

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

KEITH POWERS



May 2021 Full Board Report to Manhattan Community Board 6

Highlights

Earlier this month, Council Member Powers hosted a “Stop AAPI Hate” town hall together with the Korean American Association of Greater New York (KAAGNY), and other community stakeholders. The Council Member was joined by representatives from the Commission on Human Rights, the Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes, the NYPD Hate Crimes Task Force, and the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office. It was a crucial discussion that helped inform the public of this problematic issue, and how we can take steps moving forward to prevent future instances of hate crimes toward our fellow New Yorkers.

The Council Member is hosting a Rank Choice Voting town hall on June 1 at 6:00 P.M., sponsored by Manhattan Community Board 6, elected officials, and more. It’s vital that all New Yorkers understand the Rank Choice voting system, especially with consequential elections we have coming up. We urge you to join us to learn about our new ranked choice voting system - the registration link will be available soon.

The Council Member recently introduced a Commercial Loading Zone Reform bill as part of a larger package of legislation focused on smart, safe, and sustainable deliveries. This bill will require all commercial loading zones to be metered to ensure commercial vehicles are paying their fair share for their use of the curb; extend the number of hours that commercial vehicles can park in loading zones from 3 to 8 hours to reduce the practice of unnecessary idling, hovering, and double-parking to avoid fines while drivers make deliveries; prohibit placard parking in commercial loading zones below 60th street in Manhattan; and require the maintenance of temporary commercial loading zones where construction staging occupies or otherwise prevents the use of existing commercial loading zone. Commercial Loading Zone Reform will ensure a more efficient delivery process for commercial trucks coming into our neighborhoods. For more information on the Smart, Safe, & Sustainable Deliveries bill package, please visit: <https://council.nyc.gov/press/2021/04/21/2081/>