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**CARLINA RIVERA**

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

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### Highlights

1. On Friday, December 3, Councilwoman Rivera co-chaired a hearing in the Committee on Hospitals jointly with the Committee on Mental Health on access to mental health services in NYC Hospitals, including Health + Hospitals and private hospitals. At this hearing, Council also heard Carlina's bill **Intro 2141** which will amend the New York City charter and administrative code to remove the term "mental retardation" and replace it with "intellectual disability." Council will be voting on this bill on December 9 .
2. On Monday, November 29, the Committee on Women and Gender Equity heard Councilwoman Rivera's bill to create a two-year window for survivors of gender-motivated violence to file civil actions against their assailants under the Gender-Motivated Violence Protection Act (GMVA), even if the statute of limitations in the case has already expired. This bill was introduced by Carlina and Councilwoman Selvena Brooks-Powers in July 2021 and will be coming for a vote in Council on December 9, 2021.
3. On December 9, 2021 Carlina's bill requiring Department of Health and Mental Hygiene-run health clinics to provide long acting reversible contraception (LARCs), alongside the other forms of contraception that are already available, to all patients.
4. Leading up to Thanksgiving, Carlina joined partners throughout District 2 to distribute meals for the holiday. Thanks to partners like Door Dash, Cement and Concrete Workers, and Hunt's Point Produce Market, Carlina was able to distribute over 150 turkeys to seniors at Phipps NORC and Straus Houses and healthcare workers at Bellevue Hospital, and 500 bags of produce to families throughout the district.