



# BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

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## MEETING MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING INFORMATION					
Date	January 16, 2023	Start Time	7:00 PM	End Time	
Meeting Held At	50 <sup>th</sup> Police Precinct				
Address	3450 Kingsbridge Avenue				
ATTENDANCE					
<b>Present</b>	Edward Green, Christopher Calhoun, Joy Campbell Priveterre, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Scott Krompinger, Laura Spalter			<b>Total</b>	6
<b>Absent</b>	Eliane Lobos			<b>Total</b>	1
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<b>Guest</b>	CM E. Dinowitz, Jumanah Escalera (BXDA), Jeffrey Pena (BXDA), Captain A. Florentino (NYPD), Officer M. Conejo (NYPD), Officer C. Sala (NYPD), Julie Reyes (Chair, BXC8), Jose Santos (Caridad Restaurant), Brett Costello, Debora Allen				

Chair Ed Green called the meeting to order at **7:00pm**

### 1. Introduction of Committee Members and Guests

Roll Call of Committee Members. Committee members introduced themselves.

Chair Green acknowledged the passing of former Board Member and Public Safety Committee Chair Margaret Donato and recognized her service and commitment to the community.

### 2. Approval of the December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Public Safety Committee Minutes

The minutes were approved unanimously.

The committee voted unanimously to amend the agenda and address Intro Bill No. 586, originally scheduled to be discussed later in the agenda. This was done to accommodate the schedule of Councilman Eric Dinowitz.

**3. Discussion of Intro Bill No. 586:** *A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to requiring the Police Department to report on police-civilian encounters.*

Councilman Eric Dinowitz spoke to the committee about the reasons he voted to approve and continues to support Intro Bill No. 586:

Councilman Dinowitz stated he believes there is a need for government oversight of police encounters with the public. He stated there are disproportionate amounts of police interactions with racial minorities and the city needs to gather and maintain statistical data on “Level 1” police encounters to establish a proper measure of oversight.

Public Safety Committee concerns about Intro Bill No. 586 included:

- New York City Mayor Eric Adams intends to veto the bill, stating “If the bill is implemented it will make the City less safe”.
- Bronx, Queens & Staten Island District Attorney offices voiced concerns that the bill would create additional discovery hurdles.
- The bill could negatively impact community policing by incentivizing Police Officers not to talk to community members to avoid filling out reports.
- The public will be less willing to speak to Police Officers if their personal information is being gathered and submitted to a government database.
- Reporting additional information will likely lead to massive amounts of police overtime, further inflating the City budget.
- Filling out additional reports will delay Officer response times to 911 calls.
- Various law enforcement agencies, merchants, religious and civic leaders throughout the city oppose the bill.
- Because the race, age and gender of the individual being questioned are a product of guesswork by the reporting officer, the accuracy of the data will likely be unreliable.
- How the data would be utilized after it’s been compiled in a database and its potential for misuse.

The Chair respectfully disagreed with Councilman Dinowitz’ position on the bill but thanked him for appearing before the committee and engaging in a productive discussion.

Councilman Dinowitz stated he would be willing to come back to the Public Safety Committee and continue dialog about this issue and any other public safety matter of relevance to our community.

The committee voted unanimously to amend the agenda and allow an SLA application to be reviewed before the NYPD report, to avoid inconvenience for the applicant.

**4. NYS Liquor Authority: Renewals**

Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Jose Santos, President of Caridad Restaurant, located at 135-45 W Kingsbridge Road, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to renew this establishment’s liquor license.

Representatives of NYPDs 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior notable disturbances or complaints at the location of this establishment.

The Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

Approve in favor (6): C. Calhoun, J. Campbell Priveterre, M. Gibbs, E. Green, S. Krompinger, L. Spalter

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

No representative was present for William E. Irwin Jr Post 774 American Legion Inc, located at 3035-37 Corlear Avenue.

A Representative of American Legion Inc contacted Bronx Community Board 8 today (1/16) and stated their intention to submit a Corporate Change and Liquor License Renewal application to the Board and appear before the Public Safety Committee in February.

#### **5. NYPD Report** (\*See attached NYPD CompStat Report) –

Captain Florentino presented the NYPD CompStat report. Officer's Conejo and Sala were present. Issues discussed:

- 8 robberies in Van Cortlandt Park. 3-4 males on mopeds approach joggers and people walking through park trails and rob them at knifepoint. One of the robberies occurred at Dickinson Avenue and Van Cortlandt Park South. There is an ongoing police investigation and no suspects have been apprehended.
- 3 grand larcenies auto on 225<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Car tires and rims stolen by men in ski masks with power tools in front of 3214 Johnson Avenue. Ongoing investigation.
- Resident complaint about “young people living in the Van Cortlandt Motel”, harassing people at the bus stop at 254<sup>th</sup> Street & Broadway. Incidents usually occur at around 7:45am. 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct Officers stated they will investigate.

#### **6. FDNY Report**

No representatives for FDNY were present. No FDNY report was given.

