

Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps Operating Area Expansion Application

Appendix

Appendix A

Proposed Operating Area Expansion Area Map



Appendix B

SAMPLE Application Endorsement Letter

Sample Letter of Endorsement

[Letterhead]

[Date]

Mr. Henry Ehrhardt
President
Glen oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps
257-02 Union Turnpike
Floral Park, NY 11004

Re: Letter of Support for Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps' EMS Operating Area
Expansion Application

Dear Mr. Ehrhardt:

I am writing to express support for the Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps' application to the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City and New York State Department of Health, for approval to expand its ability to operate a combination Basic and Advanced Life Support (EMT and Paramedic levels) Volunteer EMS service in their adjacent community of Bayside, New York in Queens County. The expanded area comprises an area North of the Long Island Expressway, in Queens Community Board #11, within the confines of the NYPD 111th Police Precinct.

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I am happy to acknowledge that this proposed area expansion will provide better utilization of existing community-based EMS resources, as the Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps has an excellent service record since their inception in 1973. Currently, the NYC EMS-911 system is operating at greater than 100% need, without the capability to expand or relocate resources into this relatively protracted area of the borough. The services provided by the Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps are provided to all and are not based on medical need/necessity or their ability to pay.

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Therefore, it is my pleasure to endorse the Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps' application and request that they receive the requisite approval to expand their operation as indicated.

Sincerely,

[Insert name]

[Insert title]

[Insert organization]

Appendix C

Application Endorsement Letters Received

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Name	Title	Agency
Hon. Grace Meng	Congresswoman – D6	US Congress
Hon. John Liu	Senator – D11	New York State Senate
Hon. Edward Braunstein	Assemblyman – D26	New York State Assembly
Hon. Corey Johnson	Council Speaker	New York City Council
Hon. Barry Grodenchik	Councilman – D23	New York City Council
Hon. Paul Vellone	Councilman – D19	New York City Council
Hon Sharon Lee	Acting Queens Borough President	
Joseph Marziliano	District Manager	Queens Community Board #11
Michael Feiner	President	Bayside Hills Civic Association
Manish Sharma, DO	Chair, Emergency Medicine	New York Presbyterian – Queens Hospital
Bruce J. Flanz	President/CEO	Jamaica Hospital Medical Center
Michael Vatch	CEO	Senior Care EMS NY
Abraham Wurzberger	Executive Director	Chevra Hatzalah
Harold Wagner	Director, EMS Strategic Initiatives	FDNY
Charles Silverstein	Captain and COO	Whitestone Community Volunteer Ambulance Service

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Grace Meng

Congress of the United States

Sixth District, New York

September 3, 2020

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Mr. Henry Ehrhardt
President
Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps
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Dear Mr. Ehrhardt:

I am writing to express support for the Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps' application to the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City and New York State Department of Health on expanding its operation to perform both Basic and Advanced Life Support Emergency Medical Services in their adjacent community of Bayside, Queens. The expansion is located north of the Long Island Expressway, in Queens Community Board #11 jurisdiction and within the confines of the NYPD 111th Precinct.

According to Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps, this proposed area expansion would provide better utilization of existing community-based EMS resources, especially as the Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps has had an excellent service record since their inception in 1973. Furthermore, as an active participant in the EMS system, the Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps has responded to all types of medical emergencies in its local community – assisting in citywide disaster/pandemic activations, medical standby coverage for community events, and providing non-emergent ambulance transport when needed, as well as community-based training.

I support Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps' application and request that it receives full and fair consideration, consistent with all applicable rules and regulations.

Sincerely,

Grace Meng
Member of Congress

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September 4, 2020

Mr. Henry Ehrhardt
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Re: Letter of Support for Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps' EMS Operating Area Expansion Application

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GOVAC has provided exemplary service in our community since its inception in 1973, and is an active participant in the EMS system. It responds to all types of medical emergency calls within its communities, assists in citywide disaster/pandemic activations, offers medical standby coverage for community events, and provides non-emergent ambulance transport when needed, as well as community-based training. Bayside currently is not served by a volunteer ambulance service, and GOVAC will expertly fill this gap.

Now more than ever, when we are in the middle of a public health crisis, it is critical to ensure all of Northeast Queens has proper access to emergency medical services. Accordingly, I am very pleased to endorse GOVAC's application to expand its coverage so that the residents of Bayside will once again be served by a volunteer ambulance service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John C. Liu".



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EDWARD C. BRAUNSTEIN
Assemblyman 26TH District
Queens County

September 3, 2020

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I have reviewed the definition of public need and I believe that GOVAC will expertly fill the gap created by the loss of service previously provided by the Bayside Community Volunteer Ambulance Corps, which ceased operating several years ago. GOVAC has provided exemplary service since its inception in 1973, and is an active participant in the EMS system. It responds to all types of medical emergency calls within its communities, assists in citywide disaster/pandemic activations, offers medical standby coverage for community events, and provides non-emergent ambulance transport when needed, as well as community-based training.

