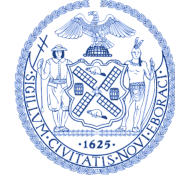


NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

KEITH POWERS



September 2022 Full Board Report to Manhattan Community Board 6

Highlights

Over the summer, my office heard from many residents at Waterside Plaza that they have been experiencing issues getting maintenance issues addressed appropriately. Some of the issues vary from general quality of life concerns to complaints regarding apartment ventilation systems, and a variety of others. As constituents have explained, the conditions have become unsustainable and require immediate attention. To that end, I have been actively working with the Waterside Tenants Association, State Senator Hoylman, and State Assembly Member Epstein to solve these issues. Last month, we held an in-person Town Hall at Waterside Plaza for residents to voice their concerns. Thank you to everyone who came out and shared their stories—hearing directly from the constituents was helpful for me to know the extent of the problem. My office will continue to monitor the situation and will follow up with the appropriate stakeholders in place to ensure that these issues are addressed.

New York City's recovery is contingent on keeping our streets and parks clean and safe for all. Along with boosting sanitation services in the 2022-2023 budget, I have allocated \$200,000 for supplemental sanitation services throughout our district through ACE. This includes cleaning sidewalks and tree pits, removing garbage bags from full trash bins, and additional snow removal. I have also dedicated significant support to local parks groups, Sutton Place Parks Conservancy, Solar One in Stuy Cove Park, Friends of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, and City Parks Foundation. This funding will help community programming in small neighborhood parks, and support the work of park and garden volunteer groups. Clean public spaces are absolutely critical to our city and quality of life in our neighborhoods, and I am committed to making our communities' streets cleaner, safer, and better for all.

Research shows that high intake of sugar contributes to a range of health issues, including type 2 diabetes, heart disease, dental cavities, certain types of cancer, and obesity. However, warnings on sugary drinks can significantly reduce purchases by giving consumers the tools to make healthier choices. That is why today I introduced legislation that would require that chain restaurants (those with 15 or more restaurants) in New York City post a sugar warning icon on the menu or menu board next to all menu items that exceed the FDA recommended daily value for added sugars of 50g per day, and post a warning statement at the point of purchase or, for self-serve items, at the dispensing point. In addition, it would require the chain menu developer to report every 90 days on the amount of sugar and sodium in each menu item.