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April 22, 2021

The Honorable Paul Vallone
New York City Council Member
42-49 Bell Boulevard
Suite 507
Bayside, New York 11361

Subject: MEMORANDUM In Support: Street Co-Naming Application
163 Street – FERRIGNO PLACE

Dear Council Member Vallone,

On behalf of the homeowners of Broadway-Flushing, we respectfully submit to your office a Memorandum in Support of an application for co-naming 163 Street between 33rd and 35th Avenues as FERRIGNO PLACE in honor of the late Marjorie and Nicholas Ferrigno.

We are pleased to attach a photo and copies of the respective biographies for your review. Additionally, we are pleased to enclose letters in support of the application from each of the families of Marjorie and Nicholas Ferrigno, Broadway-Flushing Homeowners' Association, Inc., Past Presidents of the Homeowners' Association, Congresswoman Grace Meng, Senator John Liu, Assemblyman Edward Braunstein, and Assemblyman Ron Kim. Also enclosed are letters in support from the Queens Preservation Council, Queens Botanical Garden, Auburndale Improvement Association, Inc., Bowne Park Civic Association, Mr. Tyler Cassell, former Member of Community Board #7, Mr. Edward S. Kilduff, current resident of 163 Street and former President of the Homeowners' Association, and Queens Civic Congress, who included pertinent news articles accompanying their letter.

As it would be impossible to document more than fifty years of service to the community, we are providing a chronology, highlighting major accomplishments that represents their unique dedication and lasting impact on Broadway-Flushing, for which the neighborhood is forever grateful.

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Shortly after purchasing their home in Broadway-Flushing, and with the enactment of the 1961 New York City Zoning Resolution, closely followed by the 1964 World's Fair in Flushing Meadows with its accompanying push for building development, these factors gave impetus to the formation of the Broadway-Flushing Homeowners' Association, Inc. in 1964. Marjorie and Nicholas Ferrigno were founding members and Nick was elected the founding Vice President of the Association.

Stated purposes of the Association included:

- 1-To conserve Broadway-Flushing as a single-family detached residence district;
- 2-To unite and encourage all homeowners and residents to maintain and improve the community of Broadway-Flushing;
- 3-To further the advancement of the community by appropriate representation and other courses of action before the various governmental agencies of the City and State of New York;
- 4-To keep the community informed with respect to zoning and related contemplated changes, and to alert the community regarding apparent violations of current zoning laws;
- 5-To cooperate with other similar organizations in the furtherance of the above purposes;

When Marjorie graduated from Morris High School in Manhattan in 1933, several comments in the Yearbook gave clues to her future interests. When asked "what do you long to do most", her answer was "Be a politician." She wrote an essay for the Yearbook titled: "Always in the Way" – a story about a boy named William...."where's there's a Will, there's a way." That became Marjorie's motto, always in the way of anyone seeking to diminish her cherished Broadway-Flushing and always finding the will to accomplish her goals! The description under her name in the yearbook sums it up perfectly: Queen of the Amazons, Hip – Hippo – Hippolyta, who was the daughter of the god of war, Ares. Could there be a more perfect description of Marjorie who worked alongside every elected official and never hesitated to fight for city services and the enforcement of the Rickert Finlay Covenant of 1906. Remarkably, the Minutes of the first general membership meeting of the Association in February 1964 recognized the principal speaker from the City Planning Commission.

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Marjorie and Nick Ferrigno were involved in every aspect of the Homeowner Association since inception, and they were elected to serve as Officers of the Executive Committee repeatedly over the years. As Membership Chair, Marjorie strove to expand membership and delighted in welcoming the international community of Broadway-Flushing. The international buffet dinners held at Church-on-the Hill are legendary. As Editor of the Association's newsletter and included in every piece of correspondence, Marjorie's messages were always one of inclusion, of joyous celebration of ethnic diversity, and frequently included welcoming messages written in several languages. Her motto was "*A stranger is a friend you haven't met.*"

When Marjorie saw the need for city trees, she introduced the Association to the Street Tree Matching Program with New York City Street Tree Consortium. She worked with Parks Department and fought for a park attendant, new park house, and general repairs at Bowne Park.

Marjorie and Nick Ferrigno worked to build a relationship with every elected official and every city agency and department to improve the entire neighborhood of Broadway-Flushing. Annual submissions were forwarded to Community Board #7 identifying expense and capital budget items to include funding for Department of Buildings inspectors, street paving, expansion of police programs, sanitation department, street repairs, pruning of street trees, planting new trees, pothole repairs and cleaning catch basins. Working with the Department of Transportation, the Ferrigno's fought for traffic signals and speed limits in the neighborhood. To acknowledge the hard work of homeowners tending to their beautiful gardens, an annual spring front garden award was established by the Broadway-Flushing Homeowners' Association that continues to this day.

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The hallmark of Marjorie's legacy was preventing a builder from taking advantage of a zoning map error discovered in the late eighties.

Quote by Marjorie from A 25-year History: 1964-1989

"The application for zoning map change is "Phase 2" of a campaign to preserve the integrity of the community of one-family homes which had been threatened by a builder's plans, through a zoning quirk, to build three three-family houses on a 60 foot plot occupied by a one-family house when he purchased it. The Association's successful court case for a permanent injunction, on the basis of a Covenant of 1906 on the property, was "Phase 1" (Judge Kassoff's decision was printed in full in the New York Law Journal of May 11, 1988.)"

