



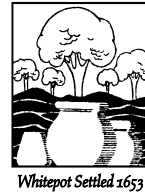
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CB 6 MEETING MINUTES JUNE 18, 2024

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JAVIER FIGARO DISTRICT ATTORNEY MELINDA KATZ
LOUISE EMANUEL OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER JEFFRION AUBRY

This meeting was held in-person with a limited virtual option via Webex for individuals with extraordinary circumstances. The following CB 6 Members joined the meeting via Webex: John Dereszewski, Marcelle Lashley-Kabore, Bruce Grossberg, Kandra Clark. The meeting will be recorded and posted on YouTube. Community Board meetings are posted on YouTube.com for transparency to the public (www.tinyurl.com/cb6youtube).

Chair Heather Beers-Dimitriadis opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

GOOD AND WELFARE

CB 6 MEMBERS

Peter Beadle:

The congestion pricing was supposed to begin in New York City on June 30th, the city spent a half of billion dollars, getting ready. Governor Hochul put congestion pricing on an indefinite pause. Considering that this is going to be the last meeting before the summer, I would like to make a motion to support congestion pricing and write a letter to the Governor to lift the pause on congestion pricing. I would like to move this motion to the end of the meeting, considering we have a full agenda. Peter made a motion that Community Board 6 make a resolution that the congestion pricing adhere to the schedule it already had and that the board chair be directed to send a letter to the governor and cc our elected officials asking to lift the pause. Mark seconded the motion. Chair Beers Dimitriadis will move this motion and discussion at the end of the meeting. This will come after the executive session we have tonight.

Heidi Chain:

- 112th Precinct Community Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 26th at 7:30pm at American Legion Hall. Everyone is invited.
- Night Out Against Crime is August 6th at McDonald Park by the post office. There will be free food and music. Anyone interested in volunteering, email council112@yahoo.com.

Mark Laster:

- Central Queens Against Hate held Breaking Bread Building Bonds this past Sunday. We thank Councilmember Schulman for providing funding. We had over 30 people who left feeling hopeful, positive and recharged to do more for the community. We are exploring options with Councilmember Schulman to continue funding this activity, since the mayor's office no longer has funding for the program, and he fired the head of the Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes and has not yet appointed a successor. This office, in conjunction with the New York City commission on Human Rights, were taking the lead in Breaking Bread Building Bonds.
- CB6, Metro Village, Forest Hills Green Team, Home Depot, Councilmember Schulman, Assemblyman Hevesi and Senator Addabbo will be sponsoring a cleanup along Metropolitan Avenue this Sunday June 23rd from 10am to 12pm. Meet in front of Aigner Chocolates.
- Our next intergenerational panel discussion will be held on Wednesday, June 26th at 7pm, dedicated to Pride month.
- There will be a City Council oversight hearing Wednesday, June 26th regarding the B-Heard program.

If you are interested in more details, please email me at fhgtinc@gmail.com.

- Early voting has started for the Primary, which is scheduled for Tuesday, June 26th. The office has information about this. If you are interested in learning more about the primary, please contact me at fhgtinc@gmail.com.

PUBLIC FORUM

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis reported that the board is going to move into the public comments. The testimony that was submitted will be included with the minutes and will be circulated to the board members after the meeting. For those that have emailed written comments, they are not going to be read tonight but will be included in the minutes. We have received 18 total written comments; 7 written comments in favor of City of Yes and 11 written comments against City of Yes. We are at 30 public speakers tonight. When we have more than 25 public speakers, individuals will get two minutes and organizational representatives will get three minutes. The chair also thanked all community members who came out for the public hearing. At the public hearing there were 28 testimonies from the community members, we had 3 in favor and 25 opposed to City of Yes. Tonight isn't a public hearing. You can submit your comments to the community board by Friday, June 21st by 5pm.

David Schneier and Nori Montero – Queens Community House

Hello. I am David Schneier, a Case Manager, and this is Nori Montero, a Case Management's supervisor. Queens Community House (QCH) is a multi-site, multi-service settlement house that serves the diverse neighborhoods of Queens. We serve residents of all ages, races, faiths, and ethnicities while supporting the viability of the borough as a whole. QCH opened its doors in 1976 (as Forest Hills Community House) to help heal the wounds of a neighborhood conflict. Over four decades, our reach and breadth have grown; today we offer a broad network of comprehensive services at 40 sites in 15 neighborhoods allowing us to impact individuals, families, and entire communities. We are committed to a holistic approach that deals with immediate needs as well as the barriers that may impede personal, family, and community stability. We recognize the interconnected relationship between housing, health, employment, education, self-esteem, and financial wellbeing, and ensure all participants in every program have access to a full range of resources to help them achieve wellness and life-long security. Each year, our programs help thousands of our neighbors to thrive in school, make healthy life choices, succeed in educating themselves, become engaged citizens, stabilize their housing situations, and make the most of their senior years. Our Mission: Queens Community House provides individuals and families with the tools to enrich their lives and build healthy, inclusive communities. Our Vision: Queens Community House envisions Queens as an empowered community that values diversity, respect, and mutual responsibility. In this community, ALL people are actively engaged, feel supported, have a voice, and experience equal access to opportunities. Our Position: With quality and integrity, we invest in people for the long term. Under the Case Management Program, we provide a variety of services to Older Adults, homebound, 60+ residing in community Districts 4 & 6 (Elmhurst, Corona, Forest Hills, and Rego Park). Our main goal is to ensure that the older adults are safe in their home and prevent early institutionalization. Our Case Management Program is funded by the NYC Department for the Aging & we just received an award for a new, 3-years contract for CD 4 & 6, which will start on July 1, 2024. We offer Home Delivered Meals, NYC Aging funded-Home care, Friendly Visiting Service as well as linking our clients with other necessary services in the community. To qualify for our programs, people need to be 60 or older, have physical and/or cognitive limitations, or are in financial distress. We offer a multicultural/religious meal style, such Latin, Halal, Kosher, Korean, Chinese, and regular. Unfortunately, and after April 15, 2023, we are no longer able to offer meals to anyone who has MLTC, however, if the person has Medicaid only, he/she would be eligible for the meals. The first step to enrolling anyone in our Case Management program is the completion of an Intake, which is done over the telephone. After the intake is completed, it is assigned to a Case Manager, who will conduct an Assessment and will together with the older adult will develop a plan of care. We can link clients to receive in-home Physical and Occupational Therapy, doctors who make house calls, nutritionists, mental health counseling, and much more. We also help with benefits and entitlements, for example, SNAP, SCRIE (Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption), Medicaid, Housing issues, etc. Our Friendly Visitor program matches volunteers with older adults, who are socially isolated. The older adults are paired with

volunteers, who have similar interests and hobbies. Please feel free to call our Case management unit at (718) 268-1412. Thank you for your time and this opportunity.

Edward McGinnis I am an architect and a resident of Forest Hills Gardens and have become generally aware with MTA's plans to make the Forest Hills stations more accessible for the disabled under the Federal Infrastructure Act. Regarding the TVA proposal, the Forest Hills Gardens Corporation (FHGC) is reviewing such and implied they would modify their suggestions to the LIRR. It is also my understanding that partial plans are to demolish the southern ramp which is fully complaint with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and replace it with one with lesser slopes, thereby lengthening the 325' distance by about 50', making it more difficult to ascend. Members of Achilles International, a group of disabled persons, have complained about the existing length. Chapter 4: Ramps and Curbs – United States Access Board www.access-board.gov/ada/guides/chaper-4-ramps - no, the standards limit the rise of each run (30" maximum), but not the overall length of ramps comprised of multiple runs. Since the usability of ramps decreases with length, considerably long ramp systems should be avoided where possible. I personally measured slopes landing dimensions, etc. and the existing conditions conform to current ADA regulations. The ramp must not be replaced. Historically, the FHGC, which claims overall control over any properties within and adjacent to its domain, rejected MTA's designs for new elevator structures a year or so ago and neither they nor MTA could come up with alternative solutions (but I have and seek compensation). Replacing fully complaint ramps just to secure funding is unethical and discriminatory towards the disabled. I resigned from the FHGC Architectural Committee. Congresswoman Meng had appropriated \$7 million towards elevators but the LIRR and the FHGC still resisted. As construction is to begin in a month or so, your prompt attention would be greatly appreciated. It is possible to install elevators either via a Construction contract change order or by a separate contract in the future.

Jonathan Rinaldi

I have here in my hands the transcripts of the committee of the city council where they have been awarded a \$237 Million dollar contract to house the illegal aliens in the hotels and everywhere around here. I want to address the rape of a 13-year-old girl in Kissena Park. It ties into the City of Yes and Intro 1867 of 220 which allows the illegal aliens the right to vote in our municipal election. To put illegal aliens into your houses, into your basements, cellars, and your attics because the city is 100% bankrupted because they have spent 20% of the city's budget into the hotels. This is the issue of the City of Yes which is important. In terms of the congestion pricing, all the delivery trucks that are bringing groceries from Jersey to Queens who do you think is going to pay that? Seniors living off pensions are bankrupt because of the misappropriation of funds. The elective officials that have sold every single one of you out. It will be impossible for any of us to raise our kids and to raise our family. We say hell no to the City of Yes.

Steve Reichstein

I am a city planner. My relevant professional experience is as follows: coordinator of the City of Pittsburgh's Community Development Program, Deputy Director of Pittsburgh's Department of City Planning, Head of NYC's office of Management and Budget's, Community Development Program, Assistant to the Borough President of Brooklyn for 12 years, former member of NYC's Department of City Planning and a native New Yorker and resident of Forest Hills for 44 years. My comments are addressed to the low-density portion of the City of Yes. First, I would like to commend the Land Use Committee of CB6 for listening to the speakers two weeks ago and incorporating some of their comments into its recommendations. As you no doubt know 26 of the 30 speakers took issue with the City of Yes and argued for a No vote. While the modifications in the City of Yes that the board is recommending are better than the Mayor's existing proposal, they are basically attempts to fix a flawed plan. To put it another way, if this was a suit or a dress you'd never want to try it on or use it daily: the design is full of holes and its flaws cannot be remedied by patching the garment. Allowing multi-family housing into a single-family area will strangle the area. I say strangle because what owner, and what developer, would not want the money that would come from replacing a single-family home with a multi-family building? Gradually, over time single family homes would no longer be built or replaced. This particular part of the American Dream would gradually disappear. And of course, allowing garages to be converted into small accessible units and legalizing basements is not a legacy, I think, you would want to leave to your children or grandchildren. Zoning gives property owners the safeguards they need to live, stay in and maintain their property. Undermines zoning,

undermines the guardrails – the assurance, the certainty people need when choosing where to live and raise a family. CB6 is an advisory board. I know from experience the best advice you can give your boss is to say no. There are too many flaws in the plan to be able to correct and have any hope they will be implemented. Also, this is quite important, if the board votes yes with conditions, and the city doesn't accept those conditions, then its vote would be recorded as a Yes. The best course of action would be to make the boldest move and join with many other boards that have already voted no like Queens 11 and 9, Brooklyn 15 and Bronx 5 and Staten Island 1. Also, Queens 5 and Queens 10 are likely to vote no. I would urge you to reject the low-density plan and vote no. That would be the most effective strategy, give you the most leverage and would really send a message.

Marilyn Torodash

I purchased my house in 1980 and I never thought I'd ever speak to a large group. I printed out the City of Yes that was sent to me. It explains how we're going to be sliced and diced. It's already a done deal, by the way. At the last community board meeting we weren't shocked when the majority of us stood up and said no to the City of Yes and then what did we find at the end? What was the recommendation, how naïve we all were. There are already illegal apartments here, where is the Department of Buildings? What would the restaurant of yes look like, some may have 75 seats so they so they could put in another 25. What would the subway of yes look like. You can't fit enough in; you'll hire people pushers who wear white gloves to keep it all sanitary. There's a pregnant woman in her first trimester so we will push her in. Why Queens County what about the community boards in the other counties. What about Dutchess County, Ulster County, Sullivan County, Oswego County? Why Queens County, why here.

