

# The Resident Voice



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Resident Council members of Brooklyn Adult Care Center met with State Sen. Roxanne J. Persaud (19th Senate District) and CIAD Training Director Sherletta McCaskill to discuss concerns, including late payment of PNA.

CIAD supports Resident Councils in getting connected with their local elected officials. Knowing who your elected representatives are and how to seek support from their office strengthens community connections and helps amplify the resident voices of Adult Care Facilities. The following home shave made these connections recently Brooklyn Adult Care Center,

👉 Bronxwood had a visit from Sen. Jamaal Bailey in June. Residents speak regularly with his Chief of Constituent Services, Ranell Ogilvie.

👉 Sanford Home Resident Council Leaders met in August at Sen. John Lui's office with Community Services Director Ashely Lin.

👉 BACC RC has a meeting scheduled for October to meet with Assembly Member Nikki Lucas at her district office.

## A Message from the Board President & Vice President

I am Bob Rosenberg and I have served as the board President since 2019. As a former Adult Home Resident and a Resident Council Officer for 6 Years I know the challenges residents face each day. I am fortunate to have moved to supported housing but continue to work with CIAD to improve the lives of residents across the five boroughs of New York City. I'm writing to tell you how PROUD I am of all of you and the Resident Council Officers. From what I hear you're doing a great job despite the many challenges. Please remember that CIAD is here to help be your voice and help you to have a better life!

I am Gary Stuart Levin and I serve as the Vice President of the Board. My involvement with CIAD started while I was a Resident at Ocean House HFA in 2001 and I became a Policy Board Member and Media Team Member in 2004. I then went on to be a Board of Directors Member and I became a Community Organizer in 2005. I am now the Vice President of the Board of Directors at CIAD. I have seen how CIAD works with and for Adult Home Residents at every level, as CIAD works to improve the lives and living conditions for Adult Home Residents in their Homes. I am proud to continue to be a part of CIAD and the work to help Residents build autonomy and greater independence in your homes and lives.

***If you want to get involved with CIAD and our efforts, contact Michael Callaghan, our Deputy Director at [mcallaghan@ciadny.org](mailto:mcallaghan@ciadny.org) or call our Support Line number and leave a message for Michael and he will follow up with you.***

CIAD is a nonprofit advocacy organization run with and by persons with disabilities to support resident rights in Adult Care Homes. CIAD provides: Resident Council training and organizing, Independence Training, and individual advocacy. In partnership with Mobilization for Justice we support advocacy efforts with the NYS Department of Health, Adult Care Facility operators and state and local elected officials.



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## **RESIDENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS**

1. Your civil and religious rights shall not be infringed. The home must encourage and assist you in the fullest possible exercise of these rights.
2. You have the right to have private, written, and verbal communications with anyone of your choice.
3. You have the right to present grievances on your behalf, or the behalf of other residents, to the administration or facility staff, the Department of Health or other government officials or other parties without fear of reprisal.
4. You have the right to join with other residents or individuals to work for improvements in resident care.
5. You have the right to manage your own financial affairs.
6. You have the right to privacy in your own room and in caring for personal needs.
7. You have the right to confidential treatment of personal, social, financial and health records.
8. You have the right to receive courteous, fair, and respectful care and treatment at all times and you shall not be physically, mentally, or emotionally abused or neglected in any manner.
9. You cannot be restrained or locked in a room at any time.
10. You have the right to receive and send mail or any other correspondence unopened and without interception or interference.
11. You can leave and return to the facility and grounds at reasonable hours.
12. You cannot be obliged to perform work. If you work, you must be paid.
13. You cannot provide an operator or agent of the operator any gratuity for services to which you are entitled.
14. If you are involved in an incident or accident, you have the right to have your version of the events included in the report.

**YOU SHOULD BE GIVEN A COPY OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS WHEN YOU MOVE INTO A HOME. IT MUST BE POSTED IN YOUR HOME WHERE EVERYONE CAN SEE IT!**

**Visit CIAD's website for more resources and information for Residents at [www.ciadny.org](http://www.ciadny.org). You can access MFJ's Rights of Adult Home Residents from our website: [www.ciadny.org](http://www.ciadny.org). Go to **CURRENT RESIDENTS** or **RESOURCES** and look for **Mobilization for Justice** and the link is there.**

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