

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT October, 2008

Highlights from Borough Services Cabinet Meeting held 09/26/08 [attached]:

Highlights from the District Service Cabinet Meeting held 10/08/08:

Captain Dutkowsky of 26th Pct reported [see Stats]

PO Yangus of the 30th Pct reported [see Stats]

It was reported that there is an increase in robberies of Ipods and cell phones in the Convent/St. Nicholas Avenue areas. The 30th Pct. Is increasing Patrol and encouraging residents to participate in operation I.D. - registering electronic devices with Pct.

Missing teacher was found after a 3week search it appeared to be a psychological condition that caused the disappearance

DI Shanley of the 30th Pct. Offered to host the next District Service Cabinet at the 30th Pct.

PO Rijos of Manhattan North reported [see Stats]

Chief Diaz is receiving an award on October 24th at the PAL on 119th Street from 7pm – 10pm (see flyer)

NYPD and the DA's Office are sponsoring a Gun Drive on Saturday, October 25, 2008. Churches within the Manhattan North district will accept guns and a \$200 debit card will be issued for each weapon surrendered no questions asked.

Sanitation reported that Manhattan West – 9 is fully equipped and ready for snow removal. Night plowing schedule will begin November 10th; tour pick-up is currently 6am – 2pm will change to 7am – 3pm. Sanitation routes covering 141st to 155th Streets will have pick-ups at night

CB9M scorecard is 100%

Sanitation scheduled a site visit with DOT and Community Board No. 9 to tour a dangerous bike path caused by garbage from Fairway.

The 26th and 30th Pct were commended on a job well done within the Community

The Board requested the HPD provides the Heat Guidelines for the 2008-2009 Heating Season at the November Cabinet meeting.

Human Rights Commission reported (see attached Newsletter)

Thanked Board Office for getting E-Blast out

DOT reported the following on construction work at 125th – 129th streets:

Cars going northbound are no longer able to make a left turn at 126/129th Street

Light delayed from turning green at Broadway to allow additional time for cars to pass going westbound on 126th Street;

Sidewalk barriers adjacent to gas station creating a pedestrian walkway will be widened to accommodate cyclist and pedestrians;

Parking of Contractor vehicles are prohibited from parking in center Median; which caused visibility problems leading to accidents;

Noise bafflers will remain down

The Board requested that DOT increase Flagman at the construction site

Questions were raised regarding number of accidents to date at construction site – 26th Pct. Investigating and will report to Board.

DOT was asked for projected completion date of work. It was stated that work would continue for approximate two more months then move to the southbound/ northwestern lane to install a watermain completion date undetermined.

Concerns were raised regarding removal of noise bafflers a key element agreed upon by the Manhattanville Residents Association. It was requested that DOT have representatives from Construction Project return and update the Community Board and Manhattanville Residents on future plans including noise.

DOT was requested to post signage indicating the rerouting of the Bx-19 bus which would terminate and begin service at 145th Street and Riverside Drive outside the entrance of RBSP to accommodate Seniors.

HRA reported on the move of the Hamilton Center at 135th Street clients have been notified of their new Centers. CASA (Home Care) Services have been increased at Site will keep Board updated on services and move.

Concerns were raised regarding level of service currently being given at Center. It was reported that Clients are repeatedly being referred to the downtown HRA Offices.

DEP and ConEd requested for the second time to report on the health and safety concerns at Construction site.

DOB reported on the half-day Inspector – An inspector would be assigned to make one-on-one site visits at problematic buildings and issue violations if needed. DOB Liaison would be available to address Tenant Association's of problematic buildings to assist in resolving issues.

A question was raised regarding 560 West 144th Street (sight of fire) status of landlords compliance was requested.

ACS reported RFP's for CBO's relating to children services are being accepted for further info please visit web-site at www.nyc.gov/children_services RFP's are being offered to encourage partnership/coalition to assist children and families

The Ryan/Chelsea – Clinton Community Center and the Manhattan Neighborhood Coalition for Family Unity will be hosting a Halloween Jamboree at 645 Tenth Ave. (bet. W. 45 & W. 46th Streets) on Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 11am to 3pm.

Agencies encouraged to donate holiday Toys and/or coordinate a Toy Drive.

MBPO announced the first West Harlem/Hamilton Heights Town Hall Meeting taking place on October 15, 2008 from 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Harlem School of the Arts, 645 St. Nicholas Avenue @141st Street.

Citizenship Assistance for Immigrants will be provided at the Uptown and Downtown Borough President Offices. The Uptown hours are Fridays by appointment only for further info please contact the BP's Northern Manhattan office at (212) 531-1609.

Hispanic Heritage Month will be celebrated on October 29, 2008 at the BP's Office.

Carmen Perez reported that Assemblymen Wright and Farrell will co-host a Town Hall Event re: Red Haring Condo Conversion at the HSOB-8th floor Conference Room on Wednesday, October 22nd, at 6:30 p.m. It was further explained the Red-Haring/Black Book is the conversion of a Rent Stabilized building to a Condo. It was stated that the landlord needs approximately a 40% vacancy rate and approval from the DA's office deeming the building suitable for conversion; renters are also given the first opportunity to buy their apartments.

Martin Smith of Jackson's Office requested that the FDNY present Fire and Safety Tips at a future Town Hall Meeting. It was also discussed that Council Member Jackson would host a Forum on Bed Bugs within the next two months at Antioch Baptist Church to inform and educate on identifying and getting rid of Bed Bugs.

Concerns were raised regarding Young people not having alternatives to distract negative behavior it was identified that a better dialogue with Parents, Teachers, and Law Enforcement, etc. would assist in combating this negative stigma which is also being contributed to major Cuts most recently being the threat of closing Community Centers.

Board announced the West Harlem Career Expo at Our Children's Foundation on Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 9am to 1pm.

