

Brooklyn Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday, September 18, 2019  
Hope Gardens Multi Service Center  
195 Linden Street  
Brooklyn, New York 11221  
6:00PM

Chairperson, Mr. Robert Camacho  
District Manager Ms. Celestina Leon

Board Members in Attendance:

Jo-Ena Bennett, Bridgette Blood, Joshua Brown, Martha Brown, Robert Camacho, Felix Ceballos, Gardea Caphart, Melissa Carrera, Louisa Chan, Sufia Chowdhry, Elvena Davis, Carlos Feliciano, James Fitzgerald, Freddy Fowler, Egaudy Gomez, Christopher Graham, Anne Guiney, Michelle Hilliard, Tanesha Honeygan, Barbara Jackson, Cheryl Jones, Virgie Jones, Austin Martinez, Desmonde Monroe, Luisa Jose-Olea, Gladys Puglla, Raul Rubio, Eliseo Ruiz, Julio Salinas, Vernedeaner Shell, Barbara Smith, Dustin Sonneborn, Annette Spellen, Jerry Valentin, James Wiseman and Odolph Wright.

Board Members Excused:

Daniella Davi, Denisse Reyna-Dolin, Jose Guzman, Mary McClellan, Zulma Novoa, and Acire Polight

Board Members Absent: Grace Aytes, Julie Dent, Ernest Estime, Victoria Fernandez, Samy Nemir

The District Manger opened the monthly Community Board #4 meeting at 6:05PM

- Public Hearing Item -

Raul Rubio, Lead Consultant/Community Planner and Gabriel Halilli, Architect & Urban Planner – Presenting a progress update on the Bushwick Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) project.

Bushwick Brownfield Opportunity Area:

Project Goals:

Community focused road map for future development in Bushwick

- Identify implement site-specific development opportunities and neighborhood-wide strategies on research, community and stakeholders input and the Bushwick Community Plan
- Prioritize new affordable housing development on vacant and underutilized sites
- Increase job and entrepreneurship opportunities
- Preserve manufacturing jobs in Bushwick’s existing manufacturing zoned and encourage industrial development
- Improve public health by providing new opportunities for healthcare spaces and enhancing the streetscapes and public open spaces

Lead Project Sponsor:

FSN – Family Services Network of NY

Project Consultant Team:

Hester St Urban Planning, Grain Collective Urban Planning and Design, Raul Rubio – Community Coordinator, BJH Advisors Economic Development, CUFFH Survey Partner, El Puente Survey Partner.

Public Engagement Timeline:

MARCH: Project Kick off and Introduction – Steering Committee Meeting – Project introduction – existing conditions report – emerging focus areas – soft sites analysis

APRIL – JULY: Focus areas and demonstration sites visioning

AUGUST – OCTOBER: Refined strategies and closeout – updated recommendations and demonstration sites review – project closeout

Focus Areas:

Affordable Housing, Economic and workforce development, Health

Research and Analysis: Affordable Housing, Health, Economic Development (Industrial) and Economic Development (Commercial)

Vision: Site 1: NYPD Myrtle Avenue Parking Lot along Myrtle Avenue, DeKalb Avenue and Cedar Street

- Business Incubator – Can be an asset especially for nearby high school students and NYCHA residents to learn about entrepreneurship and launch ideas
- Commercial Hub – Creation of new office space and storefront space will attract jobs to the area
- Community Garden Improvements – Potential for community garden to move to rooftop or corner lot with greater visibility and light
- New Plaza – New public space that can turn intersection into a neighborhood attraction
- 100% Affordable Housing

Challenges:

- Displacement – Finding an alternative location for the NYPD Parking lot and community garden will be highly challenging

Site 1: NYPD Myrtle Avenue Parking Lot along Myrtle Avenue, DeKalb Avenue and Cedar Street

Proposed Zoning: R7A, C2-3

Vision: Site 10 – PS 299 Parking Lot, 88 Woodbine Street

Opportunities

- ❖ Workforce Development Training – Can connect school, local community centers and groups to build skills
- ❖ Makers Lab - Makers space can provide skills and experiences through a direct partnership with the school and opportunities for outside students and residents
- ❖ Covered Playground - can be an extension of local schools and NYCHA open space that will be especially vital in times of poor weather
- ❖ 100% affordable housing

Challenges:

- ❖ Displacement – Finding an alternative site for the parking will be a challenge

Site 10 – PS 299 Parking Lot, 88 Woodbine Street

Proposed Zoning: R7A

The District Manager, Ms. Leon closed the public hearing item portion of the meeting and thanked everyone for being present.