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Sincerely,

Edward C. Braunstein
Member of Assembly



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COREY JOHNSON
SPEAKER

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August 27, 2020

Henry Ehrhardt
President
Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps
257-02 Union Turnpike
Floral Park, NY 11004

Dear Mr. Ehrhardt:

As the Speaker of the New York City Council, I would like to extend my personal thanks to you and the Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps (VAC) for your nearly 50 years of dedicated service to the northeast Queens communities of Bellerose, Glen Oaks, Floral Park, New Hyde Park, Oakland Gardens, and North Shore Towers.

Represented by a remarkable group of individuals, many of whom are health care and emergency service professionals, Glen Oaks VAC has earned a distinguished record as an active participant in the EMS system, responding to all types of medical emergencies within their existing communities regardless of an individual's ability to pay.

I am particularly pleased to learn of your plans to apply to the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City and New York State's Department of Health to expand your ability to operate a combination Basic and Advanced Life Support (EMT and Paramedic levels) Volunteer EMS service in the adjacent community of Bayside, New York, in Queens County.

This proposed expansion will comprise an area north of the Long Island Expressway in Queens Community Board #11 within the confines of the NYPD 111th Police Precinct – an area that, as I understand, meets the definition of "Public Need" as follows:

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Such an expansion will provide better utilization of existing community-based EMS resources and help fill the gap created by the loss of service provided by the Bayside Community Volunteer Ambulance Corps, which ceased to operate after more than 50 years.

Thanks again to you and the Glen Oaks VAC for your many years of outstanding service. I wish you the very best and many more successes in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CJ' with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

COREY JOHNSON
Speaker

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August 28, 2020

Mr. Henry Ehrhardt, President
Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps
257-02 Union Turnpike
Floral Park, New York 11004

Dear President Ehrhardt:

I am writing to you in support of the Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps (GOVAC) application to the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City and the New York State Department of Health.

I have received the definition of public need and am aware that GOVAC intends to expand its operation of a combination Basic and Advanced Life Support (EMT and Paramedic levels) Volunteer EMS service in the adjacent community of Bayside, New York in Queens County. The expanded area comprises a section north of the Long Island Expressway, in Queens Community Board 11, within the confines of the NYPD's 111th Precinct.

GOVAC is headquartered in the council district that I represent and has been serving local communities since 1973. GOVAC's services are provided to all without regard to ability to pay. GOVAC actively participates in the EMS system, responding to all types of medical emergencies within the existing coverage area, assisting in citywide disaster/pandemic activations, offering medical standby coverage for community events, providing non-emergent ambulance transport when needed, and conducting community-based training.

I believe GOVAC is well prepared to expand its coverage area and am pleased to lend my support to this application.

Sincerely,

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BARRY S. GRODENCHIK
Council Member

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Mr. Henry Ehrhardt
President
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Re: Letter of Support for Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps' EMS Operating Area Expansion Application

September 1, 2020

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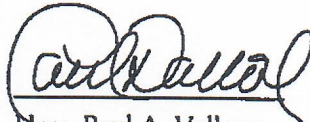
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Therefore, it is my pleasure to endorse the Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps' application and request that they receive the requisite approval to expand their operation as indicated

Very Truly Yours,



Hon Paul A. Vallone



SHARON LEE
Acting President

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September 10, 2020

Mr. Henry Ehrhardt
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GOVAC has been in operations since 1973 serving the communities of Oakland Gardens 11364, North Shore Towers 11005, Floral Park 11001, Glen Oaks 11004 and New Hyde Park 11040 with an exclusively volunteer, non-paid staff. The current organizational capacity is 75 Emergency Medical Technicians, 10 Paramedics and 35 Dispatchers, and three New York State Department of Health Certified Ambulances.

GOVAC also helps fill the critical gap created by the loss of community-based ambulatory services previously provided by the Bayside Community Volunteer Ambulance Corps, which ceased to operate in 2018 after serving communities – especially in zip codes 11358, 11361 and 11364 – for more than 50 years, including emergency and non-emergency response, medical transport and medical stand-by at community events.

I therefore express my support for GOVAC's EMS Operating Area Expansion Application to the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City and New York State. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sharon Lee
President
Borough of Queens

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Queens Community Board 11

Serving the Communities of Auburndale, Bayside, Douglaston, Hollis Hills
Little Neck and Oakland Gardens

Michael Budabin Chairperson / **Joseph Marziliano** District Manager

September 8, 2020

Mr. Henry Ehrhardt, President
Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps
257-02 Union Turnpike
Floral Park, New York 11004

Dear Mr. Ehrhardt:

I am writing you on behalf of the Community Board 11 Health Committee, who voted today to support the Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps (GOVAC) application to the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City and the New York State Department of Health.

We have received the definition of public need and am aware that GOVAC intends to expand its operation of a combination Basic and Advanced Life Support (EMT and Paramedic levels) Volunteer EMS service in the adjacent community of Bayside, New York in Queens County. The expanded area comprises a section north of the Long Island Expressway, in Queens Community Board 11, within the confines of the NYPD's 111th Precinct.

