

Public Meeting

September 30, 2026

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To All Participants:

- Call participants in the order they have registered for public comment prior to meeting, then during today's meeting
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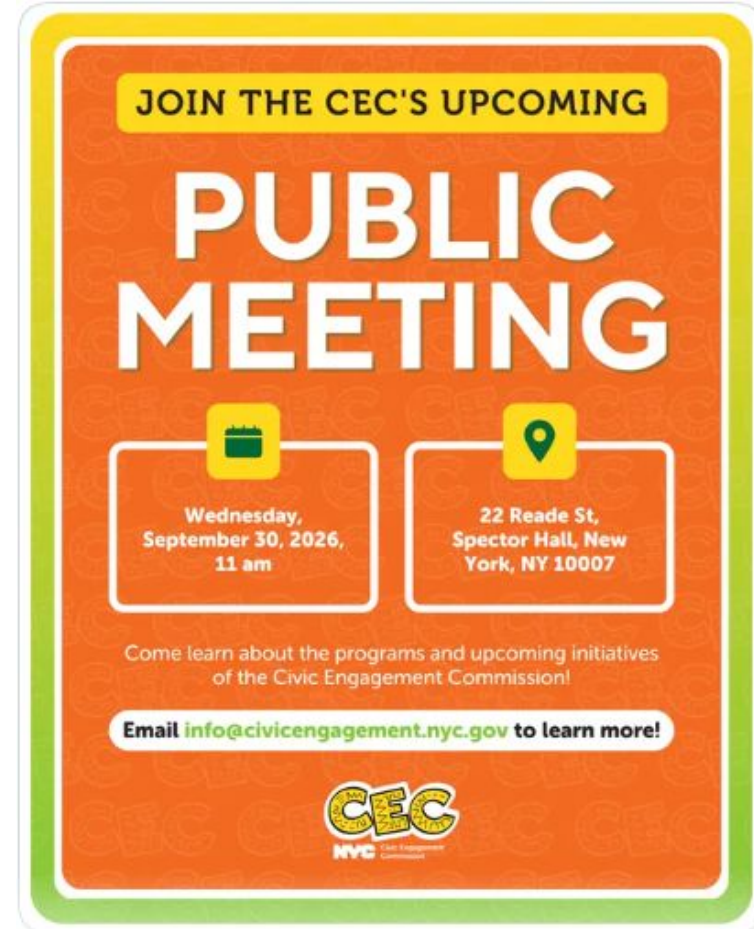
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9/30/2026

Agenda

- Attendance
- Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 21, 2026
- Annual Report Summary
- Community Reflections & Public Comment on the Annual Report
- Commissioner Deliberation & Vote on the Annual Report
- Next Steps & Close Out



JOIN THE CEC'S UPCOMING

PUBLIC MEETING

 Wednesday, September 30, 2026, 11 am

 22 Reade St, Spector Hall, New York, NY 10007

Come learn about the programs and upcoming initiatives of the Civic Engagement Commission!

Email info@civicengagement.nyc.gov to learn more!



Approval of Meeting Minutes from Prior Meeting

Charter Specific Reporting Requirements

*Participatory Budgeting, Poll Site Language Assistance Program, Community
Boards*

Reporting & Data for Participatory Budgeting

Section 3202, b. Reporting. No later than September 30, 2021, and by September 30 of each year thereafter, the commission shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council and shall make available on the commission's website a report that shall include the following information for the previous fiscal year, or as otherwise specified:

1. With respect to the citywide participatory budgeting program established pursuant to section 225-a and paragraph 1 of subdivision a of this section:

- (a) The number of individuals who participated in the program, disaggregated by borough, and any voluntarily disclosed demographic information about participants, as deemed appropriate by the commission, reported in aggregate and anonymized form;
- (b) The number of projects selected for recommendation, disaggregated by borough;
- (c) A description of the public outreach tools employed to promote participation in the program;
- (d) Any recommendations for changes to enhance participation or other aspects of the program;
- (e) Such other information that the commission deems relevant.



Reporting for Voter Language Assistance & Community Boards

2. The locations of poll sites at which interpreters were provided pursuant to paragraph 4 of subdivision a of this section, the languages provided, and the number of individuals who utilized such language interpretation services, disaggregated by poll site, as well as any recommended changes to better serve the needs of limited English proficient voters; and
3. Any other information the commission deems relevant.

Section 3203, 3 (b)

The commission shall include in its annual report a description of the categories of resources made available to community boards pursuant to this section and the number of community boards that utilized each category of resources, disaggregated by borough, as well as any recommended changes to better serve the needs of community boards.