As Marjorie explained, she was not content until the zoning map was corrected. Undaunted by advice from Queens Borough President Clare Shulman, Marjorie charted a complex course of navigating city agencies, designing maps/charts, writing volumes of correspondence, and presentations at public hearings. In the end, Marjorie was successful in her efforts and preserved the integrity of single-family homes in Broadway-Flushing. Undeniably, nobody else could have accomplished this remarkable achievement.

To combat out-of-scale development in largely residential areas, Marjorie helped coordinate efforts with elected officials and civic groups in North Flushing to support City Planning to use lower density and contextual zoning districts to limit out-of-character (McMansion) development in northeast Queens. On April 22, 2009 the City Council approved the rezoning proposal to create a new citywide R1-2A contextual zoning district, thereby removing the danger of subdivision for most properties in the area.

Always vigilant of disreputable developers tearing down homes in Broadway-Flushing, Marjorie recognized the need for further protections beyond zoning regulations to preserve the history and century old homes in the area. She initiated the lengthy and expensive process of applying for listing on the National and New York State Register of Historic Places. This was accomplished in 2006.

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Regretfully, this effort did not lead to a successful designation of Broadway-Flushing as a New York City landmark district, but the Ferrigno legacy of perseverance, diligence, and cooperation continues to inspire the Association in its effort to uphold the Rickert-Finlay Covenant.

One last selfless act in preserving Broadway-Flushing was the donation by Marjorie and Nicholas Ferrigno of their home at 33-37 163 Street to the National Trust for Historic Preservation whose deed restrictions remain in perpetuity.

On behalf of the grateful homeowners of historic Broadway-Flushing, we respectfully request your kind assistance in presenting this Memorandum-in-Support and accompanying letters to the New York City Council for their consideration to co-name 163 Street, between 33rd and 35th Avenue as FERRIGNO PLACE.

Thank you –

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Maria R. Becce".

Maria R. Becce, Homeowner

Retired Officer

Broadway-Flushing Homeowners' Association, Inc.

50th



Anniversary

FERRIGNO DYCKE--Marjorie (nee Platt) 97 years old of Flushing, NY died November 15, 2013.

Marjorie was an educator. She was Founding Chairman, Drama Department, School of Performing Arts, NYC (the school was renamed the Fiorello LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts and was the originator of the term, "performing arts"). Marjorie endowed an Alumni & Friends Dr. Marjorie Dycke Special Drama Award Scholarship Fund which has had a great impact on students.

She was Past President of the American Educational Theatre Association which represented all non-professional theatre in the U.S. (1962); Former Secretary and Executive Committee member of the American National Theatre and Academy (ANTA); member of the National Council on the Arts and Government (NCAG) which worked with Senator Jacob Javits to develop legislation to establish a National Cultural Center which became Kennedy Center on the death of President John F. Kennedy. Marjorie was consultant to the Governor's School (Governor Terry Sanford) at Winston-Salem which became The North Carolina School of the Arts.

Marjorie taught Speech courses at Hunter College, Teachers College - Columbia University, New York University, York College (NYC), and Queens College Continuing Education Department.

Marjorie was Chairman, North Shore Branch of League of Woman Voters, NYC; steering committee member, Economic Development Committee, LWWNYC.

Along with her husband Nick, Marjorie was a Founding Member (1964) and Past President of Broadway-Flushing Homeowners' Association, Inc. which won a landmark court case to enforce a restrictive covenant, and led to a rezoning of part of Northern Boulevard, an accomplishment that was considered impossible. Marjorie was instrumental in achieving National and New York State Historic Preservation District status for Broadway-Flushing. She was a member of Queens Borough President Claire Shulman's Zoning Task Force. Marjorie's efforts to "build community" and preserve her beloved Broadway-Flushing are incalculable.

Marjorie is listed in Who's Who in the East, Who's Who of American Theatre, and Directory of American Scholars.

Marjorie was predeceased by her inseparable husband, Nicholas Ferrigno in 2010 after 55 years of marriage. Upon their deaths, Marjorie and Nick Ferrigno donated their home in Broadway-Flushing to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and restrictions remain on the property in perpetuity.

FERRIGNO--Nicholas, 88 years old of Flushing, NY died August 27, 2010.

Nick retired in 1980, after 39 years of service, from American Airlines as Senior Instructor in Maintenance at JFK and LGA. As one of the four DC10 experts for the airline, he opened all their routes in the Caribbean after the merger with "Transcarib". He was a member of the prestigious Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE). He taught for a few years at the College of Aeronautics at LGA. The saying among "the guys" at AA was that "perfection was not good enough for him." He was very popular among the three Diamond retirees, many of whose annual luncheons he arranged.

Nick was a member of the Borough President's Aviation Commission and had for many years an airplane noise monitor installed in the backyard of their home in Broadway-Flushing.