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The committee believes GOVAC is well prepared to expand its coverage area and are pleased to lend their support to this application.

Sincerely,

Joseph Marziliano

Joseph Marziliano
District Manager

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BAYSIDE HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC

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September 4, 2020

Mr. Henry Ehrhardt,
President Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps
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Sincerely,

Michael Feiner,



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August 19, 2020

Mr. Henry Ehrhardt
President
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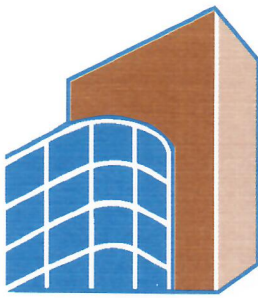
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M Sharma", written in a cursive style.

Manish Sharma DO, MBA, FACEP
Chairman Department of Emergency Medicine



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 18, 2020

Mr. Henry Ehrhardt
President
Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps
257-02 Union Turnpike
Floral Park, NY 11004

Re: Letter of Support for Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps' EMS Operating Area
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Dear Mr. Ehrhardt:

I am writing to express support for the Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps' application to expand its ability to operate a combination Basic and Advanced Life Support Volunteer EMS service in their adjacent community of Bayside, New York in Queens County.

Additional emergency medical resources benefit any community by reducing the response time of qualified medical personnel. Furthermore, volunteer organizations such as Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps provide an opportunity for members of the community to receive emergency medical training.

We support community-based volunteer ambulance services.

Sincerely,


Bruce J. Flanz
President & Chief Executive Officer

You Can Count On Us For Life



September 8, 2020

Mr. Henry Ehrhardt
President
Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps
257-02 Union Turnpike
Floral Park, NY 11004

Re: Letter of Support for Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps' EMS Operating Area Expansion Application

Dear Mr. Ehrhardt:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of solicitation, and the definition of Public Need, on behalf of SeniorCare EMS, Inc. ("SeniorCare"), in connection with your upcoming application for expansion of Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps' ("Glen Oaks") CON into the Bayside neighborhood in Queens.

Please know that while SeniorCare does not oppose your application for expansion, nor object to the approval of the application by the New York City REMSCO, it must be noted that a reallocation of existing resources, particularly commercial ambulance service resources, could alleviate the public need alleged in your letter of solicitation.

That fact notwithstanding, SeniorCare does understand and support Glen Oaks' volunteer mission, and this letter shall serve as a letter in support of the proposed expansion of Glen Oaks' CON to restore a level of volunteer ambulance service in Bayside that is commensurate with that previously provided by Bayside Community Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

Very truly yours,

SeniorCare EMS, Inc.
By: Michael Vatch, CEO



August 24, 2020

Mr. Henry Ehrhardt
President
Glen oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps
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Floral Park, NY 11004

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Sincerely,

Abraham Wurzberger
Executive Director
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September 1, 2020

Mr. Henry Ehrhardt
President
Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps
257-02 Union Turnpike
Floral Park, New York 11004

Dear Mr. Ehrhardt:

The Fire Department City of New York (FDNY) has learned of the Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps application to the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City and New York State Department of Health, for expansion of Glen Oaks operating area. Volunteer Ambulance Corps play a critical role in the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) volunteer nonprofit sector.

Our Department was saddened to learn of the Bayside Community Volunteer Ambulance Corps disbandment after fifty years of service. We applaud your organization's willingness to expand volunteer ambulance coverage to the adjacent community comprised of Queens Community Board Eleven, within the confines of the one hundred eleventh police precinct.

We have reviewed the explanation of public need set forth by New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services with regard to EMS Operating Certificate Application Process (CON). Volunteer Ambulance Corps receive and respond to medical incidents privately, not at the direction of the FDNY or NYC 9-1-1 system. The only exception to the current practice is the FDNY coordination of EMS resources provided under the FDNY/REMSCO Mutual Aid Mobilization Plan.

The FDNY provides a tiered response for medical incidents for all NYC communities including the aforementioned area for expansion. Our response consists of Certified First Responder (CFR), Basic Life Support (BLS), and Advanced Life Support (ALS).

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The services provided by the defunct Bayside Volunteer Ambulance Corps and existent Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps would not affect the FDNY Ambulance Deployment Matrix. Again, we recognize the critical role in the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) volunteer nonprofit sector. Therefore, the FDNY would endorse the recommendation of the committee for the expansion of a Volunteer Ambulance Corp to preserve the continuity of ambulance service in the absence of Bayside Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

Respectfully,

Harold J. Wagner

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Director for EMS Strategic Initiatives

Cc: Lillian Bonsignore, Chief of EMS, FDNY
Marie Diglio, Director of Operations, REMSCO



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September 4th, 2020

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Thank you,

CHARLES SILVERSTEIN

Captain – Commanding Officer (CO) & Chief Operations Officer (COO)
Whitestone Community Volunteer Ambulance Service