



JANUARY 22, 2025

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

AGENDA AND SUMMARIES



Chairman: Mohammad Mujumder - District Manager: William Rivera

GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

January 22, 2026 – 6:30PM

**Location: ShopRite
1994 Bruckner Blvd, 2nd Floor
Bronx, NY 10472**



- **MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. And to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

- **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

- **PUBLIC SESSION**

Phillip Ellison, New York Power Authority

Public speakers are limited to 2 minutes to address the Board or otherwise instructed by the Chairperson. Public speakers can sign up for the public session until the end of the meeting business day (2PM). During this segment only Board Members can ask questions and combined are allowed three questions for each public Speaker, unless otherwise instructed by the Chairman. Additional questions or comments by the public or board can be done outside of the meeting room. NOTE: If there are multiple speakers for same topic Chairperson can limit to three speakers.

- **MOTION TO GO INTO BUSINESS SESSION**

During this segment of our meeting only Board Members can speak on General Business.

- **ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT**

Representatives are limited to 2 minutes to address the Board. During this segment only Board Members can ask questions and combined are allowed three questions for each Report, unless otherwise instructed by the Chairman. Additional questions or comments by the board can be done outside of the meeting room.

- **CHAIRMAN/DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT**

- **EXECUTIVE/OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Chair: Mohammad Mujumder

Vice Chair: Angel Martinez

- **YOUTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Chair: Lashei Deoleo

Vice Chair: Ram Holder

- **LAND, ZONING, PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Mitchell Halpern

Vice Chair: Twywana Bush

- **PARKS & RECREATION**

Vice Chair: Sadie Marie Davis

- **PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION**

Chair: Shante Chamblee

Vice Chair: Isabelo Adames

Propel NY Energy Project Letter of Support

- **SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Chair: Nellie Santiago Rivera

Vice Chair: Linda Soto

- **HOMES & HOUSING COMMITTEE**

Chair: Antoinette Vereen

Vice Chair: Anne Johnson

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO END MEETING

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 19, 2026

Location: ShopRite

1994 Bruckner Blvd, 2nd Floor

Bronx, NY 10472

OFFICE INFO

District Manager William Rivera - wrivera@cb.nyc.gov

Deputy District Manager Shirley SanAndres-Alonzo - ssalonzo@cb.nyc.gov

District Director Tanéyah Jolly - tajolly@cb.nyc.gov

Phone (718) 823-3034 - Fax (718) 823-6461 - Office Email bx09@cb.nyc.gov - Website nyc.gov/bxcb9

Office Hours - Monday thru Friday 9AM to 5PM



District Service Cabinet Summary

January 20, 2026 - 1:00 PM

Description: The City Charter establishes a District Service Cabinet (DSC) in each community district, to be composed of agency officials responsible for local service delivery. The District Manager of the Community Board chairs the District Service Cabinet, whose members include representatives of the agencies that deliver local services to the Community District. The District Service Cabinet is the primary mechanism through which local service delivery issues can be raised, discussed and resolved. If used effectively, the Cabinet can provide the basis for a comprehensive approach to service delivery within the community district.

I. Call to Order

II. Service Requests

- A. Lighting improvement at Ferry Point Park

III. Old Business

Event Highlights

- A. 43RD Pct HollyDay Celebration (43rd Precinct Community Council)
- B. Photos with Santa (Senator Fernandez and Assemblymember Torres)
- C. Seniors Connected Self-Defense Workshop (NYPD)

Completed Service Requests

- A. Rosedale/Watson Playground Permit Inquiry. Resolution: Parks Permitting Dept shared contact for league follow-up.
- B. 1450-1471 Taylor Ave Tenant rent related charge dispute. Resolution: Taylor Ave Estates LLC Management Company replied with resident ledger history for verification.
- C. Approved traffic signal at the intersection of East 172nd Street and Ward Avenue.
- D. Falling ceiling at 2058 Haviland Ave. Resolution: HPD was notified for follow-up.
- E. Speed reducer along Newbold Avenue between Zerega Avenue and Havemeyer Avenue denied.
- F. Approved traffic signal at Watson Avenue and Croes Avenue.
- G. Lighting request for Lacombe Ave between Barrett Ave and White Plains Road. Resolution: DOT service request filed: DOT-731361-Z7W2.

IV. Agency Reports / Announcements

- A. Ms. Davidovic from CM Sanchez's office introduced herself.
- B. DI Theanthong from 43rd Pct shared that they will be hosting a Blood Drive 1.21.25 from 10AM-4PM. He also shared an update about abandon tractor trailers, they have put in a request to two these trucks, but there is limited space and only 2 tow trucks that have the capability of towing larger vehicles. He is requesting a large tow truck for the 43rd Precinct.
- C. Mr. Acosta from NYC Parks shared that they are working on cutting grass and plowing snow. He also attended the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting to address ongoing community concerns.
- D. Ms. Ardizzone from DEP shared that they will be doing a water shutdown at Clason Point Gardens from 1.20.26 at 11PM to 1.21.26 morning for repairs. The DEP Commissioner also shared a letter about downspout removal, which is disconnecting roof drainage from sewars because that backs up sewage systems.
- E. Mr. Arecco from DWCP shared they are prepping for tax season workshops and will be at the February Seniors Connected Meetings 2.20.26 AT 10AM.
- F. Mr. Johnson from DOHMH shared that flu cases peaked last month, but cases are still on going and they will be at Seniors Connected this Friday 1.23.25 at 10AM

- G. Mr. Luna from CM Farias shared that they will be at the CORE distributing hot meals on 1.21.25. Additionally, they still have flood barriers at their office from DEP is anyone is in need.
- H. Mr. Infante from DOT shared an update about the 5 Bridges Repository; they had over 50 people come to the last public hearing. They will be in touch once the final report is complete. Recently, a press release came out about the completions of the Bruckner Expressway renovations
- I. Ms. Dowe from the Mayor's Office shared that she will still be the representative for the Bronx and shared that they are hoping to open the James Monroe center February.

V. District Manager Report / Announcements

- J. BXC9 General Board Meeting 1.22.26 at the ShopRite Community Room at 1994 Bruckner Blvd, 2 Fl at 6:30PM
- K. BXC9 Seniors Connected Meeting 1.23.26 at the ShopRite Community Room at 1994 Bruckner Blvd, 2 Fl at 10AM

OFFICE INFO

District Manager William Rivera - wrivera@cb.nyc.gov
Deputy District Manager Shirley SanAndres-Alonzo - ssalonzo@cb.nyc.gov
District Director Tanéyah Jolly - tajolly@cb.nyc.gov
Phone (718) 823-3034 - Fax (718) 823-6461 - Office Email bx09@cb.nyc.gov - Website nyc.gov/bxcb9
Office Hours - Monday thru Friday 9AM to 5PM



Executive Committee Summary

January 20, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Mohammed Mujumder, Mitchel Halpern, Twywana Bush

I. Introduction & Roll Call

- A. Committee Description: The Executive & Operations Committee consists of the Chairperson of the Board, the First Chair, the Second Chair, the Secretary, Treasurer and District Manager. This committee creates policy and recommendations in regards to the operation of the Board.

II. Old Business

A. By Laws Update

- DM will send an email to BMs about who is interested in this meeting

III. New Business

A. DDM attended Bronx Borough Cabinet Meeting

- DOB has new Bronx Borough Commissioner
- DOT has a new manual for Street Design requests

B. DDM and DD collaborating with Montefiore's Bioethics team for Community Listening Sessions 2.26.26

C. Yankee Youth Applications open

- DD created flyer (see attached/printed)

D. DD collaborating with Castle Hill Resource Center for their Community Luncheon in April

E. DDM reached out to Open Meetings Laws

- Defining Extraordinary Circumstances for committee meetings remote log-in as "Sick, Grievance, Severe Weather, or Unforeseen Circumstances Approved by Chairperson"
- This is not for quorum it is only for attendance
- This will be outlined in the by-laws

F. Sign-on Letter Request from NYPIRG to Protect School Kids from Lead in Drinking Water (Attached)

G. SLAs

- Lechonera Y El Pollo Sabroso Rest (1594 Westchester Ave), Renewal
- Jimmy's (1161 Castle Hill Ave), Corporate Change
- My BUD 420 Inc (1798 E Tremont Ave), Renewal

H. DDM and DD to invite committee chairs to next Executive Committee Meeting: 2.17.26 at 7PM

IV. **DM Report**

- A. DM will create ID cards for the office staff and Chairperson.
- B. DM finalized the notary information, so all the people that were interested received an email.
- C. DM will send an email about the CPR class, but space is limited.
- D. DM will meet with DCP regarding specific items on our District Needs Statement.

The following outlines questions asked by BMs:

- BM Bush asked for an update regarding the casino development.
 - DM Rivera shared that everything is moving forward and they will be attending a meeting in the future.
- BM Bush and BM Foreman-Hines asked for an update on the Lafayette Estates.
 - DM Rivera will continue to work with the tenants as he received updates from DOB.
 - The audit is still underway, but DM Rivers will reach out to DOB regarding the After-Hours Variance.
- BM Bush inquired about this MTA Bus Lane pilot program for the 5 Bus on Story Ave.
 - DDM Alonzo reached out to MTA regarding this and is waiting for an update.
- BM Foreman-Hines inquired about BJs attending a committee meeting.
 - DM Rivera is still working with them on a date.

OFFICE INFO

District Manager William Rivera - wrivera@cb.nyc.gov

Deputy District Manager Shirley SanAndres-Alonzo - ssalonzo@cb.nyc.gov

District Director Tanéyah Jolly - tajolly@cb.nyc.gov

Phone (718) 823-3034 - Fax (718) 823-6461 - Office Email bx09@cb.nyc.gov - Website nyc.gov/bxcb9

Office Hours - Monday thru Friday 9AM to 5PM

The Honorable Kathy Hochul

Governor

Executive Chamber

Capitol Building

Albany, NY 12224

Re: Support inclusion of a “Filter First” initiative to keep lead out of school drinking water as part of your FY27 Executive Budget

Dear Governor Hochul,

On behalf of the public health, educational, community groups and elected officials signed below, we are writing to ask you to update New York’s lead in school drinking water law as part of your Executive Budget plan to be released in January.

The current law no longer meets best practices for protecting New York’s children from the threat of lead in school drinking water and leaves kids across the state susceptible to this well known contaminant.

Because children spend so much time in school buildings during the prime years of their development, lead contamination in school drinking water is particularly dangerous. It’s well-proven that lead exposure causes numerous negative health effects, including damage to the nervous system, learning disabilities, and impaired hearing.