Announcements:

Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation is offering Building Maintenance Training Program participants will learn the basic skills in Carpentry; Plumbing; and Electricity free of charge. Program start date is October 14th, 2008, training time is Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm. Participants must be a legal New York City resident; over the age of 18; and be English proficient. For further information please contact Freddie Thomas at (212) 822-8330 (see attached)

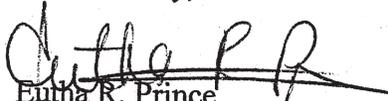
Riverbank State Park is having its interior roadway replaced; MTA buses (M-11 & Bx-19) last stop and start of run will be at 145th Street @Riverside Drive. Riverbank State Park will provide electrical vehicles to transport seniors back and forth as they exit and board buses during construction (see attached)

Department of Homeless Services announced an agreement with the Mayor and the Legal Aid Society dismissing a collection of lawsuits which governed the homeless services system for families with children in NYC for 25 years. The agreement ends litigation and court oversight of the City's family shelter system, removing a major roadblock in the progress of New York's homeless services. The City has regained full control and oversight of its family services system and can now focus on its true priority, safely and effectively providing shelter and helping clients become stably re-housed in the Community. (see attached)

Amsterdam Adult Day Health Care Program is offering services to seniors with the following ailments: Physical impairment, Hypertension, diabetes, heart disease, and physical, occupational, & speech therapy's for additional information and/or tour of facility please call Ellen Rice, ACSW – Program Director or Ruth F. Lewis, MPH, Assistant Director at (212) 316-7735 or (212) 531-7809 (see attached)

Please review [attached] November Calendar and submit changes if any to the Board Office.

Submitted by,


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AGENDA

**Manhattan Borough Service Cabinet Meeting
Friday, September 26, 2008
9:30 – 11:00 A.M.
1 Centre Street, 19th Floor**

- **Adoption of September 26, 2008 Borough Service Cabinet Agenda**
- **Adoption of the June 27, 2008 Borough Service Cabinet Minutes**
- **The Mayor's Volunteer Center: An Introduction**
 - Amanda Rey, Project Manager
- **Current Immunization Efforts, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene**
 - Jane R. Zucker, M.D., MSc., Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Immunization
- **A conversation with NYC Department of Consumer Affairs**
 - Ricky Wong, Deputy Director of Community Relations
- **Report by the Borough President**
 - Manhattan Borough President, Scott M. Stringer
- **Reports by District Managers**
- **Adjournment**



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SUMMARY REPORT OF THE MANHATTAN BOROUGH SERVICE CABINET
June 27, 2008

In Attendance:

Presiding:

Council Members: Mr. Jesse Bodine (Representing Hon. Gale Brewer), Ms. Diane Stein (Representing Hon. Alan Gerson), Ms. Kate Seely-Kirk (representing Hon. Christine Quinn), Ms. Sarah Attia (representing Hon. Jessica Lappin), Ms. Barbara Marcan (representing Hon. Miguel Martinez), Ms. Kate Mikuliak (Representing Hon. Rosie Mendez), Representative for Hon. Robert Jackson

Community Boards: Mr. Robert Gormley (CB2), Ms. Susan Stetzer (CB3), Ms. Robert Benfatto (CB4), Mr. Wally Rubin (CB5), Ms. Toni Carlina (CB6), Ms. Penny Ryan (CB7), Ms. Maxine Brannon (CB8), Ms. Eutha Prince (CB9), Mr. W. Franc Perry (CB10), Mr. George Sarkissian (CB11), Mr. Ebenezer Smith (CB12)

Agencies: Ms. Verna Arthur (DFTA), Ms. Lolita Jackson (CAU) Mr. Donald Ranshte (DOB), Mr. Norberto Acevedo (DDC), Ms. Maria Del Carmen Collado (DEP), Mr. Roger Montesano (FDNY), Mr. Mike Congo (DOHMH) Mr. Rubin Wolf (HPD), Mr. Carlos Infante (HRA), Ms. Paula Sanders (CHR), Mr. Nick Sbordone (DOITT), Mr. Tom DiGiulio (DOITT/311), Ms. Evelyn Nieves (DOITT/311), Mr. Peter Sugar (OMB), Mr. Bob Redmond (PARKS), Lt. Cathy Babilonia (NYPD), Mr. Vaidila Kungys (DOT), Mr. Josh Orzeck (DOT), Mr. Stanley Bridgeman (DYCD), Mr. Brian Honan (NYCHA), Mr. Terrance Tolbert (DOE)

Mr. Shaan Khan moved for adoption of the June 27, 2008 Borough Service Cabinet agenda and the May 16, 2008 Borough Service Cabinet minutes. Both motions were approved.

Borough Construction Watch

Presentation: Proposed construction safety legislative agenda – Kate Seely-Kirk, Speaker Christine Quinn’s office

Speaker Quinn, Mayor Bloomberg and DOB have announced a new legislative package to address construction safety in NYC. Last year the Mayor and City Council enacted a comprehensive overhaul of the City’s building codes and enforcement plans.

There have been a number of bills introduced to address different aspects of the construction industry and the Department of Buildings’ functioning. The 13 new bills are as follows:

1. Bill to require general, demolition and concrete contractors to register for a “safety control number” before obtaining building permits. Already introduced. Had a hearing on May 6, 2008. Most of the incidents that involve debris falling from buildings occur during concrete work.

- “Safety control number” would allow tracking of performance over time of contractors. Contractors with bad scores would face consequences.
2. Bill to require concrete “Site Safety Managers” on job sites. Introduced by CM Dilan with Mayor Bloomberg.
 3. Bill to enable the DOB to assign a “Project Safety Monitor” to work sites. The bill would also require contractors to provide proof that they are in compliance with the law 24 hours after having received a violation from DOB, or that steps are being taken to correct problems within a defined time period. Introduced by CM Lappin.
 4. Bill to allow DOB to classify certain housekeeping violations as “immediately hazardous” (lack of netting, loose debris, etc).
 5. Bill to enhance the requirements of mandatory site-specific safety plans.
 6. Bill to mandate a safety meeting prior to jumping, raising or deconstruction of cranes.
 7. Bill to require more training for workers performing crane rigging operations. One would need a safety training course with an 8-hour refresher after a certain time interval. Introduced by CM Lappin.
 8. Bill to restrict use of nylon slings for cranes.
 9. Bill to require owners of vacant buildings to report unsafe conditions. They will need to file cyclical engineering reports with three 3 grades of safety.
 10. Bill to require owners to perform periodic inspections of retaining walls fronting public areas. \$800-\$10,000 penalties. Introduced by CM Jackson.
 11. Bill to create notification of disciplinary action against the State’s licensed architects and engineers. Introduced by CM James.
 12. Bill to require DOB to report incidents and fatalities on their website.
 13. Bill to change the licensing qualifications for the Building Commissioner. The requirement for an architect or engineer will be waived in recognition for the need for managerial skills.

