

## HTA Candidate Information Profile for 2019 Election: *Frank Benintendo*

### Background Information

<b>Hometown (where you grew up):</b>	Brooklyn, NY
<b>Currently Reside (address where you vote):</b>	5005 South Long Beach Blvd., Holgate, NJ
<b>Holgate Address (if different from above):</b>	
<b>How long you have been coming to/living in Holgate:</b>	I have been in Holgate since 1978 – 40 years
<b>Why you chose to live in Holgate:</b>	My family always vacationed on LBI and it was a dream of mine to live here and raise my 2 sons Travis and Elliott, as we are all surfers. I bought the land in the late 1960's and built my dream oceanfront home in 1978.
<b>Dates serving as HTA trustee (example, "2016-present"):</b>	2017 to Present
<b>Holgate volunteer activities in last year (list all that apply):</b>	1. Designed the red and white Walking and Bike Safety signs that you see on the boulevard. 2. Dune planting and beautification of the beach entrances. 3. Steward for the plantings for the Perishing Street beach entrance. 4. Nominating committee 5. By-Laws Committee: Responsible for the updating of the current by-laws to make them work better to guide the Trustees and to govern the HTA for today's issues. 6. Dune Planting Committee
<b>Previous Holgate volunteer activities (list all that apply):</b>	Dune planting and preservation Canvass the neighbor for signatures for the groin project Work on the mailing to the Army Corp for groin project Boulevard Safety Signs

### Three Personal Statements

#### **Why I want to be an HTA trustee:**

This is my primary residence and I have always been interested in preserving the dunes with planting dune grass and fencing. I volunteered my time to the community through the HTA. After Sandy I wanted to make a bigger difference to help the community come back and find ways to reach the town commissioners to get more of their help. So I decided to become a Trustee. I was elected to the HTA Board of Trustees in 2017 for a 2-year term and I am asking for your vote again to keep my seat as a Trustee. I feel that there is a lot more important work to be done as the landscape of the community is changing, and would like to continue to work for the property owners of Holgate to keep their best interest in mind.

#### **How I feel the HTA has performed on behalf of Holgate in the last year and what the HTA could do better:**

The HTA has been very effective in keeping and getting the attention of the town commissioners to bring more services to the community and correct areas and services that needed to be corrected, which has enhanced the community for the betterment of the homeowners.  
Going forward we need to work harder to get more homeowner to join the HTA and get more members involved to help to the work of the community. Many hands make for short work.

#### **What should be the HTA's top 3 priorities in the next year:**

1. Work with the town to get the Army Corp to get an early round of beach replenishment to correct and bring the southern beaches of Holgate back to where they should be and get Phase 2 of the terminal groin approved.
2. Listen to the membership and take action on their concerns.
3. Work with the County through the town to make the Boulevard safer.