

# Bronx Community Board #2

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Roberto Crespo  
Chairperson



Ralph Acevedo  
District Manager

## **Full Board Minutes**

Date: November 20, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm

Venue: Urban Health Plan Simpson Pavilion – 1065 Simpson street

### **Members present**

Carrie Agapito  
Thelvis Alston, Jr.  
Evelyn Arauz  
Raymond Arroyo  
Barbara Bennett  
Paul Coverdale  
Roberto Crespo  
Lisa Delancey  
Cindy isadoro  
Dr. Lucretia Jones  
Brian Kelly  
Jeffrey Korn  
LaShawn Lindsey  
Roland Lopez  
Luis Marrero  
Sha-Toria McCoy Gregg  
Monique Minnis  
Clifford Muniz  
Rev. Moses Oladosu  
Larry Robinson  
Elvis Santana  
Peter Serrano  
Maria Torres  
Pastor John Udo Okon

### **Members absent**

Love Betancourt  
Elias Contreras  
Julia Cruz, LMSW  
Kevin Ellison  
Jesse Harris  
Kisha Hutchinson  
Roselyn Grullon  
Albin Infante  
Lynette Olmo  
Maggie Ortiz  
David Pabon  
Eric Rivera  
Anthony Rodriguez  
Viancey Taveras  
Laticia Thompson  
Jennifer Torres  
Chrishenna Turner  
Maryleah Wrotten

### **Staff Present:**

#### **Community Board #2 Officers**

Roberto Crespo, Chairperson  
Larry Robinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair  
Thelvis Alston Jr., Treasurer

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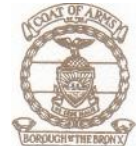
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## FULL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

**DATE:** Wednesday, December 18, 2024

**TIME:** 6:00 PM

**VENUE:** Casita Maria Inc. 928 Simpson Street , Bronx NY 10459

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|--|---|---------------------|
| <b>I. COMMANDING OFFICER REPORT: (41st Precinct)</b> |   | <b>(10 Minutes)</b> |
| <b>II. BUSINESS SESSION: (BOARD MEMBERS)</b>         |   |                     |
| A. Roll Call   | Julia Cruz  | <b>(2 Minutes)</b>  |
| B. Adoption of Minutes                               | Roberto Crespo, Chair                               | <b>(2 Minutes)</b>  |
| C. Chairperson's Report                              | Roberto Crespo, Chair                               | <b>(5 Minutes)</b>  |
| D. Treasurer's Report                                | Thelvis Alston, Jr.                                 | <b>(2 Minutes)</b>  |
| E. District Manager's Report                         | Ralph Acevedo, District Manager                     | <b>(5 Minutes)</b>  |
| F. Borough President's Report                        | Alexis Ruiz, BP Representative                      | <b>(5 Minutes)</b>  |
| G. Elected Officials Report                          | <b>Not to exceed 10 minutes - 2 minutes per Rep</b> | <b>(10 Minutes)</b> |

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### III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### A. Special Events Cmte Vee Taveras, Chair

**SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING  
V. TAVERAS, CHAIRPERSON  
DECEMBER 4, 2024  
AGENDA**

#### 1. Recap

- Baldor Turkey / food Giveaway
- 41<sup>st</sup> Precinct Turkey Giveaway
- Casita Maria Parranda
- Bronx CB Tree Lighting
- World Aids Day

#### 2. 2024 -2025 Events

Event	Date	Location	Contact/ permit
Casita Maria Parranda & Tree lightings	December 4, 2024 4pm	Casita Maria 928 Simpson Street	7185892230
Gallery Tour & fast fun Animal sketching watercolor workshop	December 7, 2024 3-5 pm	Casita Maria 928 Simpson Street Bronx NY 10459	n/a
Council District Leader Salamanca's Holiday Party	December 12, 2024 7pm	Maestro's 1703 Bronxdale	
41 <sup>st</sup> pct Winter wonder land	December 13, 2024	41 <sup>st</sup> Precinct 1035 Longwood ave	Ray Arroyo or NYPD community Affairs 7185427964
Hibernation Celebration1	December 13, 2024 5:30pm – 8pm	Rocking the Boat 812 Edgewater road	7184665798
SoBo Bid Coat giveaway	Dec 14, 2024 11am	Councilmember Salamanca's Office 1070 Southern blvd	Jay Medina
3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Toy Giveaway	December 14, 2024 10am	The Bank Note 841 Barretto street	Ray Arroyo
Fruit and Vegetable distribution	December 17, 2024 11:30am	Councilmember Salamanca's Office	