Helen Gitelson

I live on Selfridge Street in Forest Hills. I am a retired urban planner; 37 years as a city employee working with: DEP, Assistant Director in the Office of Environmental Impact, the permanent co-lead agency at the time, conducting CEQR reviews for all initiatives and developments that required discretionary approvals. City Council, Land Use Division, DCAS, Director of the Development Planning Unit in the Division of Real Estate, HPD, Director of Environmental Remediation & Special Projects and DOB, Executive Director; Code Development Unit. Prior to my employment with the City of NY, I was a Peace Corps volunteer, in the Appropriate Technology, Energy Conservation Program in the Philippines. Please accept these comments regarding the citywide zoning proposal City of Yes for Housing Opportunity CEQR No. 24DCP033Y. I hope that you will recommend that the City Planning Commission disapprove this proposal based on the following: the chosen protocol sites in the CEQR assessment do not address the potential for adverse impacts on local communities; nor does it address cumulative impacts of all such development. For instance, do the nobuild and build conditions assume added demand on mass transit from the implementation of congestion pricing? E, F, M and R subway trains are at capacity now during rush hour without these initiatives. How much more with the demand from additional housing developments facilitated by this zoning initiative? The proposal would allow 20% more residential development on sites, if that 20% would be used for affordable housing. It is not clear how this proposal would be enforced. What agency would have that responsibility? What happens if this requirement is not adhered to in the future after construction? Would the 20% be removed? I think not. Don't remove the mandates for developments to provide off-street parking. Despite what the city planning pundits say, New Yorkers have cars, and drive, especially in Queens. Lack of parking is always a problem. The lack of parking increases congestion, noise and air pollution. The allowance of accessory dwelling units (ADU) and the use of basements for residential use is problematic for the following reasons: additional demand created by these units on sewers in our area (Forest Hills, etc.) will exacerbate flooding by the combined sewers that currently flood during heavy rain events. Bathrooms in basements in my neighborhood regularly flood, thereby destroying property and creating unhealthy situations. Just check the number of claims resulting from non-hurricane Ida. The CEQR assessment in the DEIS focuses only on the effect of added demand onto DEP's sewage treatment facilities. It totally misses these localized impacts. Rit "Aggarwala DEP Commission and the City's Chief Climate Officer Commissioner visited our street to witness the devastation and destruction from Ida and the DEP's sewers, but nothing has been done to alleviate the current problem. In the last century, New Yorkers fought to remove tenements from the basements. The City should not sanction dwellings in unsafe units. Flooding, especially in basements, is anticipated to increase due to climate change. Do poor people deserve unsafe living conditions? ADUs would remove parking spaces, while adding demand. I disagree that the allowance would result in "gentle

density” increases. The additional number of people resulting from these units would crowd our neighborhood and increase the need for space in schools and other social services, mass transit, etc. They will add cars on our crowded streets that will need to park. The City’s drainage maps are old and outdated. They were based on permitted development at the time they were developed. They have not been comprehensively upgraded to accommodate the vast amount of demand created by development since that time. The DEIS indicates that new development requires new development sewer certifications review. Would ADUs be considered new development that would the need for such review? This EIS is not clear. They should be, so that the city would be able to tract the added demand created by such units. Do not permit area wide construction of new 3-5 story apartment buildings in low dense neighborhoods. Such construction could destroy the neighborhood character of the one- and two-family residential neighborhoods. Do not remove street parking requirements for senior residential developments. Senior citizens have cars and drive, especially in the outer boroughs. Cars enable seniors to live independently. Assuming such individuals can always use mass transit is not accurate. My 90-year-old parents continue to live in their single-family home because they can drive to meet their needs, visiting their doctors and hospitals in Manhattan. Subway stations are not ADA-complaint. The stations that are complaining have elevators and escalators that are often not functioning. Access-a-ride is not reliable. Cars, and the provision of off parking, enable seniors to age in place in their own homes. The elimination of rear and side yard setbacks and open space ration requirements will preclude the greening of our neighborhoods. Such removal will increase impervious materials, thereby adding additional demand from run-off to the already overly taxed combined storm-sewer system, removing the cooling benefits of trees and gardens. Do not remove the approval requirement for development on former railroad rights-of-way. Will zoning and building code require new residential developments to provide soil vapor barriers for at grade and sub-grade construction to avoid the potential for significant adverse impacts from hazardous materials? Who will enforce such requirements? The DEIS should disclose the plan for implementation and enforcement. Many of the disclosed impacts disclosed in the draft EIS remain unmitigated. Perhaps they will develop such mediation measures between the draft and final EIS. But then the community board and borough president will not have the benefit of knowing what these measures are prior to issuing their recommendations. The city should be required to offer and commit to mitigation measures and strategies in the draft EIS, especially before the city-wide initiative is acted up or down. Please consider the beauty and benefits of low-density communities and maintain the zoning that protects these neighborhoods. New York is a wonderful place to live and work because it offers choices in neighborhoods, building types and density. Approval of this city-wide initiative would ruin the crazy quilt of neighborhoods that makeup the city. Thank you for considering these comments. I hope you find them useful

Chad Callahan – Van Court Association

I have been a Forest Hills resident my whole life, husband, father, Forest Hills business owner. I am the president of the Van Court Association, I am speaking from that perspective tonight. The Van Court Association, much like the Forest Hills Gardens Corporation is a community within Forest Hills with specific regulations that protect the architectural covenants and integrity of the homes. I moved into that facility in 2009, the same year I joined the Van Cort Association Board. I quickly learned what it meant, from 1923 to when I showed up these people have been fighting to preserve this beautiful community of single-family homes in the way which it was erected. Forest Hills has a diversity of home options, they have luxury condos, that virtually nobody can afford. Forest Hills has walk-ups that are relatively okay, they have town homes, they have bundled homes and of course single family homes. What we have been doing in the Van Court is to preserve what this community represents; its beauty, its architecture and what it will mean for future generations. It’s disappearing. The City of Yes has some specific complications to it. It is a board plan, I’m here to speak negatively and quite vociferously against the City of Yes, because it contains regulation that will remove our single-family status. In fact, it will allow for the erection on many of our streets that are wide enough to support three or four family homes, apartment buildings. Last year, two years ago everybody’s basement was flooded, sewage ravaged in, and thousands of dollars of damage were caused. I have not seen that study that proves we have the infrastructure, the sewage, the plumbing to support new residents. My children go to PS 101, others go to other schools where there’s waiting lists. I don’t know where they’re going to make the new seats for all the kids that are going to come to the area. I’m trying to stand here and say that we don’t want new residents in our area. We’re a very welcoming area Van Court doesn’t have private streets like the gardens. It is welcoming, you may have parked there and walked to a concert or down to

the subway. Do not take away something that belongs to the city a beauty, a treasure, a jewel because this regulation really is for the developers to make money and not to protect you.

Martin Levinson

My name is Marty Levinson. I am a homeowner who has lived in Forest Hills since 1967. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to express my objections to the zoning proposals in The City of Yes. These were summarized recently on February 29th, in the River-dale Press. If enacted, they will negatively impact the character, quality of life and property values of our residential neighborhoods. The City of Yes would erase the lines between commercial and residential neighborhoods. These citywide zoning proposals seem to have been drawn largely from recommendations of real estate, construction, and business interests and not by residents of our communities. Here is the problem: by their very nature, businesses are accompanied by increased garbage, deliveries, traffic and congestion. In residential neighborhoods, developers will be motivated to tear down private homes for commercial uses. Why promote new business areas in residential neighborhoods when there is a high citywide retail vacancy rate now? Let's take a new corner store. Here is what people are worried about, if they live nearby: will the store attract people to loiter, drink beer, smoke pot and play loud music at all hours? I know that noise complaints have increased and neither the Department of Environmental Protection nor the NYPD seem to have the resources to enforce the existing law. To paraphrase an article in the Queens Chronicle, on June 13th, this proposal would all but eliminate single-family zoning across much of Queens. The proposed regulations would permit not just mother/daughter apartments, above the garage but also illegal conversions in death-trap basements. It could even be an oversized shed or hut in your neighbor's backyard. Doesn't that frighten you? Member of Community Board 6, I urge you to vote, NO to the City of Yes.

Michael Mulvaney – Manse Street Block Association

Zones in our area for R2 32, R1 and R2 family homes, one- or two-family homes need to be protected. Thirty years ago, we petitioned to city council to get that petition to protect through downzoning. The mayor agreed, our council people agreed this board agreed to protect our area, Metropolitan Avenue to Union Turnpike to Woodhaven Boulevard, to Selfridge Street, the Van Court houses and now they are all zoned correctly. This zoning proposal will destroy that area. The text amendment will allow developers to be blockbusters. It is bad public policy. I want to thank this board for their hard work. I was on this board for twenty years. Commercial development in this area already allows cannabis stores on every corner. Their policy brought in drugs. It's important to safeguard the quality of life and to protect Forest Hills, white pot. The proposed amendment significantly alters the character of our one- and two-family homes neighborhood. Remson Cemetery and the oldest farming in Queens. Sixteen city council people voted against this so-called City of Yes, vote no to protect your home. A man's home is his castle. Board Six voted against its own Community interests in my opinion. This is a bad zoning plan for Forest Hills, please vote no, the mayor is wrong, Councilwoman Schulman is wrong, Senator Jessica Ramos is wrong. This will lead to people making deals, corruption will follow its history. We already have a mayor under indictment. Cord-Myers benefitted from the last time we downsized; he was a big developer in Forest Hills. We can make this a good plan, but the mayor's plan right now the City of Yes stinks. It doesn't help our community. Thank this board for their hard work.

Carol Mulvaney

I have lived in Community Board 6 for over 50 years. As a child growing up in Middle Village my friends and I would bike across Woodhaven Boulevard to ride the green leafy peaceful streets of Forest Hills. My husband and I moved here because of the quiet and lack of congestion, after living in Manhattan for five years. Now Mayor Adams, who resides in New Jersey despite having a Brooklyn voting address, wants to upzone our streets so apartments can be built in garages, basements, attics, and as one person said garden sheds. Where will the children go to school, where is the public transportation, garbage collection and parking for all of the additional residents. My husband Michael told you, as a member of Community Board 6 he fought to downzone the housing here in Forest Hills. Now Adams wants to undo that downzoning, about ten years we attended a dinner in honor of long serving CB6 members. A young couple came up to us that night and introduced themselves. The man said he was a newly appointed member of Community Board 6. They had recently moved to Forest Hills, and he was on the board already. How did that happen? Who did he owe that seat too? Supposedly he didn't know anyone, so how did he get on the board? He said his goal was to make Forest Hills another Manhattan with Manhattan like

amenities, restaurants, stores, high-rises. I pointed out to him that as a longtime resident many other residents like me like it the way it was. Green, quiet and an oasis in a busy city. If he likes Manhattan so much he should go back there. Since that time, we have had high-rises, mega mansions, bike lanes so empty you could take a nap in them and a general deterioration of the quality of life. Illegal pot stores line commercial streets. Adams wants commercial buildings on every corner. Parent raising children don't want their children by pot stores. I have five children within 100 feet of my house, it is not in the best interest of Forest Hills residents and taxpayers. We have often thought the politicians and the real estate people own what's done in Forest Hills.

Edward Brennan – Nansen Street Block Association

This speech is about a no vote. The commercial stripes on Metropolitan Avenue, Austin Street and 69th Avenue, if you build add-ons to these buildings, they will hurt the existing businesses and tenants. This is not about affordable housing; it will increase rents due to construction costs and construction is never on time. I have been in the business for 37 years, the cost is passed on example is the MTA, Janno Lieber. Our sewer and water are old and with more people moving in, the system can't handle the increase in the population in such small areas. The transit zone which is a half mile into the south side of Forest Hills would allow apartment buildings to be built among one- and two-family homes and would destroy the landscape, block the views and have no privacy and decrease the monetary value of our homes. The building of accessory dwelling units will have more people living on a small parcel of land, causing flooding and straining on the water and sewer increase the chance of a fire starting due to overuse of electric. E-bikes that have the wrong batteries, street on the electric grid, paving over the green space too, that we need. Overpopulation will cause stress on the fire department, the police department, EMS, sanitation, department of water works, Con Edison, Natural Grid and cable. Too many people living in one space is not a good thing. We come to Mayor Adams who is a Democratic Donal Trump, he and his cohorts speak of the council and our Councilwoman Lynn Schulman go along with him along with other members with this project with his ideas, which are not good. They have no regard for the people, they serve themselves and not us. The people on the community board here have followed suit by voting 39 to 2 in favor of the Economic. You were put on the board to serve the people for the good, please do that. Stand here and tell me that you vote no for the City of Yes and our reasons why, but you vote against us, and you say yes to destroy the Forest Hills Community along with others. All you need is common sense and say no to the City of Yes. We don't need to agree to have common sense, that's all you need, and vote no. Thank you.

