

*Police
Benevolent
Association*
Of The City Of New York, Inc.



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Queens Resident:

Do you know Donovan Richards? You should, because he is your City Council Member and **he is failing you**. He cares more about running for higher office than he does about regular folks in Southeast Queens. You deserve better representation, and you should call his office to demand it.

As cops, we are battling an uptick in shootings across the city. Last week, two little kids were hit by stray bullets, and 12 people were shot at a block party this past weekend. Donovan is chairman of the Public Safety Committee. Have you heard from him about these shootings? What has he been doing?

Not helping us get guns off our streets, that's for sure. Instead, he's been on the steps of City Hall, bashing cops so that he can get his name in the New York Times. He's not speaking for you. He's not even speaking *to* you — he's speaking to the transplants in Astoria and Long Island City. He wants their votes, but he takes yours for granted.

The wealthy kids who have moved into our borough don't believe crime and violence are real, because they've never seen it with their own eyes. They don't believe that our city can go back to the way it was 20 years ago, because they weren't here, and they don't know anybody who was.

Those of us who grew up here know better. When cops were getting buckets of water dumped on our heads, just for trying to do our jobs, Donovan made it clear that he expects us to just take the abuse and walk away. Let me ask you: if somebody did that to you, how would you respond? Do you think you should just take it and walk away?

We know what Donovan would do, because he's a career politician who likes to brag about his connections with NYPD brass. If some punk dumped water on his head, he'd call up the Police Commissioner and demand action. And he'd get it, because he has no problem cozying up to cops and using his NYPD connections when he wants something. But the rest of us

— you, your family, your neighbors, and the police officers on the street — he expects us to “just walk away.”

I’ve lived in Queens my whole life, and I know there’s nothing worse than a politician who forgets where he came from, who won’t do the basic jobs that the people elected him to do. Ask yourself: when was the last time you saw Donovan Richards fixing a problem that you care about?

- What has he done about the garbage that piles up on sewer grates and causes flooding?
- What has he done about people who disrespect you and your neighbors by urinating on your stoop or in front of your building?
- What has he done about getting more bus routes, so that you don’t have to walk half a mile and take three buses to work or school?
- What has he done about the repairs in NYCHA developments that never get made?
- What is he doing to make it easier for our young people to find good jobs?

There are real issues, both big and small, affecting Queens and our whole city. Donovan Richards is not focused on those. Your concerns won’t be addressed unless you grab his attention and demand it.

Call his office at **718-527-4356 (Laurelton)** or **718-471-7014 (Far Rockaway)**. You don’t need to ask him to support the police – it’s clear that he doesn’t. Just ask him what he is doing about the problems that affect you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick J. Lynch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "P".

Patrick J. Lynch
President