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		1070 Southern blvd	
Winter Spectacular	December 18, 2024 4:45pm – 5:45pm	Casita Maria 928 Simpson Street	
Fruit and Vegetable distribution	December 19, 2024	854 Hunt's Point Ave	
<b>2025</b>			
41 <sup>st</sup> Precinct Easter egg hunt		Barretto point park	
Autism Walk	April 18 or April 19		
Aids Walk			Parade permit
Aids health fair			Parks cb2
Fellowship Breakfast			
Earth day			
Feista del San Juan			
Casita Maria culture festival		Tiffany plaza	
Fish Parade			Parade & Event
Longwood Festival		Dawson st between longwood & intervale	
Juneteenth	June 19, 2025		
National Night Out	August 5, 2025		
CB 2 Back to school	16 or 23	Longwood avenue between beck street and fox st	
HPAC Back to school Event			
Longwood Festival		Dawson st between longwood & intervale ave	
9/11 Memorial	September 11, 2024 8am	1035 longwood ave Bronx NY 10459	
Breast Cancer Walk			
Co naming Bronx Halloween Way			
Annual Bronx Halloween Parade 2024		Dawson st between longwood & intervale ave	Parks cb2 SAPO cb2 parade
Pre Halloween Ball			
41 <sup>st</sup> pct trunk or treat	October 31 4pm to 7pm	41 <sup>st</sup> precinct	

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Halloween Costume Drive			
Baldor Turkey Giveaway		The Point CDC 940 Garrison Ave	Cb2
41 <sup>st</sup> precinct turkey give away			
Tree lighting			
Parranda			
World AIDS Day	December 1, 2025		Cb2 (Luis Marrero)
SoBo Bid Coat giveaway			
41 <sup>st</sup> pct Winter wonder land			

**B. Franchise, Licensing and Permits**  
**Clifford Muniz, Chair**

**FRANCHISE, LICENSING & PERMITS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**CLIFFORD MUNIZ, CHAIRPERSON**  
**DECEMBER 10, 2024**

**Members: Evelyn Arauz, Barbara Bennett, Clifford Muniz, Monique Minnis, Maggie Ortiz, David Pabon, Jennifer Torres**

**Minutes**

1. Review of a renewal application for La Morena Restaurant Corp (0240-22-101613) located at 935 East 163<sup>rd</sup> street, Bronx NY 10459 for a Wine, Beer and Cider License. They will have a full food menu. They will have recorded music. They do not have a license for outdoor area

**This Item was postponed**

2. Review of a New application and temporary retail permit for El Carnalito Barragan Deli Inc. located at 969 Intervale Avenue, Bronx NY 10459 for a Beer and Cider License. They will have a full food menu. They will have recorded music. They do not have a license for outdoor area.

**Motion was made by BB and 2<sup>nd</sup> by MO. Owner agreed to stipulations. Motioned Passed**

3. Review of a renewal Milagros Dela Cruz establishment for Milly's Corner located at 1129 Longwood avenue, Bronx NY 10459

**Motion was made by BB and 2<sup>nd</sup> by MO. Owner agreed to stipulations. Motioned Passed**

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#### 4. New Business

**No New Business was discussed**

#### 5. Old Business

- 1022 Longwood Avenue, Bronx NY 10459 – **No new updates**
- NYSOCM – Garden Bliss - 1031 Southern Blvd, Bronx NY 10459 – **The Board received notification from NYSOCM of this location’s approval for an Adult Recreational Dispensary**

### C. Economic Development Maria Torres, Chair

**Economic & Municipal Services Subcommittee  
Wednesday December 11, 2024  
6PM  
Minutes**

In attendance: Maria Torres - Chair, LaShawn Lindsey, Roberto Crespo

- NYS DOT provided an update of the Hunts Point Interstate Project Phase 3. They have finished all major work on the Bruckner Expressway with some work to be completed by the end of summer on Bruckner Boulevard. Currently working on new parking lot with 110 spaces, with 24 electric charging stations and 4 fast charging stations. There will be 2 additional lights on Bruckner Boulevard.
- Millie Lora and Ben Rodriguez came to request a letter of support to co-name the SE corner of Westchester and Southern Boulevard Serafin U. Mariel Way. Mr. Mariel was President of NY National Bank, that was located there for many years. A consensus regarding the letter was reached with no objections.
- Greg Jost of Banana Kelly CIA, came to introduce Bronx People’s Credit Union and their new space at 941 Intervale Avenue.
- **Old Business** – DEP gave an update on work happening on Ryawa Avenue and some closures
- The meeting adjourned at 7:26PM.

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## D. Health & Human Services Luis Marrero, Chair

World Aids Day Candlelight Vigil took place of meeting.

### **Bronx Community Board #2 Health and Human