



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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Bronx Community Board 6 is concerned about recent [reports](#) of a dramatic fall-off in eligible outdoor dining locations in the City of New York. The Belmont neighborhood had many outdoor dining setups during the pandemic, and that number has dwindled after the rollout of the NYC DOT Dining Out program. Reporting indicates that most of the outdoor dining applicants from last year had temporary permits, and that the temporary permits will not renew this April if the applicant's Dining Out application was not completed. 2,200 out of 2,600 applicants are in this temporary status.

We ask that you review and consider signing onto Introduction 0655-2026, which would expand the number of eligible businesses, adjust fees, and make the program easier for applicants. We expect this bill will allow for more outdoor dining set-ups in Community District 6, with increased economic activity for our restaurants and bars. Our Board reviews these applications, as does your office, and we are confident that we can properly review and opine on new applications as received to ensure pedestrian and traffic needs are addressed.

Please consider signing onto this bill and spurring more revenue and jobs for restaurants and bars in your District.

Regards,

Evonne Capers
Chair
Bronx Community Board 6