cassagnol, CB 4 District Manager
Pat Rosero, Queens Borough President's Office
Dieusita Jean, Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz's Office
Nerissa Ng, U. S. Representative Grace Meng's Office
Kriss Marchena, Council Member Shanel Thomas-Henry's Office
Kimberly Osorio, Assembly Member Catalina Cruz's Office
Karol Guaman, Assembly Member Steven Raga's Office
Cheryl Gangemi
Alex Kipp, NYC Conflicts of Interest Board (COIB)
Andrew Aulbrich, Cozen O'Connor & Colleagues

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: VFW POST #150
51-11 108 Street
Corona, NY

I. Board Chairperson Marialena Giampino opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

III **Roll Call**
Board Secretary Jennifer Ochoa took the roll call. A quorum was present.

IV. **Vote – Minutes June 9, 2026**
Board Member Clara Salas made a motion, seconded by Parliamentarian Carol Machulski, to **approve** the minutes as presented. The vote was 25 in favor, 0 opposed, with 2 abstentions. Motion passed.

V. **Chairperson's Report**
Board Chair Marialena Giampino welcomed back the Board Members and members of the public and elected official representatives from summer recess.

Subsequently, the Board Chair Marialena Giampino presented a meetings recap:

July 13 – The Board Chair attended the joint Boro Board meeting at Borough Hall for Board Chairs and District Managers.
A complete overview of the NYC Police Department was given for Queens north and Queens south. Overall, the statistics are lower, however, the major problem brought up was with scooters and robberies by scooter riders.

Subsequently, new and existing Board Members were thanked who had attended the Board's virtual orientation hosted by the Board Chair and District Manager on July 16 and expressed optimism it was helpful.

July 30 – The Board Chair had attended the Queens Borough President's press conference on the Flushing Meadows Corona Park Task Force and funding for $17.5 million for the Playground for All in collaboration with Council Member Shanel Thomas-Henry. Also present was Parks Committee Chair Morgan Taylor and District Manager Christian Cassagnol.
The Board Chair spoke on behalf of Community Board 4 noting the Board advocates for our parks and that particular park was in the Board's Needs Statement and long overdue and stressed its importance for all children.
Also, the task force that was created was important because the park is very historic in Queens and is in need of attention.

August 3 – The Board Chair attended the Third Flushing Meadows Corona Task Force at Borough Hall which is an initiative led by the Borough President. Ways to improve directions in the park were brought up, namely, traffic and getting around in the Park.
The Board Chair suggested a link on the Borough President's website with an interactive map as well as an app as some people get lost in the Park, which is a major issue. Another meeting is scheduled where the Board Chair, District Manager and Parks Committee Chair will attend.

At this point, the Board Chair congratulated the Parks Committee for its Summer Streets Celebration during summer recess held on August 29. All were thanked who participated.

Next, the FY '28 Needs Statement is due November 2, 2026. All committees were urged to review last year's Needs Statement to get ready for this year's Needs Statement.

All Board Members should have received an email today from the Board Chair regarding committee assignments.

In conclusion, Board Chair Marialena called out if any Board Members can join her for a press conference on Friday, September 18, at 12:30 p.m. regarding the African-American burial ground in Elmhurst. The burial ground dates back to 1828, and the Borough President is asking the city to buy the land and create a memorial park.
The Elmhurst Preservation Society, a non-profit organization where the Board Chair participates, is united and working together with St. Mark's AME Church that owns the rights to the remains buried there. Efforts are being continued to preserve the area's history and the press will continue the goal of the Elmhurst Preservation Society together with the church to landmark the property.
All were urged to attend. Notably land marking began in 2018 pointing out the Landmarks Preservation Commission is a slow process. The Board supported the cause in 2018 and the location is 47-11 90 Street where the freed slaves were likely buried.

VI. **District Manager's Report**
District Manager Christian Cassagnol welcomed back the Board Members from summer recess. The District Manager stressed the importance of the Needs Statement and noted the November 2 deadline. The Needs Statement is a wish list the community puts together where the Board canvasses the community as well as city agencies asking what they need and those needs transported to a list of priorities supported by the Board. The process is somewhat vague and the Dept. of City Planning is only interested in the end result.
There are eight sections in the Needs Statement and the Board is comprised of eight committees explaining each committee handles its own section. Some Chairs are fully involved with their committees; others prefer to handle priorities with the District Manager and then notifying the committee of priorities. For the most part Committee Chairs, your next meeting should be to discuss the Needs Statement. All Board Members will receive a copy of the Needs Statement to review. Speak to the community, the schools, and the precinct etc.
Budget consultations take place tomorrow. This is when the District Manager meets with city agencies and will ask the agencies what is needed. Directed to Committee Chairs in addition to speaking to committee members, take notes for budget consultations. The process starts beginning September to end of October. Committee Chairs were urged for the next meeting agenda to discuss the Needs Statement
Lastly, the District Manager reported the Parks Committee is meeting tomorrow and all were urged to attend to see not only how the Needs Statement works but also to gather information to pass on. The Needs Statement is not just for individual committees but for the full Board. The District Manager stressed attending the Parks Committee meeting to see how the process works so that information is brought back to the individual committees.
Next, Community Board 4 T-shirts were purchased by the Board. Board Members were invited to stop by the office for a T-shirt or let the District Manager know and he will bring T-shirts to the next Board meeting.
Lastly, the Consumer Affairs Committee did not meet during the summer months and explained the Committee Chair had sustained an emergency. Although the committee was unable to move forward, the committee will be meeting soon. He also noted this is the reasoning liquor and cannabis licenses have not been included in the Board's Newsletter.

VII. **Public Forum – Good & Welfare of the District**
(All statements will be limited to 2 minutes)

- Community Board Members
- Members of the Public
- Civic/Non Profit Organizations/City Agencies

Board Member Clara Salas reported on deteriorating conditions on the Queens Blvd. center medians. Most of the trees are overgrown, not pruned, and the grass is not removed nor the trash taken away from Broadway, Queens Blvd to the Queens Center Mall.
Also, Queens Blvd. from Woodside to Forest Hills is in deteriorating condition noting the dead trees and overgrown grass. When the Parks Dept. is called, the answer received is it is not my job. All were urged to Adopt A Tree on the center median to help and also to call the Parks Dept. and write letters on deteriorating conditions.

