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COUNCILWOMAN CARLINA RIVERA

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Highlights:

Committee on Housing and Buildings Holds Hearing on Vacant and Neglected Properties

In the midst of a persistent housing crisis, there are too many rent stabilized apartment units sitting vacant across New York City. At a time when 50% of New Yorkers do not earn enough to meet their basic needs, and 80% of working-class households are rent-burdened, we have an obligation to ensure every habitable housing unit is online, particularly our rent-stabilized units. One of the bills heard, [Introduction 0195-2022](#), introduced by Council Member Rivera would help address the symptoms of apartment warehousing. Vacant units, particularly those that are not maintained or secured, pose a danger to residents.

Council Passes Council Member Rivera's Bill to Make Open Culture Program Permanent

On Thursday, May 25, City Council passed [Int. 0590-2022](#), which will revive and make permanent the Open Culture program that was established temporarily by local law during the COVID-19 pandemic, and will allow eligible arts and culture institutions to obtain permits to use roadways for events.

Supporting Women and Gender Expansive People in the Criminal Legal System

On June 8, City Council passed Council Member Rivera's [Int. 831-2022](#) to create a resource navigator program to connect women and transgender, nonbinary, and intersex individuals to alternatives to incarceration and reentry services.

Events:

OATH in the Park, Wednesday, June 14, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

OATH staff will be at the Union Square Greenmarket to assist and inform individuals about what to do should they have received a summons (new garbage rules started on April 1), and to check to determine if someone has an outstanding summons. Materials about remote hearings and other free resources will be provided to the public as well.

Sign up for SCRIE/ DRIE, Thursday, June 29, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Department of Finance will be in our District Office on June 29 to give assistance with SCRIE (Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption) and DRIE (Disability Rent Increase Exemption) programs, available to qualifying senior citizens aged 62 and over, as well as individuals with disabilities.

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