

Good evening,

My name is Ischia Bravo.

Some of you know me because I have served with you on this board for many years. For those of you who I haven't had the pleasure of meeting, please allow me to tell you a bit about myself:

- I am a passionate, experienced public servant who, like you and the rest of the CB7 members, is deeply committed to doing anything within means to help the community prosper.
- Helping my neighbors, on behalf of the community board, is deeply personal for me; I was born and raised in the Community Board 7 district and I'm currently raising two beautiful young boys in the same neighborhood where I grew up.
- I've spend my professional career working in and around government, working to serve our neighbors work towards that common goal we all share: to leave our community just a little bit better than we found it.
- My career thus far has given me the opportunity to establish lasting relationships with our local elected officials, community leaders, first responders, and city/state agencies. I'm ready to leverage these relationships to advance the mission and vision of our community board.

I've got some ideas that we can work together on so we can hit the ground running and waste no time: these include:

- finding ways to increase attendance participation, both internally with members, and externally by bringing new faces in to the room
- planning engaging activities and initiatives that can help us reach more families and businesses in our community,
- and organizing our collective efforts to take a stand as community on issues we care passionately about including zoning changes, affordable housing, and other quality of life issues.

With that said, these are all ideas that I hope to propose to you, and to work WITH you on, but in the end, as a former CB7 member, I know that the ultimate say comes down to you, the members of the CB7 and that if hired, I work for you.

So I'll end this by saying THANK YOU for the honor of having me as the finalist for the position of District Manager. I come with the experience, skills, and relationships that make this a perfect fit for what the CB7 needs. And I look forward to hearing from you and earning your support for this endeavor.