Update: Department of Buildings, Donald Ranshte

808 Columbus Ave: The stop work order on the Kodiak crane was lifted. The owner and operator of that crane kept meticulous records of repair and safety. The audit of the parking garage and curb cuts has not been finalized.

New Building Code: Changes to new building code take effect on July 2. Developers have one year to adopt the new regulations. There will be pamphlets available describing the changes. One notable change is the required hardwiring of fire-detection systems. Additionally there will be three different types of ECB classifications that violations can be written for. This allows DOB to circumvent the ECB process and re-inspect before the court date. The “immediately hazardous” classification is the new addition. Controlled inspections are now subject to re-inspection. The new building code also includes many green incentives. Green roofing, solar power and “grey water” re-usage will now be more attractive to implement.

New Crane Requirements:

- 1) Role of the Crane Safety Coordinator is expanded. The Safety Coordinator will allow a third party to examine the crane which will mitigate some operational risk.
- 2) A monthly meeting must now occur on every site in which the safety and maintenance of the crane will be discussed.
- 3) There will be mandatory labeling of key crane components.
- 4) There will be testing requirements for crane components before it is assembled on-site.
- 5) There will also be permitting requirements that act like a peer review. Certified third party will check the repair logs to make sure that everything is in working order.
- 6) Daily and monthly log will be kept by crane safety coordinator.
- 7) OSHA can issue a stop work order at a building.

Questions were raised about whether these seven new requirements would slow down construction. If developers have their materials and logs in order, they will not be slowed down. A request was raised for more accessible information about weekend permits and variances.

Green roofing, solar and grey water use is not mandated, but incentives will be given including refunds of permitting fees. DOB is working towards 100% transparency on its website. They are starting to post weekend permits and variances online.

Presentation: NYCHA Update, Brian Honan, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs

NYCHA is entering its 70th year and is one of the most successful public housing programs in the country. However, NYCHA is suffering a \$195 million deficit this year. NYCHA now receives 81 cents on the dollar from the Federal government compared to the dollar for dollar match that it used to receive. NYCHA is getting very little to no money for its senior centers and community centers and had to lay off staff and reduce services this year. The City is going to give NYCHA an \$18 million restoration this year but it will not be enough to avoid cuts.

NYCHA is issuing a policy for reserving community and senior center rooms in response to requests by community boards. The policy does not address all of the issues raised including pricing and availability of community rooms. Borough President Stringer requested a clearer policy that states who can rent the rooms, when, and at what cost. The Borough President asked Susan Stetzer, Toni Carlina, and George Sarkissian to follow up with NYCHA on behalf of the community boards.

The Grand Street farmers market would benefit from a sign advertising its presence. NYCHA approval is required since the sign would be on its property.

Community and Constituent Issues

DOHMH – Raccoons in the vacant lot at 211 West 111th Street

The Department of Health reports that it is illegal to exterminate healthy raccoons. It is the building owner's responsibility to keep the property free of garbage and other harborage. Rabid raccoons have been seen on 118th which is a very clean street.

DOT – Regulations and Enforcements for Sidewalk ATMs

The proliferation of illegal sidewalk ATMs was discussed. What are the applicable regulations and which agency is responsible for enforcing them? DOT does not believe there are regulations governing ATMs that protrude less than three feet from the building line. There is a request for the applicable regulations to be sent to the community boards.

DOT – NYC Plaza Program update

DOT launched a program to create public plazas in every community district. Community board members wished they had been contacted earlier in the process. DOT offered to come back and give a full length presentation at the next meeting.

DOE – School enrollment concerns

DOE representative was asked for guidance on behalf of parents who have not yet heard where their kids are going to school in the fall. Mr. Terrance Tolbert advised to contact his office directly for assistance. There is a community request for representatives from DOE to attend monthly District Service meetings.

Borough President Report

“Don’t block the box” legislation was just passed in Albany. Assembly Member Kavanagh, Speaker Quinn and Mayor Bloomberg helped in this effort. In addition, legislation (introduced by Jose Serrano) just passed that will change the tax rate for vacant buildings above 110th Street. There will be no additional tax increase if a developer is planning affordable housing in that area. This legislation was an

extension of the vacant property count conducted by MBPO in 2006. The instituting of an annual city-wide vacant lot count is being pursued.

In May, MBPO produced a report on ICIP subsidies that are being given to fast food restaurants, gas stations and chain retailers. These businesses do not need government subsidies and often run counter to the City's public policy agenda.

District Manager Reports

Community Board 11: CB 11 recently voted to disapprove the proposed East 125th St. development plan. There are plans to save the historic building of PS 109 and turn it into an art space. Additionally, the Board has facilitated conversation between property owners and developers regarding damage to their property at East River Plaza.

Community Board 10: The board has experienced an increase in the number of applications for liquor license applications. The Board's educational committee is working with a developer to establish a new library in upper Manhattan. The CB is working on a deal with the French Consulate to provide dual language programs in public high schools.

Community Board 9: Lawrence McClean has left his position as district manager of CB 9 to become the district manager of a Queens CB.

Community Board 8: Last month, the CB participated in two street fairs.

Community Board 7: The CB would like to open up certain streets by mandating no parking in order that emergency vehicles may be able to pass through. "Crane Watch" has been added to District Watch at monthly meetings.

Community Board 6: Over the past month, the CB has met with several buildings regarding construction related concerns.

Community Board 5: Provided an update on the proposed relocation of Madison Square Garden, Summer Streets and 20 East 23rd Street.

Community Board 4: Reported on development at 565 West 23rd Street.

Community Board 3: Construction on Ludlow Street between Houston and Stanton remains a problem. Additional concerns include taxi and bar noise, food vendors at night and rats.

