



COMMUNITY BOARD # 4Q

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The meeting was streamed live.

January 8, 2019

COMMUNITY BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Attending:

Louis Walker
Karin Abreu
Priscilla Carrow
Lucy Cerezo Scully
Chaio-Chung Chen
Lynda Coral
Judith D'Andrea
Marialena Giampino
Jennifer Gutierrez
Ruby Muhammad
Sandra Munoz
Gurdip Singh Narula
Georgina Oliver

Alexandra Owens
Alexa Ponce
Ashley Reed
Cristian Romero
Clara Salas
Lucy Schilero
Malikah Shabazz
Alton Derrick Smith
Gregory Spock
Dewan Tarek
Marcello Testa
Damian Vargas
Rosa Wong
Minwen Yang

Board Members Absent:

Giancarlo Castano
Erica Cruz
Kristen Gonzalez
James Lisa
Salvatore Lombardo
Patricia Martin
Matthew McElroy

Rovenia McGowan
Edgar Moya
Albert Perna
Oscar Rios
Neil Roman
Gigi Salvador
A. Redd Sevilla
Lester Youngblood

ATTENDING:

Christina Long, Community Assistant CB4
Council Member Francisco Moya
Lisette Barcia, Council Member Francisco Moya's Office
Jacqueline Prozado, Council Member Francisco Moya's Office
Jennifer Diaz, Assembly Member Catalina Cruz's Office
Daniel Suarez, Assembly Member Brian Barnwell's Office
Daniel Talero, Assembly Member Brian Barnwell's Office
Aniga Chowdhury, Assembly Member Brian Barnwell's Office
Capt. Nicola Ventre, 110 Police Precinct
Andre Mozeak, Citizens Committee for New York City
Kelly Wu, Council Member Daniel Dromm's Office
Louise Emanuel, Assemblyman Jeffrion Aubry's Office
Mike Liquori, VFW Commander Post #150
Yoselin Genao Estrella, NHS of Queens
David Burgoa, NHS of Queens
Wendy Alvarez
David Russel, Queens Chronicle
Jon Anzalone
Jimmy Apostolatos
Michelle Dunston, L.C.T.A
Debra Hargrove
Leonardo Lopez
Marilyn Mendoza
Mario Matos, Maspeth High School
Christopher Espinoza
T. Laucella
Daus Jeremy, NYPD School Safety Community Affairs
U-tis Williams, FDNY
Zyeyma Pena

Public Speaker's List

Andre Mozeak, Citizens Committee of NYC
David Burgoa, NHS of Queens
Jon Anzalone, Resident
Carina and Avigail, Queens Neighborhood United
Adam Wilkes, Dem. Soc. Of America
Monica Sibri, Ignite National

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: VFW POST #150
51-11 108 STREET
CORONA, NY

I. Chairperson Louis Walker opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

A moment of silence was observed for Board Member Lester Youngblood's wife who had passed away.

III. Executive Secretary Cristian Romero took the roll call. A quorum was present.

IV. VOTE: Minutes December 11, 2018

Board Member Clara Salas made a motion, seconded by Board Member Gurdip Singh Narula, to **approve** the minutes.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 27 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions.

Since the Chairperson's Report was the next item on the agenda, Chair Louis Walker said to pass over his report until later in the meeting. However, he did announce District Manager Christian Cassagnol was on vacation until January 22 and not in attendance at this meeting.

Former Board Chair Damian Vargas was substituting for District Manager Cassagnol in his absence.

At this point, Chair Louis Walker introduced Capt. Nicola Ventre, 110 Precinct to address the Board. Capt. Ventre reported on the year end crime numbers and crime prevention tips.

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Murders	2	5
Rapes	43 <i>increase 59%</i>	27
Robberies	263	306
Felony Assaults	329 <i>increase more than 26%</i>	260

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Burglary	136	194
Grand Larceny	672 <i>increase 25%</i>	535
GLA of Vehicle	104 <i>increase 20%</i>	86

Murders, robberies and burglaries decreased.

At this point, he provided further explanation in the increases in the 2018 crime statistics. For example, the increased rapes were attributed to domestic violence complaints. Similarly, the increase for felony assaults was from strangers, street assaults and domestic violence.

In 2019, he spoke of a program for third party callers if you hear of a domestic violence disturbance call 911 to help prevent re-occurrence of domestic violence. If you hear a commotion, once/twice a week, call the Police to investigate. When in doubt, call the Precinct.