Claudia Valentino – Forest Hills Civic

I am President of the Forest Hills Community and Civic Association. I followed all the presentations here tied to the City of Yes, I have watched zoning members raise questions but get no answers even from the Department of City Planning and then go ahead a vote yes anyway. The loudest and most resounding question since June 4th throughout the entire community is why? We have let you know that along avenues like Metropolitan Avenue speculation, gentrification and displacement of tenants who now have affordable rental apartments and our mom and pop businesses will be the result. Even Columbia University said that your worksheet recommendations will not stop it. We've let you know that building three- and four-story apartment buildings among our one and two family homes is unworkable due to infrastructure, flooding, density and destruction of neighborhood character. Further, dare I say it is not how we have chosen to live, we do have some rights. Same goes for ADUs, you refuse to look at or to imagine what it would be like to live in a 16-footwide house on a 25 x 100 foot lot and have the house next door with a basement rental, an attic rental, a garage rental or a new house in the paved over garden or all of the above. Our privacy, our infrastructure, our neighborhood harmony gone. Airbnb's will rule, it has happened in Sedona. I have tried to meet with the board repeatedly over the last three years and have publicly invited you all to take a walk over to the houses with me and have coffee at McDonalds. You repeatedly refuse to meet, frankly it's odd and hurtful. Here's what we got even as you believe you are doing the right thing, which is the only explanation for your yes votes. The City of Yes is based on a logical fallacy, a false argument in this case divisive and inflammatory created to get people to do something on an unsound basis. It is an empty shell that we have been handed. All of us a worthless confection borrowed from elsewhere California and Oregon it asserts that our zoning was created explicitly. I'm sorry this is straight from the mayor explicitly to keep black and brown New Yorkers out. I'm here to tell you that it is false, I did our down zoning myself, the biggest tragedy of the plan is that it cannot solve affordable housing or the emergency or the crisis because it's going to unfold over 15 years. Here's what I want, a housing plan that gets people off the street

before snow flies, not 15 years from now. The options are out there. If we look for them, please let's turn a corner on this thing. Vote a decisive no this evening and have as your one comment on your worksheets, give us a plan that will really work and not divide New Yorkers.

Steve Maldonado

I recently attended the Community Board 6 zoning committee meeting in Rego Park. I expressed my opposition to the housing portion of the City of Yes plan. I am particularly disturbed by the fact that the zoning committee voted yes, even though approximately 90% of the neighborhood attendees were opposed to the plan. It is amazing to me that people sit on that zoning committee supposedly to represent our neighborhood, yet they ignored what we clearly wanted which was a no vote on this proposal. My major opposition to the plan is that it never studied the negative effects it will probably cause if implemented. The local infrastructure is already inadequate to serve as the existing population density in our area, most of the property owners of my block experience periodic flooding whenever we have a large volume of rain in a short period of time. There will likely also be negative effects on electric service, parking, trash on the streets and lack of safety among other things. Also, my experience is that the construction could create roading and insect problems that don't currently exist and that may not subside when construction is completed. No thorough study has been made of the potential negative effects of the newly allowed construction. It should be a fairly straightforward calculation, I was a math major, forward calculation to figure out. We need to see what a functional level of density is for our area given the current drainage system and electrical grid. Without a study it is impossible to make an intelligent decision on such an important matter. Nobody did the math because they wouldn't like what it would have told them. Unfortunately, politicians higher up in the food chain have already decided to approve the plan to make their real estate donors happy and to keep them donating. The zoning committee and community board appear to be rubber stamping what is dictating from above without regard for the needs and opinions of the people they claim to serve. If you vote no you should all be ashamed of yourselves for not doing the due diligence required.

Ann Marie Prono

I am a licensed architect. I testified against Housing Opportunity at the June 4th zoning and land use committee meeting. Nearly 30 testimonies against Housing Opportunity referenced serious issues that are not addressed. During the committee deliberation, flooding, fire safety and infrastructure were discussed but no solutions were offered. The committee discussed our comments, added their own, some of which opposed ADUS because of basement flooding and yet still they voted in favor. I want to remind the board about the comments that committee members made. One member said, the infrastructure is not going to change until DEP gets out to upgrade the sewer system. They are going to be slow at this and added that he knows that an upgrade to the sewer storm water system isn't coming anytime soon. Does this confirm that DEP doesn't have a plan in place and is ready to go. Do we want to move forward with a plan that isn't well thought out and destined to fail. Another member said he thinks allowing garage apartments will have no effect on flooding. I disagree there will be more hard impermeable surfaces that will add to a flooding potential, more people mean more sewage to our over tax system. I don't understand how committee members with their own legitimate concerns not being addressed still voted in favor of ADUs. The CB6 website states board members serve as advocates and service coordinators for the community and its residents. My point is it's time for CB6 to truly represent the voice of the community at large.

Rudy Winkler

First let me say that most of the people at the last meeting obviously did not hear us. At this point, I may as well be speaking to the wall. Once again, we say how many of you want a porta john in your neighborhood's driveway because of a rented garage. How many of you want to look for parking on your own block due to rented basements and attics. How many of the family members who are firefighters must be injured when they try to navigate their way through a basement with only one exit. This is the single most destructive proposal in the history of New York. Please vote no for the City of Yes.

Ellen Pustelnik

If this is democracy, then this plan won't be and should not be passed if this plan goes through against the will of the people then we have a big problem. Say no to the City of Yes.

Eugene Ward

I lived in Forest Hills for 35 years since 1988 as a homeowner. New York City is the most densely populated city in America, it is nearly the most diverse. Certainly, in my neighborhood it's extremely difficult to drive, it's harder and harder to park. I am very concerned about the amount of parking that this plan will bring in parking. Where I live there are apartment buildings all over the place as it is. You can't park on the streets for the past six months to a year; I've watched a building go up across the street from me eight units, no parking. City of Yes proposes basically an unlimited amount of development in our neighborhoods. The idea that apartment buildings can be built without internal parking is absurd. Parking will simply become impossible. Was an environmental study done before this? Can the infrastructure really take this, so many more people are coming. In March 2021 on my block a pipe broke, and the street was torn up for three weeks as they fixed it. Forest Hills has a reputation as a nice place to live. If City of Yes is passed, that will no longer be true. Endless construction on residential streets, people living in garages and tiny homes in back yards, no parking, increased noise. Forest Hills will become like Calcutta, perhaps a place to visit, but not to live. It will no longer be a good place to raise a family. The City of Yes is the suicide of a great neighborhood. It doesn't have to happen. Please vote no on the City of Yes.

Carly Tribull

Hello community board and thank you for the opportunity to speak, my name is Doctor Carly Tribull and I am an owner of a single-family home on the park side region of Forest Hills. I am also a driver who regularly uses their car to run errands and commute. I plan on staying in my home for the long haul and raising a family here. Based on the above statements the audience would probably guess that I am against the City of Yes as that has been the prevailing stereotype of homeowners with cars and children. I'm here to represent a voice that is not often present on the echo chamber of the neighborhood social media outpost, which claims to represent the beliefs of the neighborhood. I am very pro City of Yes and its housing reform programs. I came to Forest Hills as a renter seven years ago and struggled to find a stock of affordable housing. City of Yes will work to address a historic housing shortage in the city by alleviating the barriers of outdated zoning rules that have remained unchanged since the 1960s. We are in desperate need of more modest middle sized apartment buildings that have long been part of the city's history to create the stock of modest housing we need to make changes. One of the greatest barriers to the construction of affordable housing is the requirement of parking minimums. Simply put requiring space for cars astronomically drives up the price of rent. I am not anti-car again. I have a car but I don't think a car is a requirement for living in our neighborhood. The City of Yes proposals doesn't say no new apartments with parking but it gives the developers the option to create more affordable units for those who have chosen to get rid of their car as a cost-saving measure. It creates housing diversity and does not reduce it. Finally, I would remind the board that they should not interpret the crowd here as representative of the community. It is a well-known phenomenon that community board audiences are skewed towards those that can afford to come.

Kelly Schmid – Forest Hills Crescent Civic Association

*The Forest Hills Crescents Civic Association monitors the quality of life and public safety issues in The Crescents and represents over 700 residential homes. We are a hard-working middle-class community of diverse immigrant families who vehemently oppose the proposed CITY OF YES rezoning for our Queens family communities. Residents and homeowners in our community have worked hard to afford and maintain their homes- many for generations. They are devoted to preserving our neighborhood, maintaining security and the value of our homes and property. We are a R3-1 zone and have worked hard to maintain this status over the many years. The CITY OF YES will have an adverse and devastating impact on our homes and residential family community. We do NOT support "a social experiment" by current city politicians to re-zone residential family neighborhoods. The CITY OF YES contains broad sweeping policy changes that ignore the needs of residential family neighborhoods throughout NYC. The following is only a few of the many issues of why the proposed CITY OF YES rezoning is a disaster for New York residential family neighborhoods: *Safety concerns allowing people to rent out their basements, attics and garages is a safety concern for the children in our neighborhood. These are often transient tenants which cannot be monitored or kept track of. There is a reason SROs (Single Resident Occupancy) are illegal in NYC. Also, many of these homes have original cloth electrical wiring. Which cannot support SRO tenants. This will increase the likelihood of fires in our community. Commercial space- Adding more commercial space within our community when there are so many vacant storefronts, commercial spaces available does not*

benefit anyone. It doesn't make sense. Parking- We are already facing a parking crisis in our neighborhood. NYC. For years, the city has failed to address this quality of life issue. The city does not have the resources to remove abandoned vehicles. There simply is no space to accommodate parking for your proposed new developments in The CITY of YES rezoning. Over the years, the City has passed other new developments buildings in our area & other parts of NYC. The City failed to have the foresight to demand that additional parking places be provided to accommodate for residents of these new multi-family units. Congestion - the intersection of 71st Continental and Austin Street has been noted as one of busiest in the city. We already have congestion. Why would you want to make this worse? Monitor new development sites. This rezoning will be noisy, dirty and block light but most importantly the city does not have the resources to monitor these construction sites. Commercial Real Estate Collapse - We are on the cusp of commercial real estate collapse in the US but predominantly NYC because no commercial tenants want to rent the old office buildings. The city has proposed to revamp these commercial office buildings to create affordable housing. New Yorkers are realistic, but the city should be realistic about how much they can handle getting done correctly. The City should focus on creating affordable housing in the spaces that currently exist before they start social experiments carving up residential family neighborhoods. Although these politicians and consultants believe that they are qualified to make sweeping changes in the lives of everyday New Yorkers, their track record in recent past does not support that. Look at the crime, the violence, the gun violence, the pollution, the rats, the noise pollution and congestion. Look at the failure to keep the subways public transport safe. Look at the demise of this city. Our current city leaders are not qualified to make sweeping changes since they are incapable of running the city at the most basic level. Window Dressing - we ask the Mayor & City officials not to insult the intelligence of New Yorkers. Do not use window-dressing by talking about immigrants and affordable housing - when all you want to do is support the real estate developers who wish to carve up our residential family neighborhood in order to fill their bank accounts with profits. This is not altruism; this is about money. Money for the real estate developers & the city officials who support them. They do not care about the impact on hard working families and their investments. For many, their homes are their retirement savings and their security. This is not just about the Crescents, this is about the average New Yorker who works in New York City, takes public transportation, pays taxes, votes and we deserve a better quality of life than the city has offered us in the recent past. Passing the CITY OF YES rezoning will not benefit New Yorkers. It will not improve the quality of life. It will destroy it. If the Mayor & City Officials fail to listen to its constituents of NYC taxpayer /voters, our communities across NYC. I look forward to organizing and voicing our opinions to campaign against them in the next elections. I hope you hear us and do the right thing for your constituents. Our communities are opposed to this.

Mary Franklin

I'm here tonight to express my strong disapproval of the harm proposed by the City of Yes will bring to my neighborhood. I live in Rego Park on the boarder of Forest Hills on a block with other Tudor style single family homes that were built in the 1930s. I didn't always live here, I lived in an apartment building in Astoria near the subway and I believe that buildings like the one I lived in, that are rent stabilized and rent controlled can address the problems of housing. I don't support negatively impacting already established communities in order to address this problem. The block I live on now is very different from my old neighborhood. It's quiet with trees and parking, We have a small common driveway in the back that we share with our neighbors and each family has a garage. Many of my neighbors are second and third generation, where parents live with their children and grandchildren. Before allowing this kind of development, ask yourselves will it impede on the current residents quality of life? To say that it is only a few buildings and that if parking is needed then the developer can decide whether or not to do so is allowing the wolf to make decisions for the sheep. Mayor Adams is sounding like the wolf when he calls garages cottages really. I know what that can and will look like. It reminds me of pictures during the Great Depression of shanty towns. Our common driveway next to our garages has always been a place where children can play. I cannot imagine those garages housing families behind our houses or the safety issues that it will impose for all of us. Surely, the city can do better than that. Vote no stand up for people like me who live in this community and do not want to see our neighborhoods sold out and would be opportunists.

John Feltman

My name is John Feltman, a resident of Forest Hills, Van Court for 23 years and a lifetime resident of Queens. I am here to speak against the City of Yes program. A program that will ruin the face of New York. It will devalue

our properties and change the landscape. I served in the New York City Fire Department for 20 years. It was not legal to rent basements, attics or garages. Why are we changing the laws now? Who voted for this, not the people who paid the salaries of the law makers. This Yes program is designed not for the working people of New York. The problem caused by making themselves a sanctuary city is caused by the government, not voted by the people. Come this November we need to make change on what's going on. I don't believe in Republicans or Democrats; I am a conservative. This is right and wrong, with what's going on for the past three and a half years is wrong. If you think we are headed in the right direction you are the problem. I say no to City of Yes.