Community Board 2: Provided an update on the collapsing sidewalk behind PS 41. Additionally, CB2 has created a construction task force.

Community Board 1: Gave an update on a construction accident at the Goldman Sachs site in Battery Park City. The Board's urban planning fellow recently completed an analysis. Urban fellow – the residential population in CB1 will be 64,000 by 2013, double what it was in 2001.

Meeting adjourned.



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26th Precinct

Report Covering the Week of 09/29/2008 Through 10/05/2008

Crime Complaints

	Week to Date			28 Day			Year to Date			2 Year	7 Year	15 Year
	2008	2007	% Change	2008	2007	% Change	2008	2007	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg (2001)	% Chg (1993)
Murder	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	3	1	200.0	*** *	200.0	-66.6
Rape	0	0	**** *	0	2	-100.0	13	7	85.7	62.5	85.7	-40.9
Robbery	4	7	-42.8	16	18	-11.1	145	148	-2.0	-20.3	-2.6	-75.5
Fel. Assault	1	1	0.0	4	9	-55.5	59	67	-11.9	-26.2	-43.8	-73.4
Burglary	1	0	**** *	6	5	20.0	62	59	5.0	-21.5	-37.3	-86.7
Gr. Larceny	9	8	12.5	30	26	15.3	239	261	-8.4	-12.7	-2.8	-53.4
G.L.A.	1	0	**** *	6	6	0.0	32	35	-8.5	-17.9	-64.4	-89.0
TOTAL	16	16	0.00	62	66	-6.06	553	578	-4.33	-16.47	-20.6	-73.90
PSB	12	12	0.0	50	52	-3.8	441	464	-4.9	-20.5	-25.0	-79.1
Transit	3	2	50.0	7	7	0.0	33	35	-5.7	17.8	-17.5	
Housing	1	2	-50.0	5	7	-28.5	79	79	0.0	0.0	14.4	
Shooting Vic.	0	0	**** *	0	1	-100.0	4	8	-50.0	33.3	-42.8	-84.0
Shooting Inc.	0	0	**** *	0	1	-100.0	3	6	-50.0	0.0	-50.0	-85.7
Rape 1	0	0	**** *	0	2	-100.0	12	7	71.4	100.0	100.0	-33.3

Arrests*

*Includes ALL arrests by NYPD and all other outside agencies (FBI, DEA, Pvt. Sec., etc) within the confines of this precinct.

All Arrests	76	39	94.8	313	236	32.6	2,479	2,352	5.3	16.0	17.7	56.1
Murder	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	3	1	200.0	0.0	200.0	-25.0
Rape	0	0	**** *	0	1	-100.0	3	2	50.0	0.0	-94.1	-86.3
Robbery	2	1	100.0	16	9	77.7	95	98	-3.0	28.3	31.9	-43.1
Fel. Assault	1	0	**** *	10	5	100.0	57	79	-27.8	-20.8	-53.2	-49.5
Burglary	0	1	-100.0	5	3	66.6	19	25	-24.0	46.1	-40.6	-69.3
Gr. Larceny	0	0	**** *	3	4	-25.0	41	35	17.1	7.8	-29.3	64.0
G.L.A.	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	2	2	0.0	-77.7	-88.2	-84.6
TOTAL	3	2	50.0	34	22	54.5	220	242	-9.0	3.7	-37.6	-43.8
Gun	0	0	**** *	0	3	-100.0	20	11	81.8	-35.4		
Narcotics	19	3	533.3	55	24	129.1	335	275	21.8	-8.9	13.9	-1.7
DWI	1	0	**** *	5	6	-16.6	65	66	-1.5	66.6	132.1	
VTL 511	8	3	166.6	36	17	111.7	322	240	34.1	42.4	60.1	
PSB	33	19	73.6	140	111	26.1	1,163	1,136	2.3	6.3	22.5	28.0
OCCB	13	2	550.0	35	10	250.0	164	108	51.8	105.0	11.5	76.3
Det. Bureau	1	3	-66.6	19	19	0.0	184	227	-18.9	-14.4	-56.5	234.5
Transit	17	12	41.6	81	61	32.7	631	569	10.8	43.7	124.5	185.5
Housing	11	2	450.0	37	33	12.1	312	289	7.9	10.6	28.9	8.7

Summons Activity / Reports

Parking	366	409	-10.5	1,785	1,649	8.2	15,567	17,069	-8.7	-17.2	-42.8
Moving	191	270	-29.2	911	1,000	-8.9	8,283	9,518	-12.9	-9.1	22.0
Criminal	55	49	12.2	290	347	-16.4	2,688	3,768	-28.6	-8.7	-20.9
ECB	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	1	7	-85.7	-98.1	-98.5
DIR	4	15	-73.3	17	72	-76.3	403	579	-30.3	-27.9	-60.7



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Rape	0	0	**** *	0	2	-100.0	9	16	-43.7	-50.0	-52.6	-76.9
Robbery	9	4	125.0	30	21	42.8	214	231	-7.3	-0.9	-4.4	-60.0
Fel. Assault	2	3	-33.3	12	13	-7.6	143	184	-22.2	-20.9	-51.5	-73.7
Burglary	2	2	0.0	12	10	20.0	95	100	-5.0	-14.4	-41.7	-83.9
Gr. Larceny	5	5	0.0	21	16	31.2	163	169	-3.5	-26.5	41.7	-38.7
G.L.A.	3	4	-25.0	8	6	33.3	42	39	7.6	-28.8	-52.2	-82.7
TOTAL	21	18	16.67	83	68	22.06	669	743	-9.96	-17.91	-26.7	-70.53
PSB	20	17	17.6	80	67	19.4	649	718	-9.6	-17.6	-26.1	-71.4
Transit	1	1	0.0	3	1	200.0	17	21	-19.0	-22.7	-29.1	
Housing	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	3	4	-25.0	-40.0	-70.0	
Shooting Vic.	0	0	**** *	1	0	**** *	10	12	-16.6	0.0	-47.3	-85.5
Shooting Inc.	0	0	**** *	1	0	**** *	9	11	-18.1	0.0	-50.0	-86.5
Rape 1	0	0	**** *	0	1	-100.0	9	12	-25.0	-40.0	-30.7	-73.5