He was among the original founding members of the Broadway-Flushing Homeowners' Association and obtained a Certificate of Incorporation from the State of New York, John P. Lomenzo, Secretary of State on April 10, 1964. Nick was the founding Vice President of the Association and served diligently in different offices as a member ever since. Nick was known throughout Broadway-Flushing and was the neighborhood watchman who routinely drove through the neighborhood and took note of anything that required attention by city agencies. He volunteered to give testimony in court to enforce a restrictive deed known as the Rickert Finlay Covenant. Nick and his wife organized the first tour of Broadway-Flushing by the New York State Office of Historic Preservation and whose efforts succeeded in placing Broadway-Flushing on the National and New York State Register of Historic Places in 2006. He particularly enjoyed taking responsibility for video recording the Association's General Membership meetings and all special events.

He is survived by his inseparable wife, Marjorie Ferrigno.

To whom it may concern,

I am Marjorie J. Clarke, niece of Marjorie and Nick Ferrigno. Our mutual friend, Maria Becce informed me about the application to co-name 163 Street in Broadway-Flushing as FERRIGNO PLACE in honor of Marjorie and Nick Ferrigno. I support this application as they contributed to the Broadway-Flushing neighborhood greatly during their lifetimes. I recall early stories of her learning how to fight inappropriate zoning and development, and becoming a paralegal to help in understanding and dealing with the legal issues. I know that they were founding members and heavily involved in the homeowners' association, one of the first of its kind. I always enjoyed the walk from the train through the beautifully landscaped neighborhood, due in some measure to the beautification contests held by the homeowners association and the pride everyone felt. They passed on this passion for community organizing and beautification and fighting for their neighborhood to me, and I started and since maintained a community botanical garden in Inwood (upper Manhattan) in 1984, and was an expert witness and co-founder of Inwood Legal Action in the fight against the inappropriate Inwood upzoning all the way to state appellate court. Street co-naming would help keep them and their values and dedication to the neighborhood alive.

Marjorie J. Clarke, Ph.D.

3/26/21

To Whom It May Concern:

My family and I were thrilled to hear that my Uncle Nick and Aunt Marge Ferrigno's street, 163rd Street between 33rd and 35th Avenues, is being considered for co-naming as "Ferrigno Place." Our family knows how truly dedicated they were to The Broadway Flushing Homeowners' Association, which they formed back in 1964. They devoted so much of their time and effort to the association to make Flushing such a great place to live. We know how honored they would be to have their street co-named after them as we are so proud of all they have done. My family and I are looking forward to being a part of this very special honor. Thank you!

Yours truly,

Linda Forte & Family



GRACE MENG
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 14, 2021

Hon. Marilyn McAndrews
District Manager
Queens Community Board 7
133-32 41st Road, Apartment 3B
Flushing, NY 11355

Dear District Manager and Community Board Members,

I am writing to express my support to co-name 163rd Street between 33rd Avenue and 35th Avenue in Flushing as Ferrigno Place.

Both Nick and Marjorie made enormous contributions to the Broadway-Flushing Community. Nick served for nearly 4 decades with American Airlines at both JFK and LGA. His colleagues said, "perfection was not good enough for him" and it is reflected in his many years of community work. Nick was a member of the Borough President's Aviation Commission and had an airplane noise monitor installed in the backyard of his home. He was a founding member of the Broadway-Flushing Homeowners' Association and was known as the neighborhood watchman.

Nick's wife, Marjorie was equally impressive. She was an educator and the founding chairwoman of the Drama Department of the School of Performing Arts. Marjorie taught speech courses at Hunter College, Teachers' College – Columbia University, New York University, York College, and Queens College. Along with her husband Nick, Marjorie was a founding member and past President of the Broadway-Flushing Homeowners' Association. Even after death, Marjorie and her husband continued to give to the community by donating their home to the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

In honor of Marjorie and Nick Ferrigno, who contributed enormously to the Broadway-Flushing community, I stand with my city and state colleagues, and civic organizations to express my support for this street co-naming.

Thank you for your consideration of this truly important request.

Sincerely,

Grace Meng
Member of Congress

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April 5, 2021

Corey Johnson
Speaker, New York City Council
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

RE: Support for Co-Naming Street as FERRIGNO PLACE

Dear Speaker Johnson,

I am writing to express my support for the neighborhood of Broadway-Flushing in their request to co-name 163th Street, between 33rd Avenue and 35th Avenue, as FERRIGNO PLACE, in honor of Marjorie and Nicholas Ferringo.

Marjorie Ferringo was an educator and the Founding Chairwoman of what is now the Fiorello LaGuardia High School of Music and Art and Performing Arts. She taught at various universities throughout New York City and endowed the Dr. Marjorie Dycke Special Drama Award Scholarship Fund. Nicholas Ferringo retired from American Airlines after almost 40 years of serving in various capacities including Senior Instructor in Maintenance. He was a member of the Borough President's Aviation Commission, as well as the highly prestigious Society of Automotive Engineers, and even taught for some time at what is now The Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology.

Marjorie and Nicholas Ferringo were both founding members of the Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association and were instrumental in obtaining a Certificate of Incorporation from the State of New York in 1964. They also led efforts to achieve National and New York State Historic Preservation District status for the neighborhood of Broadway-Flushing.

Marjorie and Nicholas were married and inseparable for 55 years, until Nicholas passed away in 2010 at 88 years old and Marjorie followed in 2013 at 97 years old. Upon their deaths, their home in Broadway-Flushing was donated to the National Trust for Historic Preservation. In honor of their achievements, dedication to service and their community, I fully support the co-naming of 163 Street as FERRIGNO PLACE.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Liu".



