

**Four Freedoms Democratic Club  
General Meeting  
September 23, 2021, 7pm**

**Ad Hoc debrief by Rep. Carolyn Maloney on abortion rights, election rights, NRG power plant**

**Introduction (Jerry Ferguson)**

**Senator Serrano**

- Met with his woman of distinction who put together a food pantry on RI
- 2nd Ave subway, important to get through the additional phases. Always hear about transpo challenges on Roosevelt Island. Make sure mass transit is operating as it should
- Working on pandemic relief esp on housing, ERAP. A lot of fed gov \$ that needs to get out to tenants
- Questions:
  - o What will happen with redistricting: hard to tell. The independent commission came up with 2 sets of maps so who knows
  - o if the senate puts forward something different than commission, do you feel compelled to support it: hard to tell without seeing what it is, there will be a series of public hearing
  - o How do you feel about Adrienne Harris: haven't had a chance to meet with her
  - o Dem proposal of redistricting maps combines RI with queens— is there a meaningful chance for that to happen: Don't know. It's a good question. I have a diverse district and for a person like me I enjoy all of that diversity but this is a very different process. CB8 covers RI and I see what your concern is
  - o Do you support increasing speed cameras and keeping them on 24/7: inclined to say yes but data shows it doesn't curb speeding
  - o constitutional referendum- will that impact this cycle: yes will impact current cycle
  - o public school students are just back in schools. Concerns that safety precautions are not sufficient including testing levels. Would you support additional testing and safety: whole heartedly. Not enough testing, doesn't seem to be designed to catch right amount of a sample. I'm super cautious, I have a 9 year old daughter at home.
  - o Rikers crisis... arm correction officers with smart guns and abolish solitary confinement. Thoughts: don't agree. So many examples how CJ system has

failed. Need to reimagine the way we deal with CJ. Conditions are horrible. Must think about the harm being created.

- A lot of concern RIOC board was appointed under Cuomo. Any convo with Hochul about better representation: have not, trying to get more representation on RIOC from residents on RI

### **Julie Menin says hello**

- Special word to Kim and Tricia who ran phenomenal races
- Thank you FFDC for work on census. NYC is number 1 in country of all big cities.
- Since WW2 we've lost a minimum of 2 seats. We lost 1 this year.
- Running against an anti vaxer. Concerned people are apathetic.

### **Announcement of New Code of Ethics (Erica Vladimer)**

### **Education Working Group Resolution Supporting Teaching Civic Engagement (Amy Schwartz and Debra Freeman) (attached)**

- reso calls for us to support civic engagement.
- Schools are not teaching it but states require it
- Number of bills on the state level
- Motion by Erica seconded by Jeremy
- Voted and passed unanimously

### **Healthcare Working Group Resolution Supporting the NYC Vaccine Mandate for Teachers and Staff (Flor de Maria Eilets and Courtney Ferrissey) (attached)**

- Does it include volunteers? (No but visitors are supposed to show vaccinations)
- Kim moves Erica seconds voted and passed

### **Call to Participate in Canvassing Efforts (Jordon Stein)**

- A lot of great opportunities to get involved in competitive elections
- 10/16 and 23: Staten Island BP
- Queens for Felicia Singh.
- 10/26: Menin campaign

**Kim: reproductive rights on Saturday in foley square near city hall, 2pm.**

**Alex:** tram and free busses are not on Google maps! Getting it on there is completely free! Kim, Serrano, Seawright have helped