As the crisis in Flint, Michigan sparked awareness of lead in drinking water, New York was one of the first states to set a limit on lead in schools’ water. New York recently followed several other states in lowering that limit to 5 parts per billion (5 ppb).

Despite these efforts, lead contamination continues in New York schools’ drinking water. Recent studies in the Buffalo, New York area school districts and New York City area found extensive lead contamination in school drinking water. Recent audits by the State Comptroller’s Office highlight that many districts have failed to properly test and remediate outlets, placing children, teachers and staff at risk.

More and more health experts agree that *prevention at every tap* is the only way to stop lead contamination of school drinking water. Because lead testing is highly variable, the water from a fountain or faucet can be “highly hazardous” even if several samples fail to detect lead. For this reason, New York’s current “test and fix” policy is leaving the risk of lead contamination at thousands of taps where our kids go to learn and play every day. Moreover, allowing New York’s children to drink water with 5 parts per billion of lead is inconsistent with the consensus in the public health community that lead exposure is unsafe at any level.

Instead, the Filter First approach calls for schools to replace all of their old, unfiltered drinking fountains with lead-filtering water bottle filling stations or hydration stations, and to ensure that there is at least one of these lead-filtering hydration stations for every 100 students and staff in each respective school building.

Not only does the Filter First approach help remove lead from drinking water, but a study in Michigan showed that the state's **school districts would save taxpayers' dollars** compared to a "test and fix " policy like New York's current law.

There is also growing data showing that access to drinking water through water bottle filling stations dramatically increases students' overall water intake, in turn improving health. Water makes children healthier by helping their muscles, joints, and tissues, improving their digestive system and keeping their growing bodies hydrated. Healthy, active children learn better, perform better academically, and behave better.

New York can again lead on this important issue, by enacting what health experts across the nation are calling for: statewide protections that require the implementation of the Filter First policy throughout all schools in New York.

Given this, the undersigned respectfully ask you to implement a statewide Filter First initiative to ensure safe drinking water for all New York school children.

We look forward to hearing back from you on this important topic, and call on you to take these steps immediately to protect students' health from the threat of lead in drinking water.

Sincerely,



Chairman Mohammed Majumder - District Manager: William Rivera

Youth & Education Committee Meeting Summary

January 15, 2026

Committee Members Present: Ram Halder, Julio Quinones Jr, Richard Owusu, Wajied Hakim

Committee Description: The youth & education committee represents the community's interests with regards to education and programs that target the youth and acts as a liaison between community members and the NYC Department of Education including Parent Advocates, PTA's, Educators and Principals, School Safety, the Administration for Children Services, the District Attorney's Office, NYC department of Youth & Development and local organizations and nonprofits.

I. Speakers

A. Silvia Hernandez Nunez, District 8 Schools

- Frontline Nutrition 1.20.26 & 1.29.26 at 6:30PM
- District Townhall 1.27.26 at 6:30PM (Zoom)
- Family Engagement Workshops (Zoom)
 - Mondays 5:00-6:00PM
 - Tuesdays 7:30-8:30PM
- District Science Expo
- Maritime Academic Center 2.26.26 from 10:00AM-1:30PM (SUNY Maritime College)

II. New Business

- A. Yankee Youth Leadership Applications now open**
- B. Next Meeting: February 12th @7PM**

OFFICE INFO

District Manager William Rivera - wrivera@cb.nyc.gov
Deputy District Manager Shirley SanAndres-Alonzo - ssalonzo@cb.nyc.gov
District Director Tanéyah Jolly - tajolly@cb.nyc.gov
Phone (718) 823-3034 - Fax (718) 823-6461 - Office Email bx09@cb.nyc.gov - Website nyc.gov/bxcb9
Office Hours - Monday thru Friday 9AM to 5PM

Bronx Community Board 9
Now Accepting Applications

Yankee Youth

Leadership



Please submit
applications by
March 10th at 5PM

Any questions?

Reach us at bx09@cb.nyc.gov

ABOUT THE AWARD

Are you a high school student making a difference in your community? The New York Yankees Community Council wants to recognize your leadership and service!

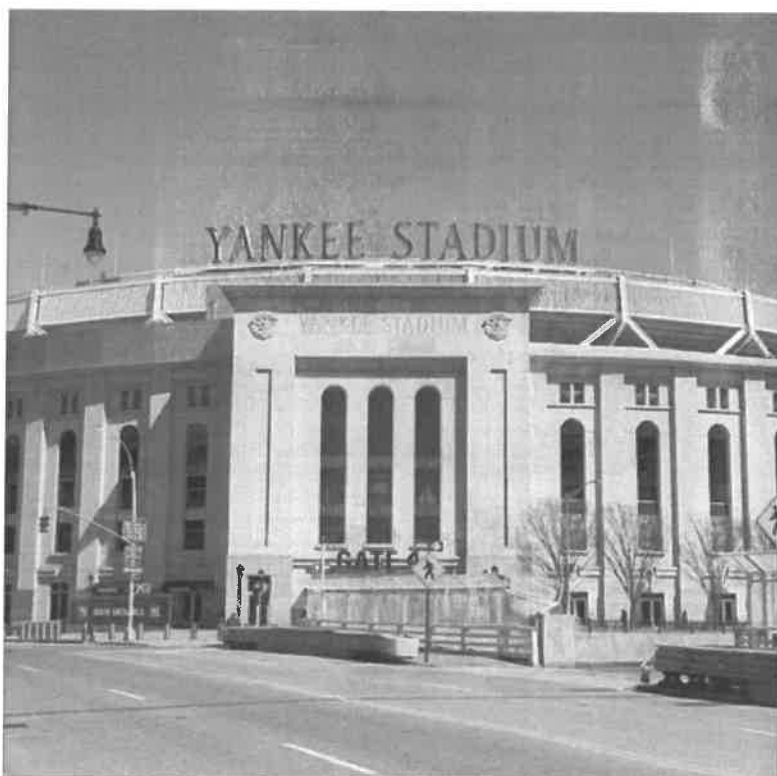
ELIGIBILITY

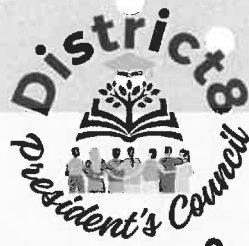
- Must be a high school student
- Completed 50+ hours of volunteer work (e.g. tutoring, mentoring, promoting unity, anti-violence/drug advocacy)
- Demonstrated leadership and community impact

APPLY TODAY!



<https://forms.office.com/g/FM59hCMiG6>





Please join us for our

MONTHLY MEETING

Elections

Title I DPAC Chair
D8PC Correspondence Secretary
D8PC Financial Liaison



Budget Updates
FUNdraising
Outreach Events
Committees

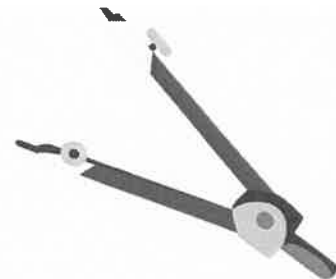
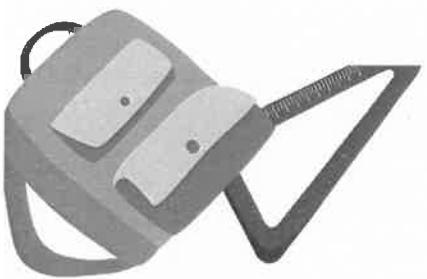
JANUARY **26** AT 6:00 PM

Online Only!

Link for Meeting will be sent separately

D8PresCouncil@gmail.com

DIST: 1/18/2026



District 8 Town Hall

Please join Superintendent Joynt's
Mid-Year Town Hall!

Come hear about the "State of our District".
Time will be provided for Q&A as well!

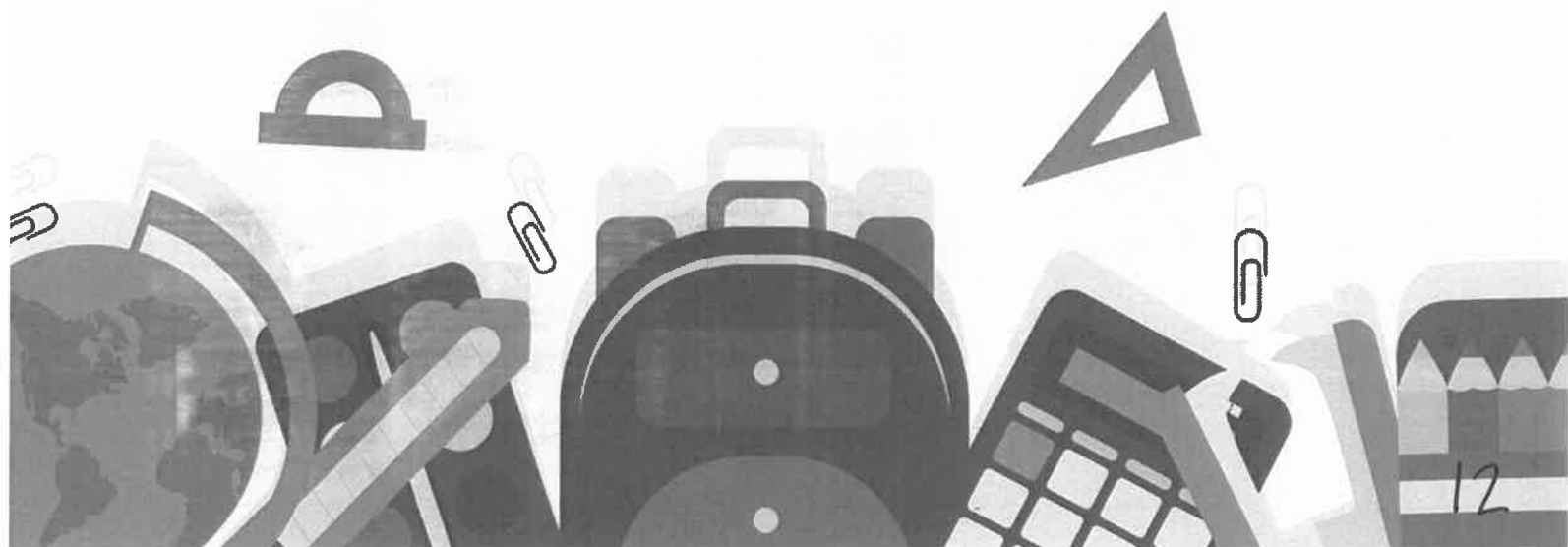
Tuesday, January 27, 2026

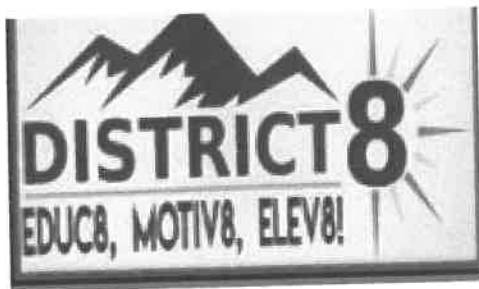
6:30-7:30 pm

Via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/3017224189?omn=95648756922>