Felony assaults and robberies involve a victim being intoxicated, walking the streets at night, and becoming a victim. Watch out for those you know who do this. Also, Police monitor the bars and delis for overserving patrons too much alcohol.

Grand Larcenies – large increase in credit card theft. He urged all to check your bank statements and credit card statements. Do not carry multiple credit cards. One card will suffice.

Property removed from home or apartment - Important items bring inside and lock it up.

Lock vehicles – Make sure no property is visible. Keep items in trunk or compartment.

GLA's – Residents leave cars running unlocked while they are in the deli or grocery store, or warming cars up with no one in it. Cars are being stolen by perps. Do not become a victim.

Capt. Ventre added the stats. given are for the 110 Precinct command.

Board Member Lucy Schilero inquired about mail phishing.

Capt. Ventre responded mail theft complaints are still being received. However, there had not been any repeat mailbox theft since last time. Police are working with the postal authorities. When a mailbox has been tampered with, it is replaced to the new retrofitted mailbox. Take mail to the post office or give it to your mail carrier, he urged.

Discussion ensued about the change over to the newer mailboxes.

Before concluding, Capt. Ventre provided more information on the rape statistics.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

Andre Mozeak, Citizens Committee for NYC, reported on resources and opportunities of the organization. Citizens Committee of NYC is a non-profit organization working in New York City since 1975 awarding small grants to volunteers and grass root led community projects, which include painting murals. School groups, community gardens, community focused and volunteer led projects that improve quality of life in New York City neighborhoods are eligible to apply. He mentioned working with Board Member Marialena Giampino's Elmhurst group on the cemeteries preservation project. Presently an application is available for neighborhood grants, the largest grant given out for the year which amounts to \$3,000. Applications are due January 21, 2019.

Next, he announced two upcoming events to learn about the application process and have your questions answered:

Friday, January 11 – Co-host a Grand Information Session with Assembly Member Catalina Cruz
6 p.m. – 8 p.m. in the District Office

Tuesday, January 15 – Co-host with State Senator Jessica Ramos to host a similar workshop
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Spanish interpretation will be available at both events.

Next, David Burgoa, NHS of Queens, announced Council for Airport Opportunity Job Openings – CAO is currently working with airport employers to fill over 400 positions at JFK, LaGuardia and Newark Airports. Positions include Passenger Service Agents, Ramp, Security, Retail Food Service, Management, Customer Service, Warehouse, CDL Drivers, and many more. He noted there is an LGA Career Center at Elmcort. Account Managers will assess the applicants and assist with the application process.

Additionally, he announced a Job Fair for tomorrow, January 9. Security positions both armed and non-armed positions are available.

Applicants should apply at the Holiday Inn at 114 Street and bring all documents such as a resume, identification etc.

Next, Jon Anzalone, a resident of the neighborhood, voiced his opposition to the Amazon HQ2 Deal. The City offered a deal to Amazon to move in a new major corporate campus to Long Island City giving \$2.8 billion in tax benefits. This is our money and it is being spent to give away our borough to one of the richest companies in the world. Yesterday, the Seattle City Council explained how quickly and intensely the Amazon campus took over their community and raised rents and property prices. The deal made for the HQ2 project by the Mayor and Governor went behind residents, homeowners, business owners, and renters' backs.

Queens is already suffering from rising rents and runaway gentrification. As LIC rents skyrocket, its residents are priced out, and its businesses are replaced by chain stores. Astoria will follow as will Woodside, Elmhurst, Jackson Heights and Corona. I love my neighborhood and I love my borough and I say No to HQ2.

Next, Carina and Avigail, Queens Neighborhood United, updated the Board on the Target campaign. Carina reported it is illegal for a Target to be built on 82 Street. No department stores are allowed in the area. Zoning regulations allow only small local businesses to be established in the area. The first of two court cases is coming up.

Avigal reported on Thursday, January 10, Queens Neighborhood United will bring their case to the Supreme Court, 60 Centre Street, at 9 a.m. Mark your calendar. She urged all to appear at the court.

Next, Adam Wilkes, Democratic Socialists of America-Queens, spoke about the Amazon deal, which is immoral and we should work to resist it. He visited Council Member Daniel Dromm's office. Council Member Dromm had no position on the Amazon deal.

