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**Public Safety and Licensing Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 6:30 PM
Carmen Rivera, Public Safety and Licensing Committee Chairperson**

The Public Safety and Licensing Committee met on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 in-person and via Zoom Video Communications. The following Board Members attended the Public Safety and Licensing Committee meeting: Cornell Brown, Nicole Carter (virtual), Nicole Ndiaye (virtual), Angel Nunez-Garcia, Reggie Powell, Carmen Rivera, and Kristine Rivera.

The Public Safety and Licensing Committee discussed the following information:

- **Discussion of Liquor License Applications**

The Public Safety and Licensing Committee reviewed the liquor license renewal application for Tina Bar and Restaurant, located at 2350 Washington Avenue. The Committee raised concerns about repeated 311 noise complaints, loud music, and after-hours activity. The applicant acknowledged these issues and outlined plans to improve sound insulation, with renovations expected in June. The Committee recommended improving soundproofing and security to the applicant. The Committee reviewed the liquor license renewal application for 1002 Lounge + Restaurant, located at 806 East Tremont Avenue, which is renewing their license in anticipation of moving to a new location, and voted to issue a favorable recommendation. The Committee reviewed a new liquor license application and temporary retail permit for El Braserito Taqueria Corp., located at 643 East 182nd Street, and voted to issue a favorable recommendation, with suggested closing hours of 2:00 AM on weekends and 11:00 PM on weekdays. The Committee reviewed the liquor license renewal application for Fiestas Mexicanas Restaurant and Bar, located at 2428 Hughes Avenue, and voted to issue a favorable recommendation. The Committee will send a letter recommending a 2:00 AM closing time on Mondays and Tuesdays and the installation of soundproofing. The Committee reviewed the liquor license renewal application for Michael Angelo's Brick Oven Inc., located at 2477 Arthur Avenue, and voted to issue a favorable recommendation. The Committee reviewed the relocation of Praga VIP Lounge Corp. from 445 East Tremont Avenue to 411 East 176th Street, a larger commercial location, and voted to issue a favorable recommendation. The Committee also reviewed new applications for Roots Coffee & Wine LLC, located at 610 Crescent Avenue, and El Nuevo Capri Express Inc., located at 410 East Tremont Avenue. Both received favorable recommendations with no stipulations.

- **Discussion on NYPD School Crossing Guard Shortage**

The Deputy Director of Education and Youth Services at the Bronx Borough President's Office, provided an overview of ongoing advocacy efforts addressing a citywide shortage of crossing guards, with particular concern for Bronx School District 12. He reported that in 2023 there was a citywide reduction of approximately 483 crossing guard positions, including about 75 positions across Bronx precincts, with the 48th Precinct among the most impacted. He noted that the issue has been escalated through

coordination with the Borough President's Office, City Council, NYPD representatives, school leadership, and union stakeholders, and that a public hearing is scheduled for April 29 at City Hall under the City Council Public Safety Committee Chair. He also highlighted community concerns regarding unsafe intersections, particularly in areas such as West Farms, and referenced a prior DOE job fair that generated approximately 120 applicants but lacked clear follow-up due to communication gaps in the hiring process. He requested Community Board support in sending a formal letter advocating for the restoration of crossing guard funding and the inclusion of charter schools in the assessment process. The committee voted to issue a letter in support.

- **48th Precinct Community Council Meeting Update**

Chairperson Carmen Rivera reported on recent public safety incidents within the 48th Precinct, including a March 31 fire on East 184th Street that caused significant structural damage and a roof collapse, a shooting near East 183rd Street that resulted in non-life-threatening injuries, and a March 15 stabbing incident involving three victims. They also discussed a five-alarm fire that led to the evacuation of 77 residents (23 families), with emergency shelter provided at Grace H. Dodge High School and the Best Western Hotel. Overall, the Committee noted an increase in fire-related activity in the area and highlighted ongoing coordination with local organizations such as Our Lady of Mount Carmel, which is actively collecting and distributing donations including clothing, toiletries, and baby supplies, along with discussions about transportation support for delivering these supplies.

- **Discussion on the National Night Out Funding Proposal**

The Committee reviewed plans for National Night Out scheduled for August 4 from 4:00–8:00 PM at East 180th Street and Bathgate Avenue, with contingency plans for indoor relocation to Fatima Hall (2765 Bathgate Avenue) in case of inclement weather. Proposed programming includes rides, face painting, popcorn, cotton candy, a bounce house, and related equipment and staffing. The total event cost was listed at \$2,765. The Committee voted to approve the proposal.