(L.L. 2018/211, 12/3/2018, eff. 4/1/2019)

Mentimeter Audience Participation



Mentimeter Instructions

We want to hear from you! Participants can submit questions or comments during this meeting by:

1. Visiting menti.com and entering code **66842393** , or
2. Scanning the QR code in the next window

We'll review and discuss responses later in the meeting.

Annual Report Summary



the PEOPLE'S MONEY

The People's Money

Cycle 4 Metrics

78 PB &
TRIE CBO
Partners



Residents Engaged in Idea Generation: 11,461

Idea Generation Workshops : 473

Ideas Submitted by Residents: 2,213

Borough Assembly Applicants: 1,163

Borough Assembly Deliberation Hours: 20 hrs

Borough Assembly Members & Facilitators: 133

Total Votes Cast: 134,418

Volunteer Vote Ambassadors Engaged: 31

Votes Cast In a Language Other Than English: 26,115





The People's Money



Cycle 4 Successes & Innovations

1 Idea Generation Participant Experience

Participants reported a 51% increase on average in feeling heard by city government and a 56% increase on average in understanding how city funds are spent

2 Ideas42 Brainstorm Board

Incorporated prior years' Ideas42 research to add Brainstorm Board activity to aid & improve outcomes of group ideation

3 Assembly Facilitator Academy

Facilitation for the Civic Imagination trainer Michael Rohd trained the cohort Boro Assembly facilitators in core competencies

4 # of Assembly Meetings

Moved from a schedule of 6 to 4 weekend Assembly meetings improving attendance and engagement, while maintaining the total 20 hours of deliberation

5 Cultural Institution Groups

Partnered with CIGs to host vote events, incorporating Flushing Town Hall, BRIC, Snug Harbor, Museo del Barrio & BX Museum



CEAA (Community Engagement Ambassador Academy) Spring Cohort 2026

- Goal: strengthen volunteer engagement through a training program, supported through NYC Service funding
- 11 Students enrolled, 10 completed the workshops- 3 students in Queens, 2 Brooklyn, 2 Bronx, 2 Staten Island and 2 Manhattan.
- Older adults included as a special focus for recruitment for volunteer engagement: 2 for Brooklyn and 2 Queens, total 4 older adults for CEAA



JOIN THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AMBASSADOR ACADEMY
SEE WHY 95% OF OUR ALUMNI CALL IT THE BEST INVESTMENT IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

THIS COURSE IS DESIGNED TO EMPOWER YOU WITH THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO BECOME
A MORE EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY ADVOCATE – DISCOVER STRATEGIES FOR IMPACTFUL CIVIC
ENGAGEMENT, DEVELOP LEADERSHIP ABILITIES, AND LEARN HOW TO FOSTER POSITIVE
CHANGE IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

WEEK 1

Orientation and Civic
Identity

WEEK 2

The People's Money &
Language Access

WEEK 3

Messaging, Storytelling, and
Public Narrative

WEEK 4

Government & Power
Mapping: Understanding
Government Systems

WEEK 5

Community Organizing &
Local Power

WEEK 6

Technology & Digital
Engagement

WEEK 7

Final Project Development
& Presentation

**7 WEEK
-VIRTUAL COURSE-**

CLASS HOURS
7:00PM – 8:30PM

WEEKLY SESSIONS HELD
EVERY WEDNESDAY

DEADLINE TO
REGISTER IS
MARCH 15TH
OR
UNTIL ALL SPOTS
ARE FILLED.

CLASSES RUN FROM
MARCH 25TH
–
MAY 6TH

To register visit: on.nyc.gov/ceaa

Spring 2026 Cohort



<https://linktr.ee/nycceaa>

CEAA Curriculum Updates

- Changes to Spring cohort included information on how a bill becomes a law
 - Use of [School House Rocks](#) video to explain this process
 - Provide real life example of creating legislation by Barbara (our Outreach Director) who worked with elected officials to start a bill
 - Assembly Member Stefani Zinerman spoke about Epilepsy Bill NY S9139, Medicaid Coverage for Seizure Detecting Monitors, being written on behalf of Barbara Williams. Approved in Senate. Awaiting approval in Assembly. Covers monitors for infants covered by Medicaid who have epilepsy.
- Tailored content on how government works to an audience starting on civic engagement, and stronger focus on local government

PB Vote Ambassadors

- Total of 32 seats available for 5 boroughs-CEAA + PB Vote Ambassadors
- 31 seats filled- Bronx 7, Manhattan 7, Queens 6, Brooklyn 7 and SI 4
- Volunteers conducted outreach with Houses of Worship, Veterans and their families, Unhoused/Food Pantries, D75 schools and Older Adults
- Total number of votes per borough: (BX|**1336**) (BK|**1034**) (QNS|**760**) (MAN|**1388**) (SI|**337**) **City wide: 4855**



TRIE Neighborhood Initiative 2025-26

Last year, the CEC funded 32 organizations to build local coalitions that empower residents to participate in issues impacting their communities across 33 TRIE Neighborhoods.