Arabic line: 347-966-4114 Conference ID: 979 252 352#
Bangla Line: 347-966-4114 Conference ID: 236 417 802#
Spanish Line: 347-966-4114 Conference ID: 902 176 229#





FRONTLINE NUTRITION

"Eat Right
Get Right
Live A Better
Quality Of Life"

Invites you to join us on the path to a

**HAPPY AND HEALTHY
NEW YEAR!**

Join us as we learn
how good nutrition
supports better learning,
"healthy foods" myths,
understanding
nutrition labels and how
to make healthier options
for your family



JOIN HERE

ZOOM MEETING
ID: 994 1246 4671
PASSCODE:
888888

Session 1
January 20nd, 6:30 pm

Session 2 -
January 29th, 6:30 pm

Interpretation
services
347-944-4114



Work hard
be kind
eat/Bell

**D8 PARENTS WORKSHOPS &
MORNINGSIDE CENTER**



January 13 @ 6pm
Balancing the Joys & Stresses of
Caregiving
Meeting ID: 870 4810 2582
Passcode: 389997



February 10 @ 6pm
Exploring the Range of Emotions
Meeting ID: 856 8364 2682
Passcode: 041128

March 10 @ 6pm Building a
Community of Caregivers Meeting
ID: 876 0092 5955
Passcode: 094816



April 21 @ 6pm Understanding
the Adolescent Brain
Meeting: 837 2257 3948
Passcode: 994503

Arabic Line: 347-4114
Conference ID: 450 364 256#
Bangla Line: 347-966-4114
Conference ID: 993 740 522#
Spanish Line: 347-966-4114
Conference ID: 329 859 605#



Work Hard & Be Kind



Grand Concourse Academy Charter School

625 Bolton Avenue

Bronx, NY 10473

(718) 684-6505

2026-2027

Admission Now Open / Admisión abierta

***Top performing**

Public Charter School serving Grades K - 8, with over 20 years of success!

We proudly offer:

- A safe, nurturing environment
- Small class sizes w/ co-teaching
- Afterschool Program
- Athletics / Extracurricular Clubs
- Special Education Services
- English Language Learner Program
- State of the Art 1:1 Technology



***El mejor rendimiento**

Escuela pública concertada que imparte clases de Kinder a 8º grado, ¡con más de 20 años de éxito!



Estamos orgullosos de ofrecer:

- Un entorno seguro y enriquecedor
- Clases reducidas con enseñanza conjunta
- Programa extraescolar
- Atletismo / Clubes extraescolares
- Servicios de educación especial
- Programa para estudiantes de inglés
- Tecnología punta 1:1

Ways to apply:

- Visit school website at www.geacs.org
- Email applications to lottery@geacs.org
- Scan our QR Code

Formas de inscribirse:

- Visite el sitio web de la escuela en www.geacs.org
- Envíe su solicitud por correo electrónico a lottery@geacs.org
- Escanee nuestro código QR



OPEN HOUSE / JORNADA DE PUERTAS ABIERTAS:

Thursday / Jueves, January 15, 2026

Thursday / Jueves, February 26, 2026

Thursday / Jueves, March 19, 2026

Time / Hora: 5:00 PM

Location / Ubicación: 625 Bolton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473



Chairman Mohammed Mujumder - District Manager: William Rivera

Land & Zoning, Economic Development & Planning Committee Meeting Summary January 12, 2026

Board Members Present: Mitchell Halpern, Twywana Bush, Alizia McMyers, Andrea McLeod, Chandra Moore, Kevin Kiernan, Md Alaudin, Helen Foreman-Hines, Julio Quinones Jr, Wayne Cole Jr.

I. Introduction

- A. Committee Description:** The Land & Zoning, Economic Development & Planning Committee represents the community's interests with regard to the use of land, zoning, landmark, building, etc. and acts as a liaison between community members and Department of City Planning, Department of Buildings & the New York City Economic Development Corporation.

II. Notifications

A. Community Opportunity to Purchase Act (COPA) - Int. 902 (FAQs Printed)

Committee discussed this proposal which requires landlords that have dwellings with four or more units to first notify HPD of an intent to sell. A potential concern from property owner regarding this bill is the delay in timeframe associated with selling of property as a result to these stipulations. This bill will give qualified nonprofits first rights to buy certain multifamily buildings before private sales. Mayor Adams vetoed the bill in late 2025 and now NYC Council can decide to override it.

Some related links include:

- <https://www.coleschotz.com/copa-changes-the-game-for-nyc-multifamily-transactions/>
- <https://www.cullenllp.com/blog/mayor-adams-vetoes-the-community-opportunity-to-purchase-act-copa/>

The Committee is interested in inviting CM Farias to a future meeting to further discuss this topic.

Bill Link from the Office of CM Farias:

<https://legistar.council.nyc.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6695280&GUID=17713221-6B17-4AE9-9892-AF107A836713>

B. Committee hosted a conversation from Lafayette residents regarding their frustrations with the construction of the Story Ave Developments.

Committee to enforce that speakers request in advance to be added to agenda and for service request concerns to be managed outside of committee whenever possible.

As per DM Rivera, these issues are already on the record for notice (residents have attended past General Board Meetings and this topic has also been discussed at DSC) and CB9 is taking action wherever possible, however, this is not a matter community boards have direct influence over.

C. Homeowners get green light to add tiny homes as new 'City of Yes' law takes effect

Legislation passed to allow ADU (accessory dwelling units) or secondary living spaces to be built on the lot of the primary residence, such as a converted garage, basement or attic.

Related article: <https://www.the-sun.com/money/15725339/new-york-city-of-yes-housing-law-eric-adams/>

D. Mayor Mamdani Executive Order No. 3 as NYC mayor boost renter protections, housing development (Executive Order Printed)

Mayor Mamdani's new Executive Orders will pressure landlords to fast-track housing developments. More information on these Executive Orders can be found here:

<https://www.nyc.gov/mayors-office/news/2026/01/mayor-mamdani-signs-eo-to-revitalize-mayor-s-office-to-protect-t>

Related Article: <https://www.cbsnews.com/newyork/news/mamdani-executive-orders-tenants-rights-housing/#>

III. New Business

- A.** CB9 Office to re-circulate link to view the data compiled on vacant and underutilized lots to committee members
- B.** Request for update from BJ's Rep on ongoing construction
- C.** Request for update on York Studios and phase 2

OFFICE INFO

District Manager William Rivera - wrivera@cb.nyc.gov

Deputy District Manager Shirley SanAndres-Alonzo - ssalonzo@cb.nyc.gov

District Director Tanéyah Jolly - tajolly@cb.nyc.gov

Phone (718) 823-3034 - Fax (718) 823-6461 - Office Email bx09@cb.nyc.gov - Website nyc.gov/bxcb9

Office Hours - Monday thru Friday 9AM to 5PM



Chairman Mohammed Mujumder – District Manager: William Rivera

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Agenda

January 14, 2026

Committee Members Present: Marie Davis, Abunoman Rahman

Committee Description: The Parks and Recreation Committee represents the community's interests with regard to parks, park services and all park related matters and acts as a liaison between parks users and the New York City Parks Department.

I. Speakers

A. Chris Acosta, NYC Parks

- Mr. Acosta shared that he and his field staff team are responsible for maintenance safety, and cleaning. They also work with the Park Enforcement unit to ensure that people are abiding by Park rules. Soundview Park is the largest in the district and CB9 also has the most playgrounds (25) compared to other districts in the Bronx, which creates a very busy Spring/Summer season in CB9. He also recommended that anyone who is interested in volunteering at a NYC Park should get in touch with Partnerships for Parks.

The following outlines concerns from the committee and the response from Mr. Acosta:

- The lights at Soundview Park stay on past 11PM.
 - Mr. Acosta will reach out the Field Supervision team.
- There are complaints about people cooking on the track field in Soundview Park
 - This has been a recurring issue, not just at Soundview Park but other parks as well. Parks Enforcement has officers to enforce this, but they are always looking to recruit more officers to increase coverage.
- The exercise equipment at Soundview Park is not in great condition.
 - Mr. Acosta and his team can only provide maintenance and operations, but funding from City Council is needed for renovations and/or replacements.
- There is an issue of double parking at Soundview Park, which leads to FDNY, NYC Parks gate access being blocked.
 - NYPD's traffic unit would have to enforce traffic violation.
- Clason Point Ferry needs more lighting.
 - NYC Parks, NYPD, and CB9 will work together to address this issue.

II. Events

A. 1.23.26 Volunteer Clean Up at Soundview Park

OFFICE INFO

District Manager William Rivera - wrivera@cb.nyc.gov

Deputy District Manager Shirley SanAndres-Alonzo - ssalonzo@cb.nyc.gov

District Director Tanéyah Jolly - tajolly@cb.nyc.gov

Phone (718) 823-3034 - Fax (718) 823-6461 - Office Email bx09@cb.nyc.gov - Website nyc.gov/bxcb9

Office Hours - Monday thru Friday 9AM to 5PM



Chairman Mohammed Mujumder - District Manager: William Rivera

Public Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting Summary January 8, 2026

Committee Members Present: Shante Chamblee, Brent Woodie

Committee Description: The public safety & transportation committee represents the community's interests with regards to sanitation, crime, fire-ems, quality of life, NYS liquor license application recommendations, street activity permit applications, street re-naming application, transportation and acts as a liaison between community members and the New York Police Department & Fire Departments, NYC Department of Environmental Protection, NYC Department of Sanitation, NYC Department of Transportation, & NYS Liquor Authority.

1. Speakers

- **Jose Rodriguez, Bolton St. Johns**

The following outlines the presentation from Propel NY:

- The project is a publicly owned energy infrastructure initiative developed through a public-private partnership.
- The proposal is not a battery or energy-generation project, but an underground electric transmission infrastructure project.
- The project is permitted through New York State Article 7, overseen by the Public Service Commission (PSC).
- NYPA previously presented to the Land Use and Zoning Committee, though technical limitations prevented display of the full presentation deck at that time.

