

## Press Release

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### **PWWPCD Board Adopts Three Resolutions to Support PAL, Protect Community Fields, and Ensure Accountability**

Port Washington, NY — The Port Washington Water Pollution Control District (PWWPCD) Board has adopted three resolutions at its most recent meeting, reflecting its ongoing commitment to protecting community resources, strengthening partnerships, and upholding the highest standards of governance.

#### **Modernizing PAL's Agreement**

The Board voted to revoke PAL's outdated 1980 license agreement and replace it with a new agreement that ensures the organization continues to have access to the same fields while reflecting current standards of accountability and best practices.

The updated agreement requires PAL to:

- Adopt an **anti-discrimination policy**
- Implement a **code of ethics**
- Expand its board from three to **five members**, to accommodate their expected increase in participation
- Provide **quarterly financial reporting** to the District
- Update **insurance coverage**

To be clear: **PAL is not losing access to the fields.** On the contrary, this new agreement enables PAL to continue to serve our community's youth for years to come. In a joint statement from Melanie Cassens and Eddy Marinelli, PWWPCD Commissioners, "Our goal is to keep PAL right here in Port Washington. This agreement ensures that children will continue to enjoy these fields, while providing safeguards and transparency for the future."

#### **Protecting Sunset Park**

The Board also passed a resolution stating that the District will not discuss transferring Sunset Park to the Town of North Hempstead for at least **five years**. This action provides stability and reassurance to PAL, local families, and the community at large.

## **Ensuring Accountability**

Finally, the Board authorized its special counsel to begin legal action to remove Brandon Kurz from his position as a Commissioner of the District. This decision followed

- A court order issued on September 3, 2025 by Judge Daly-Sapraicone
- Commissioner Kurz's failure to comply with requirements set forth in the Board's July 29th resolution, including providing full financial accounting and placing clear limits on the use of funds tied to PAL programs, and
- His conduct at public meetings, which has been deemed disruptive and inconsistent with the expectations of District leadership

"This was not a decision we made lightly," said Melanie Cassens. "But accountability, transparency, and integrity must guide all of our work." Eddy Marinelli stated, "Taking this step protects the community's trust and ensures that the Board can conduct its business responsibly."