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## **Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine's April 13, 2022 Full Board Report to Manhattan Community Board 6**

### **Borough President Levine's First 100 Days:**

On Sunday, April 10th, Borough President Levine took a moment to reflect on some of his achievements during his first 100 days with a short video. They include his [#StayHealthyToStayOpen](#) plan calling for a major push to catch New York City up on boosters, which was released on Wednesday, March 16th. In addition, the Borough President's Office has distributed thousands of covid test kits to underserved neighborhoods. Borough President Levine was proud to join his four fellow borough presidents on Monday, February 14th to call on New York City to plant a [#MillionMoreTrees](#) to help reduce our carbon footprint, prevent flooding, and clean our air. Borough President Levine has also worked to assist small businesses. In March, he was pleased to announce a partnership with the Hebrew Free Loan Society to create a \$2 million zero-interest loan fund for Manhattan small businesses. In January, following the tragic murder of Michele Go, Borough President Levine called on the MTA to begin installing platform screen doors to protect against pushes and falls. Installation of these barriers will begin soon in 3 stations. Borough President Levine has also stood in solidarity with Manhattan's Ukrainian community during the horrific war, and he has demanded that Putin-connected oligarchs no longer be able to use luxury real estate here to launder their ill-gotten assets.

There is still much more work left to do to bring Manhattan back and make it a stronger, safer, healthier, more equitable place than it was before the pandemic. Borough President Levine remains focused on the many challenges that still loom: keeping New Yorkers safe in the BA.2 wave, protecting vulnerable tenants,

creating more affordable housing, fixing our broken mental health system, tackling the scourge of hate crimes, and making NYC greener and more resilient.

### **Almost 900 Community Board Applications Received:**

Borough President Levine was pleased to have received almost 900 community board applications. Borough President Levine thanks the 800 people who have participated in community board interviews so far. Community board appointments will be made by early May.

### **NYS Budget Includes Reforms to Open Meetings Law:**

Borough President Levine has been advocating for Community Boards to have a permanent option hold hybrid meetings, and was pleased that the NYS budget agreement included a compromise to allow community boards to hold hybrid meetings. This includes a 60-day period for Boards to be fully remote, and the ability for Boards to go fully virtual when either New York State or New York City has an emergency order in effect. The BP feels that this is a positive step forward, but will continue to advocate for tweaks that better reflect the needs of Manhattan's community boards.

### **Borough President Levine Continues to Call for Tenant's Right to Counsel to be Fulfilled in Eviction Cases in New York City Housing Court:**

On Monday, March 28th, Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine and Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson held a news conference outside Bronx Housing Court. Borough President Levine and Borough President Gibson have continued to call on the Office of Court Administration to slow the docket and to ensure that no eviction cases in New York City Housing Court proceed without a tenant's right to counsel being fulfilled.