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April 26, 2024

My Fellow Greek Americans,

The Parade Committee of the Federation of Hellenic Societies of Greater New York, that dedicated time, money and effort to organize the most successful parade in recent years, calls for unity and elections in June. That would include all members in good standing!

We condemn the confrontational actions of both sides and call on both past Presidents Demetris Kalamaras and George Georgopoulos to cease and desist. Unfortunately, neither side represents the majority of legitimate organizations that desire unity and democratic elections.

We call on both sides to put aside years of animosity and confrontational emotions and present applications of all members, to an independent committee with no interest to participate in the elections, to review them and declare elections for early June.

In the interest of unity and the welfare of our Greek-American community, we appeal to both sides to comply with our request!

Very truly yours,

Philip Christopher
General Chairman

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