

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

**KEITH POWERS**



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**April 2021 Full Board Report to Manhattan Community Board 6**

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**Highlights**

Council Member Powers recently published his tourism recovery plan, “Passport to Recovery.” In the plan, Council Member Powers speaks on several ways to bring life back to the tourism industry in New York City. One of the ideas the Council Member is pushing is an idea called “Open Neighborhoods”, which would combine the Open Streets, Open Restaurants, and Open Culture programs by featuring a new neighborhood for local tourism every weekend of Spring & Summer 2021. Open Neighborhoods would help bring life back into many of the locations that are powered by tourist dollars. In addition, together with Council Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo, Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer, and Council Member Justin Brannan, he has called for Mayor de Blasio to utilize federal aid funds to help revitalize shuttered independent venues that have been affected by the pandemic. For more in depth information, please read through Council Member Powers’ full plan here: [Passport to Recovery: Revitalizing Tourism in NYC](#)

To commemorate Earth Day, Council Member Powers will celebrate a new Food Scrap Drop Off Site at Dag Hammarskjöld Greenmarket on Wednesday, April 21, at 8:30 A.M. Located at the end of the plaza, behind the cafe. Look for the orange sign and green bins. Hours for the site are Wednesdays from 8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. Acceptable waste includes: fruits, vegetables, and eggshells; coffee, tea, and nuts; dried flowers and houseplants; rice, pasta, bread, and grains.

With the help of New York City Health + Hospitals, our office is again offering a mobile COVID-19 testing site at Stuyvesant Town and Peter Cooper Village. Testing will be offered at the Stuyvesant Town Peter Cooper Village Community Center on Wednesday, April 14, and Thursday, April 15, from 9:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. There is no charge and there are no appointments necessary.