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Full Board Report to Manhattan Community Board 6

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The City Council recently passed our legislation to require dyslexia screenings for people incarcerated in city jails. The measure will help to expand educational and health services, improve programming inside city jails, and reduce recidivism upon release.

Identifying and providing services to incarcerated individuals with dyslexia is a critical effort. The learning disability affects about 15% of people nationwide, but seen at dramatically higher rates in jails and prisons, and is thought to be a contributing factor to both initial contact with the criminal justice system and recidivism rates.

The Public Advocate has now passed 21 bills since taking office, with many more working their way through the legislative process.

Our Worst Landlord Watchlist comes out before the end of the year. I

NEW YORKERS SHOULD KNOW:

Throughout September, our office celebrated New York City's diverse communities and fostered civic engagement. We kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month with a family-friendly festival at P.S. 96, we marched in the African American Day Parade, the Mexican Day Parade, and the West Indian Day Parade, and we joined with partners to register voters for National Voter Registration Day. New Yorkers can register to vote by October 28 for the November 7 election by visiting NYCVotes.TurboVote.org.

There continues to be a COVID surge citywide. A reminder that the updated vaccine is available citywide— find locations here: <https://vaccinefinder.nyc.gov/>, and free rapid tests are available at NYC museums, zoos, libraries and other locations throughout the city.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Find out about upcoming events by [following our Eventbrite page](#) at [NYCPublicAdvocate.eventbrite.com](https://nycpublicadvocate.eventbrite.com)

Watch Ask the Advocate on News12

Tune into News12 Bronx, Brooklyn or online to watch our monthly segment Ask the Advocate, live every third Monday of the month from 7-7:30pm, where the Public Advocate will answer questions from callers live on air! The next episode will be October 16

STAY IN TOUCH WITH OUR OFFICE:

Any New Yorker can always reach out to our office with concerns or requests for support, assistance, and services by contacting gethelp@advocate.nyc.gov or calling 212.669.7250 and leaving a message. Our office is receiving constituents with an appointment.

Also to stay in touch with our office: 1). Sign up for our bi-monthly newsletter at bit.ly/AdvocateNewsletter [**NOTE: Bit.ly links are case sensitive**]; 2). Subscribe to The Advocate text bot by texting “Hello” to 833-933-1NYC (833-933-1692); 3). check out our blog at advocate.nyc.gov/blog; and 5). Follow our new Threads account at [@NYCPublicAdvocate](#)