Accordingly he stated Council Member Francisco Moya is against the Amazon deal, but what is he doing to oppose it he questioned.

No one within the coalition of those opposed to the deal had any idea what Council Member Moya had done in the Queens political system in opposition. Within two days of the last Community Board meeting, Council Member Moya held a town hall event with the Mayor. No word what the elected officials are doing to resist this deal. Council Member Moya has been incredibly quiet and Council Member Dromm had not commented. Mr. Wilkes will present updates to the Board periodically.

Next, Monica Sibi, Ignite National, is a national organization that trains young women to run for office and get civically engaged. Starting in New York in 2016, the goal is to engage more young women throughout the five boroughs. As a result, a conference was created where women are trained to get the resources and tools to run for office. The Conference was started last year and over 300 women have been trained. She asked for the Board's support to get more people from Queens engaged as public leaders.

The Conference is planned Saturday, January 26, which is a full day. It focuses on strategies for stepping up and owning your political power. Elected leaders and politically ambitious young women will share how to best position as public leaders.

VI. REPORT OF THE LEGISLATORS

Chair Louis Walker called on representatives from:

Senate Offices:

Charles Schumer

No representative present.

Kristen Gillibrand

No representative present.

House of Representatives

Grace Meng

Cristian Romero reported on Congresswoman Grace Meng's Veterans Affairs Office Hours. If anyone knows of a veteran needing assistance, please stop by the Congresswoman Meng's office. This month office hours are January 23, at 40-13 159 Street, Flushing, NY. Meet with a VA representative at the district office.

He further reported since we are entering the third week of the government shutdown, over 800,000 employees are furloughed without pay. In New York State, there are 14,367 federal government employees furloughed.

The Democrats in the House are actively working to end the shutdown by passing bipartisan legislation to reopen the government.

Congresswoman Meng is hopeful the shutdown will end soon.

At this point, he listed all the federal agencies affected by the shutdown and explained its function. More information will be passed along as it is received.

Alexandria Ocasio Cortez

No report. Representative not in attendance.

NYS Assembly

Brian Barnwell

A representative announced four upcoming events:

- Department of Finance Workshop – Tuesday, January 29, 2018, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Woodside Library
- Women Empowerment In Full Session - Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 12:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M., Woodside Library
- Mobile Mammogram - Some time in February
- PVNJ – Wednesday, January 16, 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., St. Sebastian Rec. Center

(Sandwiches are made and sent to the homeless).

Michael DenDekker

No report. Representative not in attendance.

Jeffrion Aubry

Louise Emanuel responded nothing to report.

Catalina Cruz

Jennifer Diaz, Director of Constituent Services, reported the turnout at the last election was great and announced the District Office is now open, located at 82-11 37 Avenue—Suite 607, Jackson Heights, NY 11372. Services will include providing assistance with housing, immigration, etc. A free notary will be in the office by appointment. Co-sponsoring with Citizens Committee on Friday, January 11, a grant information session is scheduled.

Next, she announced Assemblywoman Catalina Cruz’s inauguration is on January 27 at the New York Hall of Science, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Call her office for more details and also follow the Assemblywoman on social media.

At this point, Council Member Francisco Moya addressed the Board. Mainly, there is an opportunity for community groups and non for profits who are looking for funding from the City of New York to apply through Council Member Moya’s office. Reach out to staff member Dante at 718-651-1917. He will provide assistance navigating through the system. It is important neighborhood groups apply for funding so that we can work on great projects and do good work throughout the district.

Next, Council Member Moya thanked the Community Board and its members and the Executive Committee for donations to the Three Kings event at the Corona Library. The event had great partners: Delta, the NY Mets, and many more. Over 400 toys were given out to needy families identified by the Library. It made for a better time for many children in need this holiday season.

Lastly, he spoke about improvements in quality of life issues in the community. Suggested by Board Member Lynda Coral was an idea how to beautify some of the areas along the Long Island Railroad. It was through her initiative and Corona Neighborhood Gardens that brought this conversation about. Although we were funding the sanitation pickup in this area, it came up many of the underpasses in the area are not well lit, had graffiti, and problematic dumping etc. Sanitation pickups will be done and supervisors for CB 3 and CB4 will be rotating in areas known for excessive dumping ranging from mattresses to construction debris. Also, talks will be under way to fund local artists to give ideas what should be put on the murals. The Broadway mural is phenomenal. It’s no longer about painting on the wall it’s also about ensuring the LIRR is funding the improvement to the existing overpass.

