

Elmhurst United Newsletter

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The mission of Elmhurst United is to support Elmhurst residents in their efforts to decrease and eventually eliminate its homeless shelters through transitioning the homeless from shelters to homes while protecting the rights of the constituents and preserving the integrity of the Elmhurst community.

Elmhurst United Serving our little area of Elmhurst since 2014

For the past two years, Elmhurst United (comprised of long time residents of Elmhurst) has fought to protect the quality of life of our Elmhurst neighborhood. From assisting and alerting residents with police matters, asking public officials and agencies fix a problem, to voicing concerns about how city policies impact this area.

One issue that has impacts Elmhurst is the influx of homeless shelters in the area. We continue to fight the City on its homeless policies by monitoring the comings and goings at the Pan Am Shelter. We maintain that with no preparation and little support from the City, a massive homeless shelter in the middle of [Elmhurst](#) destabilizes the neighborhood. We assert that warehousing the homeless in a shelter is not the right solution for the homeless, nor for the community. When two level three sex offenders were residing at the Pan Am shelter, Elmhurst United demanded that they be removed. When litter and mounds of garbage became a health issue at the homeless site, we fought with the shelter operators to clean up their act.

As the City's homeless crisis continues to

spike to new levels, we can expect more shelters in Queens. Our Maspeth neighbors are the latest targets.

It has been over a month since Maspeth residents learned that they too will be getting a homeless shelter in their neighborhood. Their nightly protests at the Holiday Inn (the proposed 110 room shelter site) have shaken the owner of the hotel to a point where he may reconsider.

What we learned from our Maspeth friends is that, two years ago, all Queens politicians were notified by Mayor de Blasio to expect an influx of homeless shelters in our neighborhoods. Sadly, none of our elected officials sought to notify their constituents of this alarming news. Nor did they make preparations for this event. When our Elmhurst politicians were notified to expect a 216 room homeless shelter at the Pan Am, every political official claim they were not notified. Now we know better.

On Sept 13, 2016, Marge Markey, representing Maspeth and Woodside, unexpectedly lost her long held Assembly seat. It was a landslide. Her constituents overwhelming voted for her opponent because they oppose her too late, too



little response to the homeless shelter issue. How powerful is this.

Take a page from our Maspeth neighbors. Elmhurst is our home, and it is worth saving. Don't be afraid to speak out if you have a problem. Elected officials work for you. If they are not doing their job, FIRE them. It's important you support your neighbors, stay united, and exercise your right to vote in every election. We have a list of elected officials along with their contact info on the opposite page. If you are interested in signing up for email alerts, send us an email at Elmhurstunited@gmail.com, or signing up on our website

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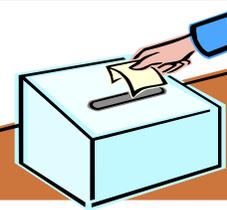


<u>Rating</u>	<u>Politician</u>	<u>What have they done for you lately:</u>
↓	Assemblyman F. Moya	Failed to follow-up on commitments made to the Elmhurst Community
↓	Assemblyman J. Aubry	From Day 1 Aubry—Never supported community
↓	Councilman D. Dromm	No longer supports local residents who protest the Pan Am shelter and has not done much to assist the Elmhurst Community
↔	Congress Member G. Meng	Co-signed letter with Senator Stavisky asking Comptroller Stringer to reject Pan Am Contract.
↑	State Senator T. Stavisky	Wrote several letters to Comptroller Stinger to reject Pan Am Contract.
↑	State Senator T. Avella (represents - Bayside Flushing)	Supported EU in its efforts to expose the shelter as a waste of tax payer funds and urged the City to reject the Pan Am contract
↓	Borough President M. Katz	Refused to re-appoint Elmhurst resident, J. Chu to Community Board 4 and declined to justify her decision to her constituents

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