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May 30, 2024

Dear Members,

During the past four years our Federation, once the pride of our community, has been dysfunctional and divided. The two combating sides are fighting in court and the bank accounts remain frozen and the building is deteriorating.

The two sides proceeded with unilateral elections and the division is getting worse. The independent parade committee that has been accepted by both sides and operates under the auspices of the Federation, calls for immediate inclusive elections that can take control in September.

The following list of organizations were not included in the recent elections and wish to participate.

We call for an independent transparency committee to screen all applications of member organizations and hold fair and equitable elections of a new Executive Board. Let's put an end to the legal battles, unfreeze the money, fix the building and move forward to a new era.

I have no interest in holding office or continuing as Chairman of the Parade. My only interest is to bring unity to our Federation and provide any assistance towards this objective. The Greek American community of New York deserves a strong Federation.

Respectfully,
Philip Christopher
Parade Chairman

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