There are cracks, no lighting, and pigeons. Talks are underway to improve these quality of life issues.

Lighting has now been installed under Roosevelt Avenue through Council funding from 114 Street to 90 Street. Lighting will now illuminate the sidewalk and businesses making it safer. Improved lighting is essential when the police precincts are combating crime under Roosevelt Avenue. It is a great initiative.

At this point, Board Member Judy D'Andrea asked perhaps the local high school/ middle school as part of their community service can have students design the murals on the overpass.

Council Member Moya responded there is a conversation with one of the new schools (310). They do have some ideas and more outreach will be done. This is a great way to promote local artists, he commented.

Installation of cameras was brought up; however, Council Member Moya responded it is a very expensive issue. A camera was placed on 104 Street between 42 Avenue and 41 Avenue. After coming off the train and walking past Park of the Americas it was very dark and unsafe.

Additionally, \$1.5 million was allocated to renovate Park of the Americas, which will include better lighting coming outside of the Park to illuminate the path where you walk.

Next, Board Member Malik Shabazz brought up the garbage on the overpass at 99th Street and the Horace Harding. Also, it is very dark, which needs to be addressed. Lighting and cleaning is needed.

Council Member Moya noted this is the state Department of Transportation's responsibility. Please forward photos to him.

At this point, Council Member Moya took more questions from the Board members.

Board Member Lucy Schilero asked about the ACE program, which clears posters, that she had made a request for Junction Blvd. / Roosevelt Avenue to 59 Avenue/Junction Blvd. Will it be in this budget, she asked.

Council Member Moya responded it will be in the upcoming budget.

Furthermore, he explained he has convened a cabinet meeting with all agency heads, which meets quarterly. To name a few agencies, Police, Sanitation, State Liquor Authority, Consumer Affairs, Health and Department of Transportation are present at Council Member Moya's office. Many of the issues are taken from residents who call his office and notify him. Those issues are given to the appropriate agency for resolution.

He explained how the agencies handle the problem. In the works are severe penalties to real estate companies that are operating on selling apartments and allowing unlicensed realtors to solicit customers.

Before concluding, he took more questions from the Board members.

Board Member Georgina Oliver asked Council Member Moya's position on the Amazon deal.

Council Member Moya responded he has been against the deal since its inception. As Chair of the City Council's Zoning and Franchises Committee, where the ULURP process is reviewed, this deal was done in secret and in the dark. Community Board members and neighborhood residents were not given the ability to speak out and have a say in the process, which is problematic. Pressure must be put on the Mayor and the Governor to talk about why they have not followed the proper procedure.

During the Council hearings, Council Member Moya called the President of the Economic Development Corporation, to task. An in-depth explanation was given by Council Member Moya on this deal. Put pressure on them, come back to the table and to start negotiating the right way, he stated. In conclusion, all were invited to City Hall to testify and state their views.

VI. REPORT OF THE LEGISLATORS (cont'd)

NYS Senate

Michael Gianaris

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

Jessica Ramos

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

Toby Ann Stavisky

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

NYC Council

Daniel Dromm

Kelly Wu reported on the following events:

City Resource Fair, Sunday, January 27, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Immigration Laws – Know Your Rights – St. James Church, Saturday, January 26, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Gender & Sexuality Event – Monday, January 28, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Stuyvesant High School, 345 Chambers Street.

Council Member Dromm's office is preparing for the Lunar New Year celebration at St. James Church, Saturday, February 16, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Come to the celebration!

The discretionary funding application is available on line. Any non-profit organization can apply for city funding. Deadline is February 19.

Lastly, immigration and legal help is available at Council Member Dromm's office. Please call for an appointment.

January 30 - The City Council Committee on Finance will hold a hearing on the Amazon deal. You may attend the hearing or watch it on livestream on the City Council website. Testimony can be submitted at the end of the hearing. Before concluding, she noted the Amazon deal is not in Council Member Dromm's district.

Queens Borough President Melinda Katz

Joe Nocerino reported on the following events:

State of the Borough address – Friday, January 25, 2019 – 10:30 a.m.

LaGuardia Community College—Mainstage Theater - 31-10 Thomson Avenue in Long Island City. RSVP is required.

