



THE OFFICE OF  
MANHATTAN BOROUGH PRESIDENT

**MARK LEVINE**

## **Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine's June 2023 Full Board Report to Manhattan Community Board 6**

### **1) Welcome to CB6's New Board Members**

The Manhattan Borough President's Office is thrilled to welcome our new and returning board members to CB6. Our office received nearly 1,000 applications this year and we're extremely excited to welcome the 2023 cohort of talented, enthusiastic, and thoughtful community members. As a reminder, all newly-appointed board members are expected to attend an MBPO-led on-boarding session, which is being offered at 3 different dates:

- Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 10-11AM
- Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5-6PM
- Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4-5PM

With any questions, feel free to reach out to Tricia Shimamura at [tshimamura@manhattanbp.nyc.gov](mailto:tshimamura@manhattanbp.nyc.gov).

### **2) Manhattan Borough President Levine Testifies against rent hikes to the Rent Guidelines Board**

On June 13<sup>th</sup>, Manhattan Borough President Levine testified against rent increased proposed by the Rent Guidelines Board. The Borough President firmly believes that now is not the time to raise rents on New Yorkers already struggling to pay their rent. An alarming 39.5% of rent stabilized households spend more than 50% of their household income on gross rent. The housing crisis facing our city only further burdens tenants across the city, with a lack of housing options driving median rent to as high as \$5,000 in Manhattan – well beyond the means of many New Yorkers today.

The Borough President also joined Manhattan Council Members in calling for an in-person hearing to located in Manhattan. Despite the decision to not hold a Manhattan hearing, you can still submit testimony through June 15<sup>th</sup>:

<https://rentguidelinesboard.cityofnewyork.us/testimony/>.

### **3) Celebrate Pride Month with Team Levine!**

On behalf of the Manhattan Borough President's Office, we'd like to invite you to march with us and celebrate the invaluable contributions of the LGBTQIA+ community. Please join us at the upcoming Pride Parade on June 25<sup>th</sup>! If you're interested in marching, please send an email to [info@manhattanbp.nyc.gov](mailto:info@manhattanbp.nyc.gov).