The District Manager, Ms. Celestina Leon called the first roll call:

**First Roll Call:** – 36 members present this does constitute a quorum.

The acceptance of the agenda was made by Mr. Joshua Brown and second by Mr. Odolph Wright. All board members present were in favor. Motion moved.

The acceptance of last month's minutes was made by Ms. Barbara Jackson and second by Mr. Freddy Fowler. All members present were in favor. Motion moved.

**Chairperson's Report:**

Welcome back from the summer recess, to the new meeting season.

- Mr. Camacho ask for a moment of silence, before I begin my report, for Alysson Pinto-Chaumana, the little girl that lost her life after a granite fence fell on her on Harman Street.
- Thank you to all our returning board members, especially our Executive Board, who continue to volunteer their time. Welcome our new board members.
- This summer was busy. Bushwick has a lot of issues. I've been working with the district manager, Celeste, to see the needs for Bushwick, including:
  - - Economic Development – stores are closing due to high rents, there are a lot of vacant store fronts. Business are being pushed out  
Ex. The Bushwick Food Coop was burned out of their location and are still looking for a place.
    - The RAD program is here and everyone in housing is concerned. We are speaking with the presenters from June to make sure there is someone to address any problems.
    - In our schools there is under enrollment. They are having a hard time.
    - Public Safety: We need to support the 83<sup>rd</sup> precinct for them to get more personnel. The NCO program isn't working the way we were told it would work.
    - There is the BOA (Brownfield Opportunity Area) project that is like the BCP (Bushwick Community Plan) being run by different people with some of the same members.
- Phrase from the City Charter regarding any ULURP.
  - Board → Borough President → City Planning Commission → Elected Officials (the City Council)
- Issues continued:
  - Churches being sold, less people attending church – the churches are historical we need to protect them

- Rents are even higher, a lot of people are struggling to pay rent and stay in their homes
  - The cost of food is higher
  - Homelessness
- Board Member Attendance – attend your committees for us to address these issues. We need quorum. If you're not able to make it and you can no longer be on the board let us know, but we need to have quorum to make recommendations and address these issues.
  - Board Member Removal – several board members, including Veronica Shell, Sufia Chowdhry, Nancy Liao, Jose Guzman, Egaudy Gomez, Ernest Estime, Christopher Graham, and Austen Martinez, received letters as per the board's by-laws regarding their attendance. The majority have confirmed they intend to stay on the board. The office did not hear from the following despite reaching out to them:
    - Ernest Estime
 We ask you to PLEASE let us know when you cannot make the meetings. If you cannot attend the meetings at all the board will have no choice, but to recommend removal in order to make sure that we get things done.

Removal will be addressed under Recommendations.

The Elected Officials and / or their representatives that was present at the meeting.

- 1) Marisol Salazar, Representing 53<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District, Assemblywoman Maritza Davila, 249 Wilson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-443-1205
- 2) Lorenzo Brea, representing Councilmember Rafael Espinal, 37<sup>th</sup> Council District, 1945 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11207, 718-642-8664
- 3) Fatima Elmansy, Representing Councilmember Antonio Reynoso, 34<sup>th</sup> Council District, 244 Union Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211
- 4) Karen Cherry Representing 54<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, Assembly Member Erik Martin Dilan, 718-386-4576, 366 Cornelia Street Brooklyn, NY 11237

Federal, State or City Agencies

- 1) PO A. Mignone, 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, [Alexander.Mignone@NYPD.org](mailto:Alexander.Mignone@NYPD.org)
- 2) Maria Santiago, North Brooklyn Coalition, Location Confidential
- 3) Maggie Mangual, Mental Health Clinic, Wyckoff Heights Hospital, 2374 Stockholm Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237
- 4) Boniface WeWe, Brooklyn Public Library Irving Branch, 360 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 718-628-8378
- 5) Kurt Barnes, President of Cooper Street Community Association, 917-676-4055

**83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct**

He previously at the 73 & the 77 Precincts. Captain Abraham Sanabria.  
Good and bad news:

Crime: increased by 1% from last year.

