

# COUNCILWOMAN CARLINA RIVERA

# Manhattan Community Board 6 Report | April 2023

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#### Highlights:

## **Council Member Rivera Responds to the Preliminary Budget**

New York City Council is negotiating a FY24 budget with the mayoral administration, which is due at the end of June. Council Member Rivera is a member of the budget negotiation team.

"New York City has a legal and moral obligation to close Rikers Island and ensure a truly safe city for everyone. Critical investments in alternatives to incarceration and diversion programs have proven to reduce recidivism and lower crime rates and must be included in this year's budget along with more investments in community safety, workforce development, and mental health services that are accessible and meet the needs of all New Yorkers. Creating pathways to stable housing is vital for building a safer city, and this includes the expansion of Justice Involved Supportive Housing. Oversight and accountability of the jail system cannot be delayed and must be addressed now by rightsizing the Department of Correction budget and ensuring the Board of Correction has more resources to meet their charter-mandated responsibility to set minimum standards and oversight of misconduct. I am proud to stand with Speaker Adams in calling for critical investments in safe communities and a humane jail system. Essential city services like sanitation, education, transportation, and housing are critical in this period of uncertainty for keeping New York City a great place to live and work. The preliminary budget response by the City Council ensures responsible investments in quality of life and a vision to achieve our long term goals."

#### Events:

We have many exciting events scheduled for the coming months! We need volunteers for the East Side Street Tree Survey, to be kicked off on Earth Day. <u>Check out our website</u> for more information. As always, our team is available to assist you. You can drop in, give us a call at 212-677-1077, or send us an email at <u>District2@council.nyc.gov</u>.

#### Kips Bay Street Clean Up with Sanitation Foundation

Join neighbors in Kips Bay on April 15 for a community clean up! The area served will be E 25th to E 30th, between 2nd Avenue and Lexington. The meeting spot is 225 E 27th Street. Sign up here: <u>sanitationfoundation.org/attend</u>

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