Purpose & Need

- Addressing aging electrical infrastructure, responding to increased energy demand, improving resilience against extreme weather events, supporting statewide electrification efforts

Project Scope & Timeline

- Total project length: 90 miles, 3 ties connecting Long Island to the statewide grid
- Local segment: 4 miles
- Communities affected: 7 neighborhoods
- Infrastructure: 4 electrical stations, 345 kV underground transmission line, 5-6 underground trenches
- Construction timeline: May 2026 – May 2030 (approximately 4 years)

Routing & Current Status

- The project is currently in Stage 3: Stakeholder Outreach.
- Under Article 7, the project is at Step 5, seeking certificate issued by the PSC
- 71 formal letters of support have been received, including endorsements from: Bronx Chamber of Commerce, Business Council of Westchester, Montefiore
- *NYPA formally requested a letter of support from Community Board 9.*
- The construction plan is being revised to avoid commercial corridors; however, the updated proposal may impact residential areas instead.

Infrastructure & Environmental Concerns raised by attendees

- Questions regarding vulnerabilities of underground transmission lines, including flooding
- Strain on local resources (water and electricity), particularly related to data centers operated by companies such as Google
 - Response: These data centers will rely on independent energy sources and will not draw power from this transmission line. Also, these data center have not indicated plans to open facilities in the Bronx.

Public Understanding/Concerns indicated by presented

- Some opposition groups have confused the project with renewable energy generation or battery storage, which NYPA clarified is not the case.
- Requests were made for clearer education on how the electric grid functions and the have provided more information via flyers, meetings, videos, advertisements etc.

Youth Education & Workforce Development

NYPA discussed potential educational opportunities for local youth, including:

- Partnerships with local schools (e.g., PS 93)
- Development of summer programs focused on energy infrastructure and workforce exposure

Community Concerns & Questions

- Construction Impacts: Noise and disruption during construction, Transportation disruptions during excavation, Number of communities affected.
 - Response: Construction will occur in phases similar to Con Edison projects (excavation, installation, capping, and repaving).
 - NYPA committed to ongoing communication with businesses and residents.

Committee Follow-Up

- BX09 Office Staff will follow up with NYPA regarding the letter of support request.
- Additional project updates and application materials will be provided as they become available via their mobile application.

2. SLA/Cannabis Applications

- A. Lechonera Y El Pollo Sabroso Rest (1594 Westchester Ave), Renewal Committee tabled this recommendation review.
- B. Jimmy's (1161 Castle Hill Ave), Corporate Change Committee tabled this recommendation review.
- C. My BUD 420 Inc (1798 E Tremont Ave), Renewal Committee tabled this recommendation review.

3. New Business

Fire Hydrant & Public Safety Concerns

- Construction workers were observed connecting hoses to fire hydrants without permits.
- If a fire were to occur, water access could be compromised.
- In some instances, FDNY is unable to access a hydrant due to illegal parking.
- Concerns were raised about insufficient enforcement, as hydrant-related parking tickets are approximately \$100. Community members suggested increasing fines to \$300–\$400.
- The Fire Department faces challenges due to social media backlash, where enforcement actions are sometimes mischaracterized as harassment.
- A request was made for a Fire Department representative to attend the next meeting to address hydrant access and enforcement issues.

Increases in Package Theft

- Concerns were raised about package theft, including patterns involving the same individuals working with delivery personnel.



Chairman Mohammed Mujumder - District Manager William Rivera

Social Services Committee Meeting Summary

January 6, 2026

Board Members Present: Nellie Santiago-Rivera, Daniel Porro, Mohammed Islam, Sharyn Brown

I. Introduction

- A. Committee Description:** The social services committee represents the community's interests with regards to social services including senior services, disability, and veterans concerns and acts as a liaison between community members and the NYC Human Resources Administration, Department of Homeless Services, Department of Aging, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Seniors Connected Sub-Committee is under this committee.

II. Speakers

A. Michelle Morazan, Somos Community Care

SOMOS Community Care is NY's only provider-led nonprofit, community-based integrated health care network. SOMOS mission is to break down barriers, ensuring that every individual, regardless of background or circumstance, has access to comprehensive and compassionate healthcare services.

- SOMOS services nearly 25% of NYC's Medicaid Members
- SOMOS Social Care Network identifies needs and connects you with the best help possible. From housing to transportation, to healthy groceries and medical services.
- In NY all Medicaid members are eligible for Social Care HRSN (Health Related Social Needs) services.
- Members are eligible for HRSN services if they meet all of the following: Are enrolled in Medicaid Managed Care, Screen positive for an unmet HRSN, Meet criteria for an Enhanced Service Population
- Bronx Residents benefit from: Universal Screening of Medicaid Members, Expanded Services and Support, Cultural Sensitivity and Linguistic Competent Approach, and Coordinated Care & Strengthened Community Partnership.
- Bronx CBOs benefit from: Increased Funding Opportunities, Capacity Building, and Data-Driven Decision Making.
- In addition, CBOs can refer patients to SOMOS and receive trainings for screenings
- Contact: 1-833-SOMOSNY or somosscn.org
- Full presentation available upon request

B. Marylind Soriano, WHEDco

WHEDco (Women's Housing and Economic Development Corporation) was founded in 1992 with a mission to create thriving communities in the Bronx by combining affordable

housing with economic development, social services, and education. It was established in response to the severe housing crisis and economic struggle in the South Bronx.

- WHEDco provides Family Support, Housing Application Assistance, Housing Assistance, Utility Assistance, and Unemployment Insurance Benefits.
- Clients can be referred directly to their shared Family Support via email at Familysupportservices@whedco.org and by phone at 718-839-1100
- Application process includes: screening, application submission, and follow-up.
- Documentation Requirements: Proof of Identification, Proof of Income, Proof of Household expenses (rent, utilities, childcare, child support, medical expenses), and Proof of address.
- WHEDco's Emergency Grant is a once in a lifetime payment available to help qualifying individuals and households address one-time emergency financial need, up to \$3,000. Eligibility Criteria: An emergency situation resulting in financial need; demonstrate future ability to manage expenses. Required Documentation: Photo ID for the Applicant, Proof of Income, Proof of Expense/Bill, Supporting Documentation regarding the Emergency
- Address and Contact Information: 50 E 168th Street, Bronx, NY 10452; Familysupportservices@whedco.org; 718-839-1100. Clients are encouraged to call between 8am-4pm. If leaving a message include names, reason for calling, and a call back number.
- Full presentation available upon request

III. Notices

A. ADA Accessible elevators are now open in Parkchester.

IV. New Business

A. Next Meeting: Feb 3, 2026 at 6:30PM

B. Korean Sword Training for Spring Seniors Connected Meeting suggested.

C. Christmas Holiday Dinner new venue requested.

OFFICE INFO

District Manager William Rivera - wrivera@cb.nyc.gov

Deputy District Manager Shirley SanAndres-Alonzo - ssalonzo@cb.nyc.gov

District Director Tanéyah Jolly - tajolly@cb.nyc.gov

Phone (718) 823-3034 - Fax (718) 823-6461 - Office Email bx09@cb.nyc.gov - Website nyc.gov/bxcb9

Office Hours - Monday thru Friday 9AM to 5PM



Dear Community Stakeholders.

We are pleased to inform you that ADA-accessible elevators are now open at the Parkchester station on the 6-train line. This important upgrade ensures greater accessibility and convenience for riders with disabilities, seniors, and families with strollers.

Thank you for your continued support in improving transit equity and accessibility for all New Yorkers.

Please feel free to share this update with your constituents. If you have any questions or would like additional details, do not hesitate to reach out.

Best,

Jonathan Flynn

Assistant Director, Government and Community Relations

New York City Transit



**Do you have Medicaid?
Need Help with transportation?
We can help get you
where you need to go
to get services:**

- Food Markets
- Food Pantries
- Social Services application and interviews, etc.
- Court, eviction court, etc.

Come in and see if you qualify,

Call us at 1-833-SOMOSNY

or visit our website at somosscn.org



**Do you have Medicaid?
Need Help with Social Care?**

SOMOS
Bronx Social Care Network
is here to help with:

- Housing
- Food
- Case Management
- Transportation

Come in and see if you qualify,

Call us at 1-833-SOMOSNY

or visit our website at somosscn.org



WHEDco's Family Support Team Offers:

- ✓ Public Benefits Access, such as SNAP (Food Stamps), New Applications and Recertification, Cash Assistance Applications (TANF, Safety Net), and WIC Referrals
- ✓ One Shot Deal Applications (HRA Emergency Assistance)
- ✓ Health Insurance Advocacy and Applications (i.e. Medicaid, Medicare)
- ✓ Unemployment Benefits Applications
- ✓ Housing Assistance such as: NYCHA and NYC Housing Connect Applications, Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE), Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE), and Section 8 Recertification (Applications when Available)
- ✓ Safelink and Assurance Phone Applications
- ✓ Citizenship Application and Fee Waiver Assistance
- ✓ Green Card Renewal and Replacement Applications and Fee Waiver Assistance
- ✓ Legal Services: Immigration, Housing Advocacy, Social Security (SSI and SSD), Custodial Rights, Child Support, Employment Law, etc. (Provided by Legal-Aid Society)
- ✓ Mental Health Counseling (On-site, Virtual and Referrals)
- ✓ Food Pantry (Wednesdays, 8AM-10AM)
- ✓ Childcare applications (HRA and ACS)
- ✓ Vocational & Education Program referrals
- ✓ Head Start and Daycare Referrals
- ✓ And Much More...

****All Services Are Free and Confidential****
Virtual and In-Person Assistance Available

50 East 168th Street
Bronx, NY 10452
718.839.1100
www.whedco.org



Scan to Contact Us:



WHEDco

Building A Greater Bronx



Emergency Assistance Grants

Eligibility Criteria

- An emergency situation resulting in a financial need
- Demonstrate future ability to manage expenses
- Participate in at least one other WHEDco program or receive at least one other service

Required Documentation

- Photo Identification for the Applicant
- Proof of expense/bill
- Supporting documentation regarding the emergency

FAQs

- Immigration status does not impact eligibility
- Qualifying emergencies include but are not limited to utility bills, medical bills, transportation, clothing/shoes, furniture, funeral expenses, and select employment/education related expenses.
- Grants are paid directly to third parties (i.e. Con Edison, furniture store, funeral home, etc.)
- Home-Based Childcare providers may be eligible for partial assistance for utilities
- Small business expenses are not eligible; inquire about grants/loans through WHEDco's Community Development department, communitydevelopment@whedco.org
- Access to free, expert financial counseling to manage money and build wealth available (Ariva, OFE)

Our Contact Info:

☎ 718-839-1100

✉ familysupportservices@whedco.org

📍 50 E 168th Street,
Bronx, NY, 10452



Chairman Mohammed Mujumder - District Manager: William Rivera

Homes & Housing Committee Meeting Summary January 5, 2026

Board Members Present: Antoinette Vereen, Anne Johnson, Helen Foreman-Hines, Wayne Cole Jr.

