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## Public Safety Committee

March 15, 2017 Meeting

1. Welcome/Introductions
  - a. Adoption of February 2017 minutes – adopted @ 7:15pm
  - b. Present: Jason Clark, Aarian Punter, Jamilah Clark, John Lynch, Keith Taylor (quorum)
2. Harlem Public Safety Issues Briefing
  - a. Representatives from the Street Corner Resources attended meeting and reported the following data for their “Cure Violence” protection region (as of March 15, 2017):
    - 135 days of peace with no reports of any shootings, stabbings
    - 9 participants are working with CASES
    - 1 College Bound student
    - 4 in the GED Program
    - 2 Vocation Bound programs (plumbing)
  - b. Public Safety Youth Gun Violence Taskforce action item: Will explore partnering with Street Corner Resources to see how the Public Safety Committee can aid SCR in reducing gun violence in Harlem.
3. #CloseRikers Campaign
  - a. Presentation by Vidal Guzman, JustLeadershipUSA
  - b. JLUSA discussed the #CloseRikers Campaign.
  - c. The #CLOSERikers campaign was formed in 2016. Its goal is to break political gridlock and include impacted communities in the solutions process.
  - d. The campaign to #CLOSERikers is calling for New Yorkers to boldly reimagine the city’s failed criminal justice system and become a national leader in ending mass incarceration.
  - e. Statistics
    - i. 89% of Rikers Island detainees are Black or Latino.
    - ii. 79% of those detained are awaiting trial
    - iii. Detaining a person at Rikers Island for a year costs the City (i.e., taxpayers) \$208,500 per year.
4. Updates to the Immigration Equal Protection & Sanctuary City Resolution
  - a. Discussion of resolution (with recommended modifications)

- b. Immigration Equal Protection & Sanctuary City Resolution will be proposed at the next General Body Meeting.

5. Updates on Public Safety Projects

- a. “Safe Spaces” program (Jamilah Clark)
  - i. Hon Jamilah Clark has been collaborating with Amanda Brown from the Harlem Children’s Zone to explore the possibility of launching a “safe spaces” program in Harlem.
- b. Youth and Gun Violence/Street Corner Resources (Aarian Punter)
  - i. Headed by Hon. Aarian Punter, this committee explores concerns and issues related to “returning citizens,” as well as some of the mental health challenges that are ongoing in the community.
  - ii. Discussed the possibility of organizing the screening of “The Kalief Browder Story” documentary. Potential screening locations include the Schomburg Center, or MIST Harlem. The purpose of a screening would be to spark a discussion evolving around incarceration and mental illness.
- c. Immigration Know-Your-Rights Symposium
  - i. Discussed the possibility of launching an Immigration Know-Your-Rights symposium.
  - ii. Hon. Keith Taylor indicated that he would be interested in being the point-person for this project.
- d. Community Board 10 Legal Clinic
  - i. Today, we launched the Community Board 10 Legal Clinic. Today’s clinic was the first of three that have been scheduled. The goal is to make the clinic a monthly event where individuals with housing issues can receive legal assistance from attorneys working at MFY Legal Services.
  - ii. The clinic is being held at the Harlem State Building on the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor.
  - iii. The next clinic is scheduled for April 19, 2017 from 6-8pm.

6. Announcements

7. Old Business/New Business

8. Adjournment

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Minutes Prepared by Aarian Punter