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**[November 2023] Full Board Report to Manhattan Community Board 6**

**Full Newsletter: [<https://manhattanda.org/newsletters/>]**

**Highlights**

1. Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg recently announced the indictment of Lenny De La Rosa for vandalizing three synagogues and a Jewish volunteer ambulance on the Upper East Side in August. The defendant has been charged with four counts of Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree as a Hate Crime. “We will not allow our houses of worship to be violated by hateful acts and we do not tolerate bias and antisemitism,” said DA Bragg.
  - Here is a link to the full press release for those interested in learning more: <https://manhattanda.org/d-a-bragg-announces-hate-crime-indictment-of-man-for-vandalizing-three-upper-east-side-synagogues-in-48-hours/>
2. Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg announced the creation of the Special Victims Division Advisory Council to allow the District Attorney and his staff to gain input from a large variety of external stakeholders on a quarterly basis. The Advisory Council includes more than a dozen representatives of advocacy, survivor services, and legal service providers. “Through this ongoing collaboration, we hope to share resources, learn from each other, and continue to improve our practice,” DA Bragg said.
  - Here is a link to the full press release: <https://manhattanda.org/d-a-bragg-creates-special-victims-division-advisory-council-to-gain-external-stakeholders-perspectives-on-office-practice/>
3. Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg recently awarded \$3 million to The Fortune Society to create a network of Court Navigators that will support New Yorkers with deeply entrenched needs. The aim of these upfront investments is to reach those involved with the criminal justice system at the earliest possible moment to address the underlying drivers of crime and violence and reduce recidivism. “Through these investments we are creating a continuum of care for Manhattanites struggling with mental health or substance use disorders that will create lasting public safety,” said District Attorney Bragg. “The best way to address the root drivers of crime and violence is to connect people with the services they need to lead healthy and stable lives, including housing, healthcare and job opportunities.”
  - Here is a link to the full press release: <https://manhattanda.org/d-a-bragg-awards-3-million-to-the-fortune-society-in-ongoing-mental-health-investments/>