

**JOINT COMMUNITY BOARD CHAIRS
OF
QUEENS COUNTY**

April 30, 2009

Hon. Michael Bloomberg
Mayor of the City of New York
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

RE: FY2010 Community Board Budget Cuts

Dear Mayor Bloomberg:

We collectively represent the voice of all the Community Boards in Queens County. As Chairs, we are in a unique position to evaluate the essential services Community Boards perform and how your proposed cuts in FY2010 for Community Boards will not only hamper our ability to effectively fulfill our Charter-mandated functions and obligations, but severely damage the actual viability of Community Boards overall. This would be a devastating blow to the communities we serve and to the spirit of community input and democracy.

Although we appreciate the city's fiscal dilemma and the concept of shared pain, Community Boards have been cut to the bone already and cannot be cut any further. We find it hard to believe that your proposed cuts for Community Boards, which amount collectively citywide to approximately ONLY \$1,500,000, would make any significant impact on closing your budget gap, while causing Community Boards great hardship. The net small monetary gain to our city, versus the net great loss to our communities does not warrant this drastic action.

Accordingly, we the Joint Chairs of ALL the Community Boards of Queens County, most respectfully request a personal meeting with you at your convenience to discuss the proposed budgetary cuts to Community Boards. Please respond to Jerry Iannece - Chair of CB11.

As always, your attention and expediency in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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