



# ABCs of NYC's **COMMUNITY BOARDS**

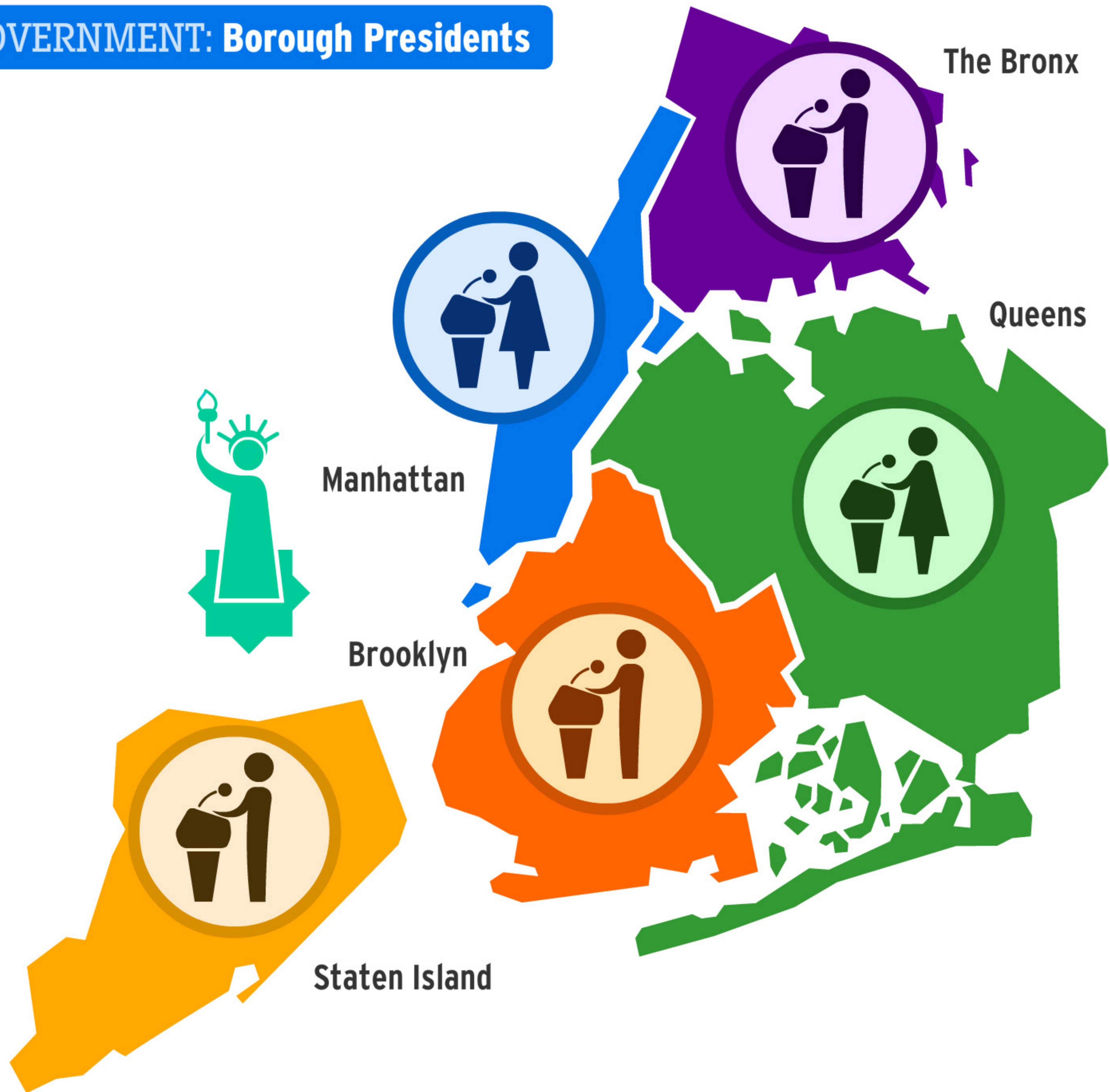


**ELECTED GOVERNMENT: Mayor**





# ELECTED GOVERNMENT: Borough Presidents



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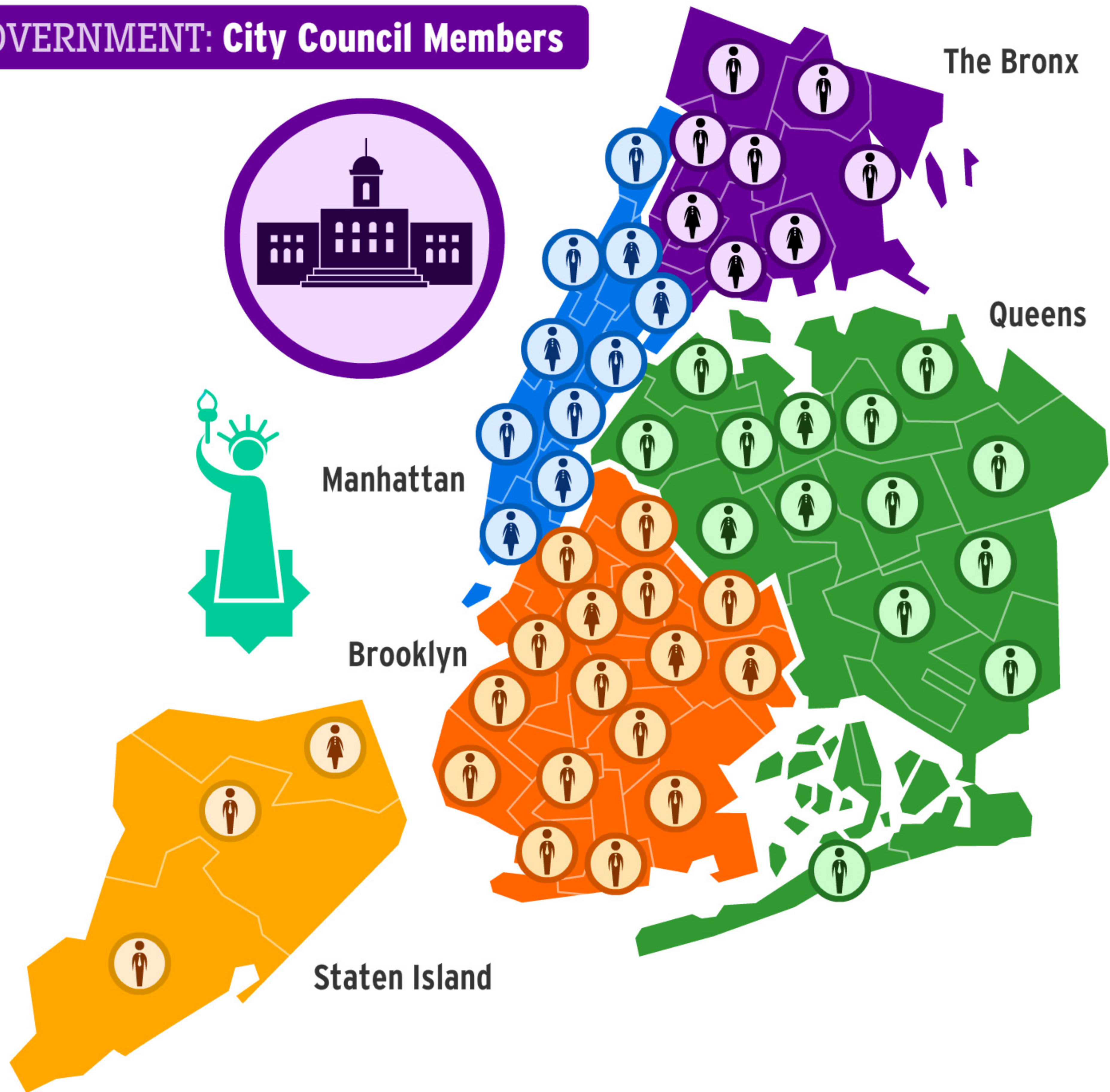
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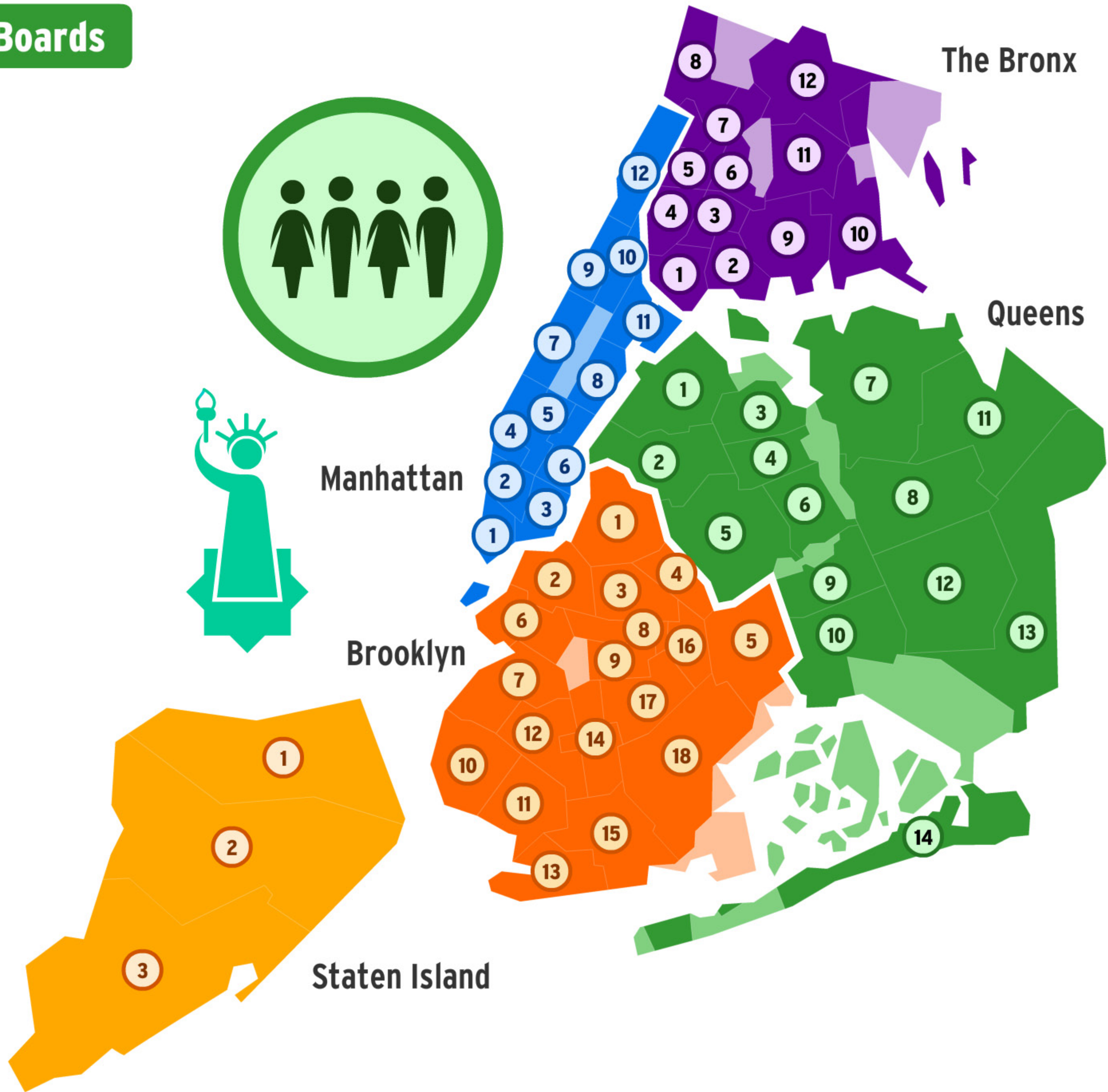