February 1 – Budget Hearings at Queens Borough Hall

February 11 – Borough Board – Will vote on the budget.

Next, he spoke about the Community Board application process. For those members up for renewal, the application has changed. If you did not fill out a 4-page application, go to the Borough President's website, www.queensbp.org and download it. The application process is to be uniform throughout the five boroughs.

Please fill out and notarize the application. The original application must be in at the Borough President's office by February 8. The two year term of service will begin April 1.

NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer

William Giron reported on NYC For All: The Housing We Need. As New York's City's affordability crisis worsens by the day, we need to take action now more than ever. The NYC Comptroller has opposed the city's rezoning. We need to change the focus of the City's current Housing Plan. Many people cannot afford housing. In the City there are about 180 city owned vacant lots. The City should use those lots to create affordable housing. An overhaul of the City's Housing Plan to serve those with the greatest need is vital. This means actual affordable housing particularly for those earning \$30,000 or less.

For homeowners a radical reform is proposed of the property taxes as they stand currently. In particular, those applying for a mortgage pay more taxes than those who pay all cash. The Comptroller is proposing a complete overhaul of the system.

For renters, a renting credit system is proposed. For example, if you pay rent your credit score should increase. NYCHA and Mitchell Lama housing properties were mentioned.

Next, he spoke about the Trailblazers event on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 - 6 p.m. – 9 p.m., at the Jamaica Performing Arts Center, 153-10 Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica, N.Y.

This is in honor of African-American History Month. Honorees are:

Uncle Ralph McDaniels, Reverend Elaine M. Flake, Shaun D. Francois I, Timyiaka R. Noel

Please RSVP. All were invited to attend.

Acting NYC Public Advocate Corey Johnson

No report. Representative not in attendance.

VII. Speaker: Louis Walker, Chairperson of CB4Q

Chairperson Louis Walker reported Committee meetings are not properly attended, which becomes a problem. If a vote is needed by a particular committee on an issue that needs committee review, and a quorum is not present, the issue is unresolved because there is no committee recommendation. Consequently, the speaker (if they can) is invited to make a report at the full Board meeting.

As a result, Chair Walker does not plan to hold a full committee meeting within a Board meeting. He stressed the importance to Board members assigned to committees to actively attend their respective committee meetings.

Similarly if a Board Member chose to serve on more than one committee, he/she must attend both committee meetings.

Next, he spoke about the Sunshine Fund. Treasurer Lucy Schilero will collect tonight for the Sunshine Fund. Please see her if you have not already done so. The Sunshine Fund is used if a Board Member has a death in the family, flowers or a fruit basket is sent from the Board. Also, the Sunshine Fund is used for the Annual Holiday Party.

At this point, Chair Walker opened the floor for questions.

Board Member Malikah Shabazz brought up she had spoken to Borough President Melinda Katz to hold a Holiday Party for all Queens Community Boards. She added it should be done as Board Members are volunteers.

Board Member Gregory Spock brought up business cards for Committee Chairs. Committee Chairs meet people in the community and encourage them to join Board committees. Especially since more public members are needed and it is more professional and reflective of Community Board 4.

Chair Louis Walker replied the minimum order for business cards is 500. Unfortunately, some Committee Chairs do not serve long enough to distribute that amount of cards. He said he would look into if a smaller number of cards could be ordered.

Chair Louis Walker continued a formal vote of the Board is needed whether to have business cards or not.

Board Member Clara Salas brought up Board members are not city employees, but volunteers. Therefore, it is inappropriate for them to carry business cards.

Chair Louis Walker replied the main issue is the quantity of 500 cards; 50-100 cards might be more appropriate.

Next, Board Member Alexa Ponce suggested moving the Community Board meetings to a different location every month. Possible meeting sites included Elmhurst Hospital. More flexibility is needed since there are many issues occurring in the Elmhurst community. Also noted was the availability of parking at the meeting site.

Chair Walker answered when he was Chair, the Board met in more locations than currently such as Italian Charities, New Life Church, and the Elks Lodge.

Subsequently, First Vice Chair Marialena Giampino suggested instead of announcing the month before the Board meeting will be at certain location, give people ahead of time a roster of meeting locations to avoid confusion.

Board Member Lucy Schilero brought up the possibility of free parking for meetings at Elmhurst Hospital. She will inquire and report back.

