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### September 2022 Full Board Report to Manhattan Community Board 6

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**Full Newsletter:** <https://us14.campaign-archive.com/?u=ab4cc26b0824920e0a045aa19&id=e2295e2e1b>

#### Highlights

1. On August 29, Carlina conducted an unannounced visit to Rikers Island with Comptroller Brad Lander and Public Advocate Jumaane Williams. There were a lot of concerning issues such as someone held in a small cell with no bed for over 24 hours, missed medical appointments, and facilities issues such as unsecure cell doors that do not latch. These conditions pose threats to the health and safety of those incarcerated on Rikers Island and DOC staff alike, and need to be addressed immediately. However, no administrative tweaks will ever substitute our ultimate and final goal of permanently closing Rikers and ending solitary confinement in New York City.
2. On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Carlina will be holding a hearing on her bill with Public Advocate Williams, [Introduction 549](#), which will end the torturous practice of solitary confinement and codify rules around programming and mental health services. This bill has garnered the support of over 34 Council Members who have committed to assisting its passage.
3. In 2019, Carlina was honored to lead the fight to create the first municipal abortion fund nationwide. On September 14, she joined Speaker Adams and the rest of the Women's Caucus to announce a \$1 million funding allocation to expand access to abortion, the largest commitment of municipal funds in any city in the country.
4. During the month of August, Carlina partnered with Hispanic Federation and New York Public Library to give out books, backpacks, and school supplies this summer all throughout District 2. From Bellevue Hospital, to Straus Houses all the way to the southern tip of District, our office was able to distribute over 1000 backpacks.
5. Over the past several months, our office received an increase in complaints around unauthorized advertisements and newsboxes cluttering the sidewalk of Kips Bay and

Murray Hill, especially on E 34th Street and 1st Avenue and E 30th Street and 2nd Avenue. Our office reported these to the Department of Transportation, who were able to remove signs that were attached to City property, such as street lights and bike racks. They also issued violations for abandoned and unkempt newsboxes. operations meetings at Stuyvesant Square Park and looks forward to working with community stakeholders in taking care of the park and neighborhood.