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Hon. James Vacca
Councilman
250 Broadway
Suite 1749
New York, N.Y. 10007

**RE: Int. No. 28 – In relation to requiring that all Community Board full board meetings be webcast
Overnight: The implementation of Local Law 103 of 2013 Requiring that all Public Meetings be Webcast**

Dear Councilman Vacca:

Unfortunately, we were unable to attend the hearing today regarding Intro.No. 28 to amend the city charter requiring that all public meetings of the Community Boards be webcast. As a collective group, we met among ourselves, discussed this with our Chairpersons, and in addition, met with Melinda Katz, Borough President of Queens.

It was unanimous that we are all for transparency; however, we are determined that not all boards have the technical expertise, nor do we have the financial resources to purchase the needed equipment.

Since we are city agencies, and DOITT is the responsible agency that webcasts City Council hearings, we request that should this legislation be passed, that Community Boards must have the assistance of DOITT to fulfill the requirements of the law.

We would like to thank you for the opportunity to have had input with regard to the proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Bitterman
District Manager Community Board #7 for Queens
District Managers