EDWARD C. BRAUNSTEIN
Assemblyman 26TH District
Queens County

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April 19, 2021

Council Member Paul A. Vallone
42-40 Bell Boulevard, Suite 507
Bayside, NY 11361

Dear Council Member Vallone:

I would like to join with members of the Broadway-Flushing community in advocating for the co-naming of 163rd Street between 33rd and 35th Avenues as "Ferrigno Place" in honor of the late Marjorie and Nicholas Ferrigno. A review of the lives of Marjorie and Nicholas reveals individuals who for more than fifty years fully dedicated themselves to the betterment of our community.

Marjorie was an educator who served as the founding chair of the Drama Department at the School of Performing Arts, now known as the Fiorello LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts, as well as a past president of the American Educational Theatre Association. Nick was a senior instructor in maintenance for American Airlines at John F. Kennedy International and LaGuardia airports and was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers.

Marjorie and Nick moved to Broadway-Flushing in 1961 and became founding members of the Broadway-Flushing Homeowners' Association (BFHA) in 1964, with Nick serving as the founding Vice President of the organization.

Through their decades of advocacy and leadership in BFHA, Marjorie and Nick were instrumental in ensuring Broadway-Flushing was placed on the National and New York State Register of Historic Places in 2006. They also helped ensure BFHA's victory in a landmark court case enforcing a restrictive covenant and succeeded in rezoning a part of Northern Boulevard.

Marjorie and Nicholas were so devoted to the Broadway-Flushing community that they donated their home at 33-37 163rd Street to the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Once again, I am proud to lend my support for the establishment of "Ferrigno Place" to pay tribute to two outstanding individuals who served our community so admirably.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Edward C. Braunstein
Member of Assembly



RON KIM
Member of Assembly
District 40, Queens

CHAIR
Committee on Aging

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April 14th, 2021

New York City Hall
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the pending application to the New York City Council to co-name 163rd Street between 33rd Avenue and 35th Avenue in Broadway-Flushing as FERRIGNO PLACE. As the representative of the Assembly district for this site, it is my sincere hope that this request is accepted in honor of Marjorie and Nick Ferrigno.

Marjorie was an educator who served as the founding chairman of the Drama Department at the School of Performing Arts, now known as the Fiorello LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts, as well as a past president of the American Educational Theatre Association. In our community, she was also a founding member and president of the Broadway-Flushing Homeowners' Association, and her vital efforts led to the granting of National and New York State Historic Preservation District status for Broadway-Flushing. Nick was a senior instructor for American Airlines at the John F. Kennedy International and LaGuardia airports and a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers. He was also a founding member of the Broadway-Flushing Homeowners' Association and served as its first vice president; in this and other capacities he was instrumental in ensuring Broadway-Flushing was placed on the National and New York State Register of Historic Places in 2006.

The recognition of these two esteemed New Yorkers is of utmost importance to my office, and to countless members of our community who seek to honor their memory and life's work.

Sincerely,

Ron Kim
Member of Assembly
District 40, Queens

BROADWAY-FLUSHING HOMEOWNERS' ASSN., INC.
P.O. BOX 580031, FLUSHING, NY 11358-0031

March 23, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the current membership of the Broadway Flushing Homeowners' Association to express our wholehearted support for the co-naming of 163 Street between 35th and 33rd Avenues in memory of Marjorie and Nick Ferrigno. As founding members of the BFHA, they dedicated their lives to improving the Broadway-Flushing neighborhood. In fact, it is because of them that our civic association even exists.

For over 50 years, the Ferrignos worked tirelessly to ensure that this neighborhood maintained its character and bucolic charm. They played an instrumental role in the success of a landmark court case to enforce the Rickert Finley Covenant. This eventually led to the rezoning of a portion of Northern Boulevard. The success of this case set a precedent that will help the neighborhood thrive for years to come. Likewise, Marjorie played an important part in the BFHA's successful campaign to have the Broadway-Flushing neighborhood recognized as a National and State Historic Preservation District. Just take a stroll through the neighborhood and you will see the fruits of this endeavor, as home after home proudly display their Historic Register plaque. Finally, even in her death, Marjorie's dedication to our community has not abated since, as per her final wishes, her home was left to the National Trust.

We are sure that you will agree that the Ferrignos' dedication to the beautification, preservation and endurance of the Broadway-Flushing neighborhood was undeniable. The executive officers and members of the Broadway Flushing Homeowners' Association remain steadfast in our dedication to follow their example and build on the foundation that they have laid for us. It is for this reason that renaming 163 Street in their honor is a well warranted and fitting tribute to these devoted Flushingites.

Sincerely,

Liz Nacinovich

31st President, BFHA

Broadway-Flushing Homeowners' Association, Inc.
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April 22, 2021

Council Member Paul Vallone
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Subject: Application - Co-Naming 163 Street as FERRIGNO PLACE

Dear Council Member Vallone,

As surviving Past-Presidents of the Broadway-Flushing Homeowners' Association, Inc., we are pleased to support the application presented to the New York City Council co-naming 163 Street, between 33rd and 35th Avenues as FERRIGNO PLACE.