# ELECTED GOVERNMENT: City Council Members





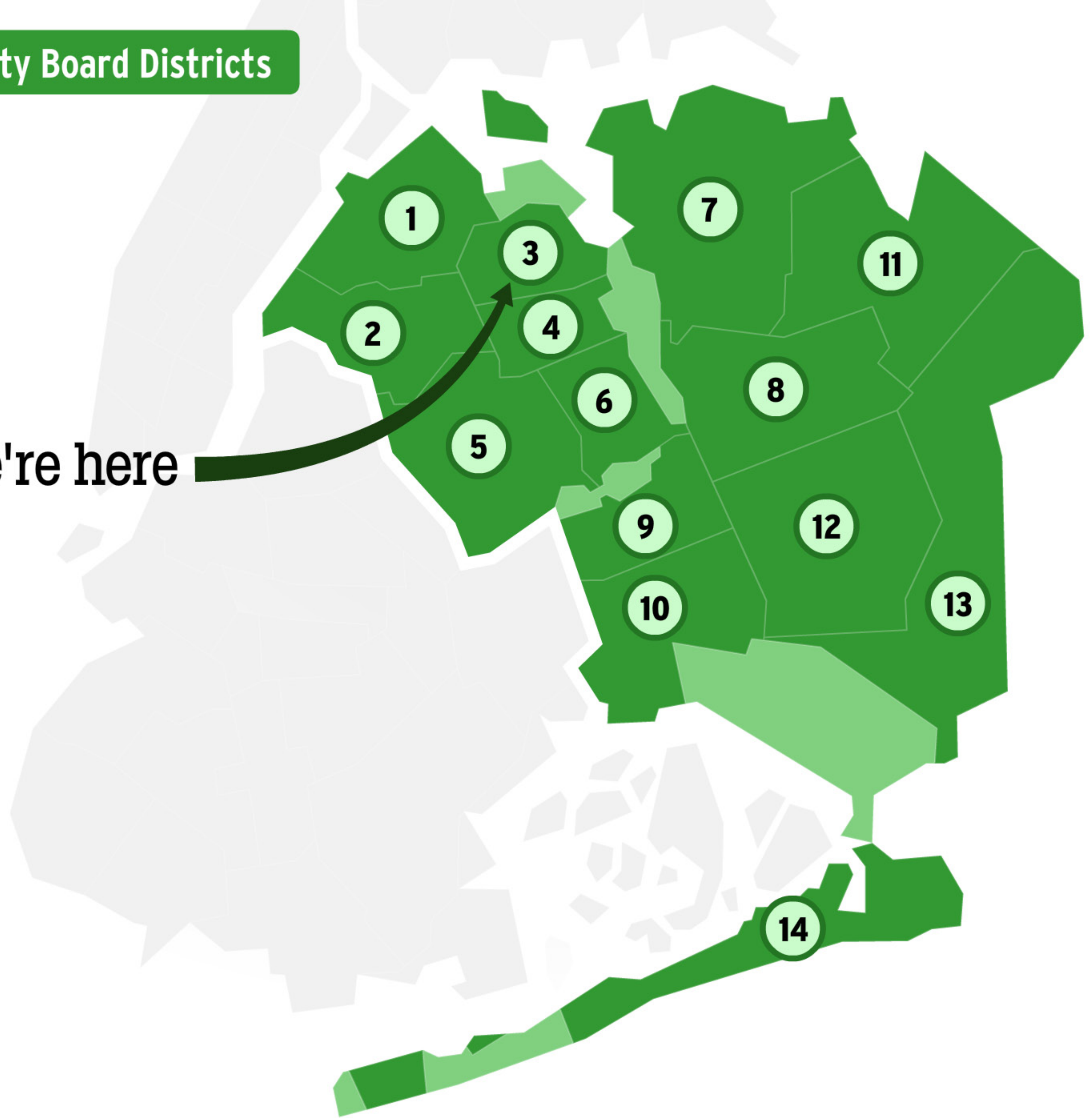
# Community Boards





# Queens Community Board Districts

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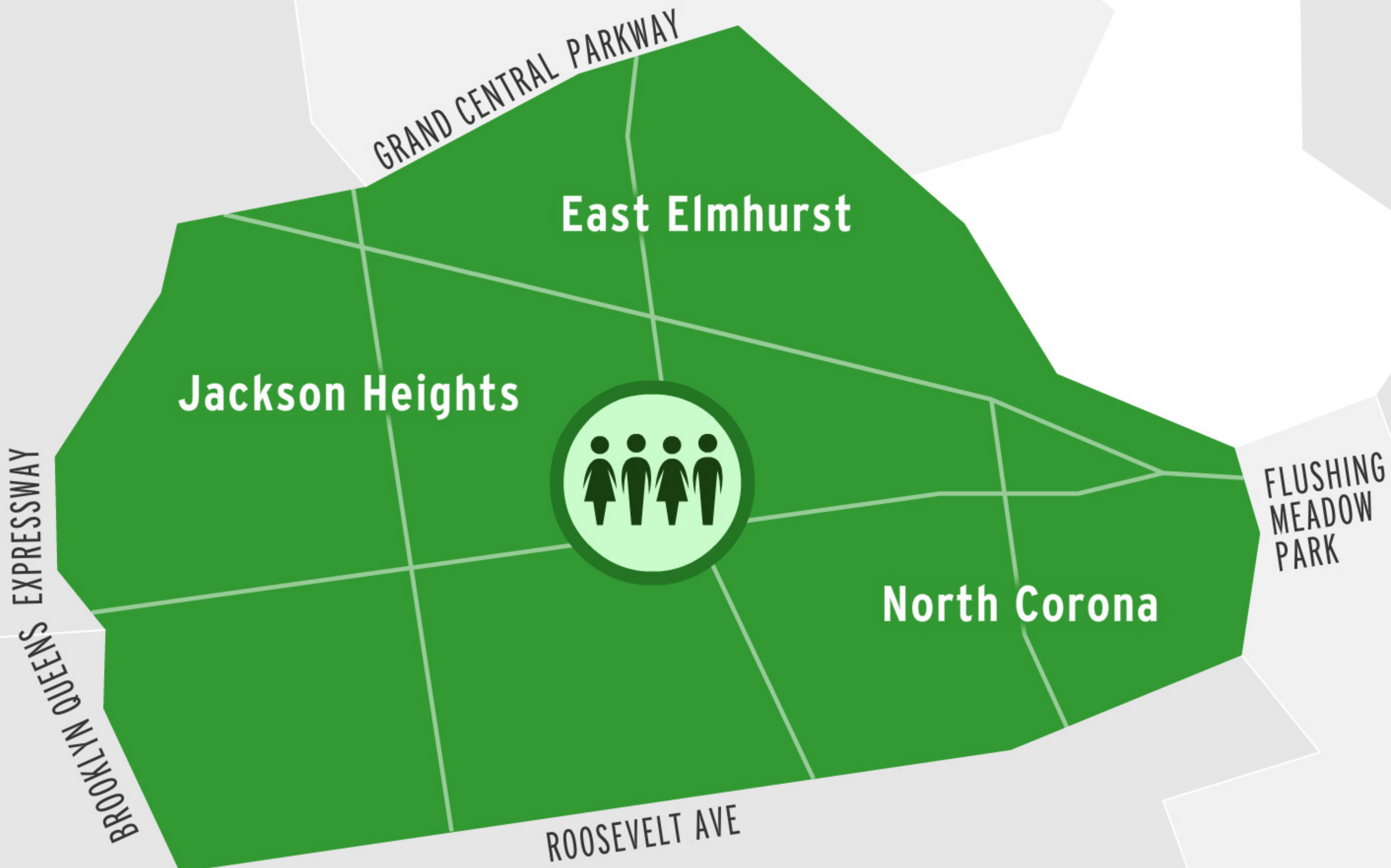
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**Queens Community Board 3**

