

THREE PARKS INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support of Three Parks Independent Democrats, the unique neighborhood club with a national outreach. Two months ago we wrote to you and asked you to join us at our 45th Annual Benefit planned for Sunday, May 3. We had hoped to celebrate with food, drink and political talk, but the global COVID pandemic and social distancing made it necessary to postpone the event.

So, we hope you will continue to support Three Parks by contributing to our 45th Annual Benefit and First Virtual Benefit to be held on Sunday, June 7, 2020 from 5-6pm on Zoom.

To have your name listed on the fundraiser invitation, web page, Newsletter and at the event —as an Angel (\$1,000), Benefactor (\$500), Patron (\$300), Sponsor (\$200), Friend (\$175) or Contributor (\$ any amount) — mail your check with the return form below, or pay electronically by clicking on [here](#) or call Lois Safian at 917-453-5910 by Monday, June 1 , 2020.

We will be honoring **Michael N. Gianaris, New York State Senate Deputy Majority Leader**, with the *Ted Weiss Public Service Award* in recognition of his opposition to the Amazon giveaway and his consistent championing of progressive legislation. We will also honor **Dominicanos USA** with the *Jesse Crawford Community Service Award* for registering over 105,000 new voters since 2014.

Since the lockdown Three Parks has continued to serve our community. We converted our March club meeting to a Zoom meeting with Councilmember Mark Levine, chairperson of City Council Health Committee. Julie Menin, Director of NYC Census 2020, appeared at our April meeting with an update on the critical effort to get every New Yorker counted.

To assist in the census count, for the past two months, Three Parks' Take Back Congress campaign switched from calling voters in Maine and Kentucky, to calling local residents residing in election districts with low census participation and encouraging them to fill out their census forms.

And we have kept our financial commitment to the American Youth Hostel which has hosted our meetings for the past twenty years. AYH serves as a community resource as well as a center for international travelers, and is now suffering immense financial loss.

Because Three Parks has always been an all volunteer organization, every dollar you contribute helps tip elections in swing congressional districts.

This fall, Three Parks Independent Democrats hopes to again create and manage a presidential campaign storefront that has been the center of New York City's volunteer effort for the past twenty years. The Three Parks' presidential storefronts engaged thousands of volunteers, who called hundreds of thousands of voters in swing states in support of Democratic candidates, and dispatched thousands of volunteer canvassers on bus trips to Pennsylvania and other neighboring states. Due to COVID, there is uncertainty this fall about how the presidential storefront can operate, but Three Parks will try and most likely figure it out.

We hope we can count on your support for Three Parks Independent Democrats this year. We thank those who have already responded with pledges and checks and we also understand if you may wish to modify your pledge or check. Contributors at all levels will be listed on our website.

We look forward to hearing from you soon and to having you join us on June 7.

Warm regards,

Three Parks Independent Democrats 2020 Fundraising Committee