By letter of support provided by the current and 31st President, Liz Nacinovich, it describes how Marjorie and Nick Ferrigno worked tirelessly to ensure that Broadway-Flushing maintain its character and bucolic charm.

We are delighted to join the current Executive Officers and Members of the Association in our steadfast dedication to follow the example set forth by Marjorie and Nick Ferrigno, and to build on the strong foundation they so aptly laid for us since the Association was founded in 1964.

Very truly yours,

Robert Hanophy, Sr. – 1974-1975
Arthur Viviani – 1982-1984; 2004-2006
Anne Mullaney – 1988-1990
Mel Siegel – 1992-1994; 2002-2004; 2006-2008; 2010-2012
Sandi Viviani – 1994-1996; 2008-2010
Marianne and Joseph Giacalone – 1996-1998; 2000-2002
Edward Kilduff – 1998-2000
Janet McCreesh – 2012-2014; 2016-2018
Robert Hanophy, Jr. – 2014-2016
Kevin Morris – 2018-2020

Queens Preservation Council

204-05 43rd Avenue
Bayside, New York 11361

March 28, 2021

RE: Street co-naming to honor Marjorie and Nick Ferrigno

To Whom It May Concern:

I write as Chair of the Queens Preservation Council (QPC) in support of the co-naming of 163 Street between 33rd Avenue and 35th Avenue as FERRIGNO PLACE in honor of Marjorie and Nick Ferrigno.

Marjorie and Nick Ferrigno were members of the Queens Preservation Council for a number of years. The Ferrignos were strong advocates for landmarking worthy buildings and districts in Queens while serving on our Council. QPC awarded the Ferrignos the Nancy Cataldi Memorial Plaque at our event in 2011 in recognition of their years of service to foster preservation of our historical past.

Along with her husband Nick, Marjorie was a Founding Member (1964) and Past President of Broadway-Flushing Homeowners' Association, Inc. which won a landmark court case to enforce a restrictive covenant, and led to a rezoning of part of Northern Boulevard, an accomplishment that was considered impossible. Marjorie was instrumental in achieving National and New York State Historic Preservation District status for Broadway-Flushing. She was a member of Queens Borough President Claire Shulman's Zoning Task Force. Marjorie's efforts to "build community" and preserve her beloved Broadway-Flushing are incalculable.

As an original founding member of the Broadway-Flushing Homeowners' Association, Nick obtained a Certificate of Incorporation from the State of New York, John P. Lomenzo, Secretary of State, on April 10, 1964. Nick was the founding Vice President of the Association and served diligently in different offices as a member ever since. Nick was known throughout Broadway-Flushing and was the neighborhood watchman who routinely drove through the neighborhood and took note of anything that required attention by city agencies. He volunteered to give testimony in court to enforce a restrictive deed known as the Rickert Finlay Covenant. Nick and his wife organized the first tour of Broadway-Flushing by the New York State Office of Historic Preservation. Their efforts succeeded in placing Broadway-Flushing on the National and New York State Register of Historic Places in 2006.

Marjorie was predeceased by her inseparable husband, Nicholas Ferrigno in 2010 after 55 years of marriage. Upon their deaths, Marjorie and Nick Ferrigno donated their home in Broadway-Flushing to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, so that a preservation covenant remains on the property in perpetuity.

Sincerely,



Mitchell Grubler, Chair



Where people, plants, and cultures meet.

6 April 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

Ferrigno Place.

I can see it. I smile. What a wonderful tribute it would be to two individuals, two caring, thoughtful, persistent individuals who separately and together advocated for their community, to co-name 163rd Street between 33rd Avenue and 35th Avenue as FERRIGNO PLACE.

Marjorie and Nick Ferrigno were long-time members of Queens Botanical Garden, dating to around the time that they helped start the Broadway-Flushing Homeowners' Association. They were plant and garden lovers, and friends, friends to many, friends to the Garden, friends to the community. They worked with such dedication to both preserve and improve their community.

As Executive Director of Queens Botanical Garden, please know that I—and we—are totally supportive of co-naming 163rd Street between 33rd Avenue and 35th Avenue as FERRIGNO PLACE.

Marjorie and Nick did so much for the community. With this naming, they will live on, with their story inspiring others to be involved.

With flower-filled appreciation and thanks,

Susan Lacerte
Executive Director

AUBURNDALE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

P. O. BOX 580331, STATION A

FLUSHING, NY 11358

Regarding: Marjorie and Nick Ferrigno

April, 2021

My name is Henry Euler and I am the First Vice President of the Auburndale Improvement Association. I knew Marjorie and Nick Ferrigno for a number of years, having served with them on the Queens Preservation Council. I had the honor of presenting Marjorie the Nancy Cataldi Memorial Award from the Queens Preservation Council soon after Nick passed. The award honors the Ferrignos for their outstanding effort in promoting the preservation of their beloved Broadway-Flushing and their support for landmarking worthy buildings and districts throughout Queens County.

My civic organization also supported the desire of the Ferrignos and other local civic leaders to have the Broadway-Flushing community designated as a New York City landmarked district. The Ferrignos worked tirelessly for years, along with their colleagues in their civic organization to make this goal a reality. Unfortunately, the designation still has not been granted and the Ferrignos did not live to see their dream come true. But yet, the work and effort to landmark Broadway-Flushing continues by others in the footsteps of these two leaders.

