



The City of New York
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #1

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Serving and Representing: Port Morris, Mott Haven and Melrose

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Albany, New York 12248

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Honorable Elected Officials:

Community Board #1 in the Bronx is proud to announce that at our General Board meeting on February 29, 2024, our members voted (with only 2 members abstaining) to provide a letter of support for lowering the voting age to 16 for New York State and New York city elections. We strongly urge passage of legislation pending in our State Legislature (S 660 and S 2562 Hoylman-Sigal; and A 274 and A 330, Robert C. Carroll). We also support pending resolutions in the New York City Council (0723, Abreu and 0810, Brewer) which call on the State Legislature to pass this legislation.

Our Board is proud of its efforts to support legislation and government action at both the State and City levels, which are of special significance to youth and families who reside in the communities of Melrose, Mott Heaven, and Port Morris. This includes addressing issues having concerning impact on our young people, including homelessness, environmental justice, and fiscal equity for our schools (including 13 high schools in our District). We are also especially appreciative that the State legislation includes mandatory civic and electoral education for every high school student in New York State.

This initiative is about empowering 16- and 17-year-olds in New York City and New York State. By allowing them to vote, we are encouraging them to become active citizens and to have a tangible impact on policies that shape their lives. It's an opportunity for young people to step up, engage with the community, and to actively shape the city they love.

Sincerely,



Clarisa M. Alayeto
Chairperson



Anthony R. Jordan
District Manager

Cc:

Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson

Congressman Richie Torres

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State Senator Jose M. Serrano

State Senator Luis Sepulveda

State Assemblywoman Amanda Septimo

State Assemblywoman Chantel Jackson

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