



NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

JULIE MENIN



April 2023 Full Board Report to Manhattan Community Board 6

1. Curb Your Dog Campaign: The submission period has begun for our office's Curb Your Dog Initiative. This initiative will create a district wide campaign to educate dog owners on their responsibility to clean up after their pets. This will be a district wide initiative, working with DSNY and various community stakeholders to inform the public on this important civic responsibility. We will be asking that artistically inclined constituents submit artwork that we can use for our curb your dog campaign! Both students and adults from District 5 can submit artwork that will be displayed throughout our community. The contest runs through April 22nd, and winners will be announced on May 1st. Designs must be PNG or JPEG at 11 by 8.5 and can be submitted to curbyourdog.district5@gmail.com.

2. Two Childcare Bills gone into effect: This past November, Julie was proud to be the lead sponsor on 5 bills in the universal childcare package, making New York City the first in America to pass universal childcare. Last month, two of those bills, mandating that the city create an accessible portal for families to navigate and search through the various childcare facilities and subsidies accessible to them, went into effect. New Yorkers searching for affordable childcare can access the newly launched [My City Portal](#) which assists with streamlining applications and navigating eligibility requirements. Our office will continue working with the Adams administration to ensure that universal child care becomes a reality for all struggling NYC families.

3. Participatory Budgeting: Our office is very pleased to have received overwhelming community engagement in our 2023 participatory budgeting cycle. 4,458 constituents voted on 10 capital improvement projects. We are thankful to all of our community partners and stakeholders who helped us get out the vote and are thrilled that we had the most votes out of any District in Manhattan. The winners of Participatory Budgeting will be announced shortly and we look forward to next year's participatory budgeting cycle. The winning initiatives of participatory budgeting will be announced in the coming weeks.

4. Childcare Bills Put Into Effect: Our office has consistently received complaints from constituents throughout our district regarding scaffolding that is left long after construction has ended and there is no longer a need for these unsightly and obstructive safety measures. Yesterday, Julie introduced Resolution S.1305/A.1321, calling upon the New York State legislature to sign, and the Governor to pass, legislation establishing guidelines regarding the timely removal of sidewalk sheds. If adopted, this will help ensure that sidewalk sheds are taken

down once construction ends. This will help restore New York's beauty and New Yorkers' overall quality of life.

5. Ribbon Cutting at Honey Locust Park: Julie hopes that Sutton Place constituents join her at Honey Locust Park this Thursday at 11am for the ribbon cutting of the redesigned park. Julie will be joining parks commissioner Sue Donoghue, transportation commissioner Ydanis Rodriguez, and Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine in cutting the ribbon of our upgraded public space. As District 5 ranks 47th out of 51st in terms of green space across the city, it is imperative that we continue to support and improve what little outdoor resources we do have to promote healthy living for all. That is why Julie is excited that the park has been renovated and reinvigorated.