Assault: Up 13% for the year, past 28 days for the year up 74%

Grand Larceny: Up 15% for the year, Up 71% for the past month

Grand Larceny: A lot of it is unintended property-Myrtle Avenue corridor, People shop there and they leave their wallet, backpack, phone, etc., and then they disappear.

Please be aware and do not put your important items down, keep them with you at all times.

G.L.A: Increase in theft of mopeds and motorcycles. They are illegal, however people still have them. Put them inside a gate or somewhere safe. Put locks on them. They are being stolen not only in Bushwick but citywide.

Robbery: Down 21% in robberies for the past year and down 50% for the past month.

Burglary: Down 28% for the year and 20% for the past month.

Murder: Up by 2%

### **District Manager's Report:**

The District Manager, Ms. Celestina Leon thanked all in attendance.

There is a lot going on in Bushwick, from our schools to our streets, and to the high volume of service calls received by the precinct, stated the District Manager.

### **Next Month's October's Public Hearing and Regular Meeting**

After receiving various requests from community members, the Community Board's full board meeting will be held at a different location for the month of October 2019 and February 2020.

The Audrey Johnson Learning Center located at 272 Moffat Street will be the next location for the month of October 2019. February's 2020 meeting location will be forthcoming.

Mr. Camacho stated that the location change will make it earlier for some of the seniors to attend the meeting. At a future date the meeting will be held at the other end of Bushwick, with Hope Gardens being the middle location.

### **New Committee Chairpersons:**

ACT: Arts Culture Technology – Zulma Novoa

CPSR: Civic Public Safety Religious – Barbara Smith

EDC: Economic Development – Desmonde Monroe

EPTS: Environmental Protection Transportation Sanitation – Raul Rubio

HHSV: Health Human Services Citizens – Luisa Jose

HLU: Housing Land Use – Martha Brown

PRC: Parks and Recreation – Annette Spellen

PLC: Permits and Licenses - Melissa Carrera

YEC: Youth and Education – Virgie Jones

### **New Board Members:**

Brigette Blood, Daniella Davi, James Fitzgerald, Tanesha Honeygan and Sami Nemir

### **Board Resignations:**

The District Manger thanked Sharline Moore and Nancy Liao for their tenure on the board and service to Bushwick. The Community Board wish them well.

For a list of meetings attended by the District Manager please contact the Community Board's office at [bk04@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:bk04@cb.nyc.gov)

**Committee Reports:**

**Joint Committee Meeting**

**Economic Development Committee, (EDC)** – Committee Chairperson Mr. Desmonde Monroe

**Housing and Land Use Committee, (HLU)** – Committee Chairperson Ms. Martha Brown

Meeting: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 6:00 PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

**Board Members in Attendance:** EDC Chair, Desmonde Monroe; HLU Chair, Martha Brown; Gardea Caphart, Anne Guiney, Michelle Hilliard, Julio Salinas, Brigitte Blood, Joshua Brown, Louisa Chan, Freddy Fowler, James Wiseman

**Others in Attendance:** CB4 Chairperson, Robert Camacho; CB4 District Manager, Celeste Leon; CB4 Community Associate, Willie Morales; Joseph Yanis, NYS Assembly; Edwin Delgado, Resident; Laisha Rivera, Ridgewood Bushwick Senior Center; Rick & Alix Birdoff, RD Management; Scott Short, RiseBoro; Maria Viera, Riseboro; R. Daruwalan, Resident; Vire Brahmhatt, Architect/Representative; Luis Munice, El Puente; Jamila Rynes, NYC Mayor's Office

**Board Members Excused:** Samy Nemir and Felix Ceballos

**Board Members Not in Attendance:** Odolph Wright and Jose R. Guzman

**Items Discussed:**

Mr. Desmonde Monroe: 319 Stanhope Street. Is currently a headstart program & senior center (RiseBoro & Grand Street Settlement). Their lease expires in October 2019.

