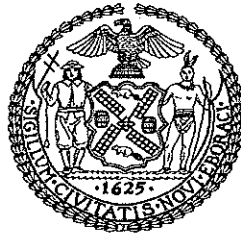


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700 U.S. OPEN JOB OPPORTUNITIES THIS SUMMER

FLUSHING, NY – The U.S. Open, in partnership with Queens Borough President Helen Marshall, Councilmember John C. Liu, the Flushing Business Improvement District (BID) and several community organizations, announced an outreach campaign to encourage New Yorkers to apply for the over 700 temporary job opportunities available this summer during the three-week long 2009 U.S. Open Tennis Championships in Flushing.

“This partnership is the latest in a series of initiatives by my office to provide Queens residents with employment opportunities. The jobs created by the 2009 U.S. Tennis Open will provide critical support to many residents who need to make it through these tough economic times,” said Queens Borough President **HELEN MARSHALL**.

“We have always been proud here in Queens to be the host of the U.S. Open Tennis Championships,” said Councilmember **JOHN LIU**. “It’s great that they are making this effort to build stronger ties with the community, and there cannot be any better way to strengthen those ties than to hire people from the local community. This could not come at a better time such as now when the economy is weak and many people are unfortunately out of work.”

The U.S. Open seeks to fill over 700 positions such as concession stand managers, cashiers, cooks and line servers from August 25th through September 13th to cover qualifying tournaments, Arthur Ashe Kids’ Day (August 29th) and the U.S. Open (August 31st through September 13th).

MABEL LAW, Executive Director of the Flushing BID, stated, “Flushing BID is excited to partner with Councilman Liu and Borough President Marshall on this effort, and we hope that this is just one of the many ways that we can collaborate with the U.S. Tennis Association to connect the local community with the U.S. Open and provide much-needed job opportunities.”