Next, Parks Committee Chair Morgan Taylor read a statement to ensure the success of Community Board 4. He is looking forward to working with Community Board 4 collaboratively and to ensure the Bylaws are effective and inclusive and make the most of our experience and skills. Every member brings skills, careers, professional backgrounds, knowledge, and life experience to the Board. Our Bylaws should allow those to benefit from those experiences and give members an opportunity to contribute in meaningful leadership roles. Borough Hall and our Chairperson has selected and appointed each of us to serve on the Board, and that appointment itself demonstrates that Board Members are qualified to represent our community.

Parks Committee Chair Morgan Taylor felt there should not be an additional barrier that prevents an appointed Board Member from being considered for or running for a position on the Executive Committee.
Members should have the opportunity to seek leadership positions based on their willingness to serve, skills, and experience and the confidence of fellow Board Members.
Therefore, the Bylaw amendment Parks Committee Chair Morgan Taylor would like to propose is structured to accommodate the recent addition of appropriate term limits. The goal is not to eliminate opportunities for newer members but to create a balance between continuity and leadership. Nine new members have joined the Board since this past April, and this coming April ten existing members are expected to be termed out who will be replaced by new members. If newer members are automatically excluded from leadership opportunities, we risk not being able to utilize practical experience and continuity at a time when there will be a significant turnover.
The bottom line is the purpose of this amendment is not about any one individual or the current Executive Committee. It is about creating Bylaws that make sense for the Board long term allowing twenty-five members to participate, encouraging new leadership, maintaining institutional knowledge, and ensuring the Board and continue effectively and collaboratively.

At this point, Board Member Vincent Laucella made a motion to amend the Bylaws, specifically:

Article VI – Officer Eligibility
All candidates must be appointed Members who have served on the Board at least one (1) year prior to being nominated for the position, and must be in good standing; good standing shall mean that they are not subject to removal for cause.

The proposed amendment shall read:
All candidates must be appointed members who have served on the Board at least six months prior to being nominated for the position and must be in good standing. Good standing shall mean they are not subject to removal for cause.

To note, Board Chair Marialena Giampino stated she does not choose Board Members.

Discussion ensued.

Motion on the floor was seconded by First Vice Chair Ashley Reed.

Before the vote was taken, Board Member A. Redd Sevilla commented if anyone had an argument against the proposed amendment.

Discussion ensued.

Subsequently, by a voice vote of the members present, the Board voted in favor of the motion. The vote was 27 in favor, 1 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

Next, Environmental Chair Isaac Carmignani announced his intent with the Board's support to serve as Chair of Community Board 4 in 2027. Isaac Carmignani experiences have taught him a Board cannot be run by just one person: a strong Chair needs a strong team. People should communicate as in the present, share responsibility, and are prepared to lead when others cannot be present. That is the kind of leadership Isaac Carmignani wants to bring to Community Board 4 and to continue in the fine tradition we have had. Leadership that collaborates and listens first. The motto being to listen, lead, and deliver.
The following are some of his ideas:
Public Safety must be a priority. Our residents deserve safe streets, safe parks, and public spaces that everyone can use.
We must address crime and quality of life concerns with the unhoused in our public spaces both with seriousness and humanity.
Environmental advocacy must be practical and visible. We need to fight for sewer upgrades to reduce flooding.
Services such as rain gardens that work, catch basins that flow, cleaner streets, better recycling, less waste going to landfills.
Advocate for more housing while ensuring that growth strengthens Corona and Elmhurst for all the people who call those communities home.
For new housing infrastructure and technology, our decisions should be informed by science, evidence and real expertise not fear or Misinformation. Good public policy requires both the head and heart. Evidence that tells us what works and empathy to understand to whom it affects.
We need powerful functional committees such as the bylaws and parks. Committees that develop expertise, engage residents and use advocacy and recommendations that move this Board forward while representing Corona, Elmhurst, and Lefrak.
Environmental Chair Isaac Carmignani stated he is not running to make this his Board, but to make it our Board. A Board where members are heard.
Disagreements are respected and our different experiences become our collective strengths.
Finally in addition to listen, lead and deliver, there is one principle that must guide everything the Board does is transparency.

Public Leadership should happen in the sunlight. Transparency builds understanding. Understanding builds trust, and trust gives us the ability to act together, even when we don't always agree.
That is the Community Board Isaac Carmignani wants to build together and respectfully asks for the Board's support for Chair.

Next, Board Member Jonathan Anzalone announced his intent to apply for a position on the Executive Board. He stated he presented himself well on the time shared on the Board adding he is a quiet and thoughtful participant who speaks up when he has a strong opinion and has expertise to share.
Board Member Jonathan Anzalone joined the Board a few years ago because he wanted to give what he can offer to help New York better as the eyes and ears that advise our elected officials about what we need and care about.
Jonathan Anzalone lives in Corona raising a child and owning a home. His partner's family has lived in Elmhurst for decades and explained what he cares about.
The city has rules and laws about the way things ought to be. Rules that keep our streets clean, our sidewalks safe, and our lives pleasant. But when we look around, we see disregard for those rules. Even when best efforts are made we need to stand up for them.
Trash is dumped in our neighborhood that needs to be cleaned. But, we need to stop dumping.
Board Member Jonathan Anzalone sees buildings built with parking areas but no driveways and cars that jump the curb. This happens when his child is riding his scooter down the block. Common abuses create dangerous streets.
Board Member Jonathan Anzalone works in compliance and often when something is denied, it's because it wasn't asked right.
When our Needs Statement has request after request denied, he asks does the city really think we don't need these things.
Or, do we need how to learn to shape the request right to pass.
As a member of the Executive Board, Jonathan Anzalone would advocate to bring in those city agencies who are reviewing those requests and ask that question so that we can understand when to fight for something and to ask the right question.
Let's do this together.

Next, Consumer Affairs Chair Andrea Cumberbatch became a member of the Board because she lived in the area and wanted to be at the heart of the community and also serves as president of a co-op board. Area flooding was also noted.
Consumer Affairs Chair Andrea Cumberbatch nominated herself as a member of the Executive Board, in particular, the Director at Large position.