Ownership (Richard Birdoff) would like input concerning the future use of property. He would like to enter a new lease with the city. The lease will have to be with multiple agencies, not the City of NY. Mr. Birdoff would like to add a third social service program to the building, most likely a risk youth program for youth ages 16-24 or a medical office for Wyckoff Height Hospital.

The building however needs improvements. Bricks removal and are being redone. Ground floor has no windows, planning on fixing.

They currently have 74 children enrolled in the head start program with 200 families on the waiting list, also 160-200 seniors use the center each week.

What exactly is being sought out?

Mr. Birdoff: Information, input, support from community board/elected officials to streamline process for lease and finding a third service provider.

**Items Discussed HLU Meeting:**

**Old Business:**

- 93 Starr Street. Property was purchased in 2013. Flagship lot that belongs to the city. Borough president recommended that the property remains residential and within zones.

- Lot #144. Block #1386. Need a ULURP done in order to have the adjacent land added to their portfolio in order to have a sufficient amount of land to build on their location within guidelines (At least 30 feet of land to build. Not possible without lot.)
- They were asked for a stipulation up front before the ULURP process in regard to the building height restriction by the local councilmember.
- Involved in removing lot as DCAS site in 2013. Sale away program
- Make draft for councilmember explaining situation.

New Business:

- A) Old Stanley—an upcoming application that will be coming to the Community Board soon.

Pilling & Evergreen Street Project—300-400 units and mixed-use building. Developer looking for a community partner, will be in future meeting. Developer came to April 2019 meeting.

- B) Pilling Street Block Association working actively  
 C) Location is currently a manufacturing facility located on Pilling Street and Evergreen Avenue.  
 D) EBC

Recommendations:

- a) Advocate for long term renewal of 319 Stanhope Street. Zone R6.  
 b) Be more strategic and stricter on compliance. Small subgroup within committee for compliance.  
 c) IWB  
 d) Motion for expansion of existing programs at 319 Stanhope Street as well as long term renewal of lease with the City of New York.

Announcements

- Community Board Public and Regular Board Meeting is next Wednesday, September 18, 2019
- Charter Revision ballot coming November 2019

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Louisa Chan and seconded by Anne Guiney, All in favor.  
 Meeting adjourned: 7:27 PM

**Permits and Licenses Committee, (PLC)** – Committee Chairperson, Melissa Carrera  
 Meeting: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 6:00 PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

Board Members in Attendance: Melissa Carrera, PLT Chairperson; Egaudy Gomez, and James Wiseman

Others in Attendance: CB4 Chairperson, Robert Camacho; CB4 District Manager, Celestina Leon; Holman Enayatia and Jae Yu, 259 Saint Nicholas Street; Derihu 18 LLC, Patty Greer and Nick Nicewonder; 675 Central Avenue “Purgatory”, Adam Clayton Powell; 195 Stanhope Street, BK Taco Factory, Terrance Roger:

For the PLC meeting report please contact the Community Board at [bk04@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:bk04@cb.nyc.gov)

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by J.Wiseman and second by E. Gomez.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm

**Parks and Recreation Committee (PRC), Chairperson Annette Spellen**

Thursday, September 3, 2019, 6:00PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207  
**Committee Members in Attendance**, Annette Spellen – Committee Chair, Carlos Feliciano, Barbara Jackson.

**Committee Members not in Attendance**: Felix A. Ceballos, Nancy Liao, Eliseo Ruiz

**Committee Members Excused**: Louisa Chan, Gladys Puglia

**Others in Attendance**: Robert Camacho, CB4 Chairperson; Celestina Leon, CB4 District Manager; Willie Morales, CB4 Community Associate, Joseph DiMartino, Dept. of Parks; Richard Williams, Dept. of Parks; Henry Garcia, Real Guadalupe Soccer League; Carlos Pilatasig, Super Kids Soccer League; Nilda Rosario, Quebradillas Baseball Organization; Franqui Carrasco, Quebradillas Baseball Organization; Thomas McDonough, Bushwick Kickball Club

Annette Spellen, the committee chair opened the meeting with a round of introductions.

