

## **Report to Queens Community Board 13 on the SNAP Senior Center Project**

I report to Community Board 13 (“QCB13”) on the status of requested City funding for QCB13’s #1 capital priority, a new senior center and base of operations for Services Now for Adult Person (“SNAP”), a premiere senior services agency dedicated to the needs of older adults. At QCB13’s June meeting I raised the City’s failure to fund QCB13’s #1 capital priority with Queens Borough President (“QBP”) Donovan Richard’s Community Boards director Michael Carlier and City Council Member Linda Lee’s Deputy Chief of Staff Daniel Sparrow. SNAP, which timely submitted funding requests to both electeds, also finds City Hall with a major role in the failure to fund this much needed project to serve our seniors. SNAP further discussed the lack of funding August 22, 2025 with the QBP’s budget director who committed to pursue further meetings to address the roadblocks to funding.

SNAP’s board of directors followed all possible steps to secure City funding in the budget adopted this summer that excluded the requested capital funding for SNAP.

SNAP, developed in 1979 through a Senior Services Coordinating Committee's identification of gaps in services for older adults in northern neighborhoods of Queens Community Board 13 and incorporated in 1980, provides direct and indirect services to enhance the quality of life of seniors and their families (including caregivers).

SNAP’s broad array of services to thousands of seniors in Queens now extends beyond its location in eastern Queens to Queens Community Boards 7 through 14. SNAP’s program includes coordination of case plans and advocacy on behalf of its clients. SNAP’s Case Management program currently services Queens Community Boards 8, 11 and 13. SNAP’s Friendly Visiting Program serves Community Boards 7, 8, 11 and 13. SNAP’s Caregiver program currently serves Queens Community Boards 8 through 14. SNAP also provides home-delivered meals and client transportation, “Open Door” Social Adult Day, “Friendly Visiting” programs.

SNAP is in process of raising substantial funds to complete renovations to allow it to move its base of operations and main (SNAP of Eastern Queens Older Adult) Center on the Creedmoor hospital campus to a building it owns in Floral Park, Queens. This includes supporting SNAP’s planned Gala.

Both state Senators Toby Stavisky and Leroy Comrie provided NYS capital funding and Rep. Tom Suozzi provided federal funding for renovation work for this new SNAP Senior Center that began this summer. SNAP desperately needs this City funding to complete this project to benefit our seniors and their families.

-Corey Bearak, Member, QCB13; chair, SNAP Board of Directors

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