Jay Luger *I'm a novice, this is my first community board meeting and so far what I see is very disappointing. I was told I'd be limited to two minutes when I sent in my request today. You knew a large amount number of people were coming and we have to stand, wrong absolutely wrong. People should be allowed to sit, there are bigger venues than this building. From what I have seen and read about in our community board and their constituents there is a huge chasm between them. The people that are here and that are speaking out. I vote that we should dissolve our community board as presently constituted and replace them. They are not serving our needs. It may not be politically correct but we have got to do it. Unfortunately, the good news is, the community board's vote is not binding neither is our president of our borough. We all need to work on Lynn Schulman, she has the vote that is really important. Please sign up, let's organize and do something about this.*

Samuel States *My name is Sam. In one week's time, I will be a resident of Forest Hills, living off of Ingram near Yellowstone Boulevard. This is a borough homecoming; my mother's family grew up in Whitestone and ran an independent family business in Astoria for decades, and I lived in Sunnyside and Woodside for years. I am overjoyed to be returning to Queens and to be joining the Forest Hills community. I have come today to voice my support for City of Yes. Its common-sense policies will strengthen this community and bolster Forest Hills into an even more desirable neighborhood and place to live. Regarding environmental provisions, we can implement needed changes today and make our neighborhood cleaner, quieter, safer, healthier, and more desirable, or we can do nothing and degrade our neighborhood quality over time, paying now and later for the privilege now in the form of higher insurance premiums today, and later when our homes are damaged and destroyed by adverse climate events. Changes to zoning benefit everybody. By making it easier for new businesses to enter our neighborhood and making more housing inventory for all people, we allow innovative businesses responding to the needs of our community to enter and we give the business owners and staff for these ventures the quality of life they deserve. Our neighborhood will be an exemplary place, a neighborhood people aspire to move to and visit. Most importantly, City of Yes helps us build a place for people. Our city vacancy rate is at 1.4%, the lowest it has been since the New York City Housing and Vacancy Survey (NYCHVS) began gathering data on it in 1968. This is a clear crisis, and it is one we must work together as a city to solve. These proposals help us use that space better for people. We will all benefit when we build a community welcoming everybody. City of Yes gets us closer to that ideal.*

Joanne Lewandowski reading for John Lewandowski

I am reading public comments for my son John Lewandowski who is unable to be here tonight. Thank you CB6 for allowing my public comments at this evening's vote by the entire Community Board 6 on the City of Yes proposal. My name is John Joseph Lewandowski III, I am a second year law student and a lifelong community member of Forest Hills, Rego Park. The board has heard presentations of May 8th, 13th, June 4th and this evening. Hopefully you have also done your own personal research as well. Listen carefully, think critically on proposed allowable development and the only vote from the rest of the board should be no to the City of Yes proposal. If you are voting to advise on your constituents future. It takes a village to raise a child, hardworking community members and families who volunteer their time and talent for neighborhood and park cleanups Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Sunday school, Hebrew school, soccer, baseball, softball, basketball, swimming, robotics, garden clubs, community clubs, CSAs, and our compost collective. If you destroy a family safe community to raise children with this proposed allowable development, families will not buy homes or apartments in the community and the village dies along with the opportunity to grow a child. This is our generation's future that you will change forever for the worst and make no mistake we are your future. As Bob Holden, city councilman who I interned for in high school said this is not a one fix for all neighborhoods. Vote no on this land portion as there are many flaws that need to be corrected and the land portion needs to be restricted. I am going to speak about affordable housing where we live three

blocks away, it has 18 rentals, 11 parking spaces a bad actor, rats, garbage that isn't maintained, fights in front of the building. It's a bad scene. We have a seven story going up that Community Board 6 voted yes on two years ago. More mixed use, affordable housing and we have another building that has been there for a long time that is rent control. Within two blocks we have this in our neighborhood.

Nicholas Bais

I am a lifelong resident of Forest Hills between Juno and Kessel Street. As many of you who are single family homeowners, your house is everything you have. My community is the most important thing for me because this is where I raise my family, my seven year old son. I'm not a social scientist, I don't care about bringing in as many people as possible who want to come here. I want the character of our community to remain as it has been for the past 100 years. Why is it that people want to come to Forest Hills because it's an oasis in the middle of chaos, congestion and ugliness which is unfortunately much of Queens. For some reason Community Board 6, which represents this idyllic community, seems to be the only that is inclined to vote yes on this proposal. I would like to ask everybody why? What is the political insensitive to do so? Because as I look at the tablecloth this says New York City Community Board 6, the longest word in there is community. Your loyalty and obligation is to your community, which is to Forest Hills, not to Mayor Adams, Governor Hochul, city council, nor any of the politicians who seek to extricate themselves from the consequences of their ill-informed policy. Vote no on the City of Yes.

Jonathan Howard

I am a homeowner in forest hills and I also drive. I would like to encourage the community board to support the City of Yes proposals. The city has a serious housing shortage that is forcing people to leave, especially younger people in search of a place to raise a family. My wife and I decided to stay because we love the area, but it took us over a year to find a suitable place for us that we could afford. The concept of supply and demand applies to all things in the marketplace, and that includes the housing market. We need to increase housing supply, and the City of Yes proposals are a reasonable way to do this. I also implore the board to stand up for congestion pricing as so many other community boards have done by writing letters of support to the governor. The vast majority of people in this community commute to the congestion zone by transit. I'm not sure if people realize how serious the governor's action to cancel the program will be for our city's economy. She has effectively defunded the MTA, blasting a \$15 billion dollar hole in the capitol budget with absolutely no backup plan. The MTA announced today the halting of work on the 2nd Ave subway extension project, which is a real blow to the thousands in our community who commute to the upper east side as well as the axing of thousands of jobs on the project. Elevator projects have also been defunded, including at the Forest Hills LIRR station. This is horribly disrespectful to the elderly, disabled, and parents with strollers of our community. When congestion pricing is implemented thousands fewer cars would travel along queens Blvd, increasing safety and decreasing exhaust. Regardless of ones views on congestion pricing, the law is clear the MTA Is required to implement the program. I am asking the board to stand with other community boards, representatives Nadler and Torres, Senator Ramos, Comptroller Lander, and others in demanding congestion pricing begin as legally required on June 30. If the legislature wants to remove congestion pricing, they can repeal it.

Esther Gimelfarb

As a lifelong resident and a concern community member. I am here on behalf of my relatives, my neighbors as well as myself to beseech the board to reject the City of Yes housing proposal. While seemingly well-intentioned the City of Yes Housing Opportunity proposal in its current form will not alleviate the shortage of affordable housing or make neighborhoods environmentally friendly and resilient to climate changes. On the contrary, it will further exacerbate our already over-taxed & overburdened drainage, sewage & sanitation systems. City of Yes will have drastically detrimental impacts on our neighborhood's character, infrastructure, and affordability. It will result in further loss of green spaces, increase traffic & pollution and in short, destroy the quality of life that make neighborhoods & communities like Rego Park & Forest Hills so appealing. Rego Park has been my home for most of my life. My parents and I immigrated to the USA from the former USSR when I was a small child. I attended P.S. 206 starting in the first grade. As a concerned member of this community, Many community members have voiced significant concerns regarding the proposal's implications, including the strain on local resources, the adequacy of public services, and the preservation of our community's unique identity. It is crucial that our voices

be heard and our valid concerns be carefully weighed against these harmful, top-down proposals, which would only serve to benefit real estate developers profit margins at the expense of tax paying citizens. I respectfully request that Queens Community Board 6 send a clear and resolute message to the public and our elected officials, including Councilwoman Lynn Schulman, by voting no on the City of Yes Housing Opportunity proposal. You must take a firm stance and vote no not yes with conditions, but unequivocally no! Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your ongoing commitment to the well-being of our community. I look forward to your support in advocating for a more thoughtful and inclusive approach to housing development.

Zeke Luger

I live with my parents near Ingram and 69th Street, my whole life. When I was growing up my synagogue was a lively place, I was always excited to go each Saturday, I would see some of my best friends. Playing indoor handball together, running around. Over the years things changed, we saw large luxury apartment towers being built by Austin Street where it received an upzoning. Shake Shack moved in and the old cheese shop closed down. Housing in Forest Hills became outrageously expensive with property taxes tripling since we moved to Forest Hills since 1991. The effects on my synagogue were devastating, I was the last generation of children who were regulars at my synagogue as young couples can no longer afford to move in. Our community has been aging rapidly, one of the largest synagogues in Queens for Saturday services has been reduced to a few dozen people in a synagogue that seats thousands and the vast majority are seniors. With no membership and funds coming in for repairs, we had to sell off our synagogue to be demolished and be redeveloped into luxury condo towers. This rezoning will allow my family's home to be demolished and two houses in total built twice the size of my current house. In two doors down it will allow those houses to be demolished and six apartments built in this place. This could double, triple or even quadruple property taxes on my block. My parents are retired, how are they going to afford to stay? We clearly cannot rely on government institutions, like Community Board 6 to represent us. Shame, we have to fight for ourselves and come together I passed around contact sheets to have a meeting in a few without these people. Just all of us, to tell Councilwoman Schulman to vote no for the City of Yes and tell the city what we want in our community.

Sheryl Fetik

I am a lifelong New Yorker and resident of Rego Park, and a homeowner. Say NO to the City of Yes. We must include and respect the real needs of New Yorkers in our plans, to continue to have thriving and livable communities in our City. We live in a rapidly changing world, and new challenges are before us. We must be seeking our own vision for what we want our future to be, as New Yorkers, and find solutions to make our own vision become our reality, and not seek to fit into the goals and visions set by international bodies, and others, not accountable to us. As new policies in NY are established, we must gather more information from each neighborhood, as to how that neighborhood will be impacted. This should not be about overall blanket policies from above, but about how each of us, as citizens and residents is affected. Zoning and Infrastructure: It may be helpful to loosen up on some zoning requirements. But people move into residential neighborhoods, and invest in their homes, so that they can raise their families and live in safe neighborhoods. Changing zoning requirements, under the City of Yes, may make it harder for families and small businesses to function in NY. I believe that other than for small changes, zoning variances and other restrictions should remain in place. For any great changes, we should require local input and permission. I live in a 100 year old house. When new gas pipes were installed a few years ago, for new construction nearby, pipes broke in my home, flooding my basement. There was also an unrelated fire in the Con Ed electric connection to my home. Our old infrastructure may not be able to take the strains of proposed changes in construction. Also, the water table appears to be rising. When there are storms, our sewer and water systems are not able to take the load from existing buildings. With storm Sandy, the sewer system backed up into people's homes. And with hurricane Ida, people literally drowned in their basements and cars. Building larger buildings must address the issue of flooding. There are suggestions to decrease the usage of cars, but adequate plans are not being made for improvement of mass transit, or even pedestrian walkways. I recently was near the LIE and saw that there are some limited places to walk, interrupted by large lengths of highways, with no safe spaces for people to walk. We need safe and usable methods to travel. Environmental concerns: As a citizen and homeowner, I have acted in a way to be very environmentally responsible. An underlying assumption in the City of Yes, is to encourage a greater use of electricity and the electric grid, with the increased use of solar panels. While the use of solar panels is probably a good thing, it is short cited. Current requirements for solar

energy require homes to be attached to the grid. As more pressure is put on the grid, solar installations should be permitted to operate outside the grid. Electricity power may also be unreliable, depending upon the weather. When it is cold, even at 45 degrees, my iPad cannot be recharged, until I warm it up first. We need redundancies for energy, using oil and or gas as backup for electric power, during blackouts or other loss of power. I realize that we should reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, but given today's technology, we must have backups. In my home, I have learned to use passive solar. I changed windows to gather breezes, installed a white roof, which I had to fight for, and have trees for shade and more breezes. Because of this, I have not needed air conditioning. Some of what I have done is not included, or anticipated, in the City of Yes concepts. Say NO to the City of Yes.

The following comments were submitted in writing for inclusion in the minutes

Daniel Solow

This letter addresses two issues. First, I am writing (again) to reiterate my support for the City of Yes (COY) proposal. The second issue is my concern over the recent betrayal by Governor Kathy Hochul on Congestion Pricing. After attending the COY town hall, I heard from many community members, like me, who are passionate about the issue of housing. Many of the voices on the opposing side harped on xenophobic and hateful language based on ignorance and fear. One speaker, running for the 28th Assembly District, called my wife "disgraceful" for voicing her support of COY. Another opposed to the plan bragged about her view of Manhattan which she sends to family in another country. I hope hatred and ignorance are not core values of this board. We can no longer continue pretending the rise in homelessness and the sky-high rents do not affect everyone. COY, while not perfect, addresses major inequalities in our neighborhood housing supply. While I am happy that many people reap generational wealth associated with home ownership, the conscious decision to not build any new housing is pricing out present and future New Yorkers. Although I wish the land use committee adopted the original position proposed by the Department of City Planning, I support any measure to help reduce our dependence on cars. The second issue I raise is the disastrous decision by Governor Kathy Hochul to 'indefinitely' pause the June 30th implementation date of Congestion Pricing. She has turned a major policy into a political bargaining chip in the hopes of appeasing moderate democratic and republican voters. This carrot & stick method is a fallacy costing New York State billions in lost revenue and leaves the future of transit improvement projects such as the new ADA elevator for Forest Hills LIRR station in limbo. We have been fighting for Congestion Pricing for decades. Since its passage in 2019, five years of planning, tireless advocacy, multiple public comment and info sessions, and an extensive 4000-page environmental review has brought us here. We cannot afford to waste all those resources and time. It's bad leadership and its cruel. We cannot entertain ridiculous suggestions that casino revenues will fund our statewide transit system. Even sillier are the ideas that NYC residents should take on an additional payroll tax to bailout the MTA. We cannot allow the Governor to betray the millions of New Yorkers who depend on transit. The notion that a large percentage of working-class New Yorkers drive into Manhattan south of 60th street is not serious. The cost of a MetroCard is \$2.90 compared with \$39,000 for the average price of a new car. I urge you to demand Governor Hochul turn the cameras on June 30th.

