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September 5, 2024

PUBLIC SAFETY & HUMAN SERVICES (NYPD, FDNY) (Shelter, Social Services, Aging, Disability Concerns, Health) COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

TO: Members of the Public Safety & Human Services Committee
Feng, Chair; Bamonte, Co-Chair; Bachorowski; Argento; Barros; D'Amato;
Drinkwater; Dybanowski; Espinal; Indig; Kaminski; Leanza; Capucci*; Judelson*;
Pagano*; Rozmus*. (*) *Non-Board Member*.

(9 Members Constitute a Quorum for This Committee)

FROM: Lloyd Feng, Committee Chair

RE: Scheduled Public Safety & Human Services Committee Meeting, September 24, 2024

Please be advised that the Public Safety & Human Services Committee Meeting will meet as follows:

WHEN: Tuesday, September 24, 2024
TIME: 6:00 PM
WHERE: Swinging Sixties Senior Center
211 Ainslie Street.
Brooklyn, NY 11211
(corner of Manhattan Ave)

AGENDA:

1. INTRODUCTIONS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

2. HOW THE COMMITTEE WILL WORK

1. The committee will host monthly meetings. Please see below for upcoming meetings for the remainder of the calendar year 2024:

- Tuesday, September 24, 2024
- Tuesday, October 15, 2024
- Wednesday, November 6, 2024
- Tuesday, December 17, 2024

3. ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR AS COMMITTEE

4. UPDATES FROM NYC AGENCIES

1. NYPD
2. FDNY
3. DOHMH
4. DSS/DHS
5. Health+Hospitals
6. Aging
7. Sanitation
8. NYC Emergency Management
9. Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes (OPHC)
10. Department of Corrections
11. Office of the Brooklyn District Attorney

5. UPDATES FROM NYS AGENCIES:

1. Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (OPDV)
2. Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)
3. Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA)
4. Office for the Aging (NYSOFA)
5. Office of Victim Services (OVS)
6. Department of Corrections and Community Supervision
7. Office of the NYS Attorney General (OAG)

6. UPDATE ON MIGRANT SITUATION IN NYC

1. agencies to invite to discuss this issue:
 - NYC: NYPD, Office of the Mayor, NYC Office for Asylum Seeker Operations, DSS/DHS, NYC Public Schools
 - NYS: OTDA, Department of Labor
2. Who/which entity is managing the migrant situation for CB1/Brooklyn/NYC?
3. How is this issue impacting our communities in CB1?

- Where are migrant populations placing increased pressure on existing community resources?
 - Where are services falling short of meeting needs from migrant populations in CB1?
 - What kinds of employment are migrants taking in NYC? In CB1?
 - Does the NYPD keep track of crimes perpetrated by migrants as well as crimes in which migrants were victimized? Are those numbers available to the public?
 - How are migrants in CB1 experiencing risks (safety, health, education, etc.)? There has been reporting of violence experienced by migrant shelter residents on Randall's Island and potentially other shelter facilities. There was also the case of a migrant who had been living in a park in South Williamsburg being murdered by former NYC Parks employee (<https://www.thecity.nyc/2024/08/21/migrant-hate-crime-murder-charges-parks-worker-elijah-mitchell/>). What steps is the city taking to protect such individuals from violence?
 - How will the 60-day migrant shelter stay limit impact current shelter residents as well as neighbors living near shelter facilities? (<https://abc7ny.com/post/migrant-shelters-nyc-new-york-city-officials-consider-60-day-limit-families-living-homeless-facilities/15212613/>)
 1. Article reports: "Migrant families mostly live in the 150 or so shelters overseen by the State Department of Homeless Services, which is why the city needed to get state approval for the 60-day limit at the shelters." What is the "State Department of Homeless Services"? Can we get the list of these 150 shelters?
 - Can you share any available data on the percent or numbers of students at CB1's pre-K, elementary school, high school, and any other educational institutions with oversight by NYC Public Schools who are living in shelters (migrant or not)?
4. How many sites are there that serve or house migrants within the confines of CB1? Where are they located? The only resource members of the public have that is easily accessible is this piece of reporting by the New York Post: <https://nypost.com/2024/07/07/us-news/nycs-poorest-zip-codes-forced-to-bear-brunt-of-migrant-crisis-confidential-docs-reveal/>
 5. Are these sites housing both migrants and homeless members of the community who have lived in NYC or CB1 for some time already?
 6. What considerations go into determining sites for migrant housing facilities? Can you share that guidance with us?
 7. How much money is spent supporting housing and education needs of migrants who live or access resources in CB1?
 8. How is the city (or whichever entity is managing the migrant situation) collecting data on migrant populations?
 9. Can you provide a demographic breakdown of people served at each site? (age; individual or family; ethnicity; country of origin; language spoken; English proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking)
 10. How is the city ensuring that migrants have a safe way of accessing mail in order to receive important communications from federal entities and any legal services they may have requested in regards to their immigration matters?

11. How is the city ensuring that migrants have safe access to food and meals? How is the city working in conjunction with community-based organizations, other nonprofits, and faith-based organizations to meet the myriad needs of migrants in NYC as well as in CB1 specifically?
12. Not all migrants are finding housing in NYC or NYS-run shelters; a significant proportion (at least anecdotally) have found housing through other channels, oftentimes, living in precarious housing situations. Some migrants are living in cramped apartments, far above what is deemed safe or legal by NYC or NYS. These housing situations pose safety issues on multiple levels to the migrants themselves as well as to neighbors. How is the city monitoring these non-shelter housing situations?

7. OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC (QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, COMMENTS, ETC.)

1. If you are able, please share any information you would like to discuss ahead of time with the CB1 office via email. Please be as clear and specific as possible and include any materials or links to resources that would be helpful for the chair and the committee to have on hand at the meeting. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

cc: CB#1 Board Members

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