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Murder	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	5	6	-16.6	-16.6	-50.0	-75.0
Rape	0	0	**** *	0	1	-100.0	6	5	20.0	50.0	-40.0	-84.6
Robbery	2	4	-50.0	13	16	-18.7	126	176	-28.4	31.2	11.5	-31.8
Fel. Assault	1	3	-66.6	9	11	-18.1	120	168	-28.5	-23.5	-40.2	-50.6
Burglary	0	3	-100.0	4	5	-20.0	25	33	-24.2	8.6	-52.8	-70.5
Gr. Larceny	5	1	400.0	8	3	166.6	67	39	71.7	39.5	34.0	219.0
G.L.A.	0	1	-100.0	0	2	-100.0	4	10	-60.0	-50.0	-85.7	-92.9
TOTAL	8	12	-33.3	34	38	-10.5	353	437	-19.2	3.2	-24.0	-43.2
Gun	1	0	**** *	1	4	-75.0	20	18	11.1	-44.4		
Narcotics	15	32	-53.1	60	106	-43.3	867	1,134	-23.5	-2.0	-79.6	-26.5
DWI	1	2	-50.0	5	10	-50.0	90	62	45.1	30.4	36.3	
VTL 511	8	8	0.0	32	36	-11.1	362	436	-16.9	-18.2	-34.1	
PSB	45	67	-32.8	184	243	-24.2	2,084	2,018	3.2	-2.6	-25.0	29.1
OCCB	7	23	-69.5	40	85	-52.9	679	917	-25.9	-2.5	-87.0	13.9
Det. Bureau	6	9	-33.3	28	43	-34.8	364	479	-24.0	10.3	-9.6	427.5
Transit	9	8	12.5	51	36	41.6	448	456	-1.7	16.9	-7.2	-33.2
Housing	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	6	9	-33.3	-62.5	-90.9	-86.3

Summons Activity / Reports

Parking	321	644	-50.1	1,137	1,584	-28.2	12,614	13,226	-4.6	-21.2	-70.5
Moving	37	217	-82.9	669	851	-21.3	6,958	7,510	-7.3	2.5	-25.9
Criminal	140	176	-20.4	316	726	-56.4	3,237	6,197	-47.7	-43.3	-68.9
ECB	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	2	0	**** *	-71.4	-99.8
DIR	14	44	-68.1	113	150	-24.6	1,394	1,597	-12.7	-22.2	-21.2

Report Covering the Week of 09/29/2008 Through 10/05/2008

Crime Complaints

	Week to Date			28 Day			Year to Date			2 Year	7 Year	15 Year
	2008	2007	% Change	2008	2007	% Change	2008	2007	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg (2001)	% Chg (1993)
Murder	0	2	-100.0	4	4	0.0	37	38	-2.6	-43.0	-35.0	-85.8
Rape	4	4	0.0	11	23	-52.1	152	138	10.1	-11.1	-14.1	-61.3
Robbery	67	66	1.5	221	262	-15.6	2,024	2,036	-0.5	-10.9	-18.4	-72.4
Fel. Assault	22	33	-33.3	134	160	-16.2	1,416	1,503	-5.7	-12.1	-38.1	-68.9
Burglary	31	39	-20.5	158	163	-3.0	1,343	1,364	-1.5	-14.5	-38.2	-84.4
Gr. Larceny	119	121	-1.6	455	454	0.2	4,002	4,182	-4.3	-10.3	-1.4	-52.4
G.L.A.	25	24	4.1	81	82	-1.2	575	674	-14.6	-28.6	-59.3	-92.0
TOTAL	268	289	-7.27	1,064	1,148	-7.32	9,549	9,935	-3.89	-12.91	-24.5	-74.05
PSB	245	251	-2.3	974	1,031	-5.5	8,631	8,998	-4.0	-12.9	-24.6	-76.5
Transit	7	10	-30.0	27	32	-15.6	239	227	5.2	-11.1	-40.3	
Housing	16	28	-42.8	63	85	-25.8	679	710	-4.3	-12.9	-15.6	
Shooting Vic.	0	1	-100.0	18	10	80.0	143	141	1.4	-14.8	-13.8	-76.6
Shooting Inc.	0	1	-100.0	15	10	50.0	115	120	-4.1	-20.1	-21.2	-79.4
Rape 1	3	3	0.0	10	16	-37.5	105	99	6.0	-13.9	-7.0	-62.6

Arrests*

*Includes ALL arrests by NYPD and all other outside agencies (FBI, DEA, Pvt. Sec., etc) within the confines of this precinct.

	1,178	1,260	-6.5	4,720	4,923	-4.1	46,684	47,668	-2.0	10.1	2.4	36.8
All Arrests												
Murder	1	1	0.0	5	3	66.6	40	43	-6.9	-37.5	-33.3	-72.4
Rape	4	5	-20.0	8	23	-65.2	124	123	0.8	31.9	-3.1	-68.4
Robbery	33	34	-2.9	130	139	-6.4	1,272	1,218	4.4	5.3	4.0	-50.0
Fel. Assault	32	32	0.0	143	123	16.2	1,265	1,381	-8.3	-2.0	-31.3	-45
Burglary	5	15	-66.6	41	52	-21.1	328	437	-24.9	-2.9	-35.6	-65.9
Gr. Larceny	30	14	114.2	113	90	25.5	860	768	11.9	22.5	42.3	38.4
G.L.A.	3	6	-50.0	7	10	-30.0	72	88	-18.1	-16.2	-68.1	-88.3
TOTAL	108	107	0.9	447	440	1.5	3,961	4,058	-2.3	4.7	-13.7	-46.3
Gun	9	10	-10.0	29	40	-27.5	314	237	32.4	-5.4		
Narcotics	258	267	-3.3	814	948	-14.1	8,670	9,321	-6.9	0.3	-26.6	-18.5
DWI	35	27	29.6	116	135	-14.0	1,177	1,162	1.2	39.6	152.5	
VTL 511	99	62	59.6	382	219	74.4	3,527	3,583	-1.5	-15.9	17.9	
PSB	620	661	-6.2	2,494	2,623	-4.9	24,317	24,968	-2.6	6.8	22.8	34.6
OCCB	192	199	-3.5	616	658	-6.3	7,143	7,618	-6.2	39.6	-45.9	75.4
Det. Bureau	95	98	-3.0	365	397	-8.0	3,770	3,810	-1.0	-12.9	0.7	156.6
Transit	113	114	-0.8	606	495	22.4	5,169	4,789	7.9	26.8	53.7	-0.5
Housing	96	132	-27.2	389	527	-26.1	4,101	4,562	-10.1	-10.5	-5.0	8.4