Rita and Jim Harding

My husband and I and many of our neighbors attended the above meeting and felt that it was conducted in a proper manner. One criticism that I do have is when the people were speaking and addressing the board their comments could not be heard by the people behind them. I do not know if it is possible to have small speakers alongside the seated audience but it would be helpful. It would appear that approximately 98 percent of the audience is NOT in favor of the City of "Yes". The two or three people in favor were the same people who attended the meeting some time ago with regard to the bicycle lanes on Queens Boulevard. That has been the absolute worst possible idea implemented. I am on Queens Boulevard often and have yet to see one cyclist on that path. Although on the 4th when we were heading to the meeting, there was a man with his child riding a bike. The other two were food delivery people. This has caused not only vehicular congestion but a very dangerous condition for pedestrians and drivers alike. It is impossible to turn on to Queens Boulevard from Union Turnpike due to the backup and pedestrians are out in the street between cars. I would hope and like to think that we learn from our mistakes. The City of "Yes" is a terrible idea that will create many problems with sewer, flood, electrical infrastructure as well as deprive the residents of a peaceful quality of life. This is our home and residents have spent time, money and effort in beautifying their property. Please do not destroy the character and charm of our

neighborhood. I hope that you consider and hear what your constituents are saying and let that be reflected in your advisory position.

JB Reefer

I am again writing in to support City of Yes for Housing. Many cities have seen strong housing gains from removing parking minimums, and upzoning city wide would only return us to the status quo of the 1960s. If anything, the plan needs to do MORE to increase FAR, increase corner stores etc. It's a straightforward, fairly boring package of rules that have worked well in places like Minneapolis, Austin, and Raleigh.

Michael Niamehr I'd like to reiterate my support for City of Yes. Most of the vocal opponents are highly privileged or grandfathered individuals who currently own property and therefore are only focused on maintaining the status quo. The majority of the community (which CB6 needs to represent in its entirety) would show their support for City of Yes but given that they are struggling to afford a place to live or work, they are outnumbered by these privileged opponents at board meetings. I have seen countless businesses closed down and I've seen rent for apartments skyrocket. We need City of Yes and we need it yesterday. I would also like to request that CB6 looks into the harmful implications of the governor's decision to delay congestion pricing – CB6 needs to push back on the delay as much as possible. Our area's MTA infrastructure (especially for accessibility) is stuck in the past and we desperately need funding for improvements to be brought in by congestion pricing. We also desperately need to reap the environmental benefits that would result from congestion pricing reducing the number of cars on the road both passing through the community and in NYC at large.

Michael Perlman

I am writing on behalf of Rego-Forest Preservation Council, as well as a 5th generation Forest Hills resident who understands and values what grants our neighborhoods, among others citywide, a distinctive sense of place that we proudly call home. A healthy neighborhood offers small businesses, such as those along Austin Street, 63rd Drive, and Metropolitan Avenue, and freestanding or attached low-rise homes, such as those in Stafford Gardens, the Van-Court section, and the Rego Park Crescents. We are strongly opposed to the City of Yes, which will endanger our identity. Please vote NO on behalf of the overwhelming majority of local residents among New Yorkers. The City of Yes, which is a couple of thousand pages, would radically alter citywide communities, intensifying the quantity and rate of demolition for overdevelopment, just so the wealthy developers and landlords can profit. The facades of numerous traditional and historic low-rise buildings offer beautiful architectural features that elevate our senses and tell a story, as we take a leisurely stroll. However, with the City of Yes implemented, such personalized craftsmanship, contextual height requirements, tranquility, front and backyard greenery, and small businesses would increasingly be stripped from our community. Generations of New Yorkers and urban planners, and even CB 6 collaborated on zoning plans, including downzoning, which made our streets welcoming and pleased residents for generations. Now is not the time to turn our backs and toss it nearly all away, just to give rise to the "City of Yes lawlessness proposal." Mayor Adams and City Planning need to walk our streets with the everyday residents by their side and witness our perspective first-hand. Our opinion matters most, if this is a democracy. Much greater preservation measures need to be implemented, and our historic facades and green spaces need to be restored for everyone's benefit. Empty buildings, including office structures, should be adaptively reused as residential units, which would respect our history, curb appeal, and be greener than demolition. As a longtime Forest Hills Times columnist, I had the honor of getting to know and compiling the opinions of civic and organization leaders, residents, and business owners, where I featured various accounts in my two part news series to date: <https://foresthillstimes.com/2024/06/03/community-leaders-oppose-the-mayors-city-of-yesproposal/>, <https://foresthillstimes.com/2024/06/11/part-ii-residents-say-no-to-mayor-adams-city-of-yes-proposal/>

Demetrios Christodoulou

I am writing to you regarding the city of Yes proposal. My name is Demetrios (Jimmy) Christodoulou. I have lived in the Rego Park/Forest Hills area for all my life. The beauty of Rego Park and Forest Hills is that it offers a small neighborhood feeling unlike the busyness of other areas. By voting yes to the City of Yes proposal you will allow changes to the area that in my opinion and the opinion of my neighbors these changes are not needed. I strongly Urge you to vote NO to the city of Yes Proposal.

Andy Guo

I am writing in support of the City of Yes initiatives. My wife and I live in a single family row house in Forest Hills. Due to economic conditions and the housing crisis, I believe many of my neighbors, myself included, have multigenerational family members living under one roof, e.g. living with older parents or adult children. I truly believe ADUs can help alleviate this situation and keep families from separating to search for affordable housing much farther away. I believe banning housing above commercial blocks in "low density" areas is not an effective use of space in NYC. I chuckled when I heard neighbors gasp at the idea of adding housing above Manor Oktoberfest while a 6 story apartment building sits on an adjacent block. Adding more mixed use buildings will increase foot traffic, help small businesses, and improve safety overall. Parking minimums make matters worse. Not only does car storage raise rent and cripple efficient land use, but it also creates induced demand and makes congestion worse by adding more personal vehicles when there are satisfactory or better alternatives. As a driver who tries to keep driving at a minimum, I can confidently say that nondrivers and drivers all want the same thing: less cars. Furthermore, what shows more neighborly character than a strip mall with a parking lot equal to its size. I don't think these initiatives will affect the character of Forest Hills. It will be a gradual change, citywide, to offset the housing crisis. The row houses near me are zoned for up to two-family, and yet, the majority of these houses are single-family. The idea of a developer swooping in to add a floor to a house is a very irrational and unreasonable fear. We chose to buy our first home in Forest Hills for its proximity to transit and access to parks, not to admire an idyllic and exclusive community and listen to them whine about building things in their backyard. I urge CB6 to vote in favor of the City of Yes initiatives, and hope Councilmember Schulman will vote for it as well. It is one of the few good policies, if any, coming out of this administration. I also wish CB6 to push our reps to support congestion pricing. There is so much unnecessary driving into Manhattan, creating traffic through our communities. We need to support transit options and improvements throughout the boroughs and this will provide the funding to do so. There is no alternative option. I've emailed Senator Addabbo's office whose plan is to build casinos, that is repulsive! We don't need to compound our driving addiction with another vice. However, I really admire CM Julie Won and her voicing her opposition to the congestion pricing pause last weekend in LIC. She clearly stated how inadequate and non-ADA compliant many subway stations are throughout the city and how the majority of New Yorkers rely on transit, not cars. I really hope our reps speak up for congestion pricing because the silence from CM Lynn Schulman's office, and Congresswoman Meng's office is very disappointing.

Ian Edwards

I am writing as a homeowner in CB6. I fully support City of Yes and I urge you to ignore the regressive ideas trying to stop it and vote yes for the proposal.

Michael Jett, D.C.

I have been a resident of Forest Hills for over 57 years and currently live in a one-family home on Nansen St. in Forest Hills. The City of Yes will change my zoning to add more buildings into an area that is completely unprepared for the infrastructure to support. We had flooding a few years ago that caused much strain on the residents and would only worsen as the demand on a 100 year old sewer system will fail to handle. In fact, this flooding issue is now reflected by much higher property/home insurance cost. We purchased our current house 25 years ago for the purpose of living in this area in a single family home with a yard for my family to enjoy. The 2-3 story buildings on Metropolitan Ave. behind us still allow light into my yard and the green areas of my neighbors' yards also help with rainwater absorption into the ground. Currently there is parking available at most times but I understand that increased building projects will not only tax the infrastructure but it will not provide parking and make this area similar to over-crowded neighborhoods such as Corona. I do not support any part of the City of Yes and it's proposals and ask that those representing the homeowners and taxpayers of our District vote NO.

Michael Cicerale

We disagree of the yes voted by the community board 6 without asking the house owners of Forest Hills and Rego Park,. the house owners of 68th Ave, Rego Park are opposing to the yes proposal. Please vote NO tonight.

Barbara Stoddard

This is to let you know that I am against the City of "Yes". It would have a devastatingly negative impact on our beautiful neighborhoods. Please vote NO to this proposal!

Marty

I am a homeowner living in Rego Park near the Crescents. I am casting a strong "NO" vote in opposition to the City of Yes project.

JP Freeley

As a concerned member of our community, I am writing to beseech the board to send a clear and resolute message to the public and our elected officials, including Councilwoman Lynn Schulman, by voting unfavorably on the City of Yes Housing Opportunity proposal. I also urge you to submit detailed recommendations highlighting the proposal's shortcomings and the concerns of our community. The City of Yes Housing Opportunity proposal, while well-intentioned, raises several issues that warrant thorough consideration and scrutiny. The potential impacts on our neighborhood's character, infrastructure, and affordability must be carefully weighed. Many community members have voiced significant concerns regarding the proposal's implications, including the strain on local resources, the adequacy of public services, and the preservation of our community's unique identity. It is crucial that our voices are heard and that the proposal is reevaluated to address these valid concerns. I respectfully request that Queens Community Board 6 take a firm stance by voting against the proposal in its current form and by providing constructive feedback to ensure any future iterations are more aligned with the needs and interests of our community. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your ongoing commitment to the well-being of our community. I look forward to your support in advocating for a more thoughtful and inclusive approach to housing development.

Michael Christodoulou

I'm a lifelong resident of Rego Park. Please vote No in relation to the YES proposal as a change in demographics will have a negative impact as a whole.

Danielle D'Antonio

The "City of Yes" would be detrimental to the quality of life in NYC and our communities, adding to an already overdeveloped city with an overburdened infrastructure such as schools, sewers, and buses. The environmental, societal, and even psychological negative impact of overdeveloped neighborhoods is widely and clearly documented. The "City of Yes" will basically eliminate the dream of homeownership. Developers will own all the housing stock. They do not care about tenants and the community as a whole. Have we seen reduction in rents in areas where there has been development? No, if anything it gentrified an area and pushes out the people who have lived in the community for years. The "City of Yes" is meant to cater to investors/developers and does not aid in the housing crisis of NYC. The beauty of New York City is that if you want to live in a densely packed neighborhood, that's available and if you want to live in a neighborhood with more open space and less crowded, you have that option too. The "City of Yes" unilaterally overrides local control and the input of community residents and it is frankly the antithesis of why we all live here in NYC and our district. The "City of Yes" will create a free for all for developers that will be a detriment to NYC, specifically our communities. As a concerned member of our community, I am writing to urge the board to send a clear and resolute message to the public and our elected officials, including Councilwoman Lynn Schulman, by voting unfavorably on the City of Yes Housing Opportunity proposal. I also ask you to submit recommendations highlighting the proposal's shortcomings and the concerns of our community.

