



NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

COUNCILWOMAN CARLINA RIVERA

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Bringing Safer Bike Lanes.

Council Member Rivera is proud to introduce legislation that would require the department of transportation to develop a map reporting the diverse conditions that are impacting road infrastructure, particularly in regards to bike safety. This legislation would clearly designate streets that are particularly dangerous for cyclists, based on DOT traffic data and the street design itself, from the past few years. The safety of people who walk and bike is too often compromised, this bill will prevent bicyclists from being forced suddenly into pedestrian or vehicular traffic without notice to riders, drivers, or walkers.

Keeping our Streets Clean

The office of Council Member Carlina Rivera hosted a series of community clean ups and E-waste recycling sites. We collected over 200 pounds of trash and 2000 pounds of e-waste. We partnered with the Mayor's office for a multi-agency cleanup effort: cleaning graffiti, cleaning streets and sidewalks, improving open streets and plazas, and cleaning parks. Multiple vandalized murals were able to get



clean up, including NYU's parking lot entrance. Cleanup initiatives not only help us keep the environment safe and clean but also help in reducing pollution and litter. All of these small actions contribute to the major goal of keeping our city clean. You can report unwanted graffiti or areas that need additional sanitation services to our office so that we can direct the appropriate resources there.

For The Latest Info, Visit Carlina on the Web: <https://council.nyc.gov/carlina-rivera/>

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Increasing Lead Based Paint Regulations

Council Member Rivera introduced 0193-2022, which would make the existence of peeling lead-based paint in any common area of a multiple dwelling where a child under the age of six resides a class C hazardous violation, which means immediately hazardous. Despite significant progress, too many children in New York City are still exposed to lead. Exposure to even low levels of lead can give rise to severe repercussions for children under the age of 6. Far too many cases of elevated lead levels in housing common areas go without investigation and this legislation would increase accountability and enforcement on behalf of our most vulnerable New Yorkers.

East Side Tree Survey

On Earth Day, our office will kick off the East Side Street Tree Bed Survey. There are about 693,000 street trees lining the sidewalks of New York City, which provide various environmental, economic, and health benefits. The urban canopy, which totals about 7 million trees, covers 22% of the city and advocates like Forest for All NYC are calling for 30% coverage by 2035. This survey will help inform City agencies about the conditions of the street trees in our neighborhoods.

If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up here: bit.ly/3EddH8I

Small Business Financing

Councilwoman Carlina Rivera is collaborating with the Pace University Small Business Development Center (SBDC) on a free webinar to review financing and marketing resources available for small businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs. We will review public and private sector financing programs and other resources to help small businesses during this challenging economic climate. Topics will include pandemic recovery loans and related resources, small business loans and grants for business launch & growth, as well as free website development assistance among the range of services Pace University SBDC advisors offer. May 17th from 4-5pm

Go to bit.ly/429UUpb to register for this free event.

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