Next. Board Member Elizabeth Lopez informed the Board the bylaws state a Board Member has 3 minutes, not 2 minutes, to speak and reported the Board the Board office is currently short staffed. Since the spring, Board Member Elizabeth Lopez has been helping whenever she can from organizing and preparing materials to assisting with events. Being in the office more has also given her the opportunity to see firsthand the pressures staff are facing.
Acknowledging staff is doing their best under difficult circumstances, staffing is limited and an enormous amount of responsibility falls on the District Manager. Also, there are issues with the physical office including structural problems such as leaks. These are not isolated issues. Collectively, they contribute to a difficult and stressful working environment. While hiring another employee may be the obvious solution, Board Member Elizabeth Lopez did not believe adding another person addresses the larger organizational issues.
The Board's bylaws provide very little detail regarding how staff should be recruited, interviewed, and selected, which makes transparency and collaboration even more important.
There was a Personnel Committee formed and interviews were conducted over the summer without the full Board made aware they were taking place or having an opportunity for involvement.
To be clear, Board Member Elizabeth Lopez is not allegedly the Board's bylaws, the Charter, or any specific policy was violated.
Board Member Elizabeth Lopez's concern is that the process lacks transparency. In addition, she strongly believes that staff involvement in the interview process is essential. The people who run the office every day, a very experienced Community Coordinator and the District Manager with 25 years of experience have firsthand knowledge of the office should be a part of the hiring decisions.
But beyond the hiring process, she believes a hard look is needed at how the office structure is governed and operates because that structure is directly connected to the challenges we are experiencing today.
Article VIII - Duties of Officers
(a) The Chairperson
#13 – Shall have overall supervisory responsibility for the Community Board staff
Community Board 4Q is, in fact, the only Community Board in the city that currently operates under this structure. District Managers tend to have supervisory responsibility over the office. Board Member Elizabeth Lopez understood this provision was added to the bylaws in the 1990's in response to a conflict within the office at the time. Perhaps, it was an appropriate solution for that particular situation, but what may have been a solution decades ago does not necessarily mean it remains the best organizational structure today.
The District Manager has decades of institutional knowledge and experience staff who understand the day to day office operation.
Yet, the structure does not place the direct supervision of the staff with the person responsible managing the office.
From what she has personally observed on several occasions at the office, this has contributed to confusion, impeding direction and additional pressures on everyone including the Board Chair. Overall, it has created a dysfunctional workplace.

Board Member Elizabeth Lopez believes serious reconsideration is needed to this structure and is it still serving its intended purpose or whether a solution created for a problem in the 1990's has now created a different organizational problem of its own.
Board Member Elizabeth Lopez does not claim to have all the answers, however, as someone with professional experience in HR recruitment believes the structural and organizational issues be addressed before hiring another person in the office.
Otherwise, we risk hiring someone into an environment of dysfunction and chaos without giving that person structure, direction and support necessary to succeed.
A band aid may cover a cut, but does not cover a virus. To solve the problem, the root cause must be addressed.
For these reasons, Board Member Elizabeth Lopez will vote No on hiring and any future hiring. It is not a vote against the candidate personally and is not an allegation that anyone violated the Charter or the Board's bylaws.
It is a vote against moving forward under this process and within a structure that first needs to be addressed.
Our staff is the heartbeat of the Board; and if we want to serve our community effectively, we owe it to them that any person brought in the office is to a more functioning, transparent, and collaborative organization.
Board Member Elizabeth Lopez had requested both verbally and in writing multiple times and will continue to say that she would love to help in any way and to offer her professional experience as a recruiter to help recruit strong candidates, create a collaborative effort, and streamline the interview process that we are all involved in.

Next, Board Secretary Jennifer Ochoa spoke about the extreme flooding Elmhurst and Corona had experienced coupled with construction in Corona, and a senior citizen who is ill living on Corona Avenue had the gas to her house cut off by National Grid. To make matters worse, National Grid does not have availability until Saturday to address the issue.
As a Community Board, how can we help this community resident and address the issue. 311 had been called without assistance. The response was work it out with National Grid.

Discussion ensued.

Subsequently, Board Member Moe Liu explained Council Member Phil Wong is very active and outspoken on flood issues and encouraged the Board to write a letter not only to Council Member Wong but to all the council members and state representatives to stand up on this issue.

At this point, District Manager Christian Cassagnol said a letter should not be written through committee and suggested to handle it as a constituent case and mentioned he was in contact with the Councilwoman's office to expedite the case.
Also, he mentioned the Needs Statement is coming up. Budget consultations are in progress which means the District Manager is in direct contact with DEP's commissioner.
Further, area flooding is included in the Needs Statement—the DEP section.
Writing a letter with support of the full Board including the constituent's complaint added in the Needs Statement strengthens the entry. Bringing it to committee would delay the process.
For now, flooding can be fixed on a short term basis; but for long term, it should be included in the Board's Needs Statement with a backup letter attached to address all issues of flooding. Though committee would delay the process. Raise awareness and add it to the Needs Statement.

The District Manager gave a further explanation about the Needs Statement and reiterated incorporating a letter from the full Board is a huge strong point.

At this point, Secretary Jennifer Ochoa made a motion, seconded by Health Committee Chair G. Oliver, to write a letter in support of mitigating flooding in major flood areas in Elmhurst & Corona and attach it to the Board's Needs Statement.

Before the vote, District Manager Cassagnol commented there are flooding issues in the district. CB4 is underserved as a result of its vast population which affects city services and must be pointed out. More so, it is a small entry and rarely has an attachment. A cohesive letter from the Board with a Community Board quorum is essential.