Summons Activity / Reports

Parking	4,428	6,169	-28.2	19,913	20,786	-4.2	199,367	217,537	-8.3	-21.8	-41.4
Moving	2,083	2,823	-26.2	9,518	10,273	-7.3	92,942	103,057	-9.8	-19.2	12.3
Criminal	1,010	1,980	-48.9	5,628	7,530	-25.2	63,566	81,720	-22.2	-12.7	18.5
ECB	0	0	**** *	22	12100.0		315	428	-26.4	-64.0	-92.6
DIR	288	317	-9.1	1,176	1,268	-7.2	11,964	12,563	-4.7	-8.7	-36.6

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COMMISSIONER
PATRICIA L. GATLING**'UNITY FROM DIVERSITY'
Commission Features Dr. Putnam**

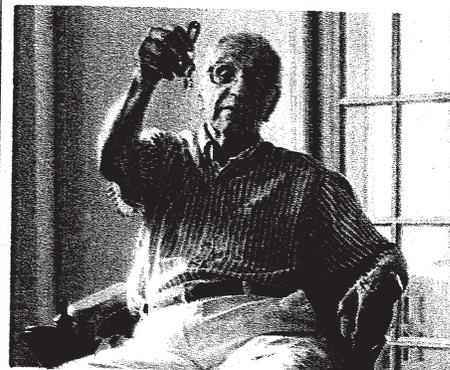
In April 2008, NYC Human Rights Commissioner/Chair Patricia L. Gatling led a discussion entitled "E Pluribus Unum: Reconciling Diversity and Community in the 21st Century" at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in Harlem. The event was the Commission's third in a series of Civil Rights Public Lectures and featured Dr. Robert D. Putnam, best-selling author of *Bowling Alone*, the Peter and Isabel Malkin Professor of Public Policy at Harvard University, and Visiting Professor and Director of the Manchester Graduate Summer Program in Social Change, University of Manchester (UK).

Dr. Putnam described how changing populations and ethnic diversity continually shape trust, identities, social ties and civic engagement. He said that while "increased immigration is a strong engine of economic growth and injects creativity and energy into receiving countries and communities, in the short-term, our discomfort with diversity challenges our community bonds and cohesion. But America's history and motto 'E Pluribus Unum' shows that we can build a unity from this diversity. And with concerted attention of the sort that the NYC Human Rights Commission and others devote to these problems, we can accelerate our ability to find common ground between various communities and forge a wider, more inclusive American society."

Also participating were Dr. Katherine Newman, Professor of Sociology and Public Affairs at Princeton University; Rev. C. Vernon Mason, CEO of the Fund for Community Leadership Development and CEO of Uth Turn; Richard E. Green, Chief Executive/President of the Crown Heights Youth Collective, Inc; Chung-Wha Hong, Executive Director of the New York Immigration Coalition; and Rabbi Robert Kaplan, Director of CAUSE-NY, Jewish Community Relations Council.



Photo, left: Dr. Robert D. Putnam, keynote speaker. Below, from left to right: Richard E. Green, Rabbi Robert Kaplan, Dr. Robert D. Putnam, Commissioner Patricia L. Gatling, Rev. C. Vernon Mason, Chung-Wha Hong, and Dr. Katherine S. Newman.

**CCHR Hits Homerun
for Disabled Vet**

Albert Kaidy, above, with keys to his new apartment.

The Commission's Law Enforcement Bureau successfully resolved a complaint from an elderly disabled veteran whose Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, apartment building was inaccessible to wheelchair users. The respondents who own several buildings in the area agreed to move the complainant, Albert Kaidy, to an accessible building across the street, provide him with a larger refurbished accessible apartment, pay all costs associated with the move, and freeze his rent for the rest of his life. The estimated settlement value is in excess of \$40,000. CCHR staff attorney Olivia M. Cuggy handled the case, with assistance from Dick Connette. Individuals with disabilities are protected from discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations under the NYC Human Rights Law.

**CCHR Issues Report
Card on Ad Agencies**

The Commission issued its first summary report in April 2008 on whether 16 of the City's largest advertising agencies have met the 2007 hiring goals to diversify their upper ranks. The report reveals that most of the agencies that signed the groundbreaking agreements in September 2006, either met or exceeded their own goals. (continued on p.4)



MOVING FORWARD Commissioner's Message

Our commitment to promoting and protecting the civil rights of all those who live in, work in, and visit this City is what makes the Commission the force it is today. By vigorously enforcing the Human Rights Law and fostering mutual understanding and respect among the City's diverse communities, we have brought justice to thousands of individuals and have educated many more about the Human Rights Law.

This commitment is as strong as the day we started in 2002.

In April, our Civil Rights Public Lecture Series featured Public Policy Professor at Harvard University and best-selling author of *Bowling Alone*, Dr. Robert D. Putnam. These public forums give us an opportunity to exchange ideas and better understand the positive impact of ethnic diversity on our communities. Dr. Putnam's research and optimism into creating peaceful societies in a diverse multi-ethnic country is reassuring and the Commission was proud to recognize his unique analysis of American communities.

Our Law Enforcement Bureau has handled additional calls and appointments with the recent amendment to the City's Human Right Law that protects individuals from housing discrimination based upon their source of income. We have been able to successfully resolve approximately 14% of these inquiries through pre-complaint intervention, a process that encourages a speedy resolution without filing a formal complaint, avoiding costly and lengthy litigation. To date, we have resolved 20% of the cases where complaints have been filed.

