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Forests Hills Chamber of Commerce
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Greater Jamaica Development Corporation
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718-291-0282
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Greater Woodhaven Development Corporation
84-01 Jamaica Avenue
Woodhaven, NY 11421
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Guyanese American Business and Professional Council
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Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
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JFK International Airport Chamber of Commerce
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Junction Boulevard Merchants Association
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Maspeth Chamber of Commerce
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Middle Village Chamber of Commerce
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Middle Village, NY 11379
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New York Women's Chamber of Commerce
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Queens Economic Development Corporation
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Rockaway Chamber of Commerce
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Rockaway, NY 11694
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Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce
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Turkish American Business Improvement & Development Council
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Woodside on the Move
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Woodside On The Move Festival

Congressmember Nydia M. Velázquez recently joined members of the community at a celebration of Woodside on the Move's Fall Festival. Woodside On The Move is a grassroots community organization dedicated to making Woodside a better place to live, work and do business.



Rosa M. Reyes, Executive Director of Woodside on the Move; Congressmember Nydia M. Velázquez; and Michael McSweeney, Board President of Woodside on the Move.

Help Bring A Credit Union To Western Queens

By Zoe Sullivan

Each day the news brings us more tidings of financial crisis. The collapse of financial institutions such as Bear Stearns and Lehman Brothers and the government-engineered sale of famous banks like Washington Mutual and Wachovia are shocking. Worse is the panic that has spread from Wall Street across the country and the world.

In the face of this financial disaster, credit unions stand as a testament to sound lending and ethical practices. Credit unions are nonprofit, cooperative institutions that are insured, like banks, by the federal government.

Unlike banks, the board of directors for credit unions comes from the institution's members. This means the people directly affected by those policies decide the credit union's policies. Any member can stand for election to the credit union's board, and every member

can vote in these elections.

Instead of simply criticizing how we arrived at the current juncture, let's together build a community-based, community-governed alternative.

For the past three years, a group of residents has been laying the foundation to open a credit union that will serve Queens Community Boards (CB) 3 and 4. This group has agreed to partner with New York City's largest community development credit union – the Lower East Side People's Federal Credit Union (LESPFCU) – to open a branch in this part of Queens.

The LESPFCU is a full-service institution offering everything from financial education to mortgages, CDs and credit cards. Members of a credit union must share a common bond. In our case, the bond would be geographical. That is, anyone who lives, works, worships or volunteers in CBs 3 or 4 (Elmhurst, East Elmhurst, Corona and Jackson Heights) would be able to join.

To open this branch, we don't need a trillion dollars. We need to raise \$600,000 to cover our operating costs for the first two years, after which the branch should be self-sufficient. Could you help us bring a credit union to Northwest Queens?

We have applied for support from some private foundations, but, given the amount we need to raise, we must find support from a wide range of sources. Your tax-deductible donation will contribute to our start-up fund to bring a community-owned financial institution to Queens.

For more information, please contact Zoe Sullivan at 718-898-7461 ext. 28 or zsullivan@queenscommunityhouse.org. You can donate online at www.queenscommunityhouse.org or you can send a check to Queens Credit Union Project, Queens Community House, 74-09 37th Ave., #421, Jackson Heights, NY 11372.