Subsequently, Environmental Chair Isaac Carmignani said the committee is aware of this issue which has been discussed in committee.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 29 in favor, 0 opposed with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

Next, Board Member Vincent Laucella extended a Thank You to the Board Chair and District Manager on the Needs Statement. This is the first time ever every park in our district has been funded.
On behalf of the Queens United Lions Club, past president Vincent Laucella thanked the Board for working together for five years. This past summer's project saw the community at its finest. The job of community board members is to work together for the benefit

of the community. Each member brings in something special and each member has a voice. Use your voice to speak up for your community.
Save the Date: November 7
Thanksgiving event at St. Leo's for 400 people. On behalf of the Board, Assembly Member Catalina Cruz will be sponsoring food.
Board Member Vincent Laucella is working with Ryan Graham at the VFW and Assembly Member Catalina Cruz to host another community meeting for the veterans and the elderly.
Lastly, the NYPD will closely monitor the parks under renovation when they reopen. Another meeting is scheduled next month on the Corona Sanctuary Park.
Precinct Council meeting on Thursday at the VFW is the first in session meeting at 7:00 p.m. All were urged to attend. Numbers are extremely low and more attendance is needed.
September 11 at 8:00 a.m. at 110 Police Precinct – Remembrance Ceremony.

Next, Board Member Moe Liu reported he supports small businesses in our community and has tried to elevate and prosper businesses and had witnessed the results of COVID-19 affecting those small businesses, noting many had collapsed. Working with several elected officials and organizations, he advocates for community businesses.
Sunday, October 25, 2026 is planned for the first open street called Let Elmhurst Shine on Broadway, which will be the first street fair for the neighborhood. Initially, it was thought about to shut down Broadway for a few hours so that people can walk and shop at neighborhood stores. At the same time to have organizations in the community advocate for community causes so that community people are engaged. Let's engage, communicate, and participate as a Board.
Currently, Board Member Moe Liu is talking to several nonprofits for help and will provide the Board with updates.
Lastly, Board Member Moe Liu suggested to communicate more which would create a better and improved Board engaging with the community.

Next, Board Member A. Redd Sevilla gave a shout out to the NY Knicks for making us champions after a 53 year wait.
The following two requests were made by Board Member A. Redd Sevilla to the Board:
For at least five Board Members to call 311 or the Dept. of Buildings to complain about One Claremont Terrace, which is the biggest zombie building eyesore in the neighborhood and is 40% to 50% unfinished since 2008. With the tremendous amount of rainfall over the summer, this building with no windows and sheetrock inside the building mold must be apparent.
Board Member A. Redd Sevilla visited the building multiple times, noting there were no approved drawings, just building off the cuff. He was willing to give Board Members a brief tour of the building to call 311 or the Dept. of Buildings to make a complaint and called out if anyone would do so and called out is anyone willing to do that?

In response, Board Member Michelle Dunston asked Board Member A. Redd Sevilla to provide his telephone number.

Second, Board Member A. Redd Sevilla spoke about the Needs Statement which is substantial that addresses more parks, flooding issues and a new precinct etc. Board Member A. Redd Sevilla explained a more manageable approach is needed. Therefore, Board Member A. Redd Sevilla is recommending an Easy Win Google Sheet. Since Board Members are communicating more, he explained why it is necessary.
For example, a noise complaint or a dirty median or a missing stop light and gave further reasoning of why it is important to the Board. By a show of hands. Does the Board think an Easy Win Google Sheet, no more than 5-8 Easy Wins, so that they can be tracked?
Board Member A. Redd Sevilla called out would any Board Member be willing to manage the sheet.
These issues were brought up since some of the issues involved multiple committees with an overlap, it's unfair for one committee to handle the majority of issues.

Subsequently, a suggestion from the floor came up the Committee Chairs manage the Google Sheets.

VIII. **Guest Speaker:**
Alex Kipp, Director of Education & Engagement
New York City Conflicts of Interest Board (NYC COIB)
A refresher presentation on Conflicts of Interest Training or New and Existing Community Board Members

Alex Kipp passed out a handout as a reference and explained at the top is contact information for the Conflict of Interest Board. The goal is this law was intentional when the Charter Revision Commission wrote this law 35 years ago to prevent violation of the Conflicts of Interest Law by giving one on one confidential advice to act on a potential conflict of interest so that there is never a violation.
The Conflict of Interest Board will give advice whenever needed, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or contact the Board through its website and receive a fast and free response.

All communications are confidential. In other jurisdictions with conflicts of interest, every question is a matter of public record, which is not true in New York City. The Charter Revision Commission said the Board is to primarily give advice and everyone is to be secure that when a question is asked, it is in confidence. By law, the agency cannot share with any one the answer given, or the question that was asked or you called for advice. The agency will always give a copy of what was said to you.

Alex Kipp reported the best time to ask for advice is before a law is broken.

Subsequently, Alex Kipp brought up when a community board member is precluded from voting.
You cannot vote on any matter that may result in a personal and direct economic gain to yourself or to any person or firm "associated" with you. A person or firm "associated" with you include close family members, your employer, and other persons or firms with whom you have a business or financial relationship.
Alex Kipp explained what associated with you entailed which would be a conflict of interest. Also included were those who would not be considered your associates.
Alex Kipp pointed out the Member is prevented from voting when it is a direct benefit to the Member or their associate, not a punitive benefit but a potential benefit. An example followed. See the Example on Page 1 of the handout where a Community Board Member's sister owning a co-op has applied for a special permit. The Community Board Member may participate in the discussion after disclosing the private interest but cannot vote because it is a benefit to the co-op where the sister sits on the Board.
If the wording was for a friend instead of a sister, the Community Board Member would not be precluded from voting.

In a rezoning matter, Alex Kipp clarified the benefit had to be direct to involve your property, or the business that you own, and gave examples of when to vote and when not to vote. Very important terms to remember are "associate" and "direct" when a Community Board Member must use the three D's: disclose, discuss and do not vote.

Since the Community Board votes on liquor licenses, Alex Kipp gave an example of when a Community Board Member can and cannot vote on a liquor license application reviewed by the SLA, emphasizing the terms "associate" and "direct" are very important understanding when to use the three D's.
In addition, a Board Member cannot abstain from a vote because an abstention is considered a no vote; and to see if it counts more than the yes votes.

In addition, if a Board Member is employed by a city agency, it must be disclosed, discussed and do not vote because the Board Member works for a government organization.

Next, Alex Kipp spoke about chairing meetings. A Board Member cannot Chair a meeting of the community board or any committee or subcommittee that is considering any matter particularly affecting your employer (whether sector or governmental) financial interest or other private interest.