We have also begun laying the groundwork for the first-ever NYC Civil Rights Museum by preserving the stories of individuals who were engaged in the fight

for civil rights and whose influence has been felt throughout the nation. Through our Oral History Documentation Project, we have begun filming their stories in their own words to vividly teach New Yorkers and visitors about NYC's vital role in the larger Civil Rights Movement.

With a renewed grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Office for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices, our Immigrant Employment Rights Program will continue to educate employers and employees about the responsibilities and protections they have under both federal anti-discrimination laws and the City Human Rights Law.

We also continue our proactive testing in employment and housing to locate systemic violations of the Law.

These are just a few brief highlights of our many activities.

I am grateful to Mayor Bloomberg for the opportunity to serve as Commissioner, advocating Human Rights on behalf of all the people of this City and its visitors.

Patricia L. Gatling

Grants Appointments Honors

Commissioner Honored

In February 2008, the New York County Lawyers' Association (NYCLA) and the Metropolitan Black Bar Association (MBBA) presented Commissioner Patricia L. Gatling with the sixth annual Ida B. Wells-Barnett Justice Award. The award is named in honor of Ida Wells-Barnett, an African-American civil rights activist. In a separate event, Commissioner Gatling delivered remarks and introduced Smith College professor and distinguished author of *Ida: A Sword Among Lions*, Paula

J. Giddings, at a discussion of her recent biography of Ida B. Wells. Additional organizations that recognized Commissioner Gatling's commitment to diversity and Civil Rights included: The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives at its 32nd Annual Training Conference and Exhibition; The College and Community Fellowship; and the Jackie Robison Center for Physical Culture. She was also a member of Harvard University's "Executive Session on Human Rights Commissions and Criminal Justice" Symposium;



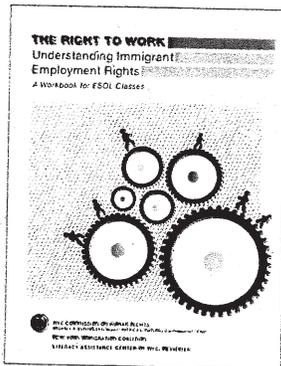
Top: Comm. Gatling receives the Ida B. Wells-Barnett Justice Award. I-r: Renaye Brown Cuyler, program Chair; Ms. Gatling; Catherine A. Christian, NYCLA President; and Xavier Donaldson, MBBA President. Left: Commissioner Gatling, left, with author Paula J. Giddings.

New ESOL Classes

CCHR's expanded Immigrant Employment Rights Program provides English language learners with vital information about immigrant employment rights through its two English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) curriculums. CCHR and its partner, the NY Immigration Coalition, have joined teachers of intermediate and advanced ESOL adult literacy classes to offer the courses through the City's three public library systems.

CCHR developed a workbook with two intermediate-level lessons and a DVD with examples. The first lesson, "Working in the United States," explains the employment I-9 Form, the required documents for verifying identity and work authorization, and how to recognize document abuse by an employer. The second lesson, "Discrimination in the Workplace,"

explains types of discrimination that a worker can experience based upon their national origin or citizenship status.



Civil Rights Film Project

The Commission is laying the groundwork for a new museum dedicated to preserving and presenting the history of the NYC Civil Rights Movement. The Commission has begun this journey with its Oral History Film Documentation Project to preserve the stories of notable individuals who steadily struggled for equality in the midst of tempestuous racial climates during the post-World War II period and whose major contributions paved the way for progress in the arts and entertainment, education, government, the public sector and business. The significance of their groundbreaking strides lies in the impact they've had upon NYC and the rest of the nation.

Beginning in late spring, Commission staff filmed interviews with: painted story quilt artist, professor and author Faith Ringgold; poet, author, and professor Sonia Sanchez; Secretary of the Army, attorney, businessman, presidential adviser and counsel, and former chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Clifford L. Alexander, Jr.; civil rights activist, and co-founder and managing editor of *Freedom Ways*, a political and cultural quarterly magazine, Esther Cooper-Jackson; economist who worked in philanthropy, foreign international development and diplomacy, university administrator and professor, corporate executive, and public servant Clifton R. Wharton, Jr.; professor and former civil rights attorney who heads an at-risk youth organization he founded, Rev. C. Vernon Mason.

Photos, right, top down: Faith Ringgold, Clifford L. Alexander, Jr., Sonia Sanchez.



Right: Isaac Parsee. Below, left to right: new staff attorneys Cassandra Hyppolite, Priyanka G. Menon, R. Keith Chapman.



and was a guest speaker at Franklin Pierce Law Center's 2nd Annual Advanced Topics in International Criminal Law and Justice Seminar 2008.

New Staff Attorneys

CCHR added 2 new attorneys and 1 supervising attorney to its staff in early 2008. They are: Supervising Attorney Cassandra Hyppolite (J.D., Albany Law School); Priyanka G. Menon (J.D., Seton Hall University School of Law); and R. Keith Chapman (J.D., Rutgers School of Law). They are assigned to the Commission's Law Enforcement Bureau.

DOJ Grant

The Commission received a public education grant renewal of \$75,000 for its proposal to

the US Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Office for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices. Only 11 of these grants were awarded nationwide. The Commission's partner in the grant activities (described on this page) is the NY Immigration Coalition.

Staff Recognized

Rockaway's Friends Honoring Friends recognized CCHR's Isaac Parsee in a June ceremony for his work in the community and the positive impact he has had on area residents. Mr. Parsee is the Director of the New York City Commission on Human Rights Mortgage and Pre-Purchase Counseling Program.



CCHR Issues Report Card on Ad Agencies (cont.)

(continued from p.1) As part of the historic agreements, they must establish minority recruitment goals for 3 years in the creative and managerial positions and report their results annually to the Commission.

Only 4 ad agencies fell short. Under the terms of their agreement with the Commission, they have hired outside assistance so they can meet their 2008 and 2009 minority hiring goals.

The agencies are: Arnold Worldwide; Avrett, Free & Ginsberg; BBDO; DDB; Draft New York; Euro RSCG Worldwide; FCB New York; Gotham, Inc.; Grey Direct; Grey Interactive; Kaplan Thaler Group, LTD.; Merkley and Partners; Ogilvy and Mather; PHD USA; Saatchi and Saatchi; and Young and Rubicam. Draft Inc. and FCB Worldwide have merged into one agency, Draft FCB.