I. Introduction

A. Committee Description: The Homes & Housing Committee represents the community's interests with regards to housing related matters and concerns, namely in relation to NYCHA, and acts as a liaison between community members and the New York City Housing Authority as well as local property owners and management teams.

B. Welcome New Einstein Service Learning Participant Sarah

II. New Business

A. Tentative Bronx Borough President Town Hall

- Tentative Town Hall held by BP Gibson's Office in the spring
- Suggested key issues to be discussed include: Pressing issues going on with NYCHA; Complaint Management System
- Potential town hall locations to suggest to BP's Office: James Monroe HS Annex Building (auditorium & sound system), PS93, Stevenson HS – easy access for residents of Stevenson Commons to attend
- Suggest to host town hall earlier in the day, so more people can attend
- Committee suggested a series of town halls, Town Hall Tours at different locations in the district every few months
- Committee hopes to prepare a report by March to present to BP's Office in preparation for their town hall and work as a team to map out the most crucial concerns
- Committee plans to go to a different housing complex each week to survey residents on their concerns

B. Fordham Road NYCHA Office

- Board Member Daniel Porro continues to raise concerns regarding the Fordham Road NYCHA Office
- Key issues include: Discrimination, elderly people waiting outside in the cold even though there's plenty of space in the waiting room; Front desk doesn't answer the phone, despite constant ringing; Online portal for making appointments is difficult to navigate

- Committee Ideas for Resolution include: Get the news involved; Send a letter to the new mayor Mamdani, who just signed a recent bill regarding housing; Contact Alina Dowe, Bronx Borough Director at the Mayor's Office Community Affairs Unit (CAU)

C. Committee Action Items

- Request the Mayor, city council, etc. to attend CB9 meeting (most likely general board meeting)
- Develop a yearly calendar to increase meeting attendance
- Make a plan for addressing housing issues at private properties, not just NYCHA
- Develop a survey: printed and/or QR codes placed at different housing developments, so people can submit their concerns
- Identify community centers/churches/meeting places near each development (including private properties, ie: Parkchester) to host meetings that are easily accessible to residents
- Expand outreach: better marketing (digital or in-person flyers, advertise through the news)

D. Federal Co-Monitors for NYCHA

- Federal Co-Monitors are appointed under the agreement between the US Dept of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the US Dept of Justice (DOJ), the City of NY, and the NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA) dated Jan 31, 2019.
- Federal Co-Monitors oversee NYCHA's mandated improvements in housing conditions (like heat, lead, mold, elevators) as part of a federal agreement, acting as independent watchdogs for residents and reporting on progress to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- The Monitors may be reached by email at nychamonitor@jenner.com; by phone at 212-303-2530; by mail addressed to: Neil Barofsky & Matthew Cipolla, NYCHA Federal Co-Monitors, C/o Jenner & Block LLP, 1155 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036

E. Next Meeting: February 2nd at 7PM

OFFICE INFO

District Manager William Rivera - wrivera@cb.nyc.gov
 Deputy District Manager Shirley SanAndres-Alonzo - ssalonzo@cb.nyc.gov
 District Director Tanéyah Jolly - tajolly@cb.nyc.gov
 Phone (718) 823-3034 - Fax (718) 823-6461 - Office Email bx09@cb.nyc.gov - Website nyc.gov/bxcb9
 Office Hours - Monday thru Friday 9AM to 5PM



**Housing Court: What to Expect
Need Help in Navigating Housing Court and Understanding Rental
Housing Regulation?
Tuesday January 27th, 2026, from 6-8pm**

New York's Rent Laws provide numerous protections for tenants of rent stabilized and rent controlled apartments, including the right to lease renewals and limitations on rent increases. This class will provide an overview of your rights and responsibilities as a property owner, as well tips on how to mediate disputes with tenants and when you should go to Housing Court. Topics covered:

- How to comply with New York's rent regulations
- Landlord-tenant mediation
- Access, non-payment, and holdover evictions
- How to navigate Housing Court

Register for the Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/3NrSgby>
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Montefiore Einstein Center for Bioethics,
Fordham University,
and Bronx Community Board 9

invite you to:

Bioethics Community Conversation



Center
For
Bioethics



Join Us



February 26, 2026



6:30PM - 8 PM



1967 Turnbull Ave Suite 201
Bronx, NY 10473

What We Do

- Help people talk through what matters and make decisions together
- Help navigate difficult or complex medical decisions and values-based conflicts that arise in patient care

Bonus!

**\$50 Amazon gift cards and small bites
for all participants!**

***Please sign up using the QR Code or
email bioethics@montefiore.org***

**Walk-ins are welcome on a first come
first served basis**



718-823-3034



1967 Turnbull Ave



nyc.gov/site/bronxcb9/



Bronx Community Board 9 Elected Officials



Bronx Borough President

Vanessa L. Gibson

851 Grand Concourse
3rd Floor
Bronx, New York 10451
718-590-3554



New York City Council Member

Amanda Farias

778 Castle Hill Avenue
Bronx, NY 10473
718-792-1140
District 18



New York City Council Member

Justin Sanchez

1070 Southern Boulevard
Bronx, New York 10459
718-402-6130
District 17



New York City Council Member

Kristy Marmorato

3040 E Tremont Avenue, Suite 107
Bronx, NY 10461
Phone: 718-931-1721
District 13



New York State Assembly Member

Karines Reyes

1973 Westchester Avenue
Bronx, New York 10462
718-931-2620
87 Assembly District



New York State Assembly Member

Emérita Torres

1231 Lafayette Ave Suite L-620
Bronx, NY 10474
718-893-0202
85 Assembly District



New York State Senator

Nathalia Fernandez

3853 East Tremont Ave.
Bronx, NY 10465
718-822-2049
34th Senate District



New York State Senator

Gustavo Rivera

2432 Grand Concourse Suite 506
Bronx, New York 10458
718-933-2034
33rd Senate District



USA Congress Member

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

1231 Lafayette Ave Suite L-610
Bronx, NY 10474
718-662-5970
14th District of New York



Office of Council Member Amanda Farias

778 Castle Hill Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (*appointments encouraged*)

Phone: 718-792-1140 | Email: district18@council.nyc.gov

January 22, 2026

Last month, our office had the honor of once again bringing joy to District 18 by distributing over 1,330 toys to hundreds of families across the district in celebration of the Winter Holidays. Through more than 11 community events and numerous drop-offs, we worked to ensure that every child had the opportunity to receive a toy of their choice. This effort was made possible through the generous support of the many partnerships I created to serve the community and ensure that the holiday season was brighter for children in District 18.

Updates from City Hall & Community:

- This week Council Member Farias joined the new NYC Public Schools Chancellor Kamar H. Samuels at PS/MS 194 to welcome students back to school after the Holiday Break.
- Additionally - Council Member Farias is excited to announce that the Parkchester Train Station officially has a brand new elevator in operation!
- Today Council Member Farias was appointed Chair of the Women & Gender Equity Committee and sits on the following committees: Economic Development, Hospitals, Zoning and Franchises, and Technology.
- Last Thursday, the City Council held a Stated meeting. There were committee reassignments, and Council Member Farias is now the Chair of the Committee on Women and Gender Equity. She is also a Committee Member on the following committees:
 - Committee on Economic Development
 - Committee on Education
 - Committee on Hospitals
 - Committee on Technology

- Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises
- The final Stated meeting of the year last month brought a number of bill passages that are listed below.
 - **CM Bill Passages:**
 -
 - **Int 1121-2024 (Prime)** - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to providing contracted ferry service at reduced cost to middle school students
 - **Int 1149-2024 (Prime)** - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to language accessibility for ferry service
 - **Res 1061-2025 (Prime)** - Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation requiring pain management options be offered to patients undergoing in-office gynecologic procedures
 - **Int 1501-2025 (Co-Prime)** - A Local Law in relation to the naming of 77 thoroughfares and public places
 - Our office is co-naming E 172nd Street from the intersection of E 172nd Street and Commonwealth Avenue to Pedro Joaquín Aguiar-Carrión Way in honor of his life's work and legacy. Pedro Joaquín Aguiar-Carrión was a lifelong organizer, educator, and host of La Verdad Hablada who used his voice to inform and mobilize Spanish-speaking communities and to stand up for working people in the Bronx. It is an honor and pleasure to work with the family to do this.

Office Offerings:

- **Budget Season has begun:** FY2027 Discretionary applications are open! The submission deadline will be on Wednesday, February 18th, at 6 PM.
 - *Please find all important and relevant information on applications, deadlines, and trainings at council.nyc.gov/budget*
- **Library Services Pop-Up** – While the Castle Hill Library branch is currently closed for renovations, our office is partnering with NYPL to bring library services back to the community. Services will include library card signups, book checkouts, and more!
 - Every Thursday in January | 11 AM - 4 PM (*Walk-ins are welcome!*)
- **Veterans of Foreign Wars** – FREE assistance for veterans to learn about their benefits and help apply for them free of charge.
 - Dates:
 - Thursday, January 22nd

- **UJC Family Law Clinic** – FREE representation for survivors of intimate partner abuse, child custody, child support, and more, offered by the Urban Justice Center.
 - Dates Available:
 - Monday, January 26th
- **UJC Safety Net Project** – FREE Public Assistance representation, with Fair Hearings, SNAP, Cash assistance, One Shot Deals. Helps address any issues you may be encountering with HRA. (Can assist with Emergency Grant applications)
 - Dates:
 - Tuesday, February 3rd
- **NIDC - FREE Homeowner and Tenant Resources**
 - Dates:
 - Monday, February 9th
- **FREE Lincoln Center Tickets** – Through their “Choose-What-You-Pay” program, you can access up to 3 free tickets to incredible shows like global FEST, the Pastoral dance series, and the Lincoln Center Poetry Festival. Use code **LCPCD18** at checkout at LincolnCenter.org/Presents. Tickets are limited, so don't wait!
 - Dates:
 - Friday, February 6, 2026, at 6:00 pm
 - Saturday, February 7, 2026, at 6:00 pm
- **Every Wednesday, FREE Immigration Legal Services** are offered by CUNY Citizenship Now!