The leadership of TRIE organizations in their neighborhoods ensures the People's Money Process is representative of marginalized New Yorkers.



01. Idea Generation

TRIE Partners gathered over 4,000 New Yorkers across 180+ workshops— generating nearly 800 ideas for our process.



02. PB Voting

TRIE Partners collected over 68,700 ballots this vote phase, over 50% of the citywide total!



03. Implementation

TRIE Partners worked with Implementation Organizations to expand Cycle 3 projects through 32 collaborative project activities.

Coalition-Building



320

Coalition
Members

137

Coalition
Meetings

\$420K

Coalition
Development

100% of TRIE Organizations reported that working in coalition increased their capacity to meet program deliverables in addition to emergent community needs.

“Last year, we had a triple homicide in Castle Hill Houses... We were able to activate Stand Up to Violence to provide therapeutic services for all Castle Hill residents. The Coalition ... consistently leans on each other to activate city and community services in response to community needs.”

Rodny Carvajal, Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club, inc.

PB Project Implementation

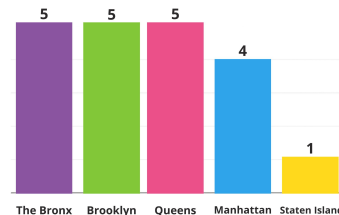
Project Implementation

Project Implementation is when selected ideas become real projects delivered by trusted community-based organizations (CBOs) across the city.

This includes a total of 20 projects in Year 3: 5 projects in the Bronx, 5 in Brooklyn, 4 in Manhattan, 5 in Queens, and 1 on Staten Island.

20 Projects

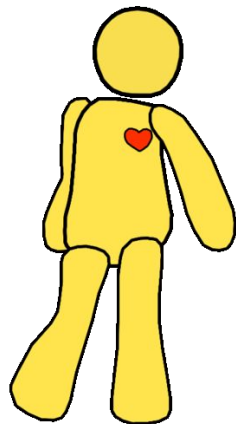
Number of projects per Borough:



Projects are funded from
\$165,000 to \$235,000 per
project

Project Implementation

The projects address a wide range of community needs that were identified by New Yorkers, including **workforce development** (7), **education** (4), **social services & accessibility** (4), **health and wellbeing** (3), and **arts** (2).



All 20 projects were proposed, vetted, and voted on by New Yorkers through The People's Money, which engaged over 130,000 people!

Project Implementation Highlights

So far in Cycle 3, The People's Money projects have **served over 6,000 people** by **delivering over 250 workshops** on topics like financial literacy, arts, employment readiness, tenants' rights, nutrition, **conducting more than 1,400 individualized consultations**, and **connecting over 1,600 people with critical resources**.

6,092

People served

289

Workshops delivered

59

Community events

Bronx Highlight

Healthy Food and Literary Nights

- Implemented by **Bronx Health REACH** in Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights, Bedford Park, Williamsbridge, Norwood, Olinville, Edenwald, and Wakefield



"Conversation is something we are losing in a lot of ways. This brought together people that maybe otherwise wouldn't have connected."

- Project Participant

Bronx Highlight

Healthy Food and Literary Nights

- So far, this project has served **over 300 people** in The Bronx.
- Events have been held at various locations, including **faith centers, schools, parks, and libraries.**
- At each event, **participants are given a copy of the book** being covered to take home and read.



