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Sherif Fraser of East Flatbush, Brooklyn, was born and raised in Guyana, South America. She was influenced early in life by her parents' nurturing and guiding principles of being focused, disciplined and "always seeking knowledge and working to better one's self."

Ms. Fraser immigrated to the United States in 1982, and initially worked in the medical field as an assistant day care provider before moving to the Communications Center of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. She began her career in community service in 1987, first working with New York City Community Boards #3 and #9 before

transferring to Community Board #17, where she is presently the District Manager.

Ms. Fraser is an exceptionally active volunteer. She is current President of the Guyana Unity Movement Inc., a non-profit organization she started in 2015, which brings together other Guyanese-Americans for volunteer efforts in their community. Ms. Fraser has also served on numerous advisory boards, including the Historic Wyckoff Farmhouse Museum, Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center, Kingsborough Psychiatric Center, Kings County Hospital Center and Battalion Christian Academy. In addition, Ms. Fraser is chairperson of her block association. She spearheaded the revitalization of several blocks and the creation of tenants associations. While walking the neighborhood, she encouraged local merchants, churches and residents along Utica and Church avenues to form a Merchants Association that now encompasses more than 30 blocks.

After months of discussion with the 67th Police Precinct, elected officials, business owners, former law enforcement officers and residents, Ms. Fraser helped form the Flatbush Civilian Observation Patrol (COP) program to address crime and gun violence in the community. Her love and admiration for seniors motivated her to reach out to the Department for the Aging (DFTA) to bring back a senior center to the East Flatbush community. After months of advocating on behalf of the seniors, the Remsen Senior Center returned to the East Flatbush district.