

## **Manhattan Community Board 9 – Chair’s Report March 2026**

### **1727 Amsterdam Ave.**

The community's fight against the redevelopment of 1727 Amsterdam Ave. in its current state continues to move forward. Unbeknownst to the Community Board or the community, a City Council Subcommittee held a hearing on March 3 regarding the disposition of this property. Strangely enough, all those testifying on this date were in favor of the redevelopment of 1727 Amsterdam Ave. Board members and community members were outraged that notification of this hearing was not provided to the Community Board or the community. Outreach via phone calls and email has been made to all Councilmembers, the Borough President, and a host of other Elected Officials. We are pressing for our voices and concerns to be equally heard on this sensitive issue. We continue to rally to have our voices heard.

### **NYPD 30 pct. Capt. C. Johnson**

During the February, 30 Pct. Community Council meeting, I had the opportunity to meet the new Commanding Officer, Captain Collin Johnson. The Capt. is a career officer who spent most of his career in the field. I informed the Captain of the Board's and Community's concerns during our conversation. Capt. Johnson assured me he would work closely with CB9 to address our concerns and attend our meetings regularly.

### **Columbia University's Community Fellow**

CB #9 was granted a Community Fellow through the Columbia University Fellows Program. The Fellow, Arnav Sahai is in the process of examining housing, its affordability, and supportive services in our District. After viewing some of his early data collected, I'm encouraged by the potential use of Mr. Sahai information. We are hopeful that this data will assist us in obtaining housing and resources reflective of the District's actual needs. Our Community Fellow is working under the guidance of CB9 Health Environment Co-Chair Cameron Clarke.

### **TSION Cafe - Supportive Rally**

Our neighborhood cafe was recently the subject of several anti-Semitic threats, including a swastika being painted on the outside wall of the restaurant. The owner of the restaurant, Beejhy Barhany, is Ethiopian, grew up in Israel, and is of the Jewish faith. In late February, I joined several Elected Officials, State, City agencies, and local Jewish organizations to show support for TSION Cafe. State Attorney General Tish James, who was in attendance, assured TSION's owner that anyone making threats would be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Several attendees pledged to hold events at the cafe to help generate income for the establishment.

### **Legionnaires Update - 3333 Broadway**

The owners and Management of 3333 Broadway continue to provide weekly updates on the Legionnaires' remediation process to the 3333 Broadway residents, as well as me. The most recent activities involved cleaning the water systems for Towers A and B using copper and silver ions, which remediate any remaining legionella. In addition, a filter and UV light disinfectant system will be installed at the main entry point of all water to the building.

### **Thank You to 30 Pct. Office Stumer and Assistant Chief Aaron Edwards**

Police Officer Stumer of the 30 Pct and Assistant Chief Edwards were on scene at Gracie Mansion earlier this week, when explosive devices were thrown at a group of protestors. These officers assisted in tackling the two individuals who allegedly threw these devices.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Victor Edwards".

Victor Edwards, Chair

**“IF NOT US, THEN WHOM ?”**

**“IF NOT NOW, THEN WHEN ?”**