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Dear League Members:

Welcome! 2016 is off to an enthusiastic start, and I am excited you, our members, are joining us on a journey to move our League forward this year. The year brings renewed energy and optimism, as we aim to “rebirth” our organization and get back to basics while achieving positive growth in our membership. ***Our vision is to align the League’s structure to support membership satisfaction and development with the needs of the community.*** With your help, this can all be done in the spirit of partnership and collaboration with our community partners. ***Your commitment, involvement, and voluntarism help to create a vital, and sustainable organization focused on meeting the needs of the Brooklyn community***

In preparation for the 2016 League year, Michelle Gay, President-Elect 2017-18 and I attended the 2016 Annual Conference, held in Atlanta. The theme of the conference was – All In – and it provided many networking and inspirational programming opportunities unique to membership in AJLI. Following Atlanta, we decided to bring development ideas home to more members with a kickoff of our Annual Board Retreat. We brought in Karen Henning, a well-known consultant who facilitated our team in thoughtful discussion. Karen helped us set the direction, brainstorm ways to communicate more effectively and enhance the value of the organization to our members.

Our top priority is to increase membership satisfaction by providing quality training and networking opportunities. We know we can do this while increasing our visibility within the community in a meaningful way.

As your President, I am motivated to work with the Board and Council to build upon the individual strengths and contributions of our members. We welcome your feedback to ensure that we support these goals throughout the year and assist in our members’ professional development.

We want our members to be – All In! Please mark your calendar, as we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meetings, social gatherings, and fundraising events. Thank you for your continued support, enthusiasm and commitment to the Junior League of Brooklyn.

Sincerely,

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