Over the years, I, personally, have learned a lot by observing the Ferrignos in action. Marjorie was not reticent about asking tough questions at meetings to politicians or heads of city agencies in her efforts to preserve and protect her beloved community. However, the manner in which she asked the questions was always respectful and said in good taste without hostility or abrasiveness. Usually, a sweet smile accompanied the question. The people who had the job of answering those tough questions were put at ease and the responses were usually meaningful and sincere. Marjorie always followed up by thanking the speakers who attended those civic meetings at the conclusion of the evening. She also requested a business card from each speaker so she could contact the speaker as need be. This taught me several useful lessons.

Nick was Marjorie's rock. He escorted her to all of the various meetings that they attended. He sometimes participated in the discussions, and testified at some of the hearings. One particular hearing was held just a few weeks before Nick's passing, but he managed to attend and testify. This is a testament to his devotion to preservation and concern for his community. More lessons learned by me.

My civic organization and I feel that it would be a fitting tribute to these two wonderful people to have 163rd Street between 33rd and 35th Avenues, their home block, co-named Ferrigno Place, in their honor. We hope that this will be granted to remind this and future generations that there were people who cared for and advocated for their neighborhoods. And their goals and objectives were truly altruistic and noble.

Henry Euler

Henry Euler, First Vice President, Auburndale Improvement Association

BOWNE PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Community Planning Board 7
133-32 41st Road
Flushing, New York 11355

Dear Members of the Planning Board 7:

It is my honor to write this letter to support the renaming of 163 Street and 35th Avenue Flushing New York to celebrate the lives of Marjorie and Nicholas Ferrigno.

In the early 1960's my parents purchased a house on 164 Street and 35th Avenue and we watched the beginning of the BROADWAY FLUSHING HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION and how it became a powerful and important force in the neighborhood. The Ferrignos led the fight to enforce a restrictive deed known as the Rickert Findlay Covenant. Their tireless energy and dedication to insuring that our neighborhood maintained the character and beauty that it was known for should not be forgotten.

As proximate neighbors we were always aware of the myriad of important and valuable effects they had on the quality of life in our neighborhood. Whether it was their leadership positions within the BFHA group, being part of the neighborhood watch, advocating for the placement of Broadway-Flushing on the National and New York State Register of Historic Places or checking the status of our neighborhood, their presence was evident. They were friendly and the greatest neighbors to have.

My parents would often remark how lucky they were to have found such a lovely neighborhood and good neighbors like the Ferrignos.

My parents are gone and I have moved to the other side of Bowne Park but I will always appreciate how the Ferrignos impacted the quality of life in our neighborhood.

As the President of the Bowne Park Civic Association and our Executive Board we strongly support the renaming of this street to honor Marjorie and Nicholas Ferrigno who loved and cared about preserving the beauty of our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Barbara Embriano

President Bowne Park Civic Association

Endorsed by Executive Board of the Bowne Park Civic Association

Maria Becce

From: Tyler Cassell <CarnesCassell@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 1:01 PM
To: Community Board #7; Maria Becce
Subject: Letter for Ferrigno Street Naming
Attachments: Marge & Nick Street Naming.docx

Hi Marilyn, Gene, Chuck, and All

I understand that there may be a street naming for Marge and Nick Ferrigno in the near future. As a longtime friend of theirs, I am writing to support the renaming.

They were both great community active people and longtime original members of the Broadway Flushing Homeowners Association.

The BFHA is very active and a strong force in that part of the neighborhood today. I've worked with them on several issues.

Please submit my letter in support.
Thanks, and a HI to all at CB 7.

Tyler Cassell

Date April 7, 2021

Community Board 7
133-32 41st. Rd, Suite 3B
Flushing, NY 11355

Subject: Street Naming for Marge & Nick Ferrigno

Hi Marilyn, Gene, Chuck and All:

I am writing this letter in support of street naming in honor of Marge and Nick Ferrigno. By naming a street location for them means their memory and contribution will live on. They are the most deserving couple that I have known in my 25 years in civic life.

As a member of Community Board 7 for 15 years, the President of the North Flushing Civic Association, and Vice-President with the Queens Civic Congress, I've had many opportunities to work with several other members in greater Queens. I co-chaired the complete North Flushing rezoning with Christine Haider and made sure that it got through the Borough and City Planning approval process.

In my earlier years as a member of the North Flushing Civic Association, I had many conversations with Marge Ferrigno and her husband Nick. When I was just starting out in civic participation, I frequently called on Marge for coaching. Marge was a wealth of knowledge and always extremely helpful. I considered her my mentor because of her depth of understanding of community issues over several administrations and for her many years with the Broadway Flushing Homeowners Association.

In their later years, I would bring Marge all of the weekly community newspapers. Many afternoons Marge and I would chat away on her porch about topical items in the papers. In addition, she relied on me to inform her about Community Board 7 discussions and decisions.

I was very saddened by the passing of both Marge and Nick. Our communities have lost 2 very valuable members when they were taken from civic life. They are sorely missed.

I am now a retired Florida resident who keeps up with Queens life from contacts there and from the news. Flushing will always be in my heart and so will the memories of Marge and Nick.

