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[January 2022] Full Board Report to Manhattan Community Board 6

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Highlights

1. Participatory Budgeting: The Council Member has allocated [\\$1 million of capital funding](#) to continue participatory budgeting for District 5. We are now inviting area residents to share project ideas, volunteer, and endorse existing ideas. We will then work with community partners to form voting ballots, which will be distributed throughout the East Side of Manhattan and Roosevelt Island from April 2 through April 10.

2. Fighting for a Community Garden: Our office responded to [community concerns](#) about rat infestation in the vacant, boarded-up lot on East 78th Street and First Avenue. Council Member Menin spoke at length with the landlord and got them to bring in a private company to address the rat issue, which cleared the lot. While the decrepit lot has been [sold](#) to a real estate developer, our office will continue to work with city agencies to identify additional spaces for community gardens.

3. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Distribution: Over two days last week, our office distributed KN95 masks to adults and children at Lexington Houses in East Harlem and Main Street on Roosevelt Island. More recently, our office [partnered](#) with the East 86th St Association to distribute 1200 KN95 masks, 192 bottles of hand sanitizer, and hundreds of face shields. We will have additional PPE distributions in our district with future times and locations to be announced.

4. Construction Noise Mitigation on East End: Council Member Menin successfully convinced the Chapin School to [cancel construction plans](#) on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, when many residents would have been in their homes. We will continue to be proactive about noise mitigation, particularly as this yearslong expansion remains [ongoing](#).