

# Flushing Financial Announces the Death of Retired Board Member, Michael J. Russo

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UNIONDALE, N.Y., Jan. 09, 2023 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Flushing Financial Corporation (the "Company") (Nasdaq: FFIC), the parent holding company for Flushing Bank (the "Bank"), announced today that Michael J. Russo, a recently retired member of the Board of Directors has passed away. He was 88.

Michael J. Russo retired from the Board of Directors on January 4, 2023 where he served as a Director on the Board of the Company and the Bank. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Company since its formation in 1994 and of the Bank since 1984.

Michael J. Russo was self-employed as a consulting engineer and served as Chief Executive Officer and Corporate Secretary of Fresh Meadow Mechanical Corp., a mechanical contracting firm. Mr. Russo was also President and Director of Operations of Northeastern Aviation Corp., an aircraft charter and management firm, and was a partner in AMF Associates, a commercial real estate company. Mr. Russo also served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Flushing Hospital Medical Center. Prior to retiring in 2004, Mr. Russo served as Chairman of the Board of Anthony Russo, Inc., a general contracting firm, for over 40 years.

John R. Buran, President and Chief Executive Officer of Flushing Financial Corporation, stated: "I am deeply saddened by the news of Mike's passing. He has been a friend and colleague for more than 20 years and I enjoyed working with him. Our organization benefited greatly from his insights and his guidance and counsel will be missed by all. I know I speak for all the Board members when I say that he has left a void in our organization."

Alfred A. DelliBovi, Chairman of Flushing Financial Corporation, stated: "The Board and staff extend our deepest condolences to the Russo family. We will be forever grateful to Mike for his dedication and service to Flushing Financial Corporation and the Bank. It has been a privilege for me and the other members of our Board of Directors to work with Mike over the years. He will be greatly missed by all."

## About Flushing Financial Corporation

Flushing Financial Corporation (Nasdaq: FFIC) is the holding company for Flushing Bank<sup>®</sup>, an FDIC insured, New York State—chartered commercial bank that operates banking offices in Queens, Brooklyn, Manhattan, and on Long Island. The Bank has been building relationships with families, business owners, and communities since 1929. Today, it offers the products, services, and conveniences associated with large commercial banks, including a full complement of deposit, loan, equipment finance, and cash management services. Rewarding customers with personalized attention and bankers who can communicate in the languages prevalent within these multicultural markets is what makes the Bank uniquely different. As an Equal Housing Lender and leader in real estate lending, the Bank's experienced lending teams create mortgage solutions for real estate owners and property managers both within and outside the New York City metropolitan area. The Bank also fosters relationships with consumers nationwide through its online banking division with the iGObanking<sup>®</sup> and BankPurely<sup>®</sup> brands.

Additional information on Flushing Bank and Flushing Financial Corporation may be obtained by visiting the Company's website at [FlushingBank.com](http://FlushingBank.com).

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