***** Appointments required *** To reserve an appointment, call our office at 718-792-1140.**

Upcoming Events:

- **Family Nature Club at the Bronx Zoo!**
 - Sunday, February 1st at 10 AM
 - Registration required at <https://shorturl.at/353rs>
- **Participatory Budgeting Delegate Session**
 - Wednesday, January 28th at 7 PM
 - If interested call the office

Past Events

- **December- Toy Giveaways**
 - Breakfast with Santa at Sotomayor Community Center on December 14th
 - Holiday Toy Giveaway at Project Pawn Learning Center on December 15th

- *Parkchester Winterfest at the Parkchester Library on December 20th.*
- **January**
 - *Three Kings Day w/ Assembly Member Reyes at Mechler Hall on January 10*
 - *Hot meal Giveaway at the CORE on January 21st*

Participatory Budgeting:

Eligible ideas must be “capital” projects.

- Capital projects are physical infrastructure improvements for public benefit, such as roadway resurfacing or minor renovations and equipment for schools. “Expense” projects, such as after-school programming or expanding bus service, are not eligible.
 - Examples: Physical Capital Requests to institutions
 - Parks, Schools, Roads, NYCHA Developments, Community Center upgrades/ equipment. NYPD Tow trucks, NYPD Argus Cameras, Sanitation Cameras, School Tech upgrades
 - Examples of Non-Eligible Request
 - After-school programs, swimming lessons, Financial literacy classes, more trash bins, more cleanup crews, upgrades to private buildings, funds for non-profit, hiring more police officers

Examples of Past Winning Projects:

- Cycle 14: Harding Park Community Garden - Inter-water supply Upgrade
- Cycle 13: Gym Air conditioning upgrade for Castle Hill Middle School & Linden Tree Elementary School (\$500,00)
- Cycle 12: Gym Air Conditioning Upgrades at Women's Academy of Excellence (\$750,000)
- Cycle 12: Life Skills Classroom at P.S. 17x (\$500,000)
- Cycle 11: Increase Students' access to Technology at P.S. 17x & Comp Sci High (\$125,000, \$65,000 each)

Cycle 15-Participatory Budgeting Timeline:

- January:
 - Budget Delegates review projects
- February:
 - City Agencies provide feedback on the final list of project proposals
 - The final ballot is decided in late February
- March:
 - PB Project Expo
- April:
 - **Vote Week will be continuous from Saturday, April 11th, to Sunday, April 19th**



Office of New York City Council Member

Amanda Farías



Family Law Clinic

Clínica de Derechos de Familia



Services include FREE representation for survivors of intimate partner abuse, child custody, child support, and more! Los servicios abarcan representación GRATUITA para sobrevivientes de violencia de pareja, custodia de menores, manutención infantil, ¡y mucho más!

January

26

De Enero

February

2

De Febrero

February

23

De Febrero

Call now to secure your spot!

Appointments are first come, first served.

¡Llame ahora para asegurar su espacio!

Las citas se atienden por orden de llegada.

**URBAN
JUSTICE
CENTER**

Community Partner

District Office | 778 Castle Hill Avenue ☎ 718-792-1140

All services are FREE and available by appointment only.



Office of New York City Council Member

Amanda Farías



Homeowner and Tenant Services

Clinica Servicios para Propietarios y Inquilinos



In partnership with Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation, we offer Homeowner and Tenant Consultations. Get help with city violations, tax exemptions, landlord issues, repairs, housing court, and application support. En colaboración con Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation, ofrecemos Consultas para Propietarios e Inquilinos. Reciba ayuda con violaciones de la ciudad, exenciones de impuestos, problemas con arrendadores, reparaciones, corte de vivienda y solicitudes.

January

12

De Enero

February

9

De Febrero

March

4

De Marzo

Call now to secure your appointment!

Appointments are first come, first served.

¡Llame ahora para asegurar su cita!

Las citas se atienden por orden de llegada.



District Office | 778 Castle Hill Avenue ☎ 718-792-1140

All services are FREE and available by appointment only.



Office of New York City Council Member

Amanda Farías



FREE IMMIGRATION SERVICES

Gratis Servicios de Inmigración | ফ্রি ইমিগ্রেশন সার্ভিস



Services include FREE representation for survivors of intimate partner abuse, child custody, child support, and more! Los servicios abarcan representación GRATUITA para sobrevivientes de violencia de pareja, custodia de menores, manutención infantil, ¡y mucho más!

Every Wednesday | প্রতি বুধবার | Cada Miercoles

9:00am - 5:00pm

সকাল ৯:০০ টা থেকে বিকাল ৫:০০ টা

778 Castle Hill Avenue | ৭৭৮ Castle Hill Avenue

Call now to secure your spot!

Appointments are first come, first served.

¡Llame ahora para asegurar su espacio!

Las citas se atienden por orden de llegada.

CU NY Citizenship Now!

Community Partner

District Office | 778 Castle Hill Avenue ☎ 718-792-1140

All services are FREE and available by appointment only.

39



Office of New York City Council Member

Amanda Farías



Constituent Services

SERVICIOS DE LOS CONSTITUYENTES | অফিস সাংবিধানিক পরিষেবা



My Office has a dedicated team of community liaisons who can assist residents in District 18 with City-related issues.

Mi oficina cuenta con un equipo especializado de enlaces comunitarios que pueden ayudar a los residentes del Distrito 18 con asuntos relacionados con la ciudad. আমার অফিসে কমিউনিটি লিয়াজেঁদের একটি নিবেদিত দল রয়েছে, যারা ডিস্ট্রিক্ট ১৮-এর বাসিন্দাদের শহর-সম্পর্কিত সমস্যাগুলোতে সহায়তা করতে পারেন।

We Can Help With: | আমরা সাহায্য করতে পারি: | podemos ayudar con:

- **NYCHA** Applications or Recertification's
- **SNAP** Applications or Recertification's
- **NYC Housing Connect**
- Connecting to **City Agencies** and Resources
- **One Shot Deal** Applications, and so much more!

- **NYCHA** আবেদন বা পুনঃপ্রত্যয়ন
- **SNAP** আবেদন বা পুনঃপ্রত্যয়ন
- **NYC হাউজিং কানেক্ট**
- শহরের সংস্থা এবং সংস্থানগুলির সাথে সংযোগ স্থাপন
- এক শট ডিল আবেদন, এবং আরও অনেক কিছু!

- Recertificaciones o Aplicaciones con **NYCHA**.
- Recertificaciones o Aplicaciones de **SNAP**.
- Loteria de **NYC Housing Connect**.
- Conexiones con **agencias de la ciudad**
- Aplicaciones de **One Shot Deal**, recursos y muchas mas!



District Office | 778 Castle Hill Avenue ☎ 718-792-1140

All services are FREE and available by appointment only.

40





Office of New York City Council Member

Amanda Farías



LIBRARY SERVICES POP-UP SERVICIOS BIBLIOTECARIOS



While the Castle Hill Library branch is currently closed for renovations, our office is partnering with NYPL to bring library services back to the community. Services will include library card signups, book checkouts, and more! Mientras nuestra Biblioteca Pública de Castle Hill está actualmente cerrada por renovaciones, nuestra oficina se ha asociado con NYPL para traer de vuelta los servicios de la biblioteca a la comunidad. Estos servicios incluyen inscripciones para la tarjeta de la biblioteca, préstamos de libros y mucho más!

Every Thursday in January | Cada Jueves en Enero

11:00am - 4:00pm

District Office

778 Castle Hill Ave.

Bronx, NY 10473

Walk ins are welcome!

Services are first come, first served.

¡se aceptan clientes sin cita!

Se atienden por orden de llegada.



Community Partner



District Office | 778 Castle Hill Avenue ☎ 718-792-1140

All services are FREE and walk ins are welcome.

41



EMÉRITA TORRES
Assemblymember 85th District

THE ASSEMBLY
STATE OF NEW YORK
ALBANY

COMMITTEES
Aging
Banks
Consumer Affairs and Protection
Economic Development, Job Creation,
Commerce and Industry
Education
Housing
MEMBER
Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and
Asian Legislative Caucus
Task Force on Food, Farm and
Nutrition Policy
Legislative Women's Caucus
Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force

85th Assembly District Report

- We are proud to announce that we still have our partnership with Neighborhood Initiatives to provide support with lease renewals, repair issues, and SCRIE and DRIE applications. A housing specialist is available in our office every Wednesday. If you or someone you know needs help, please don't hesitate to reach out.
- Hi, our mobile office hours for the month of February are:
 - **Mobile Office Hours @ Clason's Point Library**
 - Thursday, February 12th, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
 - 1215 Morrison Ave, Bronx, NY 10472
 - **Mobile Office Hours @ Soundview Library**
 - Wednesday, February 18th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
 - 660 Soundview Ave, Bronx, NY 10473
 - **Mobile Office Hours @ Phipps Neighborhood Community Center**
 - Tuesday, February 24th 20th, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
 - 1680 Seward Ave, NY 10473
- We are happy to have celebrated the holidays with our constituents in various ways in the recent months. Some of our event highlights include:
 - Breakfast with Santa in collaboration with NYC Council Majority Leader Amanda Fariás on December 14th.
 - Photos with Santa event in collaboration with Senator Fernandez and Bronx Community Board 9 on December 20th.
 - Toy giveaway at Project Pawn Learning Center in collaboration with NYC Council Majority Leader Amanda Fariás and Senator Serrano on December 15th.
 - Three Kings Celebration in collaboration with the 41st Precinct on January 9th.
- We are excited to announce the creation of our office's advisory council! In the informational table you will find a flyer with a registration code to sign up for the advisory council. We welcome applicants from throughout our district and are committed to building a council that reflects the diversity of our community across all ages and backgrounds.



GET HELP WITH HOUSING ISSUES

Every Wednesday 9:00AM - 5:00PM



NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMEMBER
EMÉRITA TORRES
85TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT
South Bronx

Our Services

- Repair Issues
- Lease Renewals
- SCRIE/DRIE
- Subsidy Applications
- Benefits

In Addition

- Harassment
- Housing Court Cases
- Succession



All Services are free, confidential, and available to any community member.

Scan QR code or call the Assemblymember's office at (718) 893-0202 to make an appointment.



NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBER

EMÉRITA TORRES

85TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Hunts Point | Longwood | Soundview

Clason Point | Harding Park



Our Services

Application & Recertification for:

- SCRIE
- Cash Assistance
- SNAP
- Section 8
- HEAD
- Fair Fares
- reduced Metrocards for senior
- NYCHA

Application & Renewal for:

- Medicaid
- Birth Certificate
- passport
- Marriage Certificate
- real ID
- Death Certificate

Contact Us

Office Location:

1231 Lafayette Avenue
Bronx, NY 10474
4th Floor. Suite 6200

Office Phone Number: (718) 893 - 0202

Fax: (718) 842 - 8731 44



KARINES REYES
Assembly Member 87th District

CHAIR
Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force
Subcommittee on Workplace Safety

THE ASSEMBLY STATE OF NEW YORK ALBANY

COMMITTEES
Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
Codes
Health
Higher Education
Labor
Social Services

MEMBER
Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and
Asian Legislative Caucus
Legislative Women's Caucus
Asian Pacific American Task Force

Bronx Community 9 General Meeting Report – January 22, 2026

Legislative & Budget Updates:

- **Governor Hochul's State of the State –**
 - Governor Hochul has adopted Assemblymember Reyes' bill A01805 that will increase the income eligibility limits for New York's Rent Freeze Program for both the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) and Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) from \$50,000 to \$75,000 in New York City and other surrounding counties.
 - Governor Hochul also adopted Assemblymember Reyes' proposal for \$8 million in Natural Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC) funding for neighborhood youth support high populations of seniors, like Parkchester.

Community Updates:

- **Parkchester 6 Train Station Grand Opening** – On January 9th, we celebrated the grand opening of the new ADA elevators in the Parkchester 6 train station! This was one of the first big projects that the Assemblymember advocated on and after 7 years we commemorate its completion. This opening will now make Parkchester which is the 3rd most transitioned station even more accessible.
- **Monthly Affordable Pop-Up** - Our office partners up with Churches United For Fair Housing (CUFFH) each month to host a pop-up where constituents can apply for affordable housing, learn more about tenant's rights and fair housing and get referrals to city resources at our office located at 1973 Westchester Ave. Our next dates are February 12th and March 12th from 11 am to 4 pm. Please call our office at (718)931-2620 to make an appointment.
- **Food Pantry List in AD 87** – Our office has created a list of food pantries in and near Assembly District 87 for constituents' convenience with changes to snap benefits eligibility and the increasing food costs. Please see attached.
- **Cross Bronx Bridges Project Environmental Assessment** - The Federal Highway Administration & the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) prepared an environmental assessment for the Five Bridges Project on the Cross Bronx Expressway between Boston Road and Rosedale Avenue. The EA explains:
 - The purpose for rehabilitating and repairing the overpasses
 - Potential social, economic, and environmental effects
 - Anticipated construction impacts and minimization precautions
 - Property consideration

To access the EA Report, you can also visit our office at 1973 Westchester Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462

Past Events:

- **8th Annual 3 Kings Day Celebration** – Our 8th Annual 3 Kings Day Celebration was at Holy Family Church on January 10th, 2026. We celebrated by giving toys to the kids, having a small 3 Kings Day play curtesy of Holy Family Church, had a clown and even some hot chocolate and hot dogs!

MONTHLY

AFFORDABLE

HOUSING POP-UP

With Assemblymember Reyes

Visit us every second Thursday to meet
with a service specialist to:

- apply for affordable housing
- learn about tenant's rights and fair housing
- referrals to city resources

February 12 | 11AM - 5PM

March 12 | 11AM-5PM

April 9 | 11AM-5PM

1973 Westchester Avenue

Bronx, NY 10462



**OFFICE OF ASSEMBLYMEMBER
KARINES REYES, R.N.**



CROSS BRONX BRIDGES PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

**The Federal Highway Administration & the New York State
Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) prepared an
environmental assessment for the Five Bridges Project on the
Cross Bronx Expressway between
Boston Road and Rosedale Avenue.**

The EA explains:

1. The purpose of rehabilitating and repairing the overpasses
2. Potential social, economic, and environmental effects
3. Anticipated construction impacts and minimization precautions
4. Property considerations



**SCAN QR CODE TO ACCESS
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**Feel free to click the link below access
the environmental assessment as well!**

**To Access The EA Report,
You Can Also Visit Our Office at
1973 Westchester Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462**



**OFFICE OF ASSEMBLYMEMBER
KARINES REYES, R.N.**



COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY LIST

Rap4Bronx Mobile Pantry

970 White Plains Road, Bronx, NY 10473
Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
C: 929-206-8335

Roman Catholic Church of St. Helena

1315 Olmstead Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462
Every Wednesday
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Bring I.D. | C: 718-892-3232

St. Peter's Love Kitchen Pantry

2500 Westchester Ave, Bronx, NY 10461
1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
C: 718-931-9270

Emanuel Pentecostal Faith Church

1310 Elder Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472
Every Wednesday
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
C: 347-380-0555

M.S. 127

1551 Castle Hill Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462
1st Tuesday of the Month
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
C: 718-892-8600

Soundview Presbyterian Church

760 Soundview Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473
Every Other Wednesday
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM
C: 718-842-2287

Spanish Soundview SDA

1822 Lacombe Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473
Every Wednesday
8:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Bring I.D. | C: 646-256-5284

St. Thomas Aquinas Food Pantry

1909 Daly Avenue, Bronx, NY 10460
Every Wednesday, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Bring I.D. | Arrive 7 AM For Ticket
C: 718-589-5235



**OFFICE OF ASSEMBLYMEMBER
KARINES REYES, R.N.**



COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY LIST

Grace Episcopal Church

1909 Vyse Avenue, Bronx, NY 10460
Every Thursday
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
C: 718-542-1946

Shout For Joy Baptist Church

456 White Plains Road, Bronx, NY 10473
Every Saturday
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
C: 347-400-0409

Life Together Works Inc.

2347 Lafayette Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473
Every Thursday
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Bring I.D. | C: 347-810-1201

Grace & Peace Food Pantry

525 Compton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473
1st & 3rd Saturdays of the Month
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Bring I.D. | C: 347-891-0958

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

1891 McGraw Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462
Every Friday
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Bring I.D. | C: 718-822-4535

Rap4Bronx Mobile Pantry

970 White Plains Road, Bronx, NY 10473
Every Saturday
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
C: 929-206-8335

The Disciples of Galilee, Inc.

725 Castle Hill Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473
Every Friday
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
C: 332-207-0775

Infinity Bible Church

1326 Morrison Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472
3rd Saturday of the Month
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
C: 910-382-9752



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

COMMUNITY FRIDGES

<https://fridgefinder.app/>

ADDITIONAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION SITES

<https://www.cityharvest.org/food-map/>

FOOD BANKS

<https://www.foodbanknyc.org/find-food/#find-food-map>

FOOD HELP NYC

<https://finder.nyc.gov/foodhelp/locations>



Community Board 9
Shop Rite - Community Room
January 22nd, 2026 - 6:30pm

Good evening, Community Board 9!

1. A reminder that you need a REAL ID to travel domestically. TSA has introduced a \$45 fine for domestic travelers without a REAL ID. Please don't wait until the last minute to renew your passport or obtain REAL ID compliant identification.
2. Please note that USCIS has made many changes to their processing of certain applications, especially asylum applications and citizenship applications for certain nationals. Please reach out to our office with any questions.
3. We have been closely tracking reports of stolen mail. We encourage you to keep your address updated with your local post office, and turn on notifications when expecting packages this holiday season. If USPS or another mail carrier does lose your mail or package, you can reach out to our office.
4. Please remember that our office is here to assist you with any issues pending before federal agencies. You can reach us by phone at 718-662-5970, and we are available in-person at our Bronx office every Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We are located at 1231 Lafayette Ave, Suite L-610, Bronx, NY 10474.



OFFICE OF THE
BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT
VANESSA L. GIBSON

January 2026 Community Board Report

COMMUNITY BOARDS

As we prepare to go live with Community Board Applications soon, we encourage current board members to help spread the word by sharing the opportunity with friends, family, and community networks. A flyer is also being prepared and will be distributed soon to promote the application period.

The Bronx SWAB is a citizens board working in tandem with the borough president's office to advance sustainability and recycling initiatives outlined in the Solid Waste Management Plan. We are here to encourage community participation including youth civic engagement in recycling programs while advocating for legislation that encourages waste equity and sustainable materials management in Environmental Justice communities in our borough. Our current vision is to build a community led zero waste recycling/composting center. For more information please contact Dior at (917) 727-4453 or email bronxswab@gmail.com

Flyers for upcoming events have been placed at the end of the meeting report and will be placed on the table at meeting location. As always, our office is open to everyone to assist with any issues and/or concerns they may have.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT GIBSON JOINS STATE AND CITY LEADERS AND NYC SCHOOLS TO PRESENT OVER \$5.6M CHECK TO LEHMAN HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION CAMPUS TOWARD RENOVATIONS TO THE ATHLETIC FIELD

Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson, alongside Assembly Member Michael Benedetto, New York City Council Majority Leader Amanda Farías, New York City Council Member Kristy Marmorato, Deputy Chancellor Kevin Moran, and Bronx High School Superintendent Marcell Deans, announced a major investment of \$5,604,000 in capital funding to renovate the athletic field at the Herbert H. Lehman High School Educational Campus.

The funding includes \$1 million in FY25 capital funding allocated by Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson, along with contributions from New York State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Assembly Member Michael Benedetto, New York City Council Majority Leader Amanda Farías, and New York City Council Member Kristy Marmorato. The project will address long-standing infrastructure issues that have limited student access to physical education and extracurricular activities.

"This investment is about equity, opportunity, and ensuring our young people have the resources they need to succeed" said Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson. "For years, students at Lehman High School have dealt with inadequate athletic facilities. This funding represents years of advocacy and collaboration, and is our Christmas gift to the students, parents, staff, and faculty who have fought tirelessly for an athletic field where our young scholars can learn, compete, and build community."

"Every young person in New York City deserves the opportunity to experience the power of sports and teamwork, and that starts with providing top-notch facilities," said New York Public Schools Chancellor Melissa Aviles-Ramos. "When our students have safe, modern spaces to play, compete, and grow together, their physical health, mental well-being, and sense of belonging flourish."

"As a proud Lehman Lion and graduate of Lehman High School, this investment is incredibly personal to me. I fought to secure this funding because I know firsthand how much these facilities matter to our students. Being able to deliver this investment to my alma mater is both a professional achievement and a personal point of pride. Lehman students deserve safe, modern athletic spaces, and I'm proud to have partnered with my colleagues to make these long-overdue investments a reality," said Council Member Kristy Marmorato.