Immigration-Related Employment Discrimination

In June, the Commission co-hosted two forums on avoiding immigration-related employment discrimination. The first program chaired by Human Rights Commissioner Patricia L. Gatling and NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) Commissioner Martha K. Hirst provided City agency EEO and personnel officers with special training on new immigrants in NYC and the City's responsibilities as its largest employer. The program included Commissioner Guillermo Linares of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, DCAS Deputy Commissioner Diane Crothers, Deputy Director

of the City Planning's Population Division Peter Lobo, and keynote speaker Robin M. Stutman, Special Litigation Counsel in the Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices, in the U.S. Department of Justice.

Commissioner Gatling and The NY Immigration Coalition Executive Director Chung-Wha Hong co-hosted the second forum for employers and business representatives. Joining them was NYC Councilmember John Liu from Queens.

The Queens Library's Director of the Adult Learner Program, Susan Dalmas, hosted



Robin M. Stutman, Esq., left, with Commissioner Patricia L. Gatling.

the event. Robin M. Stutman, Esq., the keynote speaker, discussed anti-discrimination provisions of the U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) and employer sanctions of Immigration and Reform Control Act of 1986 (IRCA).

Both events were part of an ongoing collaborative effort to educate immigrant workers, employers, and advocacy groups regarding the protections and obligations they have under IRCA and the NYC Human Rights Law. The Immigrant Employment Rights Program provides workshops, ESOL classes, literature, and multilingual presentations regarding discrimination in employment based on national origin, citizenship status or alienage. Funding assistance for the program is provided by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Legislative Highlights

Commissioner Gatling testified before the City Council's Civil Rights Committee on March 7, 2008, updating them on the Commission's work, its budget, and its historic diversity agreements with the City's major ad firms.

On March 26, 2008, the Administrative Code of the City of New York was amended making "lawful source of income" a protected class (Local Law 10/2008). It protects people from housing discrimination based upon their source of income, including government assistance.

THE LAW

The New York City Human Rights Law is one of the most comprehensive civil rights laws in the nation. The Law prohibits discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations based on race, color, creed, age, national origin, alienage or citizenship status, gender (including gender identity and sexual harassment), sexual orientation, disability, marital status, or partnership status. In addition, the Law affords protection against discrimination in employment based on arrest or conviction record and status as a victim of domestic violence, stalking and sex offenses. In housing, the Law affords additional protections based on lawful occupation, family status, and any lawful source of income. The City Human Rights Law also prohibits retaliation and bias-related harassment.

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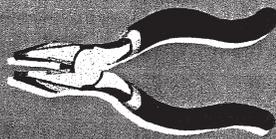
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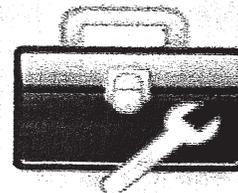
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September 26, 2008

Patricia Jones, Chairperson
Community Board 9
16-18 Old Broadway
New York, NY 10027

Dear Chairperson Jones:

As you know, Riverbank State Park is scheduled to have our interior roadway taken up and a new roadway installed for some time now. In a meeting with our Capital Team on Thursday September 25, 2008, this project is just about to kick-off.

Listed below is the schedule of events to date:

1. Monday October 6, 2008 is the official start date for this project
2. The NYC MTA Buses (M-11 & BX-19) last stop and start of run will be at the 145th Street at Riverside Drive
3. Riverbank staff will have available two mobile electrical vehicles to transport our seniors back and forth as they exit and board the NYC MTA Buses during this construction project
4. Roadway construction is scheduled to last up to 120 days
5. John Lowy of the River Room Restaurant was put on notice of this roadway project and informed that only emergency vehicles will be allowed into Riverbank State Park starting Monday October 6, 2008
6. The Upper Level Parking Lot Bus Lanes will be used as an equipment staging area, effective Monday September 29, 2008

If you have questions, kindly contact my office immediately at (212) 694-3608.

OS/

cc: Reggie Magwood, Park Director
Scott Matson, Operations Director
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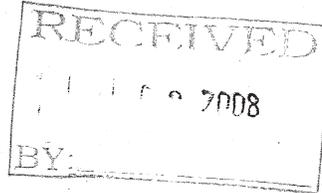
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September 19, 2008

Mr. Lawrence McClean
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Dear Mr. McClean:

I am pleased to report that this morning Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and The Legal Aid Society Attorney-in-Chief Steven Banks announced an agreement dismissing the McCain, Lamboy, Slade, and Cosentino collection of lawsuits, which together have governed the homeless services system for families with children in New York City for 25 years. The agreement ends litigation and court oversight of the City's family shelter services system, removing a major roadblock to the progress of New York's homeless services.

The importance of this decision is captured in the sentiments of Mayor Bloomberg: "Today marks the beginning of a new era – an era in which the need for court oversight is over and we can all move forward in our shared commitment to effectively meeting the needs of homeless families. The family shelter system of today focuses on prevention like never before, helps families find permanent housing like never before, and balances rights with responsibilities like never before. Today's historic agreement not only recognizes the tremendous progress we've made over the past six and a half years, it frees us to make even more."

To bring the cases to a close, the parties agreed a new case will be filed and, following a class action settlement hearing at which the court will be asked to approve the settlement, all cases against the City and State, as well as the new one, will be dismissed. Thereafter, the court will no longer retain jurisdiction and no further claims or motions can be brought before the court related to these lawsuits. The City will regain full control and oversight of its family services system, no longer having to enforce over 40 highly-detailed court orders or spend precious staff time and agency resources complying with or litigating these cases.

For too long, New York has been hampered by endless hours spent in litigation and legal paperwork. Now, DHS can focus on its true priority, safely and effectively providing shelter and helping our clients become stably re-housed in the community.

Today's decision, and the ongoing transformation of how we deliver homeless services to improve the lives of thousands of New Yorkers, would never have been possible without the dedicated support and assistance from our partners. Working together, we will only continue to make the system better from here.

Sincerely,

Robert V. Hess