

**2022**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**on the**  
**Street Harassment**  
**Prevention**  
**Advisory Board**



## **2022 Annual Report on the New York City Street Harassment Prevention Advisory Board**

The Street Harassment Prevention Advisory Board was established by [Local Law 46 of 2022](#). The Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence (ENDGBV) and the NYC Commission on Gender Equity (CGE) co-chair this advisory board. The goals of the advisory board are to:

- (1) study the occurrence of street harassment in New York City;
- (2) identify people and communities most at risk of and most impacted by street harassment via a citywide survey;
- (3) develop programming, training, and a resource guide to prevent and respond to street harassment; and
- (4) promote public awareness of street harassment, including supportive services and resources for those who have experienced harassment.

This is the first annual report submitted to the Mayor and Speaker of the Council pursuant to Local Law 46 of 2022.

### **Board Member Appointments and Representatives**

Pursuant to Local Law 46, the Street Harassment Prevention Advisory Board must include four members appointed by the Mayor, two members appointed by the Speaker of the Council, and two members appointed by the Public Advocate. The Public Advocate appointed committee members in July 2022. Mayoral appointments were finalized on July 20, 2022.

The law also requires that designees from the following New York City agencies join the advisory board:

- Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Office of Night Life (ONL)
- City Commission on Human Rights (CCHR)

These city agencies designated advisory board members by the end of June 2023. Pursuant to the law, a representative from the New York State Metropolitan Transit Authority was invited to join the advisory board on May 17, 2022.

As of January 30, 2023, members of the Street Harassment Prevention Advisory Board include:

- **Cecile Noel**, Co-Chair, Commissioner of the New York City Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence
- **Jacqueline Ebanks**, Co-Chair, Executive Director of the New York City Commission on Gender Equity
- **Nathalie Arzu**, Public Advocate Appointee, Program Manager at RISE at the Center for Court Innovation
- **Julie Bero**, Chief Strategy Officer at the New York City Department of Transportation
- **Quadira Coles**, Mayoral Appointee, Director of Policy at Girls for Gender Equity
- **Saba Hazel**, Chief of Staff at the New York City Commission on Human Rights
- **Emily May**, Mayoral Appointee, President and Co-Founder of Right to Be
- **Sarah Milner-Barry**, Policy and Programs Analyst for Safety at the New York City Commission on Gender Equity
- **Ariel Palitz**, Senior Executive Director at the New York City Office of Night Life
- **Melissa Paquette**, Director of Policy at the New York City Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence
- **Xamayla Rose**, Public Advocate Appointee, Deputy Public Advocate of Civic and Community Engagement
- **Nathaly Rubio-Torio**, Mayoral Appointee, Executive Director at Voces Latinas
- **Jean Son**, Mayoral Appointee, Community Advocate
- **Melanie Weniger**, Deputy Executive Director of Policy and Programs at the New York City Commission on Gender Equity

### **2022 Advisory Board Meetings**

ENDGBV and CGE convened the first meeting of the Street Harassment Prevention Advisory Board on October 6, 2022. At this meeting, Commissioner Noel and Executive Director Ebanks welcomed advisory board members. ENDGBV and CGE then led advisory board members through introductions and the responsibilities and deliverables of the advisory board.

ENDGBV and CGE convened the second meeting of the Street Harassment Prevention Advisory Board on December 16, 2022. At this meeting, ENDGBV and CGE led advisory board members through a landscape review of existing international and domestic legislation and non-criminalized responses related to street harassment. The advisory board then discussed content and resources to be included in a resource guide to support victims of street harassment.

## **2022 Advisory Board Activities**

In July of 2022, ENDGBV and CGE met with Maya Vizvary, Street Harassment Prevention Program Analyst in the Washington DC office of Human Rights, who convened Washington DC's Advisory Committee on Street Harassment from 2018 to 2020. Like New York City's Street Harassment Prevention Advisory Board, the DC Advisory Committee on Street Harassment was created pursuant to local law and tasked with collecting data on the prevalence of street harassment and making recommendations for the city to prevent and respond to street harassment. The purpose of this meeting was for ENDGBV and CGE to learn more about DC's implementation of its advisory committee and the resulting recommendations prior to convening NYC's first advisory board meeting.

As of December 31, 2022, the New York City Street Harassment Prevention Advisory Board had created a draft resource guide to provide resources and support to victims of street harassment and community members interested in preventing or intervening in incidences of street harassment.

In the next year, the New York City Street Harassment Prevention Advisory Board aims to (1) publish the street harassment prevention resource guide; (2) develop and implement a public survey to learn more about the occurrence of street harassment in New York City; and (3) use the public survey results to begin developing recommendations to reduce and prevent street harassment in New York City.

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