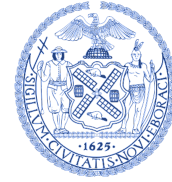


NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

KEITH POWERS



September 2021 Full Board Report to Manhattan Community Board 6

Highlights

Hurricane Ida drenched New York City, leaving over 7 inches of rainfall in Central Park. To address the crisis, President Biden recently declared New York in a state of emergency and directed federal aid to areas most affected by the flooding. Now more than ever, we must take action to combat climate change, such as implementing coastal protections to keep our waterfront areas safe. If you or anyone you know has been impacted by the storm, please reach out to Council Member Powers' office at 212-818-0580.

In news from City Hall, last month, mayoral candidate Eric Adams, Council Member Powers and Mark Levine sponsored legislation calling upon the Department of City Planning to remove outdated dancing restrictions that put unfair burdens on smaller bars and restaurants. Council Member Powers also passed legislation to improve the pedestrian experience and strengthen public safety measures in Times Square.

Additionally, Council Member Powers has focused on addressing the crisis at Rikers Island and across our city's correctional facilities. Last week, he held an emergency meeting with agency heads to create an immediate plan of action, and tomorrow will lead a City Council Criminal Justice Committee hearing to address the conditions. One death is too many, and the Council Member is committed to ensuring that no one is lost in our city's correctional facilities.

Next month, Council Member Powers' office will be hosting a free bike helmet fitting and distribution event for children with the Department of Transportation! It'll be a fun way for kids to get a new helmet, and for families to celebrate all the wonderful biking opportunities across our city. More information on time and location will be sent out closer to the event. Join us!

The East Side Coastal Resiliency Project is calling for artwork from K-12 students and local New York City artists. Select artists will win a cash prize, and their work will be displayed on construction fencing along the ESCR project construction site. Submissions are due by 11:59 PM on Sept. 30, 2021. For more information on rules for entry, thematic guidelines, and other regulations, check out www.nyc.gov/escr/art.