



Chairman Mohammed Mujumder - District Manager: William Rivera

Social Services Committee Meeting Summary

October 7, 2025

Committee Members Present: Nellie Santiago-Rivera, Daniel Porro, Chandra Moore, James Tynan, Md Alauddin

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.

I. Speakers

A. Erica Marie Pagan

- Ms. Pagan shared that ballot information and voter resources are currently at an all-time low.
- She mentioned that many voters skip ballot proposals because they don't fully understand them.
- She suggested mailing out surveys to gather feedback on how ballot proposals can be made clearer and easier to understand.
- She also presented reading comprehension as an issue, emphasizing that varying comprehension levels among voters lead to people not properly understanding ballot proposals.
- Ms. Pagan argued that making these materials more comprehensive would help increase voter participation and informed decision-making.
- Erica requested a letter of support aimed at reviewing and revising ballot proposals to improve voter's understanding for these ballots.

B. Serena Prince and Samantha Ramon, BronxWorks

- Ms. Prince and Ms. Ramon shared information about BronxWorks' Small Landlord Assistance Program (SAP).
- The program provides incentives to landlords who partner with BronxWorks.
- Their primary clients are individuals who have experienced domestic violence, offering them stable housing opportunities. A small grant is provided to support each tenant participating in the program.
- Currently, there are 13 landlords who are actively involved in the program.

II. **Old Business**

- A community member shared updates regarding Constitution Day and resources for the upcoming election. Please see flyers attached.
- The Social Services Committee was asked to help remind community members to vote, and to share information about the upcoming election, including candidate awareness and key issues.
- The goal is to circulate this information before the November election to encourage voter participation.
- 10.19.25 Disability Pride Parade at 10am on Madison Ave between 24th and 26th St. followed by a block party from 12pm to 3pm at Union Square
- A Health Bus event was also mentioned, scheduled for 10.29.25.

III. **New Business**

- **Next Meeting: Monday, November 3rd @6:30PM**
 - Rescheduled due to Election Day

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