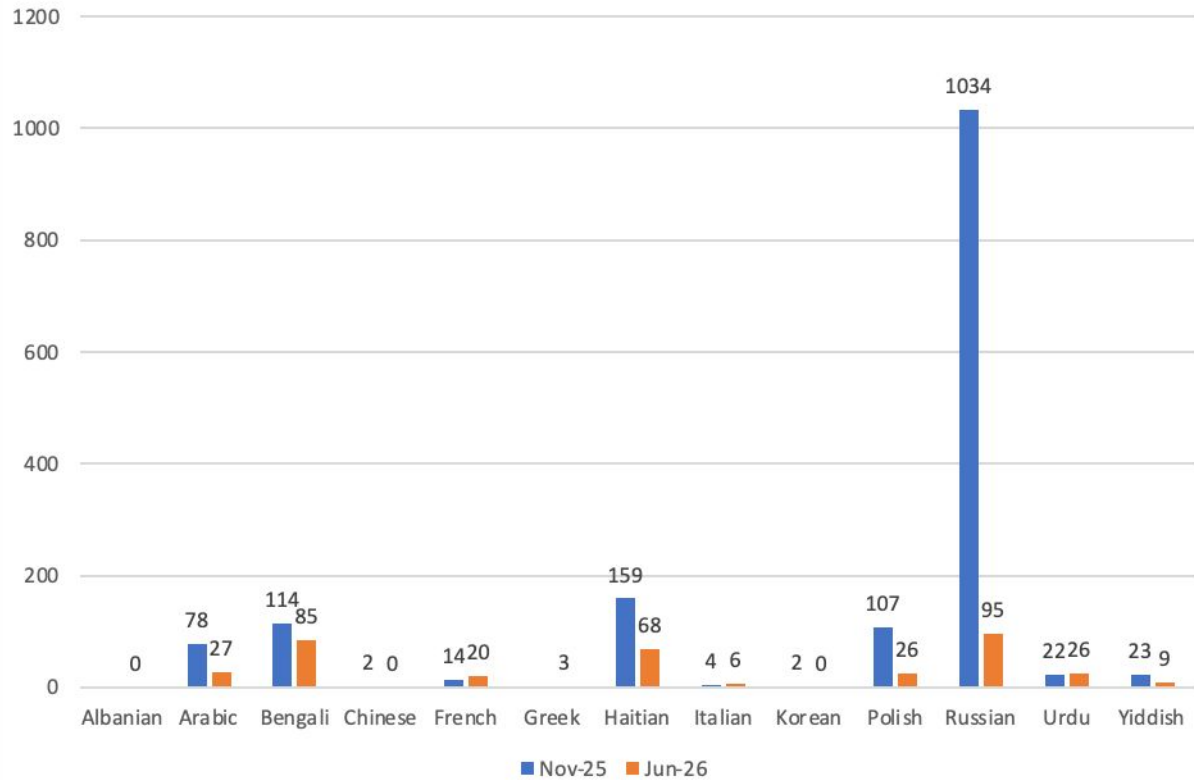
Voter Language Assistance Program

VLA Services

- November 2025 General Election
- February 2026 Assembly District 36 Special Election
- June 2026 Primary Election



Utilization of Voter Language Assistance Services



CBO Partnerships

- **November 2025 General Election:** 13 organizations, 14 in-language voter information sessions in nine languages
- **June 2026 Primary Election:** 14 partners, 15 sessions in 10 languages
- **1,100 Voters** with limited English proficiency reached



Building Civic Power Across Languages

Covening: ~100
CBO representatives,
practitioners, and
ethnic media



Community Boards



Community Board Training Partners

- ❖ **Center for Independence of the Disabled NY** - Disability Voter Rights
- ❖ **Public Engagement Unit** - Social Media for Community Boards
- ❖ **CEC** - Language Access
- ❖ **ParliPearl (Diana Duncan)** - Parliamentary Procedure
- ❖ **Center for Urban Pedagogy** - Affordable Housing
- ❖ **NYS Unified Court System** - NYS Unified Court System
- ❖ **Theater of the Oppressed, The Assembly Project, CEC** - Expanding your Engagement
- ❖ **BETA NYC** - Artificial Intelligence: How to use it and how not to use it, Community Board Edition
- ❖ **Office of Technology and Innovation** - Discovering NYC Open Data
- ❖ **Yuko Uchikawa** - Bring the Temperature Down: De-Escalating Conflicts
- ❖ **New Economy Project** - Community Land Trusts - Expanding Community Ownership in NYC



Community Board Training Attendance

Registered Total	Attended Total	Bronx	Brooklyn	Manhattan	Queens	Staten Island
875	360	94	109	100	44	13

Most Popular by Registration: NYC Open Data - 144

Most Popular by Attendance: Artificial Intelligence - 48

Most Popular Single Class: Community Land Trusts - 36

Better Public Meetings NYC

July 22, Neighborhood Democracy in NYC - The Forum @ Columbia

90 Attendees from all five boroughs

October 8, Peer to Peer Learning Group - Virtual

Brooklyn CB 4 & 9, Bronx CB 7 & 9, Queens 6

Manhattan CB 3, 9, 8 & 10, Staten Island CB 3



Democracy
Innovation

Perfect
City



BRENNAN
CENTER
FOR JUSTICE

CUNY ★ CPCP
CENTER FOR PLACE,
CULTURE, AND POLITICS



Public Comment & Community Reflections





Mentimeter Community Reflections

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Commissioner Deliberation & Vote



Thank You