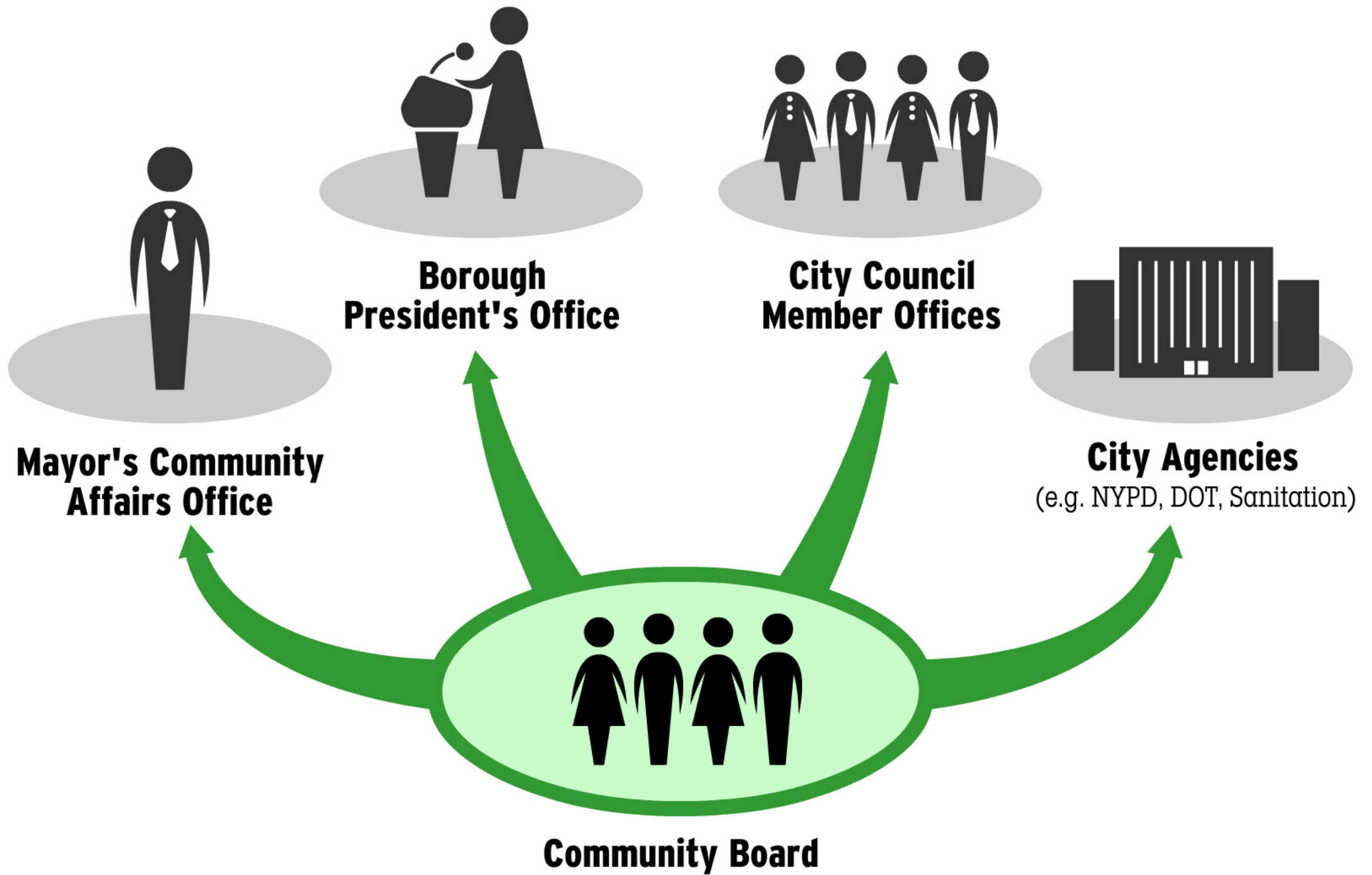




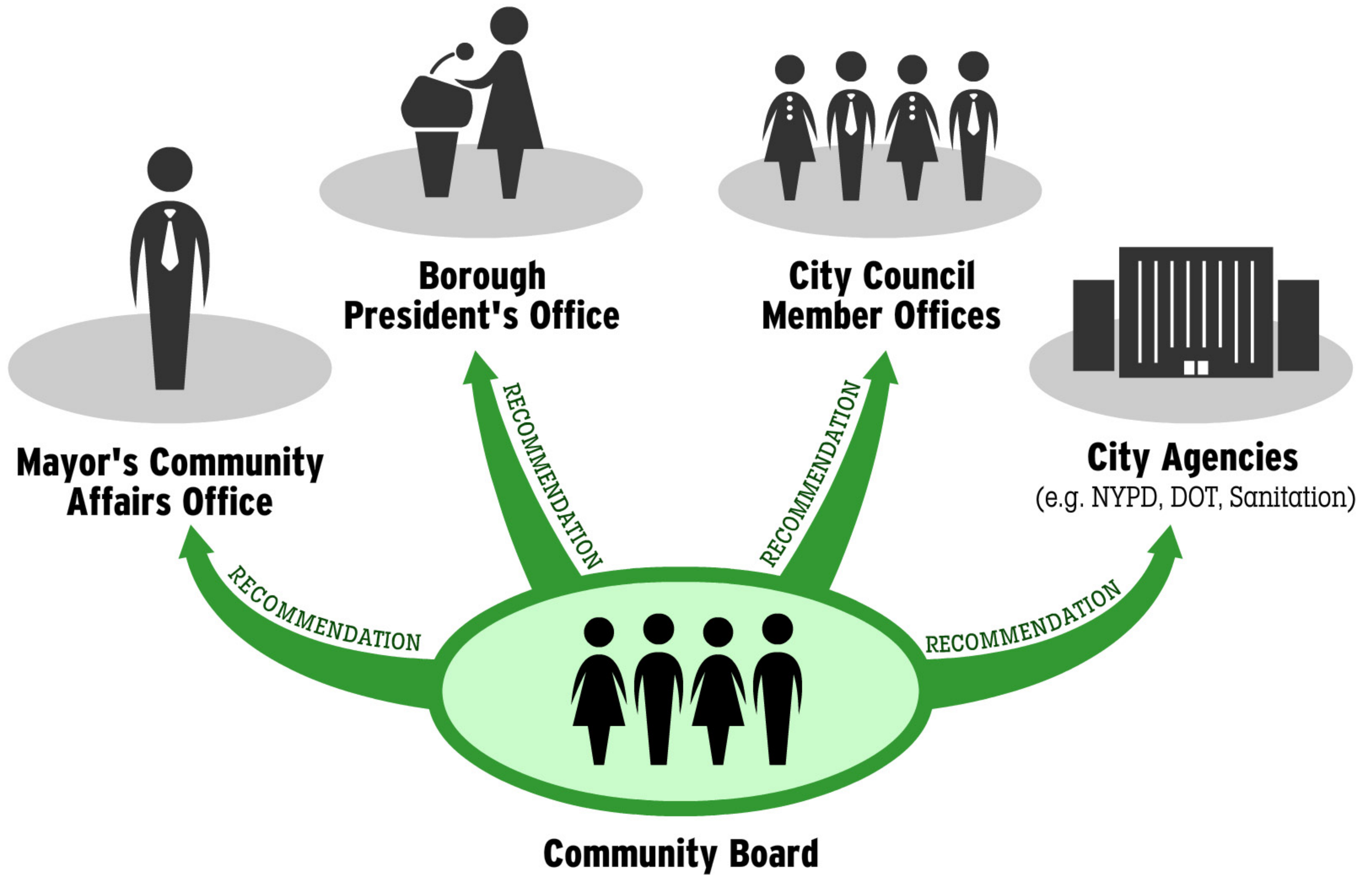