The football field currently measures only 80 yards, falling short of the regulation 100 yards required for high school games. This has led to sports teams being unable to host home games has contributed to a competitive disadvantage by denying athletes the morale boost of a home crowd and limiting opportunities for school spirit and community engagement.

The athletic field renovation is part of a broader commitment by Borough President Gibson and her colleagues in government to invest in schools across the Bronx, ensuring that

educational campuses are equipped to support student wellness, achievement, and long-term success.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT GIBSON HOSTS ANNUAL CHANUKAH CELEBRATION AND MENORAH LIGHTING WITH CHABAD OF SOUTH BRONX AT BRONX BOROUGH HALL

Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson joined community members, faith leaders, and families for a Chanukah Celebration and Menorah Lighting in the South Bronx, bringing together residents to honor the Festival of Lights and reflect on the values of faith, resilience, and unity. The event celebrated the enduring message of hope and perseverance associated with Chanukah, while creating a space for community connection during the holiday season.

The celebration was hosted in partnership with Chabad of the South Bronx and Chabad of Riverdale, and included the ceremonial lighting of the menorah, marking the holiday's significance and reinforcing the importance of religious freedom and cultural pride across the borough.

"Chanukah reminds us of the importance of faith, perseverance, and standing together as a community," said Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson. "As we have seen horrific attacks on our Jewish communities here in New York City and abroad, it is important now more than ever for us to stand up against hate, bigotry, and antisemitism. Hate of any kind has no place in our borough and city. We are proud to support our Jewish neighbors and reaffirm our commitment to love, unity, and empowerment. As we light the menorah, we honor the strength of our community and the enduring power of hope."

BOROUGH PRESIDENT GIBSON'S STATEMENT ON RECENT YOUTH VIOLENCE AND LOSS IN THE NORTHEAST BRONX

Our borough is heartbroken and in mourning over the loss of a 15-year-old boy and injuries sustained by a 14-year-old during a violent attack in Eastchester, and the passing of a 4-year-old girl in Williamsbridge. These tragic situations are any family's worst nightmare

and have left us all devastated, especially during the holiday season. As we await more information, we ask that everyone please keep the families and loved ones of these youth in their prayers during this incredibly difficult time. I also want to thank the NYPD, emergency personnel, and hospital staff for responding with care and compassion under these heartbreaking circumstances.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT GIBSON'S STATEMENT ON THE INAUGURATION OF MAYOR ZOHRAN MAMDANI AND CITYWIDE LEADERS

Yesterday marked the beginning of a new chapter for New York City. As Mayor Zohran Mamdani held his inauguration ceremony at City Hall on the same day as the inaugurations of our Public Advocate, Jumanne Williams, and our new Comptroller, Mark Levine, we are ready to embark on a new era characterized by opportunity, responsibility, and a collective dedication to the future of our city.

At a time when New Yorkers are grappling with rising costs for basic necessities, housing instability, and public safety concerns, this administration's focus on affordability and public safety remains both pertinent and essential. Families throughout the Bronx and the five boroughs deserve a city that functions effectively for their well-being, providing a space where they can live, raise their families, and build a sustainable future with dignity and security.

The Bronx is ready to work in partnership with Mayor Mamdani, Public Advocate Williams, Comptroller Levine, and our colleagues across city and state government on a shared agenda that emphasizes equitable investment, truly affordable housing, economic development, enhanced public safety, and robust support for our public institutions. From advancing longstanding projects, such as the reimagining of the Kingsbridge Armory, to expanding Metro-North service to additional stations in the East Bronx, we remain dedicated to ensuring that our borough's priorities remain at the forefront.

This inauguration signifies the commencement of a new chapter founded on collaboration, accountability, and bold action. We look forward to working together with this administration to deliver real results for Bronx residents and all New Yorkers in the upcoming months and years ahead.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT VANESSA L. GIBSON AND COUNCIL MEMBER JUSTIN SANCHEZ HOST THREE KINGS DAY CELEBRATION AT CASITA MARIA CENTER FOR ARTS & EDUCATION

Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson and New York City Council Member Justin Sanchez joined Pro Health Connect, BronxCare, Transport Workers Union of America, Moses Medical, and Sentry to host a Three Kings Day celebration at Casita Maria Center for Arts & Education in the South Bronx. The event brought together families, community leaders, and local partners for an evening of cultural celebration, music, and holiday joy.

Also known as the *Epiphany*, and celebrated in parts of Europe, the Caribbean, and Latin America, Three Kings Day falls each year on January 6th, marking the twelfth day of Christmas. It recognizes the biblical tale of three kings named Melchior, Casper, and Balthazar who traveled from the East to bear gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the infant Jesus in Bethlehem. The tradition continues as a meaningful cultural celebration centered on family, generosity, and community, particularly for children.

The celebration featured welcoming remarks from Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson and Council Member Justin Sanchez, a music selection by Casita Maria's choirs, a special musical performance by Kaila Vicioso Paulino, and the distribution of over 300 toys for children and families in attendance. Community leaders and partners also participated in the program, highlighting the importance of preserving cultural traditions while uplifting Bronx families.

"Three Kings Day is a joyful reminder and celebration of culture, tradition, and community," said Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson. "It is important that we come together as a community during times of uncertainty and discord to create happiness and lasting memories for our families and especially for our children. Our borough is stronger when we work together. Thank you to Council Member Sanchez, Casita Maria Center for Arts & Education, and our community partners for ensuring that our families and children are seen, supported, and celebrated."

"Three Kings Day is a reminder of our roots and the traditions that remain alive and well. Gatherings like this are so important because they show our young people that their culture is worthy of being seen, celebrated, and uplifted," said New York City Council Member Justin Sanchez. "I'm proud to have a partner in Borough President Gibson who understands

the importance of cultural programming and the importance of community organizations like Casita Maria, who are ensuring that our neighborhoods feel represented and respected."

BOROUGH PRESIDENT GIBSON HOSTS WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY TO COMMEMORATE 4-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF TRAGIC TWIN PARKS FIRE

Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson joined members of the community to host a wreath-laying ceremony at Borough Hall to pay homage to the 17 residents whose lives were lost during a deadly fire at Twin Parks North West. The five-alarm fire that occurred on the morning of January 9, 2022, has been described as New York City's deadliest in over thirty years.

The event was attended by NYS Assembly Member Yudelka Tapia, NYC Comptroller Mark Levine, Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark, Council Members Oswald Feliz and Pierina Sanchez, and Commissioner of the Mayor's Office of International Affairs Aissata Camara. Also in attendance were Andrew Ansbro, President of the Uniformed Firefighters Association, FDNY; Bronx Community Board 5 Chair Osiris Guzman; Tenant Association President Phyllis Harris; and Haji Dukuray, who lost several family members that morning.

"It has been four years since the tragic fire at Twin Parks North West, and our borough continues to mourn the loss of 17 of our neighbors," said Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson. "We will never forget the families whose lives were forever changed by this tragedy, the bravery, courage, and heroism of our first responders, or the overwhelming support shown by our city agencies, community organizations, colleagues in government, hip-hop artists, and community members who came together for our neighbors in their time of need. January 9th will always be a day of mourning and remembrance for our borough and a solemn reminder of our responsibility to honor those we have lost by ensuring that such a tragedy never happens again. Four years later, let us continue to keep the families of Twin Parks in our prayers and never forget the lives lost."

RE-ENTRY EMPLOYMENT

RESOURCE FAIR



OFFICE of the BRONX
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
DARCEL D. CLARK

**TUESDAY
JAN. 27, 2026**

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Justice Sonia Sotomayor
Community Center**

1000 Rosedale Ave
Bronx, NY 10472

Join the **INTERVIEW
DO'S AND DON'TS
WORKSHOP**

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Conducted by VIP
Community Services +
NYC Human Rights
Commission

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Workshops on resume building, interview skills, and job readiness
- Employment support through education opportunities and DMV services
- Network with community organizations and peers
- Free refreshments and giveaways
- Support programs, health and mental health services



COME PREPARED

- Please bring a form of identification
- Any certifications or OSHA credentials
- Your resume and cover letter
- Dress professionally



For more information:
CEU@bronx-da.nyc.gov or 718-590-2272

DYCD NYC
The Department of Youth & Community Development

PHIPPS

NYC Commission on
Human Rights

VIP
Community Services

58



BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 9

BRONX RIVER • CASTLE HILL • CLASON POINT • HARDING PARK • PARKCHESTER • PARK STRATTON • SOUNDVIEW/BRUCKNER & UNIONPORT
bx09@cb.nyc.gov - 718-823-3034

BRONX
CITY OF NEW YORK
COMMUNITY BOARD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
F E B R U A R Y 2026	2 <u>Homes & Housing Committee</u> 7:00PM Bronx CB9 Office 1967 Turnbull Ave. Suite 201 Bronx, NY 10473	3 <u>Social Services Committee</u> 6:30PM Bronx CB9 Office 1967 Turnbull Ave. Suite 201 Bronx, NY 10473	4 NYPD 43rd Pct Council 7:00pm ShopRite Community Room 2nd Floor 1994 Bruckner Blvd. Bronx, NY 10473	5 <u>Public Safety & Transportation Committee</u> 7:00PM Bronx CB9 Office 1967 Turnbull Ave. Suite 201 Bronx, NY 10473	6	7
	9 <u>Land/Zoning & Planning Committee</u> 7:00PM Bronx CB9 Office 1967 Turnbull Ave. Suite 201 Bronx, NY 10473	10	11 <u>Parks & Recreation Committee</u> 7:00PM Bronx CB9 Office 1967 Turnbull Ave. Suite 201 Bronx, NY 10473	12 <u>Youth & Education Committee</u> 7:00PM Bronx CB9 Office 1967 Turnbull Ave. Suite 201 Bronx, NY 10473	13	14
	16 <u>President's Day</u> Office Closed	17 <u>Executive Committee</u> 7:00PM Bronx CB9 Office 1967 Turnbull Ave. Suite 201 Bronx, NY 10473	18	19 <u>General Board</u> 6:30PM ShopRite Community Room 2nd Floor 1994 Bruckner Blvd. Bronx, NY 10473	20 <u>Seniors Connected</u> 10:00AM ShopRite Community Room 2nd Floor 1994 Bruckner Blvd. Bronx, NY 10473	21
	23	24	25	26	27	28