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## November 2021 Full Board Report to Manhattan Community Board 6

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### Highlights

1. On October 27, Council Member Rivera, Chair of the Committee on Hospitals held a hearing jointly with the Committee on Fire and Emergency Management on NYC Hospitals' Preparedness for Weather Emergencies. This hearing focused on what hospitals have learned in the past ten years and the resiliency projects, repairs, and infrastructure improvements that have followed. Health + Hospitals, New York City Emergency Management (NYCEM) and Greater Hospital Association of New York (GNYHA) testified on the actions currently taken to ensure that we remain prepared for future extreme weather events. Council Member Rivera in particular advocated for greater transparency and communication on the City's separate plans for coastal storms versus flash floods.
2. On October 21, Council Member Rivera New York was proud to join Public Advocate Jumaane D. Williams in introducing Int. 2437, which mandates the immediate creation of a flash flood emergency evacuation plan targeted at residents of multiple dwellings in flood zones. The bill also requires culturally appropriate outreach to ensure that residents are aware of the procedure. The bill would also ensure that the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) report publicly on the implementation of its plan, including the number of multiple dwellings units evacuated, within 60 days. Council Member Rivera will continue to fight for the bold, urgent action we need to scale our resiliency efforts and green infrastructure goals to combat the fatal impacts of the climate crisis.
3. On Friday, October 29, Councilwoman Rivera joined Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer and 34 other colleagues in a rally to implement special rules for non-essential helicopter flights in Manhattan.