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IDC CONGRATULATES DR. NICOLE BISSESSAR 2025 QUEENS GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATE

The Indian Diaspora Council (IDC) congratulates Dr. Nicole Bissessar becoming a 2025 Delegate to Queens Borough President's General Assembly (GGA). Dr. Bissessar was sworn in by Queens Borough President Donovan Richards at a ceremony held on March 25, 2025.

Dr. Bissessar was one of the newly appointed QGA delegates who were introduced by QGA and Non-Profits Director, Susan Tannenbaum. The 2025 QGA comprise of 25 carefully selected persons representing diverse backgrounds, ethnicity, expertise and levels of community service. The selection process involved thorough reviews by QGA alumni and advisors who determined qualifications and characteristics consistent with QGA mission.

Dr. Bissessar's nomination was recommended by IDC president Ashook Ramsaran who is a QGA alumnus. Dr. Bissessar is IDC's Director of Community Cultural Affairs.

The Queens General Assembly (QGA) is an intercultural dialogue group, which began 20 years ago in February 2003, a vision of former, late Queens Borough President Helen Marshall who was also of Guyanese origin. The goal of the QGA is to promote greater appreciation for difference, mutual respect, and community building at the borough level, engaging in cultural sharing and encouraging QGA members to share their insights, talents, and expertise. Topics of interest include racial equity, the histories of diverse communities in Queens and current issues of interest and concern. The QGA, a borough-level intercultural working group, brings together community stakeholders of diverse backgrounds and specialties for monthly dialogues and community actions that promote leadership enhancement, coalition building, and networking.

Dr. Bissessar earned her Bachelors and Masters of Science in Economics at The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine. During the years of 1999 to 2008, she traveled to various nations studying and analyzing macroeconomic data and political systems of governance in developing nations. Upon completion of her Doctorate in 2008 from Clark University, MA, she continues in academia, publishing and teaching on economic theory and thought. Dr. Bissessar is a Vedic scholar associated with Maharshi Dayananda Gurukul in Queens, New York.

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