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Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine's October 12, 2022 Full Board Report to Manhattan Community Board 6

1.) Manhattan Borough President Levine Releases Report on E-Commerce and Package Delivery:

Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine has released a [report and series of recommendations](#) to combat the congestion caused by e-commerce and package delivery. The report lays out the current state of package delivery on city streets, the steps the City is currently taking to accommodate delivery companies, and 12 recommendations from the Manhattan Borough President's Office. These recommendations are broken into four overarching goals, and 12 recommendations, which are outlined below.

1. Take last-mile operations off our streets
 - Repurpose parking garages for e-commerce fulfillment space
 - Explore utilizing our waterfront for cargo delivery and staging
2. Ensure residential areas can meet the growing demand for deliveries
 - Make loading zones ubiquitous in all residential neighborhoods in Manhattan
 - Expand the network of access point locations at local small businesses
 - Launch a common carrier parcel locker pilot program
3. Make e-commerce deliveries more sustainable
 - Launch green loading zones across the borough
 - Vary congestion pricing fees by vehicles size, type and congestion level
 - Amend e-cargo bike width restrictions
 - Build more public charging infrastructure for E-Bikes
4. Better enforce the city's traffic laws
 - Increase enforcement of parking violations in loading zones
 - Update the stipulated fine program's fine schedule
 - Expand use of automated enforcement technology

2.) Manhattan Borough President Levine's Statement on the Announcement of the Installation of a Migrant Center on Randall's Island:

Last Tuesday, October 4, Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine issued a statement in reaction to Mayor Adam's announcement of the installation of a migrant center on Randall's Island. Borough President Levine noted that "While there are a number of challenges with the Randall's Island site, there is no denying that NYC needs to expand capacity to accommodate the continuing stream of asylum seekers arriving here."

Borough President Levine emphasized that "Every borough needs to do its part in welcoming these newcomers, and that absolutely includes Manhattan." Borough President Levine is "proud that New Yorkers are stepping up to receive them with open arms" and he has called upon New York City to address the "many logistical concerns...at the Randall's Island site, particularly the limited transportation options there." Borough President Levine has advocated for "service on the M35 bus" to "be greatly expanded, and" for "regular ferry service" to "be established connecting Randall's to the mainland of Manhattan."

Moreover, Borough President Levine called upon New York City to "double down on the provision of permanent housing vouchers to those currently in our shelters, to quickly get New Yorkers experiencing homelessness into permanent homes, and to open up space in the overcrowded shelter system." Finally, Borough President Levine noted that "we need to continue to advocate for federal leadership to expedite work permits for asylum seekers, coordinate a national resettlement plan, and more quickly reimburse localities like NYC for costs incurred."

3.) Donation Drive for Asylum Seekers with New York Immigration Coalition:

Last month, Borough President Levine launched a donation drive for newly arrived asylum seekers, migrants, and immigrants to New York City with the New York Immigration Coalition. The Borough President's Office is collecting new toiletries, including body wash, baby and body wipes, bath towels, diapers, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream, nail clippers, and menstrual products, as well as new and packaged clothing, including underwear,

socks and t-shirts, and fall and winter clothing items. Donations may be dropped off Monday through Friday between 10 am and 5 pm at 1 Centre Street, 19th Floor South, New York, NY 10007 or at the Northern Manhattan Office at 431 West 125th Street, New York, NY 10025.

4.) Borough President Levine Continues his Call for Tenants Facing Eviction to Receive Legal Representation:

Borough President Levine continues to call for tenants facing eviction to be represented by attorneys in Housing Court. There has been a steady rise in evictions and the total number of cases filed - 50,000 in just the first 6 months of 2022 - has overwhelmed the tenant legal services system. Thousands of tenants are facing eviction without an attorney. It remains urgent that the court system slow the calendaring of cases. Borough President Levine is proud to stand with the Right to Counsel NYC Coalition, EvictionFreeNY, and ANHD in this effort.

5.) Get Your Updated Covid Booster and Flu Shot!

On September 23rd, Borough President Levine received his updated covid booster and flu shot at Bellevue Hospital, which welcomes walk-ins Mondays through Saturdays from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. There is no cost for updated covid boosters and flu shots at Bellevue Hospital, regardless of insurance or immigration status. Updated covid boosters and flu shots are also available at pharmacies, public hospitals, and via home visit for those who are 65 or older or are homebound.

To search for covid boosters at pharmacies, visit <https://vaccinefinder.nyc.gov>.

To search for covid boosters at public hospital sites, visit [New York City Health and Hospitals' Corporation's Website](#).

To sign up for a home visit (for those 65 or older or homebound), go to <http://nyc.gov/homebound>.

6.) Center for an Urban Future Panel Discussion and Report on Building a More Equitable New York:

On Monday, October 3rd, Borough President Levine joined New York City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams, Deputy Mayor Sheena Wright, and the Center for an Urban Future for a panel discussion on equity in NYC which marked the release of the Center for an Urban Future's 150 innovative ideas for building a more equitable New York. The report is available at

<http://nycfuture.org/cityofaspiration>

7.) Monkeypox (MPV):

Although cases of Monkeypox have decreased significantly since August, it is still spreading in New York City. Everyone who is or may be at risk, or who suspects that they may have been exposed, is now eligible to sign up at <http://vax4nyc.nyc.gov/monkeypox>. The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is adopting a pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) model by expanding eligibility for monkeypox vax, with the goal of protecting everyone who may be at risk. The full list of who is now eligible is below.

- People of any sexual orientation or gender identity who have multiple or anonymous sex partners, or participate or may participate in group sex;
- People of any sexual orientation or gender identity whose sex partners are eligible per the criteria above;
- People who know or suspect they have been exposed to MPV in the last 14 days; and
- Anyone else who considers themselves to be at risk for MPV through sex or other intimate contact

8.) Street Co-naming at First Avenue and East 29th Street in Honor of Dr. May Edward Chinn:

On Wednesday, September 28th, Borough President Levine joined community activist and civic leader Michelle Deal Winfield, former Manhattan Community Board 6 member Claude Winfield, Council Member Carlina Rivera, New York

State Assembly Member Harvey Epstein, Bellevue Chief Operating Officer Marcia Peters, and Dr. May Edward Chinn's family and friends at the co-naming of First Avenue and East 29th Street in honor of Dr. May Edward Chinn. Dr. May Edward Chinn was a medical trailblazer. Dr. Chinn was the first Black woman to graduate from Bellevue Hospital Medical College (now NYU Medical School). Dr. Chinn went on to become a pioneer in oncology.