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July 9, 2007

Dear Applicant:

Thank you very much for your interest in being a member of my Queens Youth Board. Not long ago, I envisioned having a team of young leaders that I could count on to share their thoughts and concerns and to help shape future policies and priorities on youth. In January of 2006, I brought together talented youth leaders ages 14-19 from all over Queens. As we enter our third school year, I invite you to apply to join the team and serve on the Board.

Too often, the youth are shut out when it comes to making policy decisions about their future. Queens Youth Board members discuss issues that are important to them. They represent their communities, their schools, and the organizations that they belong to.

Thanks to a partnership with the Child Center of New York, Youth Board members are also a part of the Queens ACT for Youth initiative, a project that works to empower youth and to increase youth voice and promote youth development principles.

Members attend Board meetings at Borough Hall on a bi-monthly basis (weekdays-late afternoons) and provide input on youth issues, share information about programs and activities, and discuss youth priorities to address. They then formulate projects to address the issues.

Board members will:

- Plan and implement a borough-wide youth conference. This conference is organized by youth, for youth. This will require a commitment to attend additional meetings at Borough Hall.
- Learn about New York City government.
- Put together a youth resource guide.
- Write articles for *Youth Voice*, the Queens ACT for Youth newsletter.
- Conduct a youth needs assessment survey in the Borough.
- Attend cultural, educational, and recreational events in Queens.

Applicants must be nominated by a person affiliated with a school, organization, or City agency. Please return the completed application to:

MS. ANGELIKA PEACOCK
QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
120-55 QUEENS BOULEVARD RM. 220
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If you have any questions about the Board or the application, please contact Mr. Tito Luna, Special Assistant for Youth Services, at 718-286-2949 or via e-mail: tluna@queensbp.org.

My staff and I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Helen Marshall'.

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QUEENS YOUTH BOARD APPLICATION

Please Print. Use additional pages as necessary.

***** TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINATING PERSON *****

Name _____ Phone _____

Affiliation (Org. or School) _____

Title _____ E-mail _____

Reasons for candidate selection: _____

***** TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT*****

Name _____ Age _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

School _____ Grade _____

List past and current activities. Include positions held.

Why are you interested in representing your community on the Youth Board?

What does "Youth Voice" mean to you?

In what ways do you hope to contribute to the Youth Board?

***** TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT *****

I hereby endorse my son/daughter's application for Borough President Helen Marshall's Queens Youth Board. I understand that I will have the opportunity to be present at any and all meetings/events. I hereby allow for the usage of any photographs/video taken of my son/daughter or usage of his/her name for the purpose of promotional and press-related activities.

Print Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Home Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

If I am not available, please contact _____ at _____