Former CB4 Chair Damian Vargas added the Queens Center Mall will not give free parking. He added, based on attendance records, when the meeting was moved to another location, there was no quorum. Parking is a big problem and it is slightly better at this location than in other places, he commented.

Regarding the matter of business cards, Mr. Vargas stated Committee Chairs should have business cards because they interact with city agencies and other city officials. He suggested not personalizing the card with the Chair's name but just list the Committee followed by Chair, for example, Youth Committee Chair. In this way, the business cards can be easily turned over to a new, incoming Committee Chair.

Chair Louis Walker said he will look into this suggestion.

Next, Board Member Alexandra Owens asked during Ramadan in May would it be possible to move the meeting date to the following week.

Board Chair Louis Walker replied he would look into it and check the calendar.

VIII. Report and Vote: Public Safety Committee

SLA Applications

Public Safety Committee Chair Lucy Schilero reported in the Board’s January 2019 Newsletter is winter and holiday fire safety tips from the Fire Department. Also, the Fire Department advises to be vigilant for fire hydrants. If you notice a leaking fire hydrant, please contact 311, the local Fire department, or the Community Board.

Mailbox phishing was discussed. The US Post Office had retrofitted mailboxes but now it has been reported perps. have found a way to get keys to open mail boxes. More information will be forthcoming.

Next, she talked about the shooting on 57 Avenue. No arrest has been made for the injured 20 year old. The marches used that go into the nightclubs are having problems with the SLA, Dept. of Health, Dept. of Buildings, and other agencies that look into these places that might not be totally legitimate. The 110 Precinct does it weekly/biweekly; SLA comes in once per month—sometimes twice per month in this area.

No report on the nightclubs that asked for an extension for New Year’s. These are clubs that want to stay open past 4:00 a.m. She asked for next year, the SLA provides a listing of those clubs because people were complaining about loud music.

Speaking about marijuana, people smoke marijuana in their cars and then enter the nightclub. How are they measuring that?

Laws have not been created yet and police do not know what to do at this point. Staying on top of the situation was advised and reporting what clubs is already allowing this. Hookahs were brought up because you can smoke marijuana in hookahs. Since it is a health issue, she would confer with Health Chair Ashley Reed on this matter because laws have been set in place through the Health Department.

At this point, Public Safety Committee Chair Lucy Schilero reported on the liquor licenses:

NYS LIQUOR AUTHORITY LICENSES – January 2019

NEW APPLICANTS

<u>Establishment’s Name</u>	<u>Establishment’s Address</u>	<u>Committee Recommendation</u>
Mahamitr <i>Bla Bla Bar</i> Wine, Beer & Cider	71-28 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Approved
Nuevo Don Francisco Rest. Inc. Wine, Beer & Cider	40-56 Junction Blvd. Corona, NY	Approved
Capeon Del Pollo Rest. Corp. Wine, Beer & Cider	107-02 Corona Avenue Corona, NY	Approved

RENEWAL APPLICANTS

<u>Establishment’s Name</u>	<u>Establishment’s Address</u>	<u>Committee Recommendation</u>
Mama Catalina Corp. <i>Carmen’s Lunch</i> Wine, Beer & Cider	111-29 Roosevelt Avenue Corona, NY	Approved

RENEWAL APPLICANTS (cont'd)

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>Committee Recommendation</u>
Mama Catalina Corp. <i>Carmen's Lunch</i>	111-29 Roosevelt Avenue Corona, NY	Approved
El Tucan Inc. Wine, Beer & Cider	43-24 91 Place Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Pata Pa Plean Corp.	76-21 Woodside Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Sabor Latino Corp. Liquor, Wine Beer & Cider	95-35 40 th Road Corona, NY	None

- 1.27/17 - petit larceny complaint
- 3/26/17 - petit larceny of a cell phone
- 5/21/17 – assault 3 fights at location
- 8/19/17 – assault 3, fight at location
- 8/20/17 – petit larceny of a cell phone
- 9/10/17 – 311 complaint for over capacity
- 10/6/17 – assault e fight at location
- 1/28/18 – assault 3 complaint, fight at location
- 4/7/18 – Lost property (ID card)
- 11/3/18 – 311 complaint for loud music
- 11/17/18 – Assault 2 with a glass bottle. Victim was struck in the head with it.
- 11/17/18 – grand larceny, a credit card was stolen
- 12/14/18 – Assault 3 complaint resulting in an arrest.