In conclusion, Alex Kipp spoke about general conflicts of interest rules and provided examples.
In particular, Political Solicitation a staff may not be asked to volunteer, donate to, or participate in any political campaign. No financial arrangement between and superior and subordinate is allowed.

IX. **Personnel Committee – Informational Report**
Personnel Informational Report and Vote for New Hire

Board Chair Marialena Giampino reported the Personnel Committee met in person on May 11 and May 20 and worked on the Code of Conduct and the hiring for the vacant job position, which was announced at the last meeting. The Committee followed protocol of the Equal Opportunity Employer per OMB and Borough Hall. Interviews were held and documents submitted as was done in the past five years. As help was needed in the office, the committee looked at the strongest candidate.
However, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) had changed its rules with stricter guidelines. Now, a full Board vote is needed to hire employees which includes promotions, merit raises etc.

At this point, Personnel Committee Member Robbie Sheikh explained the open Community Assistant job position, noting there were many candidates.
Board Member Robbie Sheikh explained the process which was open to Community Board Members.

Board Member Elizabeth Lopez brought up the interviews were not open to the full Community Board.

Board Chair Marialena Giampino responded interviews are not done with a crowd of people. Interviews are intended for only the Personnel Committee.

Board Member Elizabeth Lopez stated it was not known interviews were being held.

Board Member Robbie Sheikh reported several great candidates were interviewed. Through the committee selection, Cheryl Gangemi was considered very qualified with many years of experience, a great personality and people skills, and overall a great fit for the Community Board.

A Board Member inquired how any candidates applied and how many were interviewed.

Board Chair Marialena Giampino responded a month's time was given from the time the job posting was released, and there were four candidates with one inquiry.
Subsequently, the Personnel Committee selected the top three applicants to interview.

At this point, Cheryl Gangemi was introduced to the Board and spoke about herself reporting she had worked for a real estate firm for over 25 years. Before that job, she had worked in the garment center with excellent computer skills on all platforms, as well as social media: Instagram, Facebook,
Twitter and Tic Tok. Although Cheryl Gangemi worked for a real estate office, the company was community minded.
On a daily basis, she would post community events along with real estate listings.
In addition, Cheryl Gangemi is familiar with Canva, creating flyers, post cards, and mailing lists working with elected officials such as former Council Member Robert Holden. Although her firm was a real estate office, residents would call for community assistance.
Cheryl Gangemi acted as the liaison to resolve the resident's problem explaining she would not just give the referral to the resident where to get help but that she actually made the phone calls to agencies to resolve a problem. In addition, Cheryl Gangemi followed up on those complaints.

Following, Cheryl Gangemi reported her broker was president of the Middle Village Chamber of Commerce, president of Property Owners Association, part of Forest Park Trust Association, and Queens Chamber of Commerce. Background work was handled by Cheryl Gangemi: set up monthly meetings for the Property Owners Association, coordinate guest speakers, etc.
Not only were holiday tree lightings held where she collected money door to door for the lights, but also summer concert series given and managed the event.

Although Cheryl Gangemi was the office manager, a big part of her job was to assist the real estate broker and his organizations.

In addition to her job responsibilities, Cheryl Gangemi did much volunteer work whether after hours or weekends she gave of her time.

Also, Cheryl Gangemi does not have a problem interacting with the public, namely, whether people are yelling or screaming or upset about a problem. Importantly, is to find a resolution to their problem.

Before concluding, Cheryl Gangemi said she is qualified for job, namely, she speaks well and can handle all situations that arise, adding she is a team player and a multi-tasker.

At this point, Cheryl Gangemi took questions from the Board.

Board Member Elizabeth Lopez asked does Cheryl Gangemi have any ties to this community since Cheryl Gangemi does not live here, specifically, do you live here or have family here.
Cheryl Gangemi answered no, but her husband's family does have ties to the community from 911 mentioning Anthony Luparello.
Secondly, Board member Elizabeth Lopez asked Cheryl Gangemi does she speak any additional languages.
Cheryl Gangemi responded no.

A Board Member inquired who Cheryl Gangemi would report to.

Board Member Elizabeth Lopez responded according to the Board's Bylaws, which are the only Community Board bylaws that state the staff report to the Board Chair, which Board Member Elizabeth Lopez felt needs to be corrected.

At this point, Board Chair Marialena Giampino replied District Manager Christian Cassagnol handles the day to day tasks.
Accordingly, the Board Chair does not work in the office and the team has to work together naming the Board Staff and the potential new hire.

Board Member Elizabeth Lopez stated she witnessed that does not happen.

In response Board Chair Marialena Giampino said she was very busy this summer and could not give direction to anyone and was aware Board Member Elizabeth Lopez volunteered at the office, which is fine. However Board Chair Marialena Giampino was hands off this summer as she had a multitude of tasks to attend to and was not aware of happenings at the office, in particular, if someone is saying things it has no reflection on her. Furthermore, the District Manager has been in his role a very long time and has managed other employees as well.

Next, a Board Member asked to specify the top three qualifications the job candidate is asked.

District Manager Christian Cassagnol answered dual language is important as 60%-70% of the constituents speak a second language.

Cheryl Gangemi replied she had the same problem in her office and stated her husband speaks Italian and is only a phone call away and added she has friends that speak multiple languages where can connect to and have those friends translate, noting if it's an email she can Google translate.

Also, Distinct Manager Christian Cassagnol continued knowledge of the Community Board is important as well as creating Newsletters and social media, noting he had seen Cheryl Gangemi's resume for the first time tonight.

The Board Chair noted District Manager Christian Cassagnol was invited to a virtual meeting to meet the candidate as well as Margaret and Christian could not attend.
The District Manager did attend the first Personnel Committee meeting but did not attend the second meeting and said at the first meeting he needed someone right away because help in the office was needed. For the second meeting, there was no word from the District Manager and the committee moved forward to do what the committee was commissioned to do.

Next, the District Manager directed his next question to the Personnel Committee: Was it ever brought up that District Manger Christian Cassagnol should be involved in the process.

Board Chair Marialena Giampino responded District Manager Christian Cassagnol was invited to the meeting, after they were told someone was needed, and the committee went ahead because they did not hear from the District Manager.

