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January 23, 2020 District Manager's Report

Not too long ago a board member, who happened to be our Public Safety Chair, asked me what he thought of a survey he had created on social media. I suggested that he take the survey to his Public Safety Committee to work on.

Our current office intern:

Gisselle Lozada is a young Dominican and Puerto Rican woman, who was born in Manhattan but raised in Riverdale. She and her family both speak English and Spanish.

At 11 years old, Gisselle learned how to bake food on her own, simple things such as cookies and cupcakes (even though she personally doesn't like the taste of cupcakes). Eventually, she started asking her family for recipes for different sauces and dishes. In 2019, she got her food handler's license.

Gisselle dreams of owning her own business inspired by the food she creates (including cupcakes) as well as the natural products she makes for herself (haircare and skincare products).

Related to bios, a couple of newer board members (Valerie Babb and Paula Creary) volunteered to help me collect outstanding bios and bio headshots from board members. Paula will be taking photos of board members as well as helping write bios. If anyone needs or wants an explanation of the importance of bios, we'd be happy to fill you in.

Earlier this month I met with George Nashak, Executive Director of Care for the Homeless, whose bio is as follows:

George Nashak joined Care For the Homeless (CFH) as Executive Director, on October 16, 2017. He came to CFH from HELP USA, where he served as Executive Vice President and supervised operations of the organization's \$100 million portfolio of housing and supportive services for people experiencing

homelessness. Before joining HELP in 2012, George spent 8 years at DHS. He began as the Assistant Commissioner for Housing and Program Planning and worked on the New York/New York III Agreement. Later, as Deputy Commissioner for Adult Services, he oversaw the single adult shelter system, the street homelessness, and the re-housing of homeless adults' services. In conjunction with his duties at CFH, George serves as Chair of the Board of Directors for Homeless Services United as well as being a member of the Boards of St. Francis' Friends of the Poor and Gateway Housing. He holds a bachelor's degree from Columbia University (<https://www.careforthehomeless.org/who-we-are/leadership/>).

Mr. Nashak and I met at Care for the Homeless's only Bronx homeless shelter at the moment, which is called Susan's Place, located at 1921 Jerome Avenue:

Care For the Homeless (CFH) opened Susan's Place on August 6, 2008.

The 200-bed transitional women's shelter is co-located with a CFH health and dental center.

For the past 11 years, Susan's Place has served medically frail and mentally ill women. The site provides women experiencing homelessness with healthy meals, clean clothing, and recreational activities, in addition to health care and social services.

Above all, Susan's Place provides women with a safe and supportive environment, as well as the resources they need to stay housed once they are placed in a permanent residence.

Over 1,000 women have been placed in permanent housing since the site opened (<https://www.careforthehomeless.org/our-shelters/>).

Mr. Nashak gave me a tour of Susan's Place, and what I appreciated about our meeting was his candidness, which I hope was genuine. He had already agreed to attend a committee meeting, but he had wanted to meet with me first. During our meeting, he said he's been tasked by the Mayor's Office to place a 200-bed men's shelter in our district. Mr. Nashak and his colleague Nathalie Interiano are scheduled to come to our February Health Committee meeting.

Parliamentary procedures. Please remember that when you make a motion at the full board meeting that was approved on the committee level first, that motion does not need to be seconded.

I got the following email from the Mayor's Office of Management & Budget on Friday:

Dear Community Boards,

Now that you have received your board's FY 2021 Preliminary Budget Documents, this is a reminder that the Charter requires that a **Letter of Comment** on the Preliminary Budget be addressed and sent to elected officials. Although a **Public Hearing** is not Charter mandated for this exercise, many boards choose to hold one.

The Letter of Comment is required **within 30 days** of the release of the Preliminary Budget. Therefore, please meet these requirements no later than **Tuesday, February 18th**. Obviously the Public Hearing, if held, would have to be prior to the submission of your Letter.

LETTERS OF COMMENT:

(City Charter § 238.) Community board review of preliminary budget. Not later than the fifteenth day of February, each community board shall submit to the mayor, the council, director of management and budget, the appropriate borough president and each member of the borough board of the borough in which the community board is located, a statement containing the community board's assessment of the responsiveness of the preliminary budget to its statement of budget priorities submitted pursuant to section two hundred thirty and any other comments or recommendations which it wishes to make in regard to the preliminary budget.

The Statements on the Preliminary Budget, also called Letters of Comment, are Charter required for the budget process. They reflect the board's reaction to the responses received mostly from the agencies in your FY 2021 Register of Capital and Expense priorities. The Statements should also reflect the public's testimony at the board's public hearing if held.

Your Statements have not only helped your BP's and council members decide in June on local funding, they also provide OMB's analysts, who review your Statement on behalf of the Mayor for the upcoming Executive Budget, an excellent window into the neighborhoods that the proposed items will improve.

Here are some brief notes:

PLEASE DIVIDE YOUR LETTER BY AGENCY. While your complete Statements are sent to the Mayor, local and borough officials as well as the Borough Board; OMB's analysts, as part of the Office of the Mayor, review the part of the Statement that is pertinent to the agency they cover. Therefore, when received, we "cut and paste" the Statement into its agency components and forward them for preparations for the Executive Budget.

PLEASE SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR LETTER TO US AS A WORD DOC. Since we do "cut and paste" by agency, please submit your Statements as a Word Document, not a PDF.

It's important that the letter clearly reflects the major issues your board faces. The lengths of the letters vary but we put importance on the context of your reactions.

See the attached information for a more in-depth analysis and guide to writing the Statements.

Anyone want the attachment?

As an addendum to my report, I'm attaching the "Register of Community Board Budget Requests for the Preliminary Budget Fiscal Year 2021."

Recycling and composting at the CB11 Office. Please remember to properly recycle and dispose of your trash at the CB11 Office. As servants/officers of the public, I feel that it is our responsibility to set an example for others to follow. After committee meetings at the CB11 Office, I usually find myself digging through the trash, recycling and compost bins sorting out what can and cannot be recycled and composted. If you're unsure of what can or can't, please ask.

An email I forwarded onto the Board on the 14th:

Starting March 1, 2020, New York State law will prohibit businesses in New York State from distributing plastic carryout bags to customers, with limited exceptions. In addition, businesses in New York City will be required to charge a five-cent fee for each paper carryout bag. This fee will not apply to any customers using SNAP or WIC.

The Department of Sanitation is notifying New York City residents about the upcoming **Plastic Bag Ban and Paper Bag Fee** by handing out hundreds of thousands of free reusable bags and flyers across the city.

We hope you will help us ensure as many New Yorkers as possible are informed about this law, and are providing the tools below to assist:

- **We are sending bags and flyers to your office to share with your constituents in the coming weeks. If you do not receive them or to request more— email joanbyrnes@dsny.nyc.gov.**
- Co-host a bag distribution event with DSNY— sign up at on.nyc.gov/eventrequest.
- Invite your constituents to visit nyc.gov/bags to take the zero-waste pledge and get a free reusable bag.
- Share our @NYCZeroWaste posts on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Businesses will receive an official notice in the mail this month about the upcoming ban and fee. Further information for businesses is available on the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation website: on.ny.gov/byobagny.

Thank you for partnership as we work to inform New York City residents and businesses about this important policy and for your ongoing support for our efforts to send zero waste to landfills.

Please remember that thanks to funding from the City Council last fiscal year, we purchased 3x5 feet American flags, complete with a metal bracket and pole, which we are distributing to homeowners within our district. Want a flag? Please stop by our office (1741 Colden Avenue) between the hours of 8am and 5pm, Monday through Friday.