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Senate Deputy Leader Gianaris Honors Western Queens Heroes Of Covid-19

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LONG ISLAND CITY, N.Y. – Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris recognized western Queens residents who stepped up to help their neighbors during his Western Queens Covid-19 Heroes ceremony Wednesday night in Rainey Park. Photos from the event are [available here](#).

“So many people stepped up to help their neighbors during the covid-19 pandemic in so many different ways – providing food, organizing small businesses, distributing needed supplies – that we should thank them for the efforts that saved lives and kept our community together,” said

Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris. “I appreciate all their efforts and their partnership in the last year. The western Queens community emerged stronger and better able to tackle the serious challenges we continue to face.”

During the covid-19 pandemic, Senator Gianaris focused his local efforts partnering with local mutual aid organizations and food pantries to deliver food and supplies to seniors and other local residents in need during this crisis. He also worked with area small businesses and tenants organizations to deliver rent relief.

Honorees included:

Queens Liberation Project

Queens Together

Kelli Craig, of LIC Relief

Roseann McSorley, of Katch Astoria

Otis and Finn Barbershop

Kate Petersen of Proud Astorian

K. Bain of Queensbridge 696

Community Activist Lashawn “Suga Ray” Marston

Rocky, the Astoria Pug

Jamie Faye Bean of Sunnyside Shines

Ridgewood Tenants Union

Kambri Crews of QED

Mohamed Javed of the Astoria Welfare Society