



Women of DISTINCTION

HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

Rosemarie Daraio

Rosemarie Daraio spent her early years in the Bronx before moving to Maspeth, Queens when she was eight years old. For 17 years, she served the public, working for former City Councilman Walter McCaffrey, and continued to serve and protect her community as a Sergeant in the 104th Precinct Auxiliary.

As an advocate for her community, Ms. Daraio has championed efforts throughout Maspeth and kept residents informed of ongoing events and concerns they may not be aware of.

With genuine care and compassion, she has helped to create neighborhood associations and organizations to help area residents become more engaged with issues within their neighborhood.

One such organization is COMET (Communities of Maspeth and Elmhurst Together), which Ms. Daraio is President of. COMET helps to unite the neighboring communities and bring residents together to support different endeavors. Ms. Daraio has built excellent relationships throughout these neighborhoods to ensure public safety and quality-of-life issues are addressed, and to keep community members aware of various issues.

The organizations Ms. Daraio leads have addressed universal concerns such as efforts to improve transit, create more green spaces, and reduce noise and pollution. She has worked to prevent damage that unknown pesticides have on the natural environment at a Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) station, and the neighborhood cats living there. Ms. Daraio is a passionate advocate for animals, making sure that they find homes and are cared for.

There is no greater indication of what an incredible individual Ms. Daraio is than the way she cared for her community during the COVID-19 pandemic. She reached out to neighbors and ensured everyone had whatever food and resources they needed. Ms. Daraio has dedicated her life to service.

The Office of Senator Gianaris and so many people throughout our Queens community have always been able to count on Ms. Daraio as a partner to serve the people of Queens.

***Rosemarie Daraio was selected as a
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