**So how do community boards work?**

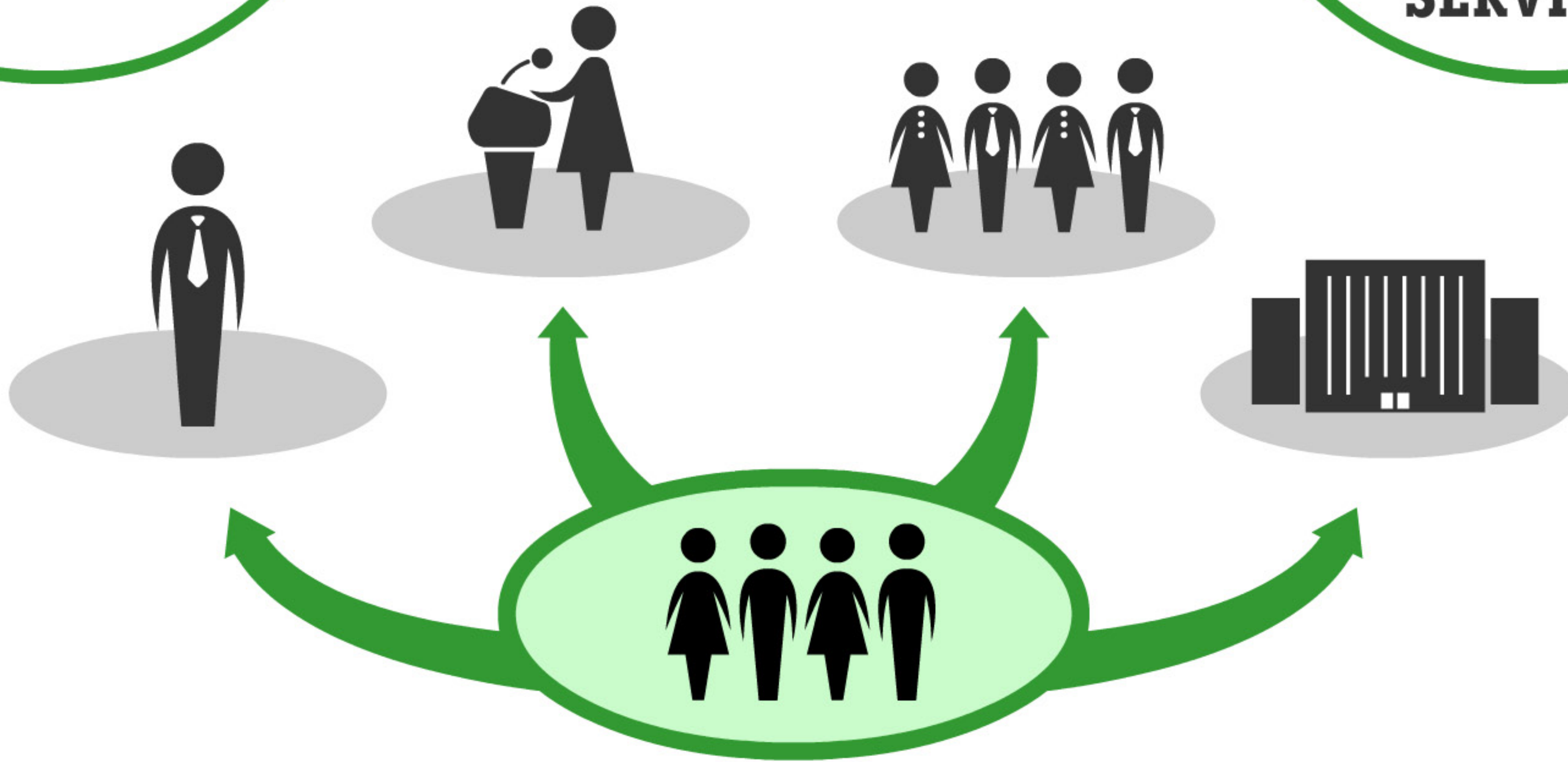






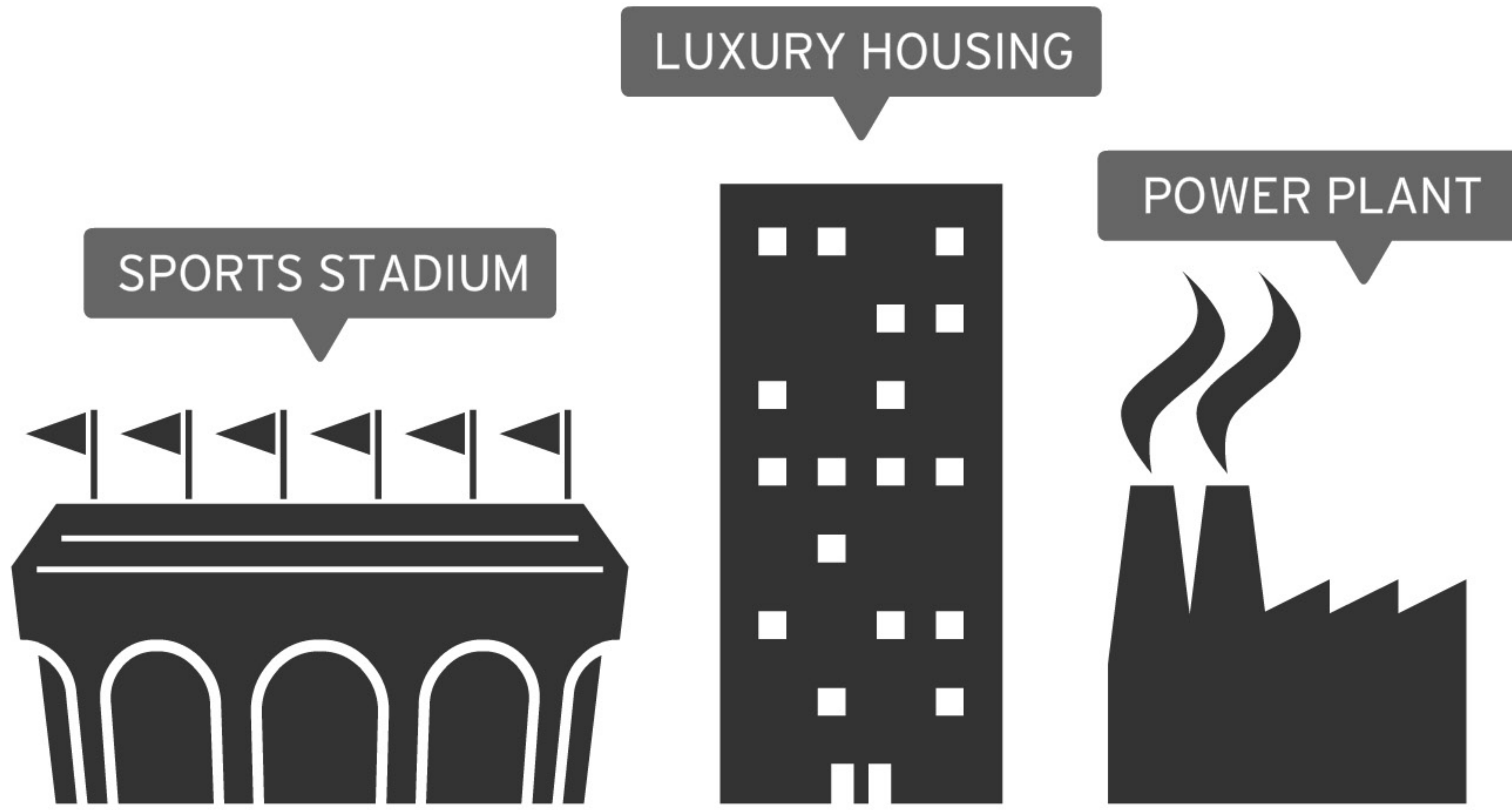






