

BOARD OF CORRECTION CITY OF NEW YORK

November 14, 2024

NOTICE OF CHANGES TO THE BOARD

Board Member Joseph Ramos resigned from the New York City Board of Correction ("BOC" or "Board") on November 13, 2024.

The Board expresses our gratitude to Board Member Ramos for his commitment to championing important initiatives to improve conditions for those living and working on Rikers Island. Mr. Ramos was appointed to the Board in April 2022 and served as Acting Chair in November 2022. During his tenure, he emphasized the need for improved recruitment practices and training for New York City Department of Correction ("DOC" or "Department") correctional staff, to enhance management of the jail systems.

Mr. Ramos's collaboration with the Department contributed to better oversight efforts by the Board. He advocated for the Department to focus on expanding access to external program providers to better meet the needs of incarcerated individuals, while also commending the Department's uniformed staff for successfully locating contraband within correctional facilities. Additionally, Mr. Ramos raised significant concerns regarding policies and procedures related to the services provided to individuals in custody who are hearing impaired or have special needs.

Mr. Ramos chaired the Board's Committee on Death, Near Death, and Serious Injuries, stressing the importance of better-staffed posts and the need to address discrepancies between DOC and CHS regarding medical emergency alerts. Mr. Ramos was also a member of the Board's Programs and Education Committee, and participated in an internal committee that reviewed continuing variance requests from the Department concerning the Board's correspondence and packages Minimum Standards.

The Board extends its thanks to Mr. Ramos for his dedicated service and wishes him the best in his future endeavors.