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### October 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 September 28, Carlina unveiled the street sign for Dr. May Edward Chinn Place on 1st Avenue at E 29th Street - naming this block of "hospital row" after the pioneering doctor who was the first African American woman to graduate from Bellevue Hospital Medical College. Dr. Chinn had a storied career of over 50 years as a physician providing medical services to all who needed it, and made important advancements in cancer research, specifically in detection and prevention of cervical and breast cancer. Many members of Community Board 6 were in attendance, as well as the Committee to Honor Dr. May Edward Chinn, members of the Chinn family, and representatives from healthcare institutions.
2. On September 28, Carlina held 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 37 Council Members who have committed to assisting its passage. In the hearing, we heard from people who have been impacted by this practice, including family members of those who have lost their lives in solitary confinement. You can read Carlina's full statement following the hearing [HERE](#).
3. NOW collecting toys for families living in temporary housing in midtown, especially those families seeking asylum. You can drop off gently used or new toys at Epiphany Library at 228 E 23<sup>rd</sup> Street from 12pm – 5pm for the rest of the week, or select an item from the wishlist: [tinyurl.com/toydrivemidtown](http://tinyurl.com/toydrivemidtown)
4. Participatory Budgeting is back! This year, Council Member Rivera is allocating \$1 million in capital funding to projects voted on by residents of District 2. We are still accepting ideas, and you can submit them to the following link: <http://ideas.pbnyc.org/page/about>.