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## AN OPEN LETTER TO THE ELMHURST COMMUNITY:

The Queens Alliance, Inc. thanks you for your interest in our new emergency shelter facility on 58th Avenue. We thank you on many levels. This civic meeting gives us an opportunity to meet with many of our neighbors and introduce ourselves to those who care the most. Your interest demonstrates the kind of civic mindedness which can help maintain a stable and safe environment for us and our clientele. Your leadership sets an example of respect and responsibility for self and others which is a cornerstone of our shelter philosophy. Your organization provides us with a ready contact for cooperation and for information to help us gauge "How are we doing?" We believe that each and every one of you will help to be our eyes and ears in our effort to provide a safe, respectful and peaceful emergency shelter for our fellow citizens on hard times.

In our other experience with similar emergency shelters elsewhere in the City, we have found that there are a few commonly asked questions about our operations. In an effort to anticipate some of your questions, those questions and answers are below.

Q: What is The Queens Alliance, Inc.?

A: The Queens Alliance, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing temporary emergency shelter to our fellow Americans who are on hard times.

Q: Is The Queens Alliance, Inc. experienced in operating similar facilities elsewhere in the City of New York?

A: Yes. Key principals and members of the Board of directors of The Queens Alliance, Inc. operate and manage other emergency shelter facilities in the City of New York, including those located in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and The Bronx, having served well over 1,000 adults in need of emergency, transitional, short term shelter.

Q: Is the 58th Avenue Emergency Shelter a halfway house for ex-cons reentering society and/or a drug rehabilitation center?

A: No. That is not our mission. Those kinds of individuals are referred to different and unrelated facilities.

Q: Is the 58th Avenue Emergency Shelter an HIV/AIDS treatment center?

A: No. There are no medical treatments on site. Only HIV/AIDS positive individuals who are asymptomatic may be referred to this facility.

Q: Whom do you serve?

A: Adults needing simple emergency shelter owing to various life hardships. These are persons referred by the City of New York Human Resources Administration, and others. Look around the room now, the faces you see. Please remember that some of them, if befallen with problems some day, could be located temporarily at the 58th Avenue facility.

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Q: Are these persons the chronically homeless?

A: No. The program of the 58th Avenue emergency shelter is designed primarily for those otherwise potentially self sufficient individuals who have fallen temporarily upon hard times, and so are in need of a short term housing solution while they are finding their way, with some program assistance, to permanent housing.

Q: Is this a shelter intended to be primarily for those from the community and/or borough of Queens?

A: Yes. It is the policy of the New York City Human Resources Administration to give priority first to local residents in their system, then Borough wide residents. The only caveat is that priority is given to level of emergency, and need.

Q: Is there on site security?

A: Yes, with 24 hour, on site security guard/service.

Q: How is a stable and safe atmosphere for the residents and the community maintained?

A: First, through our contractual rights to pre-screen and reject any inappropriately referred applicant for shelter. We have the right to refuse any person for any reason other than race, gender, religion, or sexual preference, such as violent criminal history, sexual predation, et. al. Second, our operational philosophy and House Rules (see attached), which are designed to maintain safety and respect for self and others, are strictly enforced at the threat of transfer/eviction for non-compliance by any resident. House Rules are received by every resident upon entry, signed by each resident for promise of compliance, and posted in each room.

In closing, we again thank you for giving us this opportunity, and for doing your part to help our fellow Americans in need during these especially hard times. As you may imagine, the need for our services is greater now than at any time in history since the great depression. Your willingness to work with us and give us a chance to prove our worth is all that we can ask of you.

Gratefully,

*Board of Directors*

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## 58th Avenue House Rules

Welcome to The Queens Alliance 58th Avenue facility. We of The Queens Alliance pride ourselves in being a respectful member of our surrounding community, just as we desire the understanding and tolerance of our neighbors. As you can see, we have the pleasure of being located in a quiet and well kept residential area. Respect for ourselves and others is a keystone of personal improvement. Abiding these rules will result in a more peaceful and desirable atmosphere for yourselves and your neighbors, and so they shall be diligently kept. Failure of a resident to abide them will be the basis for eviction from this facility.

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1. Clients must sign in and swipe benefit card in machine, daily. Failure to do so will result in room closure.
2. Clients not allowed in other rooms or on other floors than their own.
3. Limit of two (2) suitcases of clothing per client.
4. Curfew between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Front door will be locked between those times.
5. No alcoholic beverages. The proper authorities/Police will be notified of all illegal activities/substances.
6. Any client found to be using illegal substances either on or off the facility will be evicted.
7. All incidents will be reported to the proper Authorities/Police.
8. No client hanging out or gatherings in halls, stairways, and/or in the front or rear of the facility
9. No outdoor activities of any kind.
10. No panhandling and/or solicitation permitted anywhere at any time. Persons violating this rule will be evicted.
11. Proper behavior and decorum must be maintained at all times; No room exchanges and/or changes permitted.
12. No appliances of any kind permitted such as hot plates, microwaves, space heaters and air conditioners.
13. No visitors and/or guests allowed, including spouses, relatives and/or children.
14. Be mindful of others. No loud music and/or television. Earphones only after 10 p.m.
15. Rooms must be kept neat and clean at all times. Clothing and belongings must be kept in drawers/closets.
16. Respect the environment. Recycle refuse (glass, plastic, paper)
17. Kitchen, hallways, and stairways to be kept free and clear at all times. Personal belongings found in kitchen, hallways and stairways will be discarded.
18. Personal belongings left after transfer/eviction shall be discarded, and are not the responsibility of The Queens Alliance.
19. Co-payments, if applicable, must be paid by the sixth day of each month.
20. Clients responsible for room key. Lost key charge is five (\$5.00) dollars.



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## Mission Statement

The Queens Alliance Inc. (TQA) is a Queens based non-profit organization. TQA was founded in direct response to the growing need for service and assistance to the homeless in our community. To address the overwhelming increase in homelessness, our program will provide adult individuals with shelter, family support, social services, HIV/AIDS and drug rehabilitation referral services, educational/job referrals, food and clothing assistance. By sheltering a balanced mix of individuals facing various life challenges, TQA better maintains a stable atmosphere for its clientele and the community.

## Purpose

The Queens Alliance Inc. has been established to:

- Provide homeless adults with supportive temporary shelter while providing assistance in securing a permanent residence.
- Provide clients with assistance and coordination of resources and activities with many other governmental and private agencies.
- Provide clients with a warm and healthy environment while awaiting re-entry into permanent housing.

## Who We Serve

The Queens Alliance Inc. will serve homeless adults from Queens and the surrounding areas within the five boroughs of The City of New York