**Agenda Item #1 – (Review of the fall sports league permit requests)**

Robert Camacho the Chairperson of Community Board 4 at the urging of the committee chairperson Annette Spellen clearly stated that all Bushwick parks are for kids 12 and under which has been established for the last 30 years with the NYC Parks Department.

- i. Quebradillas Baseball Organization – Requested Hope and Green Central Knoll Parks
- ii. Real Guadalupe League – Requested Bushwick and Heckscher Parks
- iii. Super Kids Soccer League – Requested Bushwick and Heckscher Parks

Please see the attached document to see the breakdown of parks usage by the 3 sports organization above.

**Agenda Item #2 – (Old Business)**

The survey of Bushwick 4 parks with the Brooklyn Parks Commissioner, who has made some promises on certain parks here in Bushwick and once those details are available, the information will be given out.

- i. Forestry/pruning of trees is done every 7 years, but if anything is an emergency or dangerous, please call 311. If any homeowner gets any damage to their property being water damage or what not, you can put a claim through the Comptroller office to get compensated for that damage.
- ii. If there is a tree pit in front of your home, the homeowner is totally responsible for that tree pit.
- iii. Park hours technically is under recommendation, but the overview from the last meeting year by the committee, the conversations regarding that the parks are open way too late at 1:00 AM and NYPD has made requests to have some parks close earlier. There is a pending recommendation to have all the parks close at 10:00 PM

**Agenda Item #3 – (New Business)**

- i. Carlos Feliciano announce that the Quebradillas Baseball Organization collected one thousand two hundred (\$1,200.00) for the hospital with kids with cancer.



- i. NYC Green thumb program is at risk because there are certain clauses with those licenses that put many gardens at risk.
- ii. Many green thumb or green area are not for personal use.

Agenda Item #4 – Recommendation

- i. For all Bushwick parks to be open from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM

Agenda Item #5 - Announcements

- ii. Community Board 4 Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Barbara Jackson and second by Carlos Feliciano  
All members in favor.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:16 pm

**Permits and Licenses Committee (PLC):** Chairperson, Mrs. Melissa Carrera

Wednesday, August 14, 2019, 6:00PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Broad members in attendance: Melissa Carrera– PLC Chairperson, Egaudy Gomez, James Wiseman

Others in Attendance: Robert Camacho – CB4 Chairperson, Celeste Leon – CB4 District Manager, Hooman Enayatia and Jae Yu– 259 St. Nicholas Ave/Derihu 18 LLC, Patty Greer and Nick Nicewonder– 675 Central Avenue/Purgatory, Adam Clayton Powell– 195 Stanhope Street/BK Taco Factory, Terrence Rogers and Michael James– 1595 Broadway/Gems Bar Event Space LLC, Pascual Serram– 221 Irving Ave/Mi Pequeno Inc, Stephanie Hendricks–1037 Broadway/Brooklyn Whiskers Bakery LLC, Veronica Tapia– 1481 Myrtle Ave/Mi Pequena Cholula Deli

Board Members Excused: Austin Martinez, Jerry Valentin

- 1) 259 St. Nicholas – Derihu 18 LLC – New Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider license in a Bar/Tavern - is a beer bar specializing in craft beer from around the world. People can learn about beer in a nice environment with recorded music. Not a lounge; strictly tavern/bar.

Committee Recommendation: Approve with no sale of liquor after midnight on Sunday.

- 2) 675 Central Avenue – Purgatory – New Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider license in a Bar/Tavern – a bar with nice environment also offering live acoustic, rock and jazz music.

Committee Recommendation: Approve with no sale of liquor after midnight on Sunday as well as the hours 4pm to 2am Monday to Wednesday.

- 3) 195 Stanhope Street – BK Taco Factory – New Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider license in a Restaurant – a bar with nice environment also offering live Latin band and patron dancing.

Committee Recommendation: Approve with no sale of liquor after midnight on Sunday.