Los Tres Hermanos Portrillos Inc. <i>Los Tres Potrillos Restaurant</i> Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	111-16 Roosevelt Avenue Corona, NY	Denied
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- 1/06/18 – assault 3 complaint, victim was punched in the head by a friend
- 3/13/18 – criminal contempt complaint (ex-boyfriend was stalking female)
- 3/22/18 – assault 3 complaint, victim was punched in the head
- 7/16/18 – harassment complaint (female was harassed by an ex-boyfriend via texting)
- 10/21/18 – assault 3 complaint, victim was punched in the head, causing a laceration

Chair Louis Walker pointed out there was no committee recommendation for Sabor Latino. He said to discuss the denial first, hear about the approvals, and then discuss the no vote.

Public Safety Chair Schilero explained the committee discussed the application for Sabor Latino and reported there were thirteen incidents dating from January, 2017 to December 2018. Although Sabor Latino had a new security guard, however, the last four incidents (11/3/18 – 12/14/18) brought problems. The applicant stated they would change things around.

She had a listing on the location for the last twenty years. The Committee's vote was split—1 abstention,

2 no, 3 yes but it had to come to a Board vote because of the abstention.
Board Chair Louis Walker clarified a fourth yes was needed but not received.

Chair Schilero explained the committee listened to the changes from the new owner; however, the vote was split on the application.

Chair Lucy Schilero reported she knows it is a problem because she passes it every night. The owner was told to make an effort because prior to the current security guard the previous guard did nothing.

At this point, Board Chair Louis Walker asked the one abstention vote cast was the reasoning being there was some type of conflict. Rather than voting no was there a reason for not voting yes or no, he continued.

Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero said it was not stated. The vote was cast as an abstention.

Public Safety Committee member Gurdip Singh Narula provided an explanation on the vote.

Consequently, Board Chair Louis Walker made a comment about an abstention vote. Important to realize abstaining should be used for the purpose of a direct conflict such as knowing the owner or if you have a vested interest in the business.

Abstaining does not mean you can “run along the fence—not going left or right.” Please keep this in mind when voting. Also, you must provide a reason for the abstention.

Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero continued with the report. She further said the establishment caused much friction over the years with the same problems reoccurring. Responsibility lies with the owner, not the security guard. It’s who you attract which creates the problem.

At this point, Board Member Georgina Oliver made a motion, seconded by Board Member Malika Shabazz, to **approve** the Committee’s report as presented *excluding the application for Sabor Latino Corp to be voted on separately*

By a voice vote, the Board voted 27 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

Subsequently, the application for Sabor Latino was discussed.

At this point, Board Member Sandra Munoz questioned the denial for Los Tres Hermanos Potrillos Inc., which had five incidents but could not get a vote on Sabor Latino which had 13 incidents. To avoid confusion, the timeframe on the incidents for both establishments was questioned.

Following the discussion, Board Member Gregory Spock made a motion, seconded by Georgina Oliver to **deny** the application.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 27 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

IX. Committee Reports

Consumer Affairs

Committee Chair Georgina Oliver reported a meeting is planned for January 18.

Environmental

No Report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

Health

No report said Committee Chair Ashley Reed.

Parks

Chair Gregory Spock reported the committee is working on an event and waiting on dates from the ASPCA to do a free dog licensing and vaccination. More information will be provided as received.

Transportation

Board Chair Louis Walker reported a meeting will be held on January 15, 2019, with the Department of Transportation who will present the program, *The Big Jump* involving bicycles.

Additionally, he reported the CB4 Bylaws were mailed to the Board members. Next month, the vote will be taken on the proposed bylaws. As they are very different, please compare the two documents.

ULURP/Zoning

Committee Chair Alton Derrick Smith reported the committee did not meet. A meeting is planned end of February.

Youth

Committee Chair Alexa Ponce reported no updates. However, Thursday, January 24, at 7:00 p.m. a meeting is scheduled at the Board office.

Before concluding, Board Member Damian Vargas said the Board is comprised of 42 members and can consist of 50 members. If you know anyone who would like to join the Community Board, please have them fill out an application. The deadline is February 8.

As there was no further business Board Member Judy D'Andrea made a motion, seconded by Board Member Lucy Schilero, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.