Respectfully

Tyler D. Cassell
201 Medici Terrace
Nokomis, FL 34275

April 19, 2021

Paul Vallone, Council Member

42-29 Bell Boulevard, Suite 507

Bayside, NY 11361

Dear Council Member Vallone,

I am writing to support the application to name 163rd street, between 33rd and 35th Avenues, "Ferrigno Place". For over 50 years, I have lived on the same block as Nick and Marge Ferrigno and have watched them work tirelessly to preserve Broadway-Flushing's natural beauty and community spirit. The pride and devotion Nick and Marge demonstrated towards the neighborhood was akin to a parent's love for their child. The Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association was the platform they used to accomplish their mission. Broadway-Flushing would not be the community it is today without their contributions.

Nick never left the house for an errand without scouting the neighborhood for issues that might affect the well-being of the community. Zoning non-compliance, building code violations, street light outages or any other quality of life issue did not escape Nick's observation. He was never afraid to approach a homeowner to challenge a code violation and always viewed these encounters as helping the homeowner become a better neighbor. No job was too large or small for his attention and expertise.

Marge worked the legal and political side of neighborhood preservation by cultivating strong relationships with Community Board 7, local politicians and neighboring civic associations. She represented the community with grace and poise. Her ability to evaluate a threat to the neighborhood was always spot-on and the measures she applied to address the issue was always from a position of strength. Marge's proactive vision allowed her to nurture and mentor countless residents who would carry on her mission for generations.

The Ferrigno's devotion to Broadway-Flushing deserves to be commemorated, but just as important, a "Ferrigno Place" street sign will act as an incentive to continue the wonderful work and example of Nick and Marge. It would be hard to find a couple who had such a positive influence over the betterment of their community for over 50 plus years.

I sincerely hope the application to name 163rd Street "Ferrigno Place" receives a favorable disposition and I thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Edward S. Kilduff

33-18 163 Street

Flushing, NY 11358



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April 14, 2021

The Honorable Paul Vallone
New York City Council Member
42-49 Bell Boulevard
Suite 507
Bayside, New York 11361

Dear Council Member Vallone:

It is with great pleasure that the Queens Civic Congress endorses the co-naming of 163 Street between 33rd Avenue and 35th Avenue as FERRIGNO PLACE.

Marjorie Ferrigno

Along with her husband Nick, Marjorie was a Founding Member (1964) and Past President of Broadway-Flushing Homeowners' Association, Inc. which won a landmark court case to enforce a restrictive covenant and led to a rezoning of part of Northern Boulevard, an accomplishment that was considered impossible. Marjorie was instrumental in achieving National and New York State Historic Preservation District status for the Broadway-Flushing community. She was a member of Queens Borough President Claire Shulman's Zoning Task Force. Marjorie's efforts to "build community" and preserve her beloved Broadway-Flushing are incalculable.

In 2000 The Queens Civic Congress honored Marge at its second Biannual Civic Luncheon. In a press release, the following statement was made:

"Ferrigno, a native New Yorker, will receive a citation honoring her leadership as a founder of the Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association and her effective civic work, especially as one of Queens' first citizen-planners, in neighborhood preservation.

Marjorie was an educator. She was Founding Chairman, Drama Department, School of Performing Arts, NYC (the school was renamed the Fiorello LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts and was the originator of the term, "performing arts"). Marjorie endowed an Alumni & Friends Dr. Marjorie Dycke Special Drama Award Scholarship Fund which has had a great impact on students.

She was Past President of the American Educational Theatre Association which represented all non-professional theatre in the U.S. (1962); Former Secretary and Executive Committee member of the American National Theatre and Academy (ANTA); member of the National Council on

the Arts and Government (NCAG) which worked with Senator Jacob Javits to develop legislation to establish a National Cultural Center which became Kennedy Center on the death of President John F. Kennedy. Marjorie was consultant to the Governor's School (Governor Terry Sanford) at Winston-Salem which became The North Carolina School of the Arts.

Marjorie taught Speech courses at Hunter College, Teachers College - Columbia University, New York University, York College (NYC), and at the Queens College Continuing Education Department.

Marjorie was Chairman, North Shore Branch of League of Woman Voters, NYC; steering committee member, Economic Development Committee, LWVNYC.

Marjorie is listed in Who's Who in the East, Who's Who of American Theatre, and Directory of American Scholars.

Marjorie was predeceased by her inseparable husband, Nicholas Ferrigno in 2010 after 55 years of marriage. Upon their deaths, Marjorie and Nick Ferrigno donated their home in Broadway-Flushing to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and restrictions remain on the property in perpetuity.

Nicholas Ferrigno

He was among the original founding members of the Broadway-Flushing Homeowners' Association and obtained a Certificate of Incorporation from the State of New York, John F. Lomenzo, Secretary of State on April 10, 1964. Nick was the founding Vice President of the Broadway-Flushing Homeowners' Association and served diligently in different offices as a member. Nick was known throughout Broadway-Flushing and was the neighborhood watchman who routinely drove through the neighborhood and took note of anything that required attention by city agencies. He volunteered to give testimony in court to enforce a restrictive deed known as the Rickert Finlay Covenant. Nick and his wife organized the first tour of Broadway-Flushing by the New York State Office of Historic Preservation and their efforts succeeded in placing Broadway-Flushing on the National and New York State Registers of Historic Places in 2006. He particularly enjoyed taking responsibility for video recording the Association's General Membership meetings and all special events.

