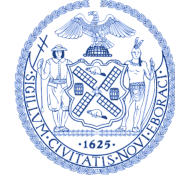


NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

KEITH POWERS



February 2023 Full Board Report to Manhattan Community Board 6

Highlights

- In light of recent antisemitic attacks and vandalism throughout the Upper East Side, the Moise Safra Center and the American Jewish Committee of New York, in association with my office, State Senator Liz Krueger, Congressman Jerry Nadler, Council Member Julie Menin, Assemblyman Alex Bores, Borough President Mark Levine, and the NYPD 19th Precinct, will be hosting an “Evening of Unity”. Join us as we gather together to stand united against antisemitism and show that there is no place for any type of hate in New York City. The link to RSVP is:

<https://moisesafracenter.org/show-details/?id=b125cac108fa1de7aa288e4feaa9a1f5>

- Last month, myself, along with the Stuyvesant Town–Peter Cooper Village Tenants Association celebrated a ruling made by the New York State Supreme Court to protect approximately 6,200 apartments that would have faced a loss of rent and tenure protections. There is additional good news for residents in Stuyvesant Town and Peter Cooper Village: The Tenants Association was successful in a court challenge against rent increases for capital improvements. As a result, a number of increases were annulled and tenants in those affected buildings will receive refunds for any increases. Other increases were remanded back to the state agency for additional review.

The order directs the owner to return to the tenants any rent increases collected on the following and addresses: 2 Peter Cooper Road, 431 East 20th Street, 1 Stuyvesant Oval, 3 Stuyvesant Oval, 315 Avenue C, 319 Avenue C, 321, Avenue C, 6 Stuyvesant Oval, 8 Stuyvesant Oval, 10 Stuyvesant Oval, 610 East 20th Street, 620 East 20th Street, 505 East 14th Street, 515 East 14th Street.

The 12 MCIs remanded to DHCR are: 541 East 20th Street, 441 East 20th Street, 390 First Avenue, 6 Peter Cooper Road, 7 Peter Cooper Road, 8 Peter Cooper Road, 531 East 20th Street, 271 Avenue C, 530 East 23rd Street, 5 Peter Cooper Road, 510 East 23rd Street, 511 East 20th Street.

- The City Council Discretionary Funding Application for FY24 is now available:

<https://council.nyc.gov/budget/fiscal-year-2024-discretionary-funding-expense-application-filing-period/>

Please complete the application by February 21st, 2023.

If you would like to set up a time to discuss any budget related questions, please feel free to reach out to my Budget Director, Hayley Brundige, at HBrundige@council.nyc.gov, or call my office directly at 212-818-0580.

- My office received numerous inquiries on the safety of the pedestrian footbridge going over the FDR highway on East 25th Street. My staff heard from the tenants association at Waterside Plaza complaints of elderly tenants having issues crossing safely due to its steep incline. My office was even made aware of a few instances where individuals had fallen and gotten injured here. As a result of our joint advocacy, the Department of Transportation installed a handrail to the sides of the East 25th Street pedestrian footbridge earlier this month. While the recently announced SPARC Kips Bay project nearby proposes to include a brand new pedestrian bridge we are grateful for these interim measures.