- 1) 1595 Broadway– Gems Bar Event Space LLC– New Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License in a Bar/Tavern – a bar and an events space with nice environment also offering recorded music.

Committee Recommendation: Approve with no sale of liquor after midnight on Sunday.

- 2) 221 Irving Ave– Mi Pequeño Inc – New Wine, Beer, and Cider license in a Restaurant – a restaurant with a full kitchen/menu and bar offering wine, beer, and cider.  
Committee Recommendation: Approve with no sale of liquor after midnight on Sunday.
  
- 3) 1037 Broadway– Brooklyn Whiskers Bakery LLC– New Wine, Beer, and Cider license in a Bar/Tavern – a café with live music on special occasions, an outdoor sidewalk café area, and a bar offering wine, beer, and cider. The committee asked for the applicant's representative to have them attend the full board meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> in lieu of their absence during the committee meeting. The representative was also asked to update their paperwork to reflect the correct hours of operation and resubmit them to the board's office.  
Committee Recommendation: Approve with no sale of liquor after midnight on Sunday.
  
- 4) 1481 Myrtle Ave– Mi Pequena Cholula Deli Grocery Corp. –New Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider license in a Restaurant – a deli restaurant with nice environment also recorded music.  
Committee Recommendation: Approve with no sale of liquor after midnight on Sunday.

#### Discussion

259 St. Nicholas Avenue - Took over the spot in April, old owner left the spot in good shape. Other business Bushwick Public House. Coffee and alcohol. Very good coffee, fresh bagels and pastries. Game night, comedy.

195 Stanhope Street - Bushwick Taco Company – one of the owners, the chef. Got the space not too long ago – he is trying to expand. Going to be the manager. Also work in Ridgewood

1595 Broadway - 5% discount to cops, marines, tenants in the building. Above is a non-profit building. GM worked at Moxie and Mr. Purple's – 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Time Square. Kitchen closes at 12am on Sunday.

Old Business – 428 Troutman Street – Mr. Camacho and Celeste visited the location to speak with the owner and clarify concerns around their hours of operation. The establishment is intended to be a performance venue (“music hall”) with a coffee shop on the side under the same management. The owner assured the chairperson and district manager that the live music will wrap up before midnight. The exterior courtyard will only be for those getting air.

The committee would like for more members to join the committee. The committee would also like to work closely with Community Board 1 and the other Community Boards.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Egaudy Gomez and second by James Wiseman. All in favor. Meeting adjourned: 7:30pm

#### Recommendations:

- 1) Approve PLC Report – Write letter to NYS Liquor Authority
- 2) Parks be open at 6:00AM and close at 10:00PM.

- 3) Letter to Borough President to remove board member Ernest Estime, as per board's by-laws.

All member present were in favor.

**Announcements:**

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**What is at Stake?**

- Over \$800 billion for federally funded programs – your public schools and housing, senior center, Medicaid, SNAP, WIC, roads and bridges, and more are at risk!
- Up to two Congressional seats, affecting the balance of the Electoral College.

**How you can help?**

- Spread the word about the importance of responding to the census in Spring 2020
- Recommending New Yorkers for federal Census jobs ([www.2020census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020census.gov/jobs) for Census taker jobs & [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) for jobs in local area offices)

Let's make sue NYC doesn't lose out on its fair share!

[www.nyc.gov/census2020](http://www.nyc.gov/census2020) Email questions to [info@census.nyc.gov](mailto:info@census.nyc.gov)

Assembly Member Erik Martin Dilan: Free Civil Legal Services Coming to Your Neighborhood - The Mobile Legal Help Center is a partnership between the NY Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) and the New York State Courts' access to Justice Program that provides free civil legal services to New York in need.

Private meeting rooms and technology inside the vehicle enable it to function as a full-service office. The vehicle will be stationed at: 366 Cornelia Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237 on October 2 and December 3, 2019, from 10amto 3pm.

To make an appointment or to get more information, please contact the office of Assembly Member Dilan at 718-386-4576.