Phillip Roncoroni

I am in support of "City of Yes," and the proposed zoning changes. New York City's housing vacancy rate is at its lowest level in decades, and these are modest changes to increase the supply of housing. One of the biggest pressures on rent and housing costs are a lack of available inventory, along with restrictive zoning regulations, and parking minimums. Indeed, rents have actually started to fall, albeit fairly modestly, in several sunbelt states, due to their current building boom and more ample supply. Constructing apartment buildings near public transit makes sense. Forcing parking minimums near public transit doesn't, and only serves to increase construction costs

and operating costs for those who don't have, or even want cars. The neighborhood is already home to many five to seven story apartment buildings, not to mention the apartment towers like Gerard, Parker, or Kennedy House, which are significantly taller than the three to five story buildings proposed by these zoning changes. Please, let's increase the housing supply with this modest proposal.

Christina González

I have been a resident of CB6 since 2012, and I encourage the board to approve the City of Yes land use proposals. These proposals offer the opportunity for homeowners to use their properties in new ways, legally and safely, to offer new housing and bring in extra income. They also encourage diversity in neighborhoods. I recently heard someone talk about 'the corner store' being a thing when many of us grew up, but zoning often means we don't have those small businesses close to home anymore. And this would increase opportunity. As someone who was raised by a mom on disability, we lived in a basement apartment for much of my childhood. Having more housing options like this, including these smaller, less expensive options, is vitally important with a reported under 1% vacancy rate and many apartments kept off the market. With so-called "affordable" apartments judging on a very curved AMI and requiring \$90k+ in some cases to qualify to rent a studio/1BR, the need is more important than NIMBYs talking about the views from their property and change. This is a vibrant city that has been changing over the centuries and will continue to change, and we can make those changes people centric. These changes will allow landlords to make more money, more residents to afford housing, with changes to make these types of apartments safer and bring them to code. There are a ton of scaremongering tactics from people who will try to convince you to say no to this, that parking guarantees and their precious views are more important than people. Often they talk about 'character of the neighborhood' and complain when housing is built, and couch an intolerance for diversity, including of the socioeconomic kind, in those scare tactics. They will talk of 'too dense' populations as if we cannot build more schools or more supermarkets, instead of using any potential growth as a reason not to grow. Yet, even the housing that is built is wildly expensive and we need more at lower cost. From someone who has been low-income and who believes in opportunity, I ask that you not listen to them. With existing zoning, it limits the number of businesses that can possibly thrive due to limited areas and higher rents. There are so many empty storefronts and even banks and urgent cares are cutting back. Opening up new spaces for people to start businesses could help usher in more mom and pop businesses, smaller locations in areas that aren't as dense and might have a more reasonable overhead. We don't want only banks, real estate, and mega-chains to be the only types of business offerings that can handle the cost to rent. Opening up more possibilities will change that. Please approve City of Yes zoning changes.

Jonathan Howard

I am a homeowner in forest hills and I also drive. I would like to encourage the community board to support the city of Yes proposals. The city has a serious housing shortage that is forcing people to leave, especially younger people in search of a place to raise a family. My wife and I decided to stay because we love the area, but it took us over a year to find a suitable place for us that we could afford. The concept of Supply And Demand applies to all things in the marketplace, and that includes the housing market. We need to increase housing supply, and the city of Yes proposals are a reasonable way to do this. I also implore the board to stand up for congestion pricing as so many other community boards have done by writing letters of support to the governor. The vast majority of people in this community commute to the congestion zone by transit. I'm not sure if people realize how serious the governor's action to cancel the program will be for our city's economy. She has effectively defunded the MTA, blasting a \$15b hole in the capitol budget with absolutely no backup plan. The MTA Announced today the halting of work on the 2nd Ave subway extension project, which is a real blow to the thousands in our community who commute to the upper east side as well as the axing of thousands of jobs on the project. Elevator projects have also been defunded, including at the Forest Hills LIRR station. This is horribly disrespectful to the elderly, disabled, and parents with strollers of our community. When congestion pricing is implemented thousands fewer cars will travel along Queens Blvd, increasing safety and decreasing exhaust. Regardless of ones views on congestion pricing, the law is clear: the MTA Is required to implement the program. I am asking the board to stand with other community boards, representatives Nadler and Torres, senator Ramos, comptroller Lander, and others in demanding congestion pricing begin as legally required on June 30.

Jean Phillips

As a longtime resident and single mom homeowner for over 30 years, I've willingly struggled to stay in this community because it is worth every effort to stay here. Please don't destroy this community of forest Hills with this not well thought out plan. Please vote NO.

Elisa S. Koenderman

I am writing to register my strenuous objection to the City of Yes Proposal. I am a lifelong (almost 65 years) resident of Forest Hills and have owned a single family home here for over thirty years. I attended last night's Community Board meeting and heard the neighborhood described as "an oasis" in NYC. I agree with that characterization. It is a green, clean, safe and peaceful area of lovely, well-kept predominantly single family homes - homes which, for many of us, are our most valuable asset and investment. By essentially commercializing the area, the City of Yes Proposal threatens to destroy the unique character and beauty of our neighborhood, eviscerating our reason for living here and deleteriously impacting our property values. Multi-family and multi-story dwellings - and the attendant circumstances of crowds and congestion as well as the associated health, safety and infrastructure risks - in lieu of predominantly single-family homes with lawns and gardens on quiet, spacious, tree-lined streets, would utterly change the face of our neighborhood for the worse. It is unspeakably unfair to subject residents who chose to live here precisely because of the neighborhood's unique character and beauty, and who have invested their lives and livelihoods in their homes, to this radical and unwarranted change. I urge you to vote NO to this drastic, experimental proposal, and to find other means to accommodate the City's housing needs by using existing spaces, (e.g. unoccupied office buildings), rather than by destroying the neighborhoods of tax-paying citizens.

AARP New York

*On behalf of the 750,000 members of AARP in New York City and the 1.3 million older adults residing in the five boroughs, I am writing to express AARP New York's support of the housing initiatives in the Mayor's "The City of Yes for Housing Opportunity" proposals. While the housing crisis impacts all New Yorkers, older adults are acutely feeling the effects of the high cost of housing and fear they'll be priced out of the communities they've lived in for years. According to a report from the Center for an Urban Future, New York City's 65-and-over population grew by 36 percent – or more than 363,000 people between 2011 and 2021. As our older adult population grows rapidly, we must ensure our housing policy meets this growing need. Particularly, we urge you to support the following initiatives to ensure all New Yorkers have access to affordable housing: **Increasing Density in Low-Density Areas:** The City of Yes for Housing Opportunity proposes several measures to increase housing density in low-density areas, which are vital for addressing the housing needs of diverse communities, including older adults. **Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs):** For older adults struggling to stay in their homes on a fixed income or the caregivers they rely on, adding a small home to their property can be the difference that allows them to age in their community. City of Yes for Housing Opportunity would allow single—or two-family residences to add an ADU, which can include a backyard cottage, garage conversion, or basement apartment. ADUs provide important housing options for older adults and their caregivers.*

- *Missing Middle Housing: These kinds of smaller apartment buildings already exist in lower-density areas across the boroughs, but current zoning largely bans new ones from being created. By permitting Missing Middle Housing, we can address the shortage of housing options for low to moderate-income families and individuals.*

- *Transit-Oriented Development: Many modest apartment buildings already exist in lower-density areas of New York City, most of them built between the 1920s and 1950s. City of Yes for Housing Opportunity would allow modest, three- to five-story apartment buildings where they fit best: large lots within half a mile of subway or rail stations, located on wide streets or the short end of the block. Adding buildings like these would help address our housing shortage without disrupting neighborhood character and provide people with easier access to public transportation.*

Proposal for Medium- and High-Density Districts:

- *Universal Affordability Preference (UAP): The UAP would allow buildings to include at least 20 percent more housing if the additional homes are permanently affordable. This proposal would encourage affordable housing throughout NYC rather than concentrating it in a few neighborhoods, thereby fostering economic diversity and inclusion.*

Citywide Proposals:

- *Convert Non-Residential Buildings to Housing: Today, outdated rules prevent underused, non-residential buildings like offices from being converted into housing. City of Yes for Housing Opportunity would allow conversions for buildings constructed before 1991 and expand eligibility to anywhere residential uses are allowed. It would also allow nonresidential buildings to be converted to more housing types, like supportive housing, dorms, or shared housing with common amenities, breathing new life into our office districts and addressing our housing shortage.*
- *Small and Shared Housing: The prohibition of new shared housing and apartment buildings full of studio apartments has contributed to the homelessness crisis in the decades that followed. City of Yes for Housing Opportunity would reintroduce housing with shared kitchens or other common facilities and allow buildings with more studios and one bedrooms for the many New Yorkers who want to live alone but do not have that option today. New Yorkers 50-plus helped build our city and make it great, and for too long, their needs have been ignored by city leaders. We need to embrace solutions that will empower older New Yorkers to age in the city they love and the communities they've helped to build. The Mayor's "The City of Yes for Housing Opportunity" proposals are essential for advancing housing equity and affordability in our city. We urge you to support these initiatives and work collaboratively to ensure that all New Yorkers have access to safe, affordable, and suitable housing options. Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.*

Chair Heather Beers-Dimitriadis closed the public forum and reminded the public that tonight's meeting isn't a town hall and won't be taking further comments or questions from the community. Chair Dimitriadis reminded the Board to use the microphone as we do our business and ask questions and make comments because then it can be on the recording.

MINUTES

The minutes for the May 8, 2024, meeting were approved as written. Mark Laster made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Shari Rolnick. All were in favor.

SENATOR JESSICA RAMOS

Senator Jessica Ramos reported that she represents District 13 which encompasses Jackson Heights, Corona, East Elmhurst, Elmhurst and the northern strip of Rego Park along Horrace Harding Expressway south. I do know many of the board members here and take the time out to hear how everybody is feeling about city issues.

The senate session in Albany is over, it runs from January to mid-June. During our time in Albany, our big focus was on passing a balanced budget and trying to negotiate with Governor Hochul for the many things we need.

This year we allocated \$16 million for Queens for various programs. I chair the Labor Committee in the New York State Senate, I worked for many Unions, before City Hall and before running for office. We received \$11 million for apprenticeship programs, to create good middle class union jobs. This is the only way we get to an economic recovery, by giving people livable wages and a voice on the job that we can afford the city of tomorrow. Whether it is a city of no or the city of yes.

Speaking to workers, we are expanding access to affordable childcare. This seems to be a complex situation for parents that needs to be resolved, it is approximately \$19,000 a year that parents are spending on childcare. The senate eliminated the minimum wage requirement to qualify for childcare subsidies. It might not be such a big deal for the Forest Hills area but my district has an average household income of \$30,000 a year, which is below minimum wage. It also includes the Rego Park area where I represent. By having legislation in the senate, it positions people to go out and qualify and interview for jobs. It gives the parents peace of mind for childcare.

In the senate we send all the money per pupil with the mathematical formula to the city, that is required for our public education system. The city decides how to spend that money for each school.

Senator Ramos will not be introducing legislation to allow the owner of the Mets, Steve Cohen, to build a casino in the parking lot of Citifield. The residents felt it would extract wealth from the communities where they are located. The Community Advisory Council, which is comprised of Senator Ramos, Assemblymember Jeff Aubry, Councilmember Francisco Moya, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards will decide what to do with the land.

My office is located at 74-09 37th Avenue, Jackson Heights.

Questions were taken by Senator Ramos:

Kevin Ly – How can we advocate for universal after school programs and wrap around services for early childhood education?

Through the state agency Office of Children and Family Services, you can find caregivers that fit your family's needs. Before becoming a State Senator, I worked with Mayor DeBlasio's team on Universal Pre-K. We tried to work backwards into universal childcare but we haven't seen from the city good use to making sure that we have enough seats, which answers the question why wrap around services end at 2pm. There are many parents that don't have a 9-5 job, some have different hours. Statewide universal after school programming would keep the youth off the streets. There is no plan currently to do it statewide, due to funding. I have a bill that would tax unrealized capital gains which would garner us \$25 billion dollars in the first year. This money would keep our kids safe for our entire community.

Mark Laster- Climate Superfund Bill, was passed. New York Heat didn't get through, and now congestion pricing. I read that the governor might call the legislature back to talk about these issues. *Governor Hochul and the State Majority Leader, Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins can call us back into session for the assembly to try and address these issues. Before we left session, she refused to vote on a lastminute deal, congestion pricing and New York Heat. Senator Liz Krueger's bill and the bottle bill has a lot of opposition from the teamsters. I think the bottle bill will be a priority in the next session. With the New York Heat act we were negotiating labor language; it fell apart between both houses. They should be able to iron out the details in next session. We just ran out of time.*

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Heather Beers-Dimitriadis thanked all of the committees that have met and worked through their budget priorities. If you haven't already started submitting your budget priorities, start submitting them to board member Mark Laster, cc Chair Dimitriadis and Christine Nolan. If your committee has not been able to meet, reach out to me directly to find a solution to submit your budget priorities. Committee selection will be emailed over the summer, please look out for a committee selection form in an email. You will be able to select and rank your committee preferences for next year. We will be reviewing the current committee structure and potentially making some changes. The changes are being reviewed and considered to address quorum challenges, upcoming community projects and the needs of the community over the next year.

