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

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- Congressman Nadler has been thrilled to announce billions of dollars in federal support for projects including Phase II of the Second Avenue Subway and the Gateway Tunnel made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law:
  - Phase II of the Second Avenue Subway received \$3.4 billion, which now assures the future extension to 125th Street and eliminates a longstanding transit desert while building new connections to Metro-North and the Lexington Avenue Line.
  - The Gateway program received an additional \$3.8 billion and construction on the Hudson Yards Concrete Casing has begun. This marks a major step closer to expanding reliability, resiliency, and redundancy on the most heavily used passenger rail line in the country.
  - Also announced was \$1.64 billion to connect Metro-North to Penn Station and \$1.26 billion to renew the East River Tunnels to Penn Station, creating new connections and capacity for transit throughout the Tri-State Area.
- On Monday, Congressman Nadler joined East Side local elected officials to demand a better path forward for 5G Cell Towers, which in their current design are out of scale and character across historic districts. He continues to call FCC to reevaluate their impact under the National Historic Preservation Act and encourages to the City to consider alternative options to the current proposal that will preserve our city's character and still meet our connectivity goals.
- Congressman Nadler and Congressman Dan Goldman released the following joint statement on their continued support for Israel, the urgent need to release the hostages, and their support for humanitarian pauses to allow aid to reach Palestinian civilians:

It has been nearly three weeks since Hamas savagely attacked Israel, killing more than 1,400 Israelis and abducting more than 200 civilians as hostages inside Gaza – including American citizens. We condemn Hamas's war crimes and its heinous, inhuman attacks on civilians, which have continued with rocket fire targeted at Israeli civilians and the war crime of holding innocent civilians hostage. We stand with the Israeli people and all those who have relatives, friends, and



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colleagues impacted by this tragedy, and we call on Hamas to release the hostages immediately.

Following October 7, we believe that Israel has an absolute right – indeed a moral obligation – to defend its citizens and borders in response to Hamas’ horrific terrorist attack, which was an operation consistent with Hamas’ stated mission of eradicating the Jewish people and the State of Israel. Israel will not be safe and secure until Hamas is defeated. At the same time, we are also deeply concerned by the growing humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the increasing loss of civilian lives.

Israel’s war is against Hamas, not the Palestinian people. We urge Israel, in coordination with the United States, Egypt, and the international community, to continue to take all reasonable steps to avoid harm to noncombatants and to ensure that essential supplies, such as food, water, and medicine, are available to civilians in Gaza. And we urge Israel to continue to give warning to civilians to evacuate target areas, and call on Hamas to allow Palestinian civilians to heed those warnings.

We want to echo the calls from Biden Administration officials, including Secretary Blinken, and other Congressional colleagues to implement humanitarian pauses in the fighting to allow for aid to be delivered and unloaded in Gaza and for civilians to have sufficient time to access secure areas. This also requires an agreement from Hamas to allow aid to be delivered to civilians, and not siphoned off for their own terrorist aims. We also urge Hamas to release fuel and electricity used for its terrorism to the hospitals in Gaza to ensure that injured civilians receive medical care.

As Israel pursues its defense of its citizens and its efforts to release hostages, we must consider the United States’ recent experience with ground invasions of highly-populated areas and the significant loss of life that is likely to be incurred on both sides. We urge Israel to also take into account that experience as it weighs its strategic and military objectives, and to consider the reality that Hamas is willing to sacrifice innocent lives for its antisemitic objectives. We stand in support of President Biden’s goals of returning the hostages immediately, defeating Hamas, and protecting the lives of innocent Palestinians and Israelis.



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- Congressman Nadler, along with Congressmembers Lois Frankel, Nikema Williams, and Judy Chu led 82 House Democrats in a letter to Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Chair Charlotte A. Burrows to provide congressional intent of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA) for the Commission’s consideration during the rulemaking process. The Members’ letter supports the EEOC’s clear interpretation of the term “Pregnancy, Childbirth, or Related Medical Condition” as applying to the termination of pregnancy, including abortions, along with many other conditions related to lactation, fertility, and miscarriage. The Members also made clear they support solid and robust regulations for the PWFA, which will ensure employees can protect their pregnancy and reproductive health without compromising their family. It is essential for the EEOC to issue a final rule that ensures the law’s protections are fully available to pregnant workers who need them and is consistent with the legislative intent of PWFA.
- Lastly, our office sent out a [newsletter](#) sharing important resources for Medicare with new cost-saving benefits that came out of laws that Congressional Democrats and President Biden passed. Medicare Open enrollment began on October 15<sup>th</sup> and seniors can sign up for the program until December 7<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to reach out to our office with any additional questions.