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The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
President Pro Tempore and Majority Leader, New York State Senate
172 State Street
Capitol Building, Room 330
Albany, NY 12247

The Honorable Carl E. Heastie
Speaker, New York State Assembly
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Albany, NY 12248

Dear Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins and Speaker Heastie:

Throughout this pandemic, we know you have prioritized the health and safety of New York State residents. The past year has been difficult for our constituents, especially for our Community Boards here in Queens.

Our Community Boards are dedicated, volunteer public servants and had to quickly adjust to meeting in a remote world due to the Governor's declaration of State of Emergency. Following the June 25th expiration of that declaration, the borough's Community Boards were informed they must return to meeting in-person.

Amid the rise of the dangerous Delta variant, Queens' Community Boards have rightfully expressed concerns about meeting in-person again. As leaders of the New York State Legislature, we respectfully request you consider revising the Open Meetings Law for the duration of the pandemic.

Now more than ever, it is imperative we keep Community Board leadership and members safe. We believe following a hybrid model, giving Community Boards the option to meet virtually or in-person, is a fair compromise.

Please do not hesitate to have your staff contact the Queens Borough President's office. Should you have any questions or concerns, the office is always here to help.

Sincerely,

DONOVAN RICHARDS
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Borough of Queens

MARIE TORNIALI
Chair
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Chair
Community Board 2

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Chair
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Chair
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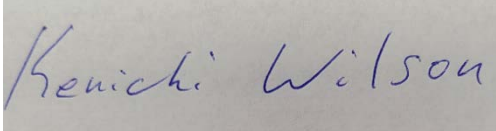
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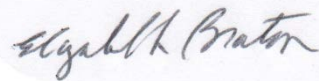
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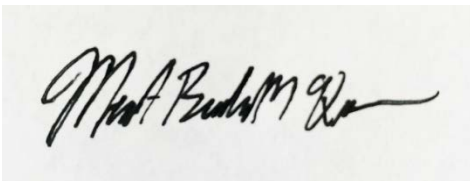
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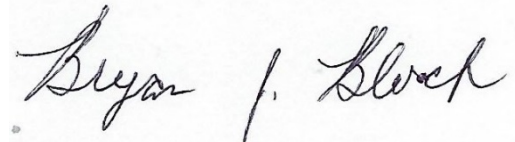
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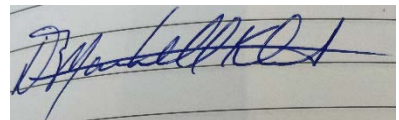
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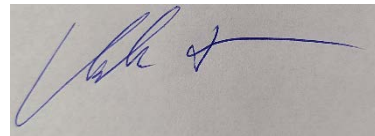
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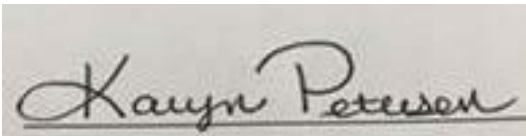
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