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## Senator Gianaris Statement on Queens Library Board of Trustees Removal of Thomas Galante

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Senator Michael Gianaris issued the following statement regarding the news that the Queens Library Board of Trustees voted to terminate Thomas Galante as President and CEO of the Queens Library system.

"The Board's removal of Mr. Galante is an important step towards righting the ship of the Queens Library system and moving it towards a brighter future. I am proud to have sponsored the new law that made this progress possible for a treasured institution that temporarily lost its way. I look forward to the day when Queens residents can again be proud of our libraries, and today we are one step closer," said Senator Gianaris.

Senator Gianaris worked with Queens Borough President Melinda Katz and Assemblyman Jeffrion Aubry to craft and pass legislation that would rein in the excesses revealed in recent reports and provide a long-term blueprint for an efficient, transparent and accountable library system. Governor Cuomo signed the Gianaris/Aubry bill into law in June of this year.

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