



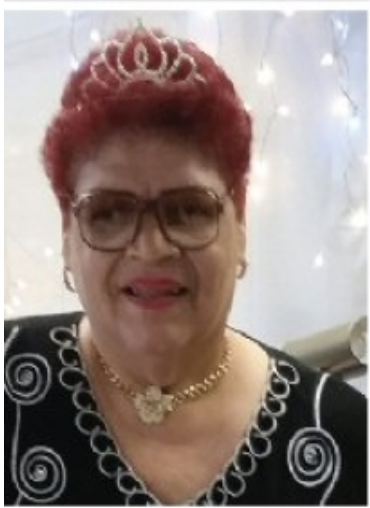
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***Inez Rodriguez***

Inez Rodriguez has been a community activist for more than 30 years. She currently serves as the Tenant Association President at Boulevard Houses in New York City Housing Authority (Brooklyn), holding the titles of Vice-President and President of Boulevard Houses for approximately 16 years. An active and effective community leader, Ms. Rodriguez has been a determined voice that petitions for cameras at the housing development, and for residents' safety and community initiatives. It is her goal to continue fighting alongside the people for effective security systems and to ensure that all tenants understand their rights

and responsibilities.

Ms. Rodriguez has an ongoing relationship with the NYPD; having attended NYPD Citizens' Police Academy program, she works continuously to cultivate relationships within the community. Ms. Rodriguez was an auxiliary officer in the 75th Precinct for more than 20 years, and has been involved in the resident watch program during that time as well.

A founding member of "Grandmother's Love Over Violence," Ms. Rodriguez is committed to getting the word out that "Grandmothers got power." This group of primary caregiver grandmothers has partnered with Police Commissioner William J. Bratton, Chief of Community Affairs Jonanne Jaffe and members of clergy with the goal of making the community safer.

In 2015, Ms. Rodriguez was instrumental in getting the word out about the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office Begin Again event. She brought information to the residents regarding this initiative, which brings a courtroom to the community. Ms. Rodriguez was recognized by District Attorney Thompson for her dedication and community involvement in the event.

Unstoppable by time, adversities or challenges, Ms. Rodriguez continues her fight for safer and stronger communities. She believes that love will always triumph over violence, that every person must do his or her part and that the combination of will and hope can change the community one person at a time.