MTA projects are on pause due to congestion pricing. The MTA is reviewing and reprioritizing its capital projects. They will prioritize safety and system upkeep first and foremost. Janno Lieber last week expressed concern with the agency's ability to meet the ADA compliance mandate by 2055. This may impact projects in our community, i.e. elevator at 63rd Drive, project at Forest Hills Station Square. We have reached out to MTA; they are still working to reshuffle. We will let the board know when they give us an answer.

The all-male shelter has been open for almost a month, the CAB for that shelter will be meeting on June 20th. Also, on June 20th there will be a presentation to the Land Use Committee and Committee For Those Without Shelter by DSS regarding the moved up opening of the family shelter, which is projected

to open in July. We were told the shelter would open in November/December. This will be the only presentation regarding this shelter before it opens. We learned about this less than 10 days ago. The board reached out to DSS, which responded to a June 20th remote briefing. There will be no hearing.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Christine Nolan reminded everyone that although there are no meetings in the summer, the CB6 Office still operates normally. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have questions or concerns about things in the community.

She also submitted the following for the minutes and emailed it to the board members:

Local Law 102 of 2016 requires the City to develop a list of no fewer than three (3) geographic areas (Community Districts) that would benefit from interagency collaboration in addressing quality of life issues such as but not limited to sanitation services, graffiti, road and sidewalk quality, street cleanliness, noise pollution, public space issues and transportation. NST's will work within the community to clearly identify and understand the issues and create and execute a one-year action plan to address quality of life concerns. Action plans will utilize existing city resources and they will vary for each NST depending upon the specific location, the issues identified, and community participation.

CB6 was selected to receive an NST this year. The issue we submitted was the tractor trailers that park behind Forest Hills High School and along the Grand Central Parkway Service Road. Attempting to solve this issue (which has been ongoing for many years) will take a collaboration between DOE, DOT, DSNY, NYPD. We had our first meeting with the Mayor's Office where we laid out the issues and stated our needs. The Mayor's Office will now work with the agencies involved and do some research on possible solutions and then we will have another meeting to discuss.

You may have noticed on the back of your agenda that we had one establishment apply for a Dining Out Roadway Dining Permit from DOT. The way the new program is laid out, we only have 30 days to comment on a location. Since the deadline for establishments to apply is August 3, we will probably get more after we break for summer. If you have a negative experience with a restaurant that has been operating an outdoor dining structure under the temporary program, let us know. This way when these applications come in, we can evaluate them to the best of our ability. In addition, these applications will be sent via email to the Consumer Affairs, Economic Development, Small Business Committee and the Transportation, Public Transit, Street Safety Committee for review. With respect to the application under consideration now, 5 Burro Café, we didn't receive any complaints nor any objections to their application.

LAND USE, HOUSING AND LANDMARK COMMITTEE REPORT – CITY OF YES FOR HOUSING OPPORTUNITY VOTE

Chair Keith Engel reported that the Land Use, Housing and Landmark Committee followed up on the presentation from City Planning last month, along with the public hearing and committee meeting on June 4th, 2024. The committee's recommendation is to approve the recommended proposal's with conditions. The recommendations were emailed to all board members prior to this meeting. What the committee recommended to City Planning is to strike a balance, allowing for the ability to unlock the creation of more housing citywide, allowing for neighborhood continuity for residents that are starting out or in place where they can remain within their homes. The committee acknowledges that we are in an affordable housing crisis. However, with that context we are proposing common sense edits to the proposal that addresses the concerns that were heard by the community and the committee. It provides guardrails to prevent unremitting development that would be inappropriate to the existing neighborhoods within our community. I would like to remind everyone, we are one board out of 59 boards that are presently advising on this and unlike most community boards we have a range of zoning districts, R1 through R8. As a community board, we're having to recognize the diverse voices of our entire

community. I will discuss the committee's recommendations at large. With all of our recommendations, we are supporting this proposal only with the overarching caveat support that comes with our mandates. That mandate is for the multiple city agencies and utilities to make investments and improvements to the critical services and infrastructure that our district relies upon to function. Those services are sewers, sanitary systems, electrical grids, school seats, new schools, transportation and advance singling upgrades to MTA services along Queens Boulevard. These conditions are attached to all 15 proposals recognizing that they fix our district now with increased density this will become more of a factor.

The board discussed the committees' recommendations and conditions. During that discussion, the following changes were suggested.

Martha Tucker made a motion and was seconded by Howard Birnbaum to cap town center zoning proposal to four stories. 16 were in favor, 24 were not in favor, motion failed.

Karen Imas made a motion for a friendly amendment and was seconded by Peter Beadle to add language about mandating infrastructure needs in the city budget. The language would read mandate in the city budget the improvement of the following services. Work with state and federal officials too. All were in favor.

Heidi Chain made a motion and was seconded by Peter Beadle to add CB6 flood prone locations to the conditions for ADU proposal. All were in favor.

Pedro Rodriguez made a motion and was seconded by Mark Laster to revert back to original proposal of no parking mandates which is zero parking required for any new development. 11 in favor and 29 not in favor, the motion failed.

Eugene Shvartsman made a motion and was seconded by Kevin Ly, to exclude R3 zoning districts in town centered zoning proposal. 19 were in favor and 21 were opposed, the motion failed.

There were some questions about Yes with conditions vs No with conditions.

Keith Engel explained that the conditions are submitted with the approval to the Borough President, Council Members and City Planning. We are advisory but we have seen this to be effective during Economic Opportunity. Due to community board feedback, the corner store proposal was removed. He added that it is an opportunity to advise what we think is wrong and if some of these things are addressed, then they can come back to us.

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis added that this community board has experienced success in both situations, whether voting Yes with conditions or No with conditions. When we voted yes with conditions on Economic Opportunity and when we voted no with conditions on the Tower Diner. The Borough President Donovan Richards was able to use the board's recommendations to get deeper affordability, which then Council Member Schulman came in and got even deeper affordability. We have found on both occasions when we have voted no with conditions and yes with conditions, we get results.

Peter Beadle made a motion and was seconded by Salua Baida, to accept the committee motion of Yes with conditions (including the additional conditions that the board voted on tonight). 18 were in favor and 22 were not in favor. The motion failed.

John Dereszewski made a motion and was seconded by Kavish Batra, to vote no with conditions. 23 were in favor and 17 were not in favor. The motion passes.

City of Yes - Housing Opportunity - Queens CB6 Board Recommendation

No with Conditions. See below the conditions for each proposal:

Low Density

Town Center Zoning

- Mandate through the City budget and State legislation the improvement of the following services and infrastructure in our District: Sewers, sanitary, electrical grid, school seats, new schools, transportation, advanced signaling upgrades to MTA service along Queens Blvd.
- As-of-right application of this proposal shall be restricted to individual lots. Discretionary action required for development of multiple contiguous lots.
- Single-Family Zoning Districts are removed from this proposal.

Transit-Oriented Development

- Mandate through the City budget and State legislation the improvement of the following services and infrastructure in our District: Sewers, sanitary, electrical grid, school seats, new schools, transportation, advanced signaling upgrades to MTA service along Queens Blvd.
- Multiple contiguous lot purchase to require a discretionary action.
- Qualifying sites to be limited to locations along a wide street only, and not the short end of the block.

Accessory Dwelling Units

- Mandate through the City budget and State legislation the improvement of the following services and infrastructure in our District: Sewers, sanitary, electrical grid, school seats, new schools, transportation, advanced signaling upgrades to MTA service along Queens Blvd.
- Homeowners adding ADU's to be required to bring entire home up to current energy code requirements to offset impacts on utility infrastructure.
- Include city-funding financing programs for homeowners to upgrade their homes in accordance with this proposal.
- Eliminate basement ADU development from areas designated as flood zones per current FEMA maps and from areas within our District that are known to be flood prone.

District Fixes

- Mandate through the City budget and State legislation the improvement of the following services and infrastructure in our District: Sewers, sanitary, electrical grid, school seats, new schools, transportation, advanced signaling upgrades to MTA service along Queens Blvd.
- As-of-right application of proposal for the purposes of enhancing property conditions to be limited to existing owner of the property only, and not absentee owners.

Medium and High Density

Universal Affordability Preference (UAP)

- Mandate through the City budget and State legislation the improvement of the following services and infrastructure in our District: Sewers, sanitary, electrical grid, school seats, new schools, transportation, advanced signaling upgrades to MTA service along Queens Blvd. To the extent possible urge the retention of businesses affected by the redevelopment.

Citywide

Lift Costly Parking Mandates

- Mandate through the City budget and State legislation the improvement of the following services and infrastructure in our District: Sewers, sanitary, electrical grid, school seats, new schools, transportation, advanced signaling upgrades to MTA service along Queens Blvd.
- Permit no more than a 50% reduction from the current minimum parking requirements.

Convert Non-Residential Buildings to Housing

- Mandate through the City budget and State legislation the improvement of the following services and infrastructure in our District: Sewers, sanitary, electrical grid, school seats, new schools, transportation, advanced signaling upgrades to MTA service along Queens Blvd.

Small and Shared Housing

- Mandate through the City budget and State legislation the improvement of the following services and infrastructure in our District: Sewers, sanitary, electrical grid, school seats, new schools, transportation, advanced signaling upgrades to MTA service along Queens Blvd.

Campus Infill

- Mandate through the City budget and State legislation the improvement of the following services and infrastructure in our District: Sewers, sanitary, electrical grid, school seats, new schools, transportation, advanced signaling upgrades to MTA service along Queens Blvd.
- In the case of a NYCHA site, affected community to be consulted to provide input into the redevelopment proposal.

Miscellaneous

New Zoning Districts

- Mandate through the City budget and State legislation the improvement of the following services and infrastructure in our District: Sewers, sanitary, electrical grid, school seats, new schools, transportation, advanced signaling upgrades to MTA service along Queens Blvd.
- Subject to CEQR review.

Update to Mandatory Inclusionary Housing

- Mandate through the City budget and State legislation the improvement of the following services and infrastructure in our District: Sewers, sanitary, electrical grid, school seats, new schools, transportation, advanced signaling upgrades to MTA service along Queens Blvd.

Sliver Law

- Mandate through the City budget and State legislation the improvement of the following services and infrastructure in our District: Sewers, sanitary, electrical grid, school seats, new schools, transportation, advanced signaling upgrades to MTA service along Queens Blvd.

Quality Housing Amenity Changes – voted no – board recommendations

- Mandate through the City budget and State legislation the improvement of the following services and infrastructure in our District: Sewers, sanitary, electrical grid, school seats, new schools, transportation, advanced signaling upgrades to MTA service along Queens Blvd.

Landmark Transferable Development Rights

- Mandate through the City budget and State legislation the improvement of the following services and infrastructure in our District: Sewers, sanitary, electrical grid, school seats, new schools, transportation, advanced signaling upgrades to MTA service along Queens Blvd.
- Applications for development rights transfer require Community Board review.

Railroad Right-Of-Way – board voted no – board recommendations

- Mandate through the City budget and State legislation the improvement of the following services and infrastructure in our District: Sewers, sanitary, electrical grid, school seats, new schools, transportation, advanced signaling upgrades to MTA service along Queens Blvd.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

CB6 received the following new liquor license applications:

1. WHITE RADISH, 108-23/25 ASCAN AVENUE, FH *ALTERATION*
The alteration is that they are expanding their space.
2. BLACK SEA FISH AND GRILL, 95-36 QUEENS BLVD., RP *CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP*
This was approved by CB6 in May 2024 but now they are changing ownership. In order to transfer ownership, the previous license had to be renewed. The operation of the restaurant is not changing.

CB6 received the following renewal liquor license applications:

1. BANGKOK CUISINE, 107-18 70TH ROAD, FH
2. TU CASA, 103-11 QUEENS BOULEVARD, FH
3. SHAKE SHACK, 71-26/28 AUSTIN STREET, FH
4. BAROSA, 62-29 WOODHAVEN BOULEVARD, RP

The 112th Precinct didn't have any issues/complaints with these establishments. Brently Winstead made a motion to accept the new and renewal liquor licenses and was seconded by Gladys Sandoval. A voice vote was taken, all were in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – CB6 DISTRICT MANAGER VOTE

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis asked the public and elected officials' representatives to leave the room in order for the board to go into executive session. Handouts were given to all board members.

The hiring committee recommended Christine Nolan for the position of District Manager. Sabah Munawar made a motion and was seconded by Peter Beadle to accept the committee motion for Christine Nolan as District Manager. There was discussion regarding procedure, during which the Chair of the Board and others shared that the selection committee followed the exact measures prescribed by the Queens Borough President's office, mimicked a recent Board 14 hiring process, and that the selection committee itself reflected the composition of the entire board, met on multiple occasions, and shared the final candidate selection materials respecting the privacy of all other applicants, and provided their findings to the general board. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor.