Nick retired in 1980, after 39 years of service, from American Airlines as Senior Instructor in Maintenance at JFK and LGA. As one of the four DC10 experts for the airline, he opened all their routes in the Caribbean after the merger with "Transcarib". He was a member of the

prestigious Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE). He taught for a few years at the College of Aeronautics at LGA. The saying among "the guys" at AA was that "perfection was not good enough for him." He was very popular among the three Diamond retirees, many of whose annual luncheons he arranged.

Nick was a member of the Borough President's Aviation Commission and had, for many years, an airplane noise monitor installed in the backyard of the Ferrigno home in Broadway-Flushing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kevin J. Forrestal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kevin" being more prominent and the last name "Forrestal" written in a more compact, stylized manner.

Kevin J. Forrestal
President

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Six boro women honored for work by McLaughlin

BY HOWARD KOPLOWITZ

Photo by Howard Koplowitz

The fourth annual "Women of Distinction" awards were handed out by state Assemblyman Brian McLaughlin (D-Flushing) last Thursday in honor of six women who provide outstanding service to their Queens communities.

The women were chosen from the six community boards that encompass McLaughlin's Assembly district, which includes Flushing, Whitestone, Fresh Meadows, Flushing Heights, Hillcrest, Briarwood, Kew Garden Hills, Jamaica, Richmond Hill and Ozone Park.

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Shanti Ammar, a Guyanese immigrant and real estate broker in Richmond Hill, who helps people in the community cope with adverse conditions;

Terri Pouymari, who as vice president of the Auburndale Civic Association, has fought against illegal zoning;

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Five of the six women honored by state Assemblyman Brian McLaughlin (back row, second from l.) proudly display their "Women of Distinction" awards. Front row (l. to r.): Terri Pouymari, Jacqueline Greffe Forrestal, Marjorie Dycke Ferrigno, Yvonne Reddick and Shanti Ammar. They are joined by community board members.



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Pol Honors Some Distinctive Queens Women

By SHANE MILLER

Perhaps no other assembly member's district touches or passes through as many community boards, precincts, or neighborhoods as Brian McLaughlin's. It stretches from Whitestone to south Richmond Hill, and not only is that a lot of area and issues to cover, anyone close to local politics and issues will also affirm that that means a whole lot of community activists as well.

Every year, in honor of Women's History Month, McLaughlin honors one woman from his district for her devotion to her community. Breaking with tradition and casting off the limiting shackle of picking one deserving constituent, this year McLaughlin decided to honor a woman from each of the community boards included in his district (that's six women for those keeping score).

"All of you encourage the younger generation to get involved, who because of many reasons, such as the changing nature of work, don't feel like they have the time to make a difference," McLaughlin told his honorees at his Flushing office last Thursday afternoon. "Each of you was able to make a difference, and all of you did it while juggling careers and families."

This year, McLaughlin contacted the chair of each of the community boards in his district and asked them to choose one woman of distinction. This year's honorees are:

- Marjorie Dycke Ferrigno from CB7 - Ms. Ferrigno has been actively fighting the rampant overdevelopment of her Broadway Flushing neighborhood for years, as well as devoting time as an activist with the League of Women Voters. This former chairperson of the School of Visual Arts was also honored by Councilman Tony Avella on Monday with a Pacesetter Award.

- Jacqueline Greffe Forrestal from CB8 - Also an enemy of illegal development, Ms. Forrestal has been fighting the illegal use of homes, as well as the community's perceived undue expansion of St. John's University and Queens Hospital through her involvement with the Hillside Estates Civic

- Serojini Budhai from CB9 - As a cultural representative of Maha Lakshmi Mandir, Ms. Budhai regularly holds community meetings to expand the public's understanding of Hindu life. She teaches the language of Hindi, and appears often on public television to inspire cooperation among all people.

- Shanti Ammar from CB10 - Born in Guyana, Ms. Ammar uses her contact with the public as a real estate broker to help her neighbors cope with adverse conditions and the hardships of being a new immigrant to the United States. Her work counseling individuals and families uncovered scams perpetrated by individuals promising legal services for immigrants and not following through. Her advocacy led to the passage of a bill at the State level requiring that such individuals and companies provide customers with a contract detailing the services they will provide. "It shows that an individual's work in their own neighborhood can lead to helping thousands," raised McLaughlin.

- Terri Pouymari from CB11 - Using her degrees from Fordham University and St. John's to better her community, Ms. Pouymari rose to the rank of vice president of the Auburndale Civic Association. Her group has led the fight



against illegal conversions and unwarranted commercial encroachment in this eastern Queens neighborhood.

- Yvonne Reddick from CB12 - Ms. Reddick may not have coined the phrase "McMansions", but she has been fighting this practice and other community injustices for decades in south Queens. A longtime activist and Community Board 12 Cabinet Member,

Ms. Reddick is best known for her zeal in improving the quality of life for her neighbors.

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of President Jimmy Carter's proclamation calling on Americans to recognize the contributions and achievements of women throughout history at all levels. Last Thursday, McLaughlin lamented that often local advocates don't get the attention they deserve.

"It's disturbing that we rarely see anything in the news about people who dedicate their lives to family and advocacy," said McLaughlin.

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