#### **7. Old Business**

**Discussion of Intro Bill No. 586:** *A local law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to requiring the police department to report on police-civilian investigative encounters.*

Chair Green stated that at the 1/9/24 Full Board meeting, a Public Safety Committee Resolution concerning Intro Bill No. 586 was tabled by a narrow margin, rendering the Board unable to vote on the resolution - and because of time constraints, bringing the resolution up again at the next Full Board meeting in February would be an essentially meaningless gesture.

Chair Green introduced a letter - intended to be sent to Mayor Eric Adams, expressing concerns the committee has about Intro Bill No. 586, neither advising nor recommending any actions be taken by the Mayor.

The Chair stated his concern that the Board would table a resolution for the purpose of shutting down debate and preventing a vote that could directly affect community public safety.

The Chair stated he would like to make it a matter of public record that the Public Safety Committee has concerns about the passage of this bill.

Public Safety Committee Chairperson Ed Green and Bronx Community Board 8 Chairperson Julie Reyes both stated their willingness to sign the letter to Mayor Eric Adams, expressing the committee's concerns about Intro Bill No. 586, provided it had consensus of approval from the committee.

Public Safety Committee members discussed the letter, recommended and applied several changes, and unanimously came to a consensus of approval of the letter.

### **8. New Business**

None.

### **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm

Minutes submitted by Public Safety Committee Chair Ed Green.



Eric L. Adams  
Mayor

# Police Department City of New York



Edward A. Caban  
Police Commissioner

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## CompStat

50th Precinct

Report Covering the Week  
1/8/2024 Through 1/14/2024

Crime Complaints												
	Week to Date			28 Day			Year to Date*			2 Year	14 Year	31 Year
	2024	2023	% Chg	2024	2023	% Chg	2024	2023	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg
Murder	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	***.*	-100.0	***.*
Rape	0	0	***.*	1	1	0.0	1	0	***.*	-50.0	***.*	-66.7
Robbery	2	3	-33.3	20	11	81.8	9	7	28.6	0.0	200.0	-64.0
Fel. Assault	5	4	25.0	15	19	-21.1	9	8	12.5	200.0	80.0	28.6
Burglary	1	4	-75.0	8	9	-11.1	4	6	-33.3	-20.0	-60.0	-91.3
Gr. Larceny	17	8	112.5	60	44	36.4	35	20	75.0	84.2	250.0	250.0
G.L.A.	9	7	28.6	39	24	62.5	20	12	66.7	25.0	900.0	-63.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>30.77</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>32.41</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>47.17</b>	<b>44.44</b>	<b>151.61</b>	<b>-46.58</b>
Transit	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	***.*	-100.0	***.*
Housing	1	0	***.*	5	5	0.0	3	3	0.0	-25.0	50.0	***.*
Petit Larceny	13	18	-27.8	91	79	15.2	30	40	-25.0	-23.1	25.0	***.*
Misd. Assault	6	7	-14.3	19	38	-50.0	11	16	-31.2	-15.4	-21.4	***.*
UCR Rape*	0	1	-100.0	2	2	0.0	2	1	100.0	0.0	***.*	***.*
Other Sex Crimes	3	2	50.0	3	4	-25.0	3	3	0.0	***.*	***.*	***.*
Shooting Vic.	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	***.*	***.*	***.*
Shooting Inc.	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	***.*	***.*	***.*
Hate Crimes	0	0	***.*	3	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	-100.0	***.*	***.*

### Historical Perspective

(Historical perspective is a complete calendar year of data.)

	1990	1993	1998	2001	2023	%Chg '23 vs '01	%Chg '23 vs '98	%Chg '23 vs '93	%Chg '23 vs '90	
Murder	14	11	3	8	5	-37.5	66.7	-54.5	-64.3	Murder
Rape	36	24	22	21	8	-61.9	-63.6	-66.7	-77.8	Rape
Robbery	649	622	292	199	163	-18.1	-44.2	-73.8	-74.9	Robbery
Fel. Assault	230	271	146	147	197	34.0	34.9	-27.3	-14.3	Fel. Assault
Burglary	1,219	1,151	599	357	141	-60.5	-76.5	-87.7	-88.4	Burglary
Gr. Larceny	527	457	306	295	696	135.9	127.5	52.3	32.1	Gr. Larceny
G.L.A.	2,408	1,786	917	458	354	-22.7	-61.4	-80.2	-85.3	G.L.A.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,083</b>	<b>4,322</b>	<b>2,285</b>	<b>1,485</b>	<b>1,564</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>-31.6</b>	<b>-63.8</b>	<b>-69.2</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

Figures are preliminary and subject to further analysis and revision.

As of January 2013, complaints occurring within the jurisdiction of the Department of Correction have been disaggregated from the borough and precinct crime totals and are displayed separately on the Department of Correction CompStat page.

Unless otherwise noted, Crime statistics reflect New York State Penal Law ("NYSPL") definitions and differ from the crime categories used by the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Program. All Crime statistics are translated to Uniform Crime Reporting categories for submission to the UCR Program.

\* Uniform Crime Reporting ("UCR") Rape consists of all crimes defined in the FBI UCR definition of rape.