CONGESTION PRICING RESOLUTION (CONTINUED FROM GOOD AND WELFARE)

Peter Beadle made a motion that Community Board 6 pass a resolution that the congestion pricing adhere to the schedule it already had and that the board chair be directed to send a letter to the governor and cc our elected officials asking to lift the pause. Mark Laster seconded the motion.

John Dereszewski made a motion and was seconded by Eugene Shvartsman to table the motion to send a letter to the governor on congestion pricing. 16 were in favor, 16 were not in favor and one abstention. Since this was a tie vote, the motion does not pass.

There was much discussion on congestion pricing and the timing of this vote, with those in favor citing the Governor's sudden pre-deadline reversal on the measure as blowing a hole in capital project and affecting accessibility in our LIRR Forest Hills station, and with those against citing hardship for working class persons, first responders, and others currently not exempted from congestion pricing fees.

Since John Dereszewski's motion didn't pass, a roll call vote was taken on Peter Beadle's motion above. 16 were in favor, 15 not in favor and one abstention. Motion passed.

BE IT RESOLVED: That Queens Community Board Six supports the Congestion Relief Zone Toll, aka Congestion Pricing, and directs the Chair of the Board to send a letter to Governor Kathy Hochul, cc'd to all Federal, State and Local representatives of the District, asking that she immediately end her "pause" of the Toll and allow it to be implemented as originally scheduled on June 30, 2024.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPRESENTATIVES

CONGRESS MEMBER GRACE MENG

Jordan Goldes reported the following:

- The Congresswoman received an audit report on mail theft in Queens from the Inspector General's Office. The audit report found major problems with management of mail theft and the way it is mitigated.
- July 24th, VA office hours in their office for any veteran that has any issues with the VA. They can meet with a representative; an appointment is needed.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER ANDREW HEVESI

Alexa Arecchi reported the following event:

- Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 11-2pm, clean up on Metropolitan Avenue.

The following reports were submitted for the minutes:

QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT DONOVAN RICHARDS

Amparito Rosero announced that:

- On Thursday June 20th, our office will host our Philippine Independence Day Celebration at 6pm at Queens Borough Hall.
- The month of June is recognized as Gun Violence awareness month. Borough President Richards will host his 3rd annual Queens Promotes Peace Conference on Monday, June 24th at 4pm. The location will be confirmed in the coming weeks.
- Virtual Parent Advisory Board Meeting, Wednesday, June 26, 6pm.

You can always RSVP to these events on our website at queensbp.org/rsvp. Enjoy the summer.

QUEENS DISTRICT ATTORNEY MELINDA KATZ

Javier Figaroa announced that:

- An alleged squatter has been arrested and indicted for illegally occupying a home. This individual used forged paperwork to stake a claim to the property and even filed a civil lawsuit. Unfortunately, we've had a number of cases in Queens recently where accused squatters have tried to reside in someone else's home illegally. The DA is very clear on this: no one can enter a home without permission. They cannot stay without consent and later claim vested rights simply because the real owner is unaware of their presence or has been unable to remove the squatter for 30 days. If this happens, the DA's office will bring criminal charges. The law does not permit illegal residency. Individuals who violate the law will be prosecuted. • The District Attorney's office hosts various workshops for the community, including one recently conducted by the Frauds and Housing and Worker Protection bureaus with Community Partnerships. The goal was to help

homeowners avoid having their properties stolen from them by con artists filing fraudulent paperwork.

- ACRIS – which stands for Automated City Register Information System – is available for homeowners and helps them protect their property from having the deed changed without their knowledge. Often con artists perform a paper shuffle deed scam with forged documents and other schemes. They often target homes that appear to be abandoned. By registering with ACRIS, homeowners will receive alerts if there are any changes to their property records. Because we don't want anyone to fall prey to any scammer, please look out for these other con artist's schemes.
- The construction con – that's when someone knocks on your door and offers to do home repairs at a great price. Far too often, they take your money in advance and do shoddy work or simply disappears without even starting the project.
- Phone scams – it's ok to hang up on someone calling from the IRS demanding money or from a lawyer claiming a loved one is in jail and needs bail money sent ASAP. An easy give away is anyone who demands that you pay a debt with a gift card. Also, the Social Security Administration does not suspend social security numbers and won't call you, ever.

If you have any questions about scams or think you may have been victimized, reach out to our Frauds Bureau at 718 286-6673.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45pm.

CB 6 VOTING SHEET 6-18-24	COY HOUSING MOTION TO CAP TOWN CENTERED ZONING PROPOSAL TO 4 STORIES	COY HOUSING MOTION TO ADD LANGUAGE ABOUT MANDATING INFRASTRUCTUR E NEEDS IN THE CITY BUDGET	COY HOUSING MOTION TO ADD "FLOOD PRONE LOCATIONS" TO CONDITIONS FOR ADU PROPOSAL	COY HOUSING MOTION TO REVERT BACK TO ORIGINAL PROPOSAL OF NO PARKING MANDATES
EDGAR ALFONSECA	YES			YES
MICHAEL ARCATI	NO			YES
DAVID ARONOV	NO			NO
ROBERT ASHE	NO			NO
JULIETH AVILA	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE			NO
ANISIA AYON	NO			NO
SALUA BAIDA	YES			NO
KAVISH BATRA	NO			NO
PETER BEADLE	YES			YES
HOWARD BIRNBAUM	YES			NO
HEIDI CHAIN	NO			NO
GINA CHEN	NO			NO
L.T. CIACCIO	NO			YES
KANDRA CLARK	YES			YES
LATRICE DAVIS	ABSENT		ABSENT	ABSENT
JOHN DERESZEWSKI	YES	A		NO
HEATHER DIMITRIADIS	YES	L	A	YES
KEITH ENGEL	YES	L	L	NO
TAMARA GAVRIELOF	NO	I	I	NO
BRUCE GROSSBERG	NO	N	N	NO
KAREN IMAS	YES			NO
SARINA JAIN	ABSENT	F	ABSENT	ABSENT
MATT FERNANDEZ KONIGSBERG	NO	A		NO
MARCELLE LASHLEY-KABORE	NO	V		NO
MARK LASTER	YES	O		YES
KEVIN LY	NO	R		NO
DR. RENEE MEHRRRA	YES			NOT PRESENT
PAT MORGAN	ABSENT		ABSENT	ABSENT
SABAH MUNAWAR	NO			YES
NATALIE PIENKOWSKA	YES			NO
JESSICA POORAN	NO			NO
JOI PRATT	NO			NO
DIANA RACHNAEV	NO			NO
PEDRO RODRIGUEZ	NO			YES
SHARI ROLNICK	NO			NO
MATTHEW SALTON	NO			YES
GLADYS SANDOVAL	YES			NO
DAVID SCHANTZ	NO			NO
HERBERT SCHONHAUT	ABSENT		ABSENT	ABSENT
AMIT PRATAP SHAH	YES			NO
EUGENE SHVARTSMAN	NO			NO
JEAN C. SILVA	ABSENT		ABSENT	ABSENT
MARTHA TUCKER	YES			YES
BRENTLY WINSTEAD	YES			NO
EDWIN WONG	NO			NO
EPHRAIM ZAKRY	NO			NO
TOTALS:	16 YES, 24 NO	ALL IN FAVOR	ALL IN FAVOR	11 YES, 29 NO

CB 6 VOTING SHEET 6-18-24 PG 2	COY HOUSING MOTION TO EXCLUDE R3 ZONING DISTRICTS TOWN CENTERED ZONING PROPOSAL	COY HOUSING COMMITTEE MOTION YES WITH CONDITIONS	COY HOUSING NO WITH CONDITIONS VOTE	CB 6 DISTRICT MANAGER VOTE
EDGAR ALFONSECA	NO	YES	YES	YES
MICHAEL ARCATI	YES	YES	YES	YES
DAVID ARONOV	YES	NO	YES	YES
ROBERT ASHE	YES	NO	NO	YES
JULIETH AVILA	YES	NO	NO	YES
ANISIA AYON	YES	NO	NO	YES
SALUA BAIDA	NO	YES	YES	YES
KAVISH BATRA	YES	NO	YES	YES
PETER BEADLE	NO	YES	YES	YES
HOWARD BIRNBAUM	NO	NO	NO	YES
HEIDI CHAIN	YES	NO	NO	YES
GINA CHEN	YES	NO	YES	YES
L.T. CIACCIO	NO	YES	NO	YES
KANDRA CLARK	NO	YES	NO	YES
LATRICE DAVIS	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
JOHN DERESZEWSKI	NO	YES	YES	YES
HEATHER DIMITRIADIS	YES	NO	YES	YES
KEITH ENGEL	NO	YES	NO	YES
TAMARA GAVRIELOF	YES	NO	NO	YES
BRUCE GROSSBERG	NO	NO	YES	YES
KAREN IMAS	NO	YES	YES	YES
SARINA JAIN	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
MATT FERNANDEZ KONIGSBERG	NO	NO	NO	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE
MARCELLE LASHLEY-KABORE	NO	NO	YES	YES
MARK LASTER	NO	YES	YES	YES
KEVIN LY	YES	NO	NO	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE
DR. RENEE MEHRRA	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE
PAT MORGAN	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
SABAH MUNAWAR	NO	YES	YES	YES
NATALIE PIENKOWSKA	YES	YES	YES	YES
JESSICA POORAN	NO	NO	NO	YES
JOI PRATT	YES	NO	NO	YES
DIANA RACHNAEV	YES	NO	NO	YES
PEDRO RODRIGUEZ	NO	YES	YES	YES
SHARI ROLNICK	YES	NO	YES	YES
MATTHEW SALTON	NO	YES	YES	YES
GLADYS SANDOVAL	NO	YES	YES	YES
DAVID SCHANTZ	NO	NO	YES	YES
HERBERT SCHONHAUT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
AMIT PRATAP SHAH	YES	YES	NO	YES
EUGENE SHVARTSMAN	YES	NO	NO	YES
JEAN C. SILVA	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
MARTHA TUCKER	NO	YES	YES	YES
BRENTLY WINSTEAD	YES	YES	YES	YES
EDWIN WONG	NO	NO	YES	YES
EPHRAIM ZAKRY	YES	NO	YES	YES
TOTALS:	19 YES, 21 NO	18 YES, 22 NO	23 YES, 17 NO	ALL IN FAVOR

CB 6 VOTING SHEET 6-18-24 PG 3	NEW LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS		RENEWAL LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS		TABLE MOTION TO SEND LETTER TO GOVERNOR RE: CONGESTION PRICING	MOTION TO SEND LETTER TO GOVERNOR RE: CONGESTION PRICING		
EDGAR ALFONSECA					NO	YES		
MICHAEL ARCATI					NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE		
DAVID ARONOV					YES	NO		
ROBERT ASHE					YES	NO		
JULIETH AVILA					YES	NO		
ANISIA AYON					NO	YES		
SALUA BAIDA					NO	YES		
KAVISH BATRA					YES	NO		
PETER BEADLE					NO	YES		
HOWARD BIRNBAUM					NO	NO		
HEIDI CHAIN					NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE		
GINA CHEN					YES	NO		
L.T. CIACCIO					NO	YES		
KANDRA CLARK					NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE		
LATRICE DAVIS		ABSENT		ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT		
JOHN DERESZEWSKI					YES	NO		
HEATHER DIMITRIADIS	A L L I N F A V O R		A L L I N F A V O R		NO	YES		
KEITH ENGEL					NO	YES		
TAMARA GAVRIELOF					YES	NO		
BRUCE GROSSBERG					YES	NO		
KAREN IMAS					YES	YES		
SARINA JAIN				ABSENT		ABSENT	ABSENT	
MATT FERNANDEZ KONIGSBERG						NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	
MARCELLE LASHLEY-KABORE						YES	NO	
MARK LASTER						YES	YES	
KEVIN LY						NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	
DR. RENEE MEHRRRA						NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	
PAT MORGAN				ABSENT		ABSENT	ABSENT	
SABAH MUNAWAR							NO	YES
NATALIE PIENKOWSKA							YES	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE
JESSICA POORAN							YES	NO
JOI PRATT							YES	NO
DIANA RACHNAEV					YES	NO		
PEDRO RODRIGUEZ					NO	YES		
SHARI ROLNICK					ABSTAIN	ABSTAIN		
MATTHEW SALTON					NO	YES		
GLADYS SANDOVAL					NO	YES		
DAVID SCHANTZ					NO	YES		
HERBERT SCHONHAUT		ABSENT		ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT		
AMIT PRATAP SHAH					YES	NO		
EUGENE SHVARTSMAN					YES	NO		
JEAN C. SILVA		ABSENT		ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT		
MARTHA TUCKER					NO	YES		
BRENTLY WINSTEAD					NO	YES		
EDWIN WONG					NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE		
EPHRAIM ZAKRY					NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE		
TOTALS:		ALL IN FAVOR		ALL IN FAVOR	16 YES, 16 NO 1 ABSTENTION	16 YES, 15 NO 1 ABSTENTION		