Don't Be a Victim! Never Leave Your Personal Property Unattended. Assertive police strategies have cut crime dramatically making New York the safest large city in the nation. You can help the NYPD keep New York City safe by following these simple tips:

- ✚ Be alert and aware of your surroundings at all times. Criminals often target people who are distracted.
- ✚ When in a bar or restaurant, don not leave your handbag over the back of your chair, on a stool or on the floor.

- ✚ White headsets are a dead giveaway. Protect your musical device by keeping it out of sight and changing the headset color.
- ✚ Hold on to your cell phone and keep it secured out of sight when not in use.
- ✚ Carry your wallet in the breast pocket of your jacket or in your side pocket of your jacket or in your side pants pocket. NEVER in the rear pants pocket which is one of the easiest to pick.
- ✚ Carry your purse close to your body. NEVER wrap the strap around your body.
- ✚ Don't leave belongings such as bags and laptops computer unattended.
- ✚ Carry only the amount of cash or number of credit cards necessary to make purchases for the day.
- ✚ Place items out of sight in the trunk of your vehicle prior to reaching your destination. Never leave packages on the passenger area of the vehicle.
- ✚ Be wary of distractions. Sometimes one perp diverts your attention while another picks your pocket or steals your belongings.
- ✚ Follow your instincts. Remember, "If it seems too good to be true, it probably is".

Emergency situations call 911. Non-emergencies call 311. Report and suspicious activity to: 1-888-NYC-SAFE

Movies @ Washington Irving Library September 2019 – Theme: Inspiration

Wonder, 2017. 113 Minutes Screening: Wednesday, September 11, 2:30pm to 4:00PM

The Kings Speech, 2010. 119 Minutes. Screening: Wednesday, September 18, 2:30pm to 4:00pm.

Beautifully Broken, 101 Minutes 2018. Screening: Wednesday, September 25, 2:30pm to 4:00pm.

These films are adult themed, intended for mature audiences!

Brooklyn Public Library – Washington Irving Library, 360 Irving Avenue. Brooklyn, NY 11237 between Palmetto and Woodbine Avenue. 718-628-8378, [www.bklynlibrary.org](http://www.bklynlibrary.org)

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North Brooklyn is facing a housing crisis of vast proportions. With market rates skyrocketing and our neighborhoods losing rent-stabilized units every year, thousands of people—including residents who have lived here for decades—are being displaced from their homes. Tenant harassment and racial discrimination in housing are rampant. Bushwick is faced with the prospect of a massive up zoning that would destroy jobs, cause evictions and transform our community. With our rent laws expiring in 2019, New York is at a crossroads.

That's why Senator Salazar has placed affordable housing at the center of her campaign. She will fight to:

- End the vacancy decontrol that incentivizes tenant harassment and eviction,
- End preferential rents and sharply limit MCI-induced rent increases, both of which abet gentrification
- Secure state financing for truly and deeply affordable housing—housing that's affordable to the working-class residents of North Brooklyn, not just the rich.

- Fight the up-zonings which hold our community hostage to the forces of gentrification
- Expand the rent stabilization system to cover all New York apartments, so that no tenant is faced with the prospect of suddenly being evicted from their homes.

New York City Council Member Antonio Reynoso, 34<sup>th</sup> District and Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez, NYS Senator Julia Salazar & NYS Assemblywoman Maritza Davila along with the 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct, Brooklyn DA, DOT, CCRB and Community Board 4 Cordially invite you to a Public Safety Town Hall Meeting. Monday, September 23, 2019, 6:00pm. Bushwick United Methodist Church, 1139 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221. For additional information please contact Fatima Elmansy at 718-963-3141.

#### Your Guide to the NEW YORK CITY CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION 2019

What is a Charter? The NYC Charter is the City's constitution. It creates a framework for our government. The Charter controls how the City spends tax dollars, how decisions are made about changes to our neighborhoods and the power of our elected officials.

Nearly 30 years ago, a Charter Revision Commission overhauled the City's government. This fall, New Yorkers will have a chance to amend our Charter by voting on ballot proposals covering a wide variety of issues, from elections to police accountability. On November 5<sup>th</sup>, you can vote on that. The final round will be October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Second Roll Call.

Meeting Adjourned: 33 Members Present, at 8:15PM.