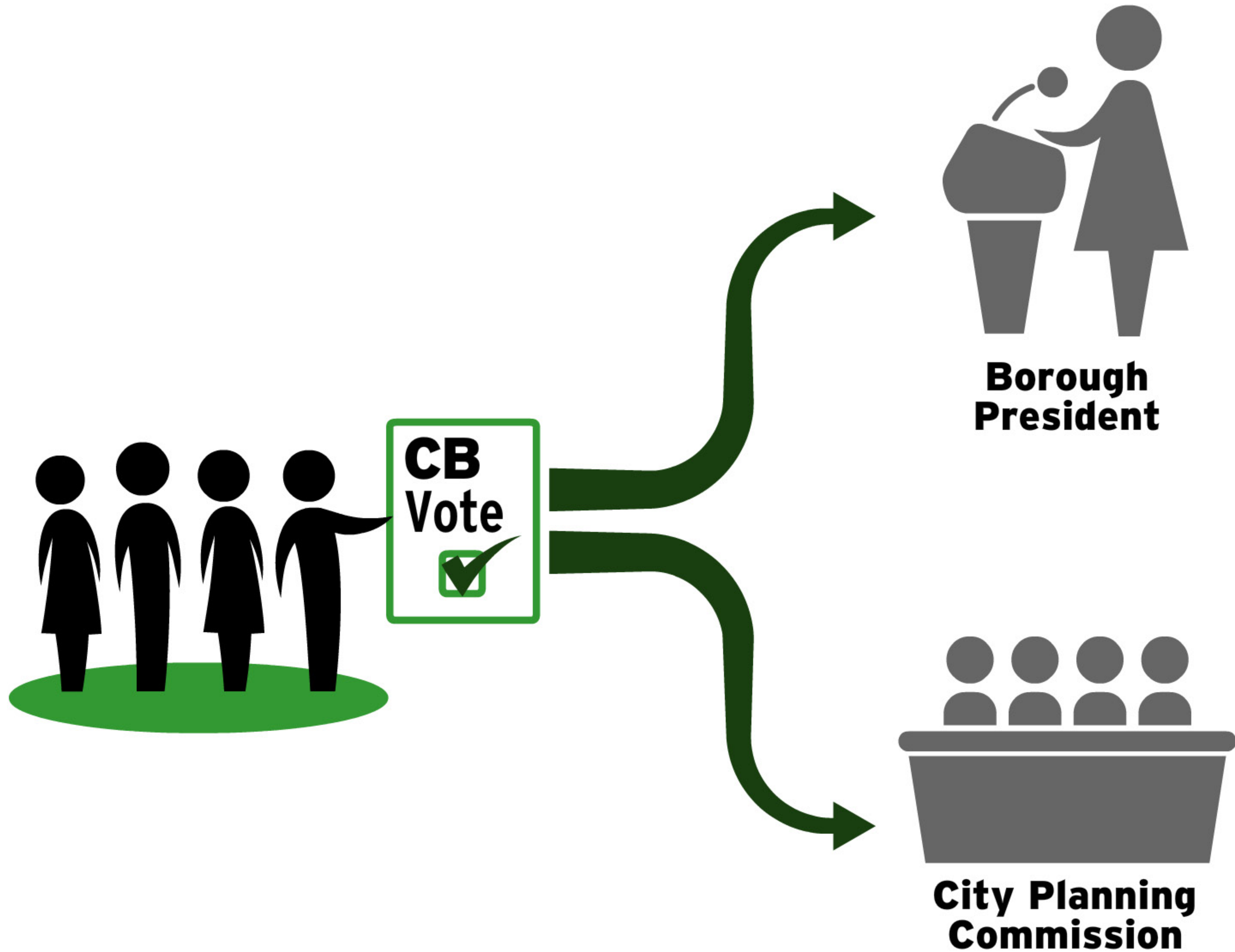


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