

AMINTA KILAWAN-NARINE HONORED AT “WOMEN OF DISTINCTION” AWARDS

Aminta Kilawan-Narine was one of eight (8) outstanding women honored on March 26, 2021 at a special Women’s History Month “WOMEN OF DISTINCTION” Awards sponsored by New York State Assembly Member Alicia Hyndman. Upon her acceptance of the award, Aminta thanked Hyndman and highlighted her background, professional attributes as well her passion for community service. Aminta Kilawan-Narine is an attorney, and community activist based in Queens, NY. Born to Guyanese parents, Aminta's passion for social justice manifests in various aspects of her life.



In 2011, Aminta co-founded *Sadhana* to merge her activist spirit with her love of Hinduism's progressive values. In an effort to increase civic engagement in her community, Aminta has been a weekly columnist for the newspaper, *The West Indian* since 2013. She is also a contributing writer at *Brown Girl Magazine*. Aminta is the founder and director of *South Queens Women’s March* (SQWM), a gender justice organization fostering empowerment for women and gender non-conforming folks in South Queens. Through SQWM, Aminta has spearheaded projects and initiatives ranging from pop-up food pantries and period supply distributions, healthy relationships and wellness workshops, youth and professional development support, civic engagement and voter registration workshops, and more. Aminta and her work have been featured in many media outlets, both large-scale and local, such as the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Huffington Post, NY1 (Spectrum News), amNY, Colorlines, the New York Law Journal, and CBS. Aminta has a B.A. in Political Science from Fordham University and a Juris Doctor degree from Fordham Law School. Professionally, Aminta works as a Legislative Attorney at the New York City Council, drafting and negotiating laws and policies ranging from women’s rights, to homelessness/housing, to access to public benefits and child welfare.



ASSEMBLY MEMBER ALICIA HYNDMAN, DISTRICT 29

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

VALIANT WOMEN OF QUEENS: COURAGE THROUGH COVID-19

**Friday March 26, 2021
7 PM**

Join by Zoom:
bit.ly/3rsX804
Meeting ID: 837 6891 3528
PW: 689100

Facebook Live:
facebook.com/aliciahyndman

Participants:

- Melva Miller
- Aminta Kilawan-Narine
- Yvette Greene-Dennis
- Susan Jacob
- Nadine Morency-Mohs
- Marcia Phillips
- Cassie Aguilera
- Alia Razzoq