Subsequently, District Manager Cassagnol brought up the statement that too many candidates were received as previously reported but noted it was only four candidates who had applied, which is not too many.

Board Chair Marialena Giampino responded more applications are being forwarded to her and noted the District Manager had said it was urgent, therefore, it was important not to wait.
Furthermore, the Board Chair stated she did not want it to seem they were doing the wrong thing and Borough Hall also has documentation which was shared with the Executive and Personnel Committees.

Next, Parks Committee Chair Morgan Taylor inquired has the position been offered as full or part time as well as the budgetary availability.

Board Chair Marialena Giampino responded those questions were discussed at the May 20 meeting as well as included in the job posting. There is a cushion noting union raises are also given to staff. Union raises do not affect the Board's operating budget. Furthermore, the Board does give back money every year because funds are not used.

At this point, Board Member Clara Salas made a motion, seconded by Board Member Robbie Sheikh, to hire Cheryl Gangemi, for the open office staff position.

Discussion ensued regarding the probationary period.

Subsequently, District Manager Christian Cassagnol commented directly to Cheryl Gangemi he had reservations on the hiring process and had no issue with Mrs. Gangemi and knows a colleague of Cheryl Gangemi's, but as he was not a part of the hiring process noting the "whacked up" zoom call last week, reported he had so many questions for Cheryl Gangemi since she would be working directly with him and did not know what was promised to her i.e. salary. He also stated since he was unaware of the hiring process, it would be difficult for him to work with Cheryl Gangemi. Furthermore, it was unclear who would supervise Cheryl Gangemi and reiterated what was promised to her was not known to him. He chose not to be a part of it because it was all very vague and he was against the vote.
Additionally, he did not want her walking into an already conflicting office but thanked her for submitting a resume.

Next, Board Member Elizabeth Lopez asked if staff was part of the interview process.

Board Chair Marialena Giampino responded no.

Board Member Elizabeth Lopez replied a more collaborative, inclusive, and transparent interview process was needed, especially when it's such a small team.

Board Chair Marialena Giampino stated many announcements were made before Board Member Elizabeth Lopez was appointed to the Board.

Going forward a Board vote is needed on all promotions, new hires, and raises said Board Chair Marialena Giampino.

Discussion ensued.

Parks Committee Chair Morgan Taylor brought up is the possibility of collaboration after this vote.

Discussion ensued.

Following the discussion, Board Secretary Jennifer Ochoa reported she was part of the Personnel Committee, rules were followed, and past practices on the hiring process were followed. A roll call vote will follow. If there are any changes to the bylaws, bring them to the Bylaws Committee so that the bylaws may be amended.

Subsequently, the Board's vote on the new hire was called.

By a roll call vote, the Board voted 13 to hire (yes), 16 not to hire (no) with 0 abstentions. Motion did not pass.

Subsequently, Board Chair Marialena Giampino stated the Board's intent was to hire, but now voted against the new hire which is concerning.

Discussion followed after the vote.

Guest Speaker:
Presentation: Andrew Aulbrich, Associate, Cozen O'Connor
FRESH Application for 97-27 57 Avenue: A FRESH certification pursuant to ZR section 63-30 to develop a mixed use-7-story residential building (approx. 112,938 sf) with a ground floor FRESH grocery store (approx.. 28,417 sf) is being sought by SDWM 57 LLC in South Corona, Community District 4, Queens

Andrew Aulbrich's firm represents SDWM 57 LLC in this non-ULURP application for a FRESH food store for certification for Fresh Food Bazaar at 97-27 57 Avenue in South Corona.
With the aid of drawings and a handout, it was explained Block 1906, Block 111 is 36, 420 sq. ft. and fronts on 97 Place, 98 Street and 57 Avenue.
The property came before the Board a few years ago for a ULURP C2-4 commercial overlay to help facilitate the project and Andrew Aulbrich presented background information to the Board on the site.
On the zoning map, it is split between an R6A and R6 usage with the C2-4 commercial overlay.

More history was given about the zoning and the site.

An open parking lot and a 2-story residential building will be demolished. Proposed is a 7-story building approximately 113,000 sq. ft. with 3,000 sq. ft. for a community facility, 99 dwelling units and a new FRESH Food Bazaar with entrances on 57 Avenue. Some improvements will be made over what is on site now. Such as a vehicular entrance on 98 Street with a few more spaces inside and an additional loading zone, which will take trucks off the street including a huge new cellar space.

Next, Andrew Aulbrich spoke about the parking ramp, and elevators and staircases.

The FRESH program has certain requirements for floor area, and this store goes above and beyond those requirements. (6,000 sq. ft. for groceries-this is about 21,000 sq. ft.) Details were given about floor area for perishable goods (25%; 50% now allocated), non-perishable goods (35%, now allocated 38%), and produce. Details were given about transparency requirements such as signage on the store front including the square footage and providing 20,000 sq. ft. of residential floor area.

In conclusion, a new FRESH store will be opened in place of a long-standing one.

At this point, Andrew Aulbrich took questions from the Board.

Board Member Jonathan Anzalone inquired about the 20,000 sq. ft. of residential floor area and if units will be larger and more units.

Andrew Aulbrich responded units will be on the sixth and seventh floors and provided details.
Andrew Aulbrich reported for the residents, the site will have attended parking with 50 parking spaces.

More information was given about the loading area pointing out the entrance to the garage. Currently, there are curb cuts, (he pointed out where they are now located) the current plans would consolidate the entrance and exit into one place, which will create a better condition for people walking by.

Board Member Clara Salas asked when the work would start.

Andrew Aulbrich responded expected to begin work in the beginning of the New Year, noting two years for completion

Board Chair Marialena Giampino asked if the street will be closed during the work process.

Andrew Aulbrich answered there will be temporary closures in conjunction with the Dept. of Transportation. Disruptions will be limited as much as possible in conversations with DOT currently for specific details.

Environmental Chair Isaac Carmignani asked about upgrading the sewer system since more construction is planned on top of existing infrastructure and spoke about area flooding.

Planned improvements were given to the Board.

Subsequently, Andrew Aulbrich reported there will be 20 affordable units for the project.