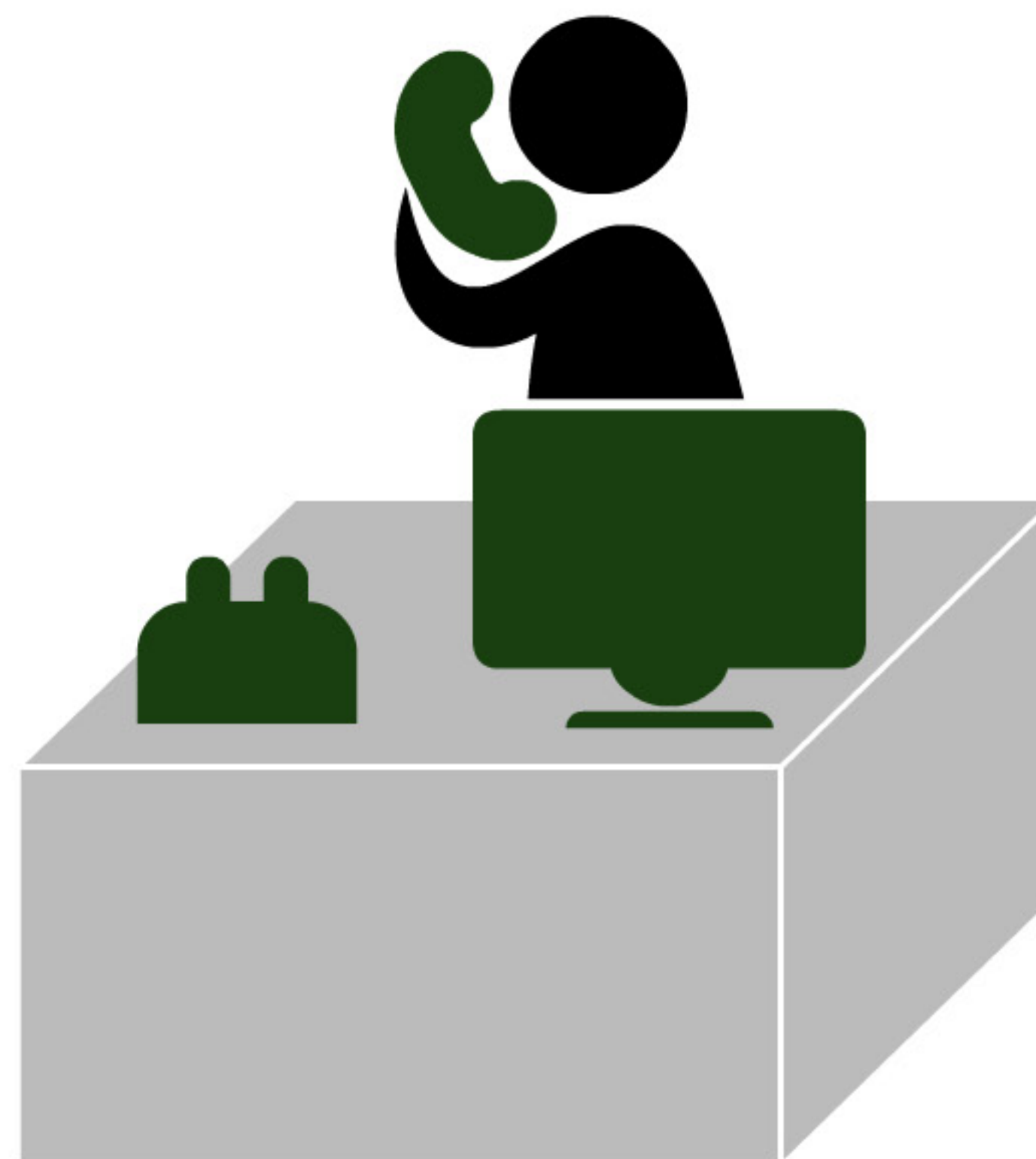
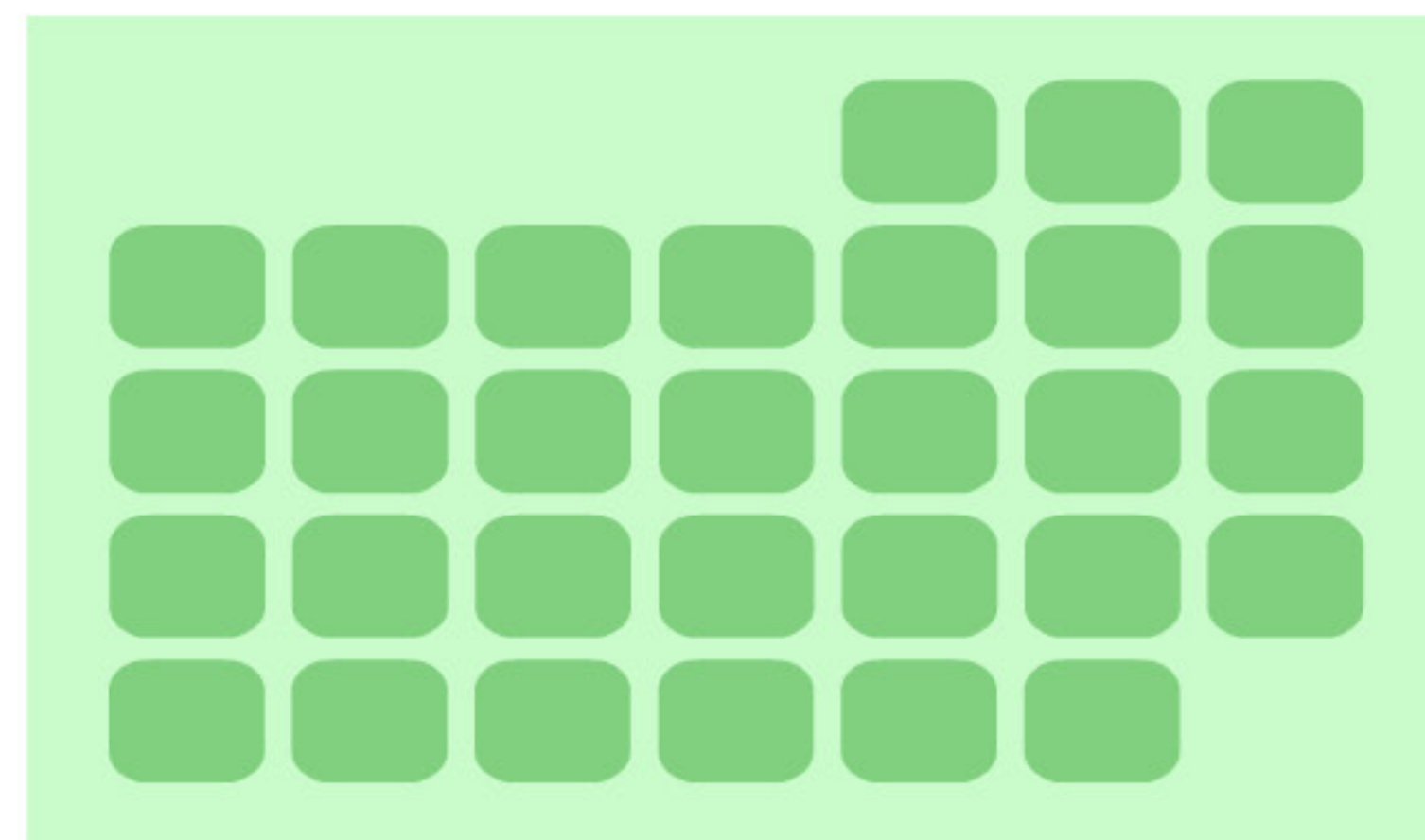


