Street Harassment Prevention Advisory Board

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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 the advisory board. The advisory board is required 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**[1];
3. Develop programming, training, and a **resource guide**[2] 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 fourth annual report submitted to the mayor and speaker of the council.

2025 Advisory Board Activities

Advisory Board Meetings

In 2025, the Street Harassment Prevention Advisory Board met four times. The March meeting focused on the topic and tone of a future public awareness campaign. The September meeting focused on future updates to *End Street Harassment: A New York City Resource Guide*. The October meeting focused on planning the annual public meeting. The Manhattan District Attorney's Office also provided a presentation on unlawful surveillance, including "upskirting" on public transportation. The December meeting was the annual public meeting.

Annual Public Meeting

The Street Harassment Prevention Advisory Board invited the public to its last meeting of the year. The Board hosted a virtual panel titled *Addressing the Intersections of Street Harassment in 2026*. The panel discussed the ways in which street harassment is connected to broader social issues, highlighting how the current political landscape affects individual experiences of street

[1] https://www.nyc.gov/assets/ocdv/downloads/pdf/street_harassment_survey_report_2024.pdf
[2] https://www.nyc.gov/assets/genderequity/downloads/pdf/English.pdf

harassment. Attendees also learned about resources for addressing street harassment in their communities.

ENDGBV Commissioner Saloni Sethi and CGE Executive Director Priya Nair provided opening remarks and Advisory Board Member and Right To Be President and Lead Executive Officer Emily May provided closing remarks. CGE Commission Member and lawyer, author, and television host Eboni K. Williams moderated the panel.

Three panelists shared diverse perspectives on the state of street harassment ahead of 2026:

- Mohamed Q. Amin, Founder and Executive Director, Caribbean Equality Project
- Kayele Arnold, Organizing Coordinator, Planned Parenthood of Greater New York
- Yanery Cruz, Director of Advocacy and Programs, New York Transgender Advocacy Group

Public Awareness

In 2025, the Street Harassment Prevention Advisory Board raised awareness about street harassment and available resources and services in the following ways:

- Attending at least 58 outreach events across the five boroughs.
- Distributing more than 1,100 copies of *End Street Harassment: An NYC Resource Guide* in English, Spanish, Creole, French, and Arabic.
- Promoting the resource guide through digital channels and on relevant awareness days, resulting in at least 50 downloads.

Programming & Training

In 2025, the Street Harassment Prevention Advisory Board worked to educate and empower New York City communities in the following ways:

- Right To Be trainings: On March 13, April 24, and December 3, CGE partnered with Right To Be to host three virtual bystander intervention trainings.
- Mixteca Street Harassment workshops: On June 7, CGE held two workshops with Mixteca, an organization that works with immigrant communities in Sunset Park, Brooklyn.
- 67 Clergy Council-Partners Against Hate Street Harassment Workshop: On August 4, CGE held a workshop as part of the Summer Youth Employment Program with participants in East Flatbush, Brooklyn.

2025 Advisory Board Co-Chairs and Members

- **Priya Nair**, Co-Chair, Executive Director, NYC Commission on Gender Equity *(assumed July 2025)*
- **Saloni Sethi**, Co-Chair, Commissioner, Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence
- **Sideya Sherman**, Co-Chair, Chief Equity Officer and Commissioner, Mayor's Office of Equity & Racial Justice *(served until July 2025)*
- **Julie Bero**, Chief Strategy Officer, NYC Department of Transportation
- **Quadira Coles**, Mayoral Appointee, Director of Policy at Girls for Gender Equity *(served until September 2025)*
- **Elisa Crespo**, Council Speaker Appointee, Executive Director at Stonewall Community Foundation
- **Eman Gad**, Mayoral Appointee, Manager of Policy and Advocacy at Girls for Gender Equity *(assumed September 2025)*
- **Jose Rios Lua**, Chief of Staff, NYC Commission on Human Rights
- **Jeanine Marie**, Policy and Programs Analyst, NYC Commission on Gender Equity
- **Emily May**, Mayoral Appointee, President, Co-Founder, and Lead Executive Officer, Right To Be
- **Melissa Paquette**, Chief Legal Officer, Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence *(served until May 2025)*
- **Nathaly Rubio-Torio**, Mayoral Appointee, Executive Director, Voces Latinas
- **Arrizu Sirjani**, Senior Policy Advisor, Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence
- **Jose Soegaard**, Deputy Director, New York City Office of Night Life
- **Jean Son**, Mayoral Appointee, Community Advocate
- **Melissa Thifault**, Public Advocate Appointee, Deputy Director of Constituent Services, Office of Public Advocate

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