Parks Committee Chair Morgan Taylor asked about the impact on vehicular traffic.

The response was an environmental impact study was done at the time the commercial overlay was done and there were no findings on traffic impact.

More questions were taken from the Board.

Board Member A. Redd Sevilla asked what percentage the 20% AMI is and continued the AMI in Corona is closer to 40%. You call affordable at 80% AMI, but 50% is more affordable for our community.
Affordable for our community is 40%-50% and please recognize the term affordable to your client as we would appreciate your informing them 20% of 80% AMI is not affordable.
If you wish to construct a building desirable for our community, more is needed than 80% AMI. If only 20% is at 80% AMI, which you call affordable, means close to 80 apartments are significantly more than that because they are market rate.
The FRESH program was meant to address two deserts in communities. Typically, those deserts exist in low income neighborhoods. As a way of incentivizing creating grocery stores such as this one, an incentive for housing units must be created. Those same housing units are now displacing our neighbors and residents who are meant to be served by this grocery store.
Also, Board Member A. Redd Sevilla brought out the Board represents residents of Elmhurst and Corona noting there is indirect displacement explaining close to 30 buildings are on this block. Landlords will get the message the project's rents are higher than theirs and gave a personal example. It's not about value or use, it's about market rate.
As it is, this project is increasing the harmful effects of displacement and he reiterated this is harmful for the community.

Discussion ensued about Section 8.

Subsequently, Board Member A. Redd Sevilla commented take advantage of UAP that features 60% AMI, which is closer what the people in this neighborhood can afford. Laws have changed in favor of the residents.

X**. ULURP/Zoning Committee – Informational Report**
Vote on FRESH Application for 97-27 57 Avenue

Board Member Alex Huaylinos, Vice Chair of ULURP & Zoning Committee reported since the application came in during transition the summer recess and start of this meeting, the committee was not able to meet beforehand to discuss the application and give a united recommendation to the Board.
The expectation is for the Board to vote on this matter today because the timeframe is limited to give our commentary.
For discussion is whether or not the Board approves or denies this FRESH certification, and explained some of the ULURP committee members had some thoughts and if they wanted to share those thoughts with the full Board. Subsequently, he would present a summary.

ULURP & Zoning Committee Member Robbie Sheikh was in total agreement with Board Member A. Redd Sevilla's previous statement. Affordability has been the cornerstone of the AMI and noted he was not totally against the project, but make it conditional on a more favorable AMI to residents.

ULURP & Zoning Committee Member Yue Dong said to consider UAP because it is 50% AMI and in addition to give people an affordable area at 40% AMI. Consider looking at UAP's. Other developers do and make it work and questioned why these developers can't.

Board Member A. Redd Sevilla stated it must be clearly emphasized what is affordable for our neighborhood is 40%-50% AMI, however, their most affordable apartments are at 80% AMI. What are the rents for the other 80 apartments?

ULURP & Zoning Committee Member Natasha Go is comfortable with the FRESH designation, but if there is room for negotiation for units that are offered at an affordable rate at a lower AMI, to amend the proposal. However, it is known the market rate units will be filled because of the housing shortage and building additional units is generally good, however, the displacement of neighbors was cited.

At this point, ULURP Vice Chair Alex Huaylinos summarized Food Bazaar wants to expand its property according to the FRESH certification and with that comes, since they are in compliance, an additional 20,000 sq. ft. of residential space. Therefore, they can have 20 from their 99 units affordable. What developers think is affordable is not necessarily the same as what other housing programs think are affordable.
However, in the commentary suggestions may be made such as more affordable housing.

Discussion ensued about making a motion with modifications.

Board Member Michelle Dunston, who lives in Lefrak, said the Food Bazaar idea needs to be re-done, and the project needs to get moving because it's been years in the process. The vote may be yes with stipulations, but for the community housing is needed, and it is vital to stop all speechmaking preventing the program to go forward.

Board Member Shallah Stevens commented housing is needed.

Transportation Chair Matt McElroy questioned to the ULURP Committee or developer: in theory if some of the apartments are at 40% AMI, the economics of the construction mean few affordable apartments.

The response was the developer would need to get the tax benefit to make the project financially feasible. 20% must be met.

Therefore, Transportation Chair Matt McElroy continued in order to afford to build and make a profit if it is 20% affordable, or have to be as high as 80% because you can't sell the other 80,000 for 3x market, it must go reasonably close to the local market.
Subsequently, Matt McElroy pointed out in his nine years serving as a Board Member, the Board never voted, to build new housing.
Developers have come before the Board with different housing plans, but in all his years as a Board member, there was never a vote in favor of a project for housing and concluded can the 20% or cheaper be met because we need to build housing.
Section 8 has been destroyed.

At this point, Board Member Jonathan Anzalone made a motion, seconded by Board Member Michelle Dunston, the 97-27 57 Avenue FRESH certification be accepted as presented.

Before the vote was taken, Environmental Chair Isaac Carmignani concurred with Transportation Chair Matt McElroy's statement because this is economics driven and there is a set of laws, but noted it is not something the Board will be able to govern. By the same token, if the Board is not constantly approving housing, the community's need is not being met.

Board Chair Marialena Giampino commented the Board is only advisory.

At this point, a roll call vote was taken. The Board voted 22 in favor, 6 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

XI. **Committee Reports:**

Consumer Affairs

Consumer Affairs Chair Andrea Cumberbatch reported the committee met in July but not for August. A cannabis application was reviewed.

Environmental

Environmental Committee Chair Isaac Carmignani reported the committee did not meet over the summer. A letter was written in committee to Commissioner Garcia about the flooding issue and wants to expand the letter based on recommendations from the Chair based on tonight's conversations.

Health & Human Services

Health Committee Chair Dr. G. Oliver reported the committee did not meet over the summer but a meeting is planned in a few weeks. More collaboration is planned with the other committees this year to continue to work on health literacy and youth empowerment in health.

Parks & Cultural Affairs

Parks Committee Chair Morgan Taylor reported the committee did meet over the summer and spoke about the very successful Summer Streets Celebration at Corona Peach Tree Community Garden on Saturday, August 29. All were thanked who came out to support and volunteered at the event. Special Thank You was given to the Queens United Lions Club that donated snacks, Green Thumb and Council Member Shanel Thomas-Henry.