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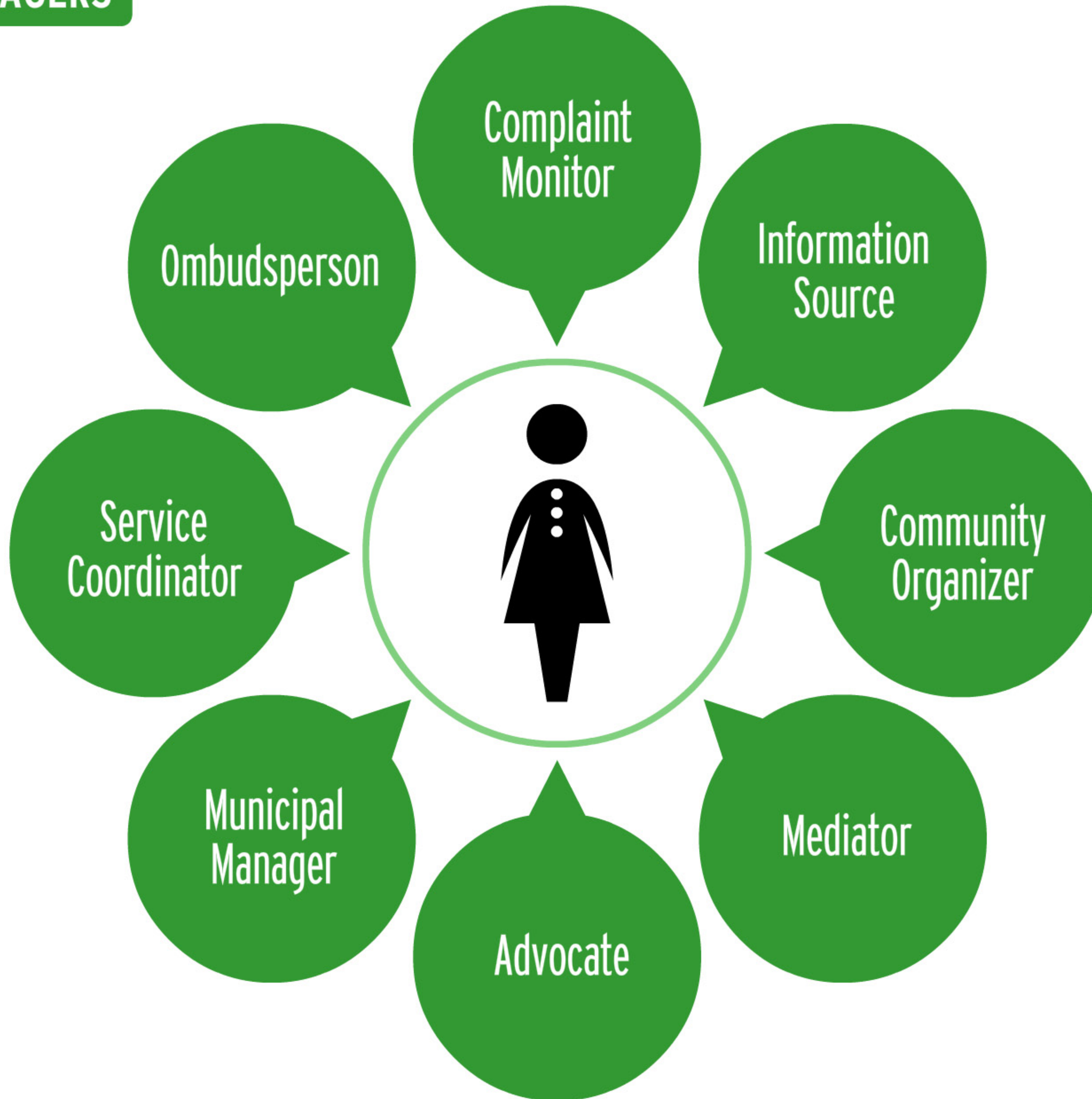


# RESOURCES





# DISTRICT MANAGERS





Community board demands project include binding commitment to affordable apartments and 24/7 plazas

**Queens CB 8 vote to demolish historic hospital center**

**East Harlem Community Board signs off on towers that would be tallest**

**Methodist Hospital expansion meets community opposition**

Borough President Asks Community Boards to Identify Dangerous Places for Walking

Historic Harlem theater could become luxury condos

**Queens Community Board 5 votes for bike routes**



**Ok, so how do I get involved?**



A graphic for a community meeting. It features a central green oval with the text "Community Board Monthly Meeting" in white. The oval is surrounded by a semi-circle of 15 black person icons at the top. Below the oval, there is a large group of black person icons arranged in several rows, representing an audience or community members.

