



NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

## COUNCILWOMAN CARLINA RIVERA

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#### **Highlights:**

**Council Member Rivera introduces legislation to prohibit the release of birds for commercial purposes,** in honor of Flamingo, the pink pigeon rescued in Madison Square Park earlier this year, likely dyed pink for a gender reveal party. [Intro 1205](#) would prohibit a person from keeping or retaining any bird for the purpose of releasing such bird for a fee, or to release a bird for a fee. This practice has become more common for gender reveal parties, weddings, and other ceremonial occasions, but the birds are domesticated and do not have the skills to survive in the wild.

**Council Member Rivera introduces legislation to increase transparency on Rikers Island.**

As Chair of the Committee on Criminal Justice, Council Member Rivera recently introduced two bills that will increase transparency to conditions on Rikers Island and protect the health and safety of people incarcerated there as well as staff. [Intro 1204](#) would require the Department of Correction to report when a person dies in DOC custody and establishes procedures for this notification. [Intro 1219](#) would codify the Board of Correction's 24/7 access to surveillance footage of Rikers Island and other City jail facilities for oversight and safety purposes.

**Council Member Rivera passes legislation to mandate documentation of court appearance-related interactions.** [Intro 1094](#) will require the Department of Correction to record interactions in which an individual is informed about a scheduled court appearance and report on rates of court production. This legislation is intended to ensure people in custody make their court appearances, reducing the length of time they are on Rikers Island awaiting trial.

**“Operation P.O.O.P.” with DEP at Stuyvesant Square Park October 26 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.**

Our office will join the Department of Environmental Protection at Stuyvesant Square Park on October 26 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. to distribute dog bowls and discuss with pet owners how to keep pet waste out of the City's waterways. We will be distributing tips for pet owners and bowls while supplies last.

**SAVE THE DATE: November 17 Resource Fair at Baruch College**

On November 17, Council Member Rivera will host a resource fair at Baruch College. More details will be announced as they are confirmed. Email [District2@council.nyc.gov](mailto:District2@council.nyc.gov) to participate.

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