In addition, a committee meeting is planned for tomorrow, Wednesday, September 9, to discuss the FY'28 Needs Statement as well as another possible event. The Parks Committee meeting will be held at the Queens Center Mall, 6:30 p.m., 90-15 Queens Blvd. in the Community Room (Entrance near Newtown Field). Please see the Board's Newsletter for further details.

Public Safety

Public Safety Committee Chair Anthony Szeto reported the committee did not meet over the summer, however, the committee did participate in National Night Out.

A few days ago, the Committee Chair participated in the Interfaith Roundtable at Borough Hall with representatives and other Community Board members to discuss what were their concerns and challenges. The 911 upcoming anniversary as well as other matters were brought up and mentioned a program where the NYPD is willing to come to the faith organization and have a meal paid by the NYPD.

Further, the next Public Safety Committee meeting will focus on the Needs Statement.

Transportation

Transportation Committee Chair reported the committee did not meet over the summer and welcomed new committee member Sandra Gutierrez.

A meeting is planned in a few weeks and a *can do these dates* email will be sent shortly.

Youth

No report. Committee Chair had left the meeting.

XII. **Report of Elected Officials**

(All statements will be limited to 3 minutes. This will be strictly enforced.)

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards

Pat Rosero reported she was so happy to see so much energy in a meeting, which she has not seen in many months and congratulated the Board.

The following events were announced:

All events can be RSVP at the Borough President's website.

- Tuesday, September 15, Caribbean Heritage celebration at Borough Hall
- Sunday, September 20, 10:00 a.m., Queens Ride, bicycle tour along Queens for 12-25 mile loop, your preference -
- Meet at Fountain of the Planets

- Friday September 25, 2 pm – 5 pm, Queens Climate Expo, at the New York Hall of Science
- Monday, October 5, Queens High School Fair, 5 pm at Queens Borough Hall
- Thursday, October 8 – 6 pm, Italian Heritage Celebration at Queens Borough Hall
- Wednesday, October 14, 6:00 p.m., Hispanic Heritage Celebration

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz

Dieusita Jean reported Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz recently hosted a new conference with Governor Kathy Hochul to announce guilty pleas and sentencing for two people who orchestrated staged car crashes on highways. The defendants pleaded guilty to planning three separate crashes. The intent was to file bogus insurance claims for body damage and physical injuries.
The pair also recruited others to participate in the scheme for cash pay outs. The driver was sentenced to two years in prison and the other man who planned the scheme was sentenced to 1- 3 years in prison.
In addition, a team was arrested for chain snatching. Recently, a 16 year old was charged in connection with three chain snatches, two in Jamaica and one in Elmhurst. In all three incidents, the victims were female pedestrians who were approached and suddenly had necklaces around their necks yanked off. The defendant is now charged in two separate criminal complaints with the robbery, grand larceny, assault, and petty larceny. The District Attorney's office is continuing investigating chain snatches in Queens.
Lastly, the District Attorney joined other district attorneys of New York City with Attorney General Letitia James and other federal law enforcement partners recently to announce that 3,000 guns have been seized from the streets of New York City since the start of the year.
More details were given.

U. S. Representative Grace Meng

Adam Lee reported there were not too many updates, however, support has been given to the catastrophic flooding in Nepal and Tibet. U. S. Representative Grace Meng has expressed solidarity with the Asian-American communities and held a moment of silence on the House floor out of respect.
Also, she is looking out for Columbian neighbors and their recent disaster with the earthquake. If there are any community members that were affected by those catastrophes, please contact the Congresswoman's office to find a resolution.
Earlier this year, Congresswoman Grace Meng introduced the Hate Crimes Commission Act which would establish a bipartisan commission to study hate crimes and improve the accuracy and reliability of information on hate crimes.
In addition, she continues to be firm on her stance against ICE actions especially growing actions within our areas such as Corona. The office is available to assist with any federal agency. All were urged to reach out immediately if you or someone you know has been detained by ICE or has issues with any other federal agency.

Assembly Member Steven Raga

Karol Guaman announced the following events:
In partnership with Communities Resist, Free Tenant Legal Clinic, Wednesday, September 16, 2026 appointments from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. RSVP to the district office.

Monday, September 14 – 7:00 p.m. – Community Flood Meeting & Workshop
Call the district office for more information.

Thursday, September 17 – 5:30 p.m. - Labor Round Table at the district office.

Saturday, October 10 – Hispanic Heritage Month

To attend any of the workshops, please email Karol Guaman or call the district office.

Next, Legislative & Budget Updates were given:
While the Legislature is not in session, Assembly Member Raga has been advocating for the community by calling for the addition of a fracked gas plant in Gowanus.

Joining Assembly Member Catalina Cruz in a formal call to the federal government to grant Temporary Protected Status to Colombians following a devastating earthquake that struck Colombia.

Also, working with community groups to get supplies to assist those affected by the floods in Nepal.

Mobile office sessions with more details and updates were given.

Council Member Shanel Thomas-Henry

Kriss Marchena announced the following:

September 9 – An event by the Unisphere in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park

October 2 – Toy Story Five by Helen Marshall Park

September 29 - Budget Town Hall to talk about city finances at IS 227

September 17 Night Life in person once a month at the district office; October 16 is the next meeting

Flooding – Clearing out catch basins is essential mentioning Lefrak and Corona as a flooding zone.
Call the Council Member's office if you have a problem with flooding.

Board Member Moe Liu suggested Council Members talk to each other to overhaul the entire drainage system. A study needs to be done because resident's call 311 and the city has been very slow.

Consumer Affairs Chair Andrea Cumberbatch said the Council Member as Chair of the NYC Committee on Small Business some help with consumer affairs events may be needed and mentioned small business education.

Also, Council Member Shanel Thomas Henry joined with Small Business Services (SBS) to provide business owners with the right to access information, tools and resources to compete in the city.

The Dept. of Consumer Worker Protection was at the district office a few weeks ago focusing, at that time, on student loans; but they can be invited back for another reason.

Since there was no further business Board Member Michelle Dunston made a motion, seconded by Board Member Moe Liu, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.