Community Board  
Monthly Meeting



# COMMITTEES







## **Board Membership**

- ✓ **Up to 50 voting members are appointed to a 2 year term**
- ✓ **Active, involved people from all the neighborhoods that make up the community board district**
- ✓ **Must be a New York City resident**
- ✓ **Must live or work in the community board district**



## **Application Process**

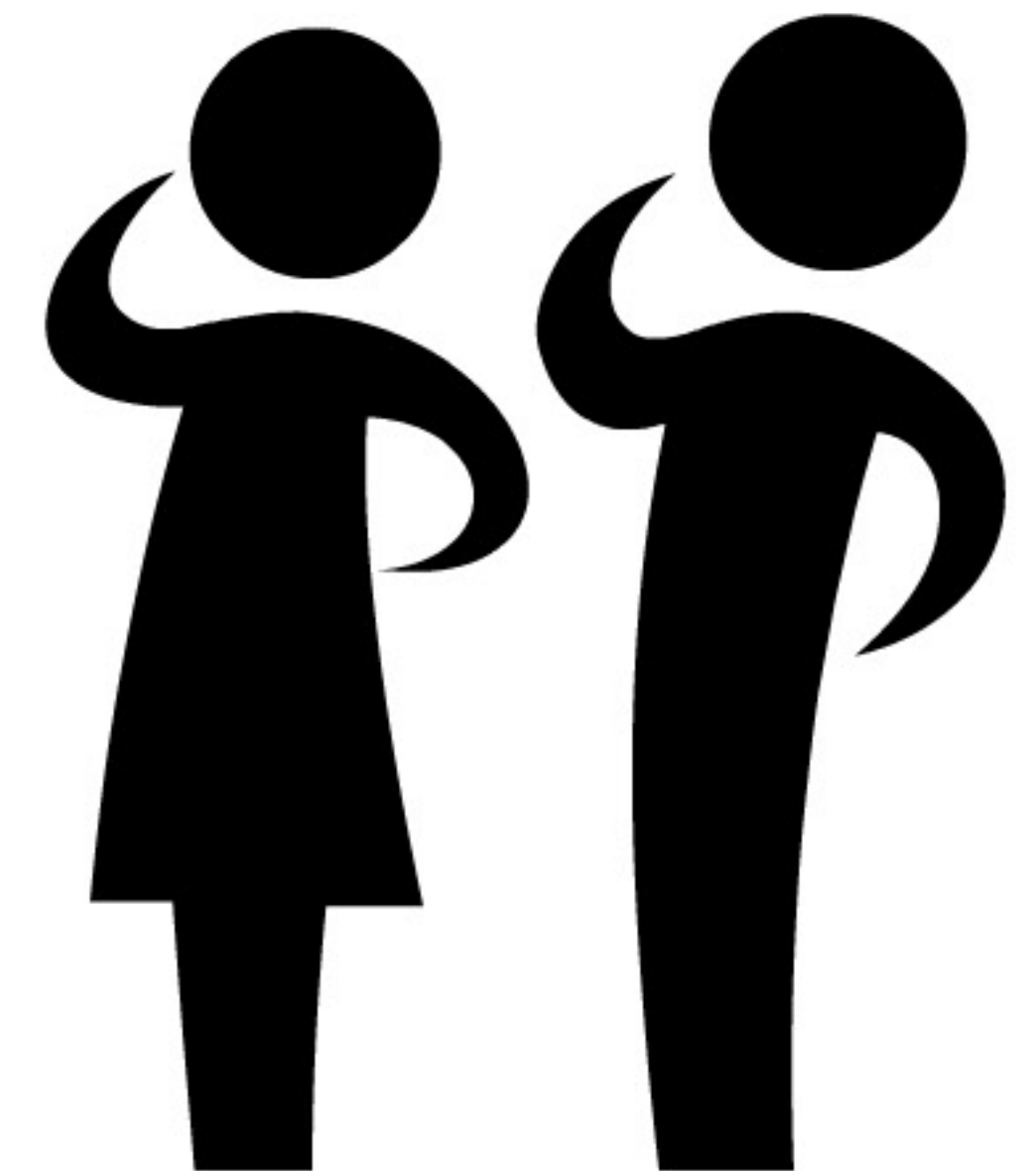
- ✓ **The Borough President appoints community board members**
- ✓ **Half of them are selected from nominees submitted by local City Council Members**
- ✓ **Local community groups and Community Boards can also submit nominations**
- ✓ **Applications are due in January or February**
- ✓ **2-year terms begin April 1st**



## EXPECTATIONS & LIMITATIONS

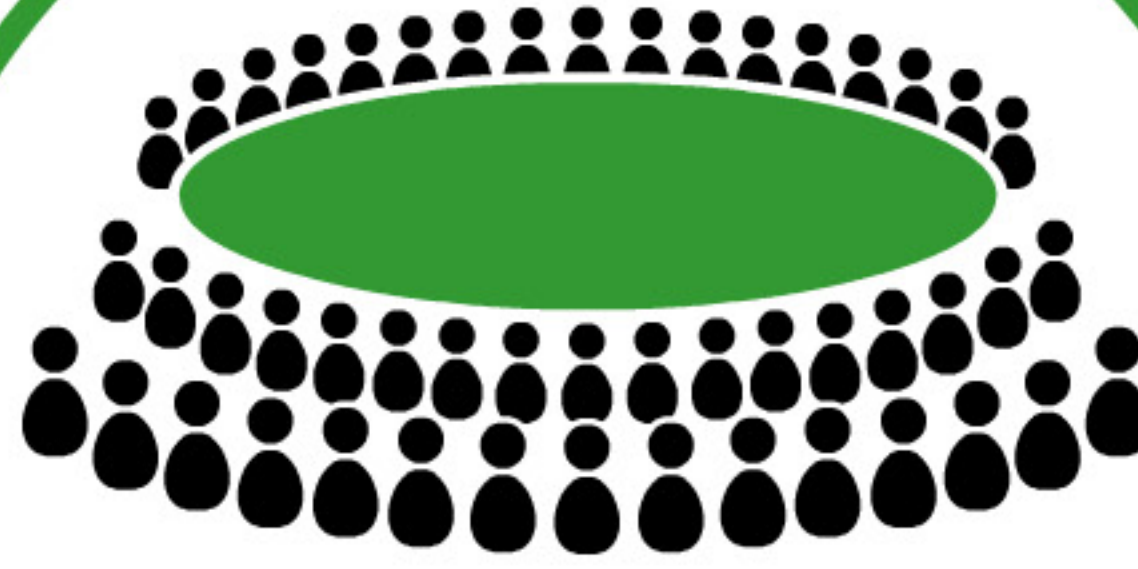
“By design, Community Boards are the place for local debate, as well as inspiration and education. While at times frustrating, these discussions are at the heart of a healthy community process.”

- ✓ **Time investment**
- ✓ **The right tool for the job**
- ✓ **Community planning**
- ✓ **Limited resources**
- ✓ **Potential for conflict of interest**
- ✓ **Successes**





**TRY IT OUT!**



**Test the waters - attend monthly meetings**



**Join a working committee**



**Make a presentation or testify at a hearing**



**Build working relationships with neighbors**





Find your community board  
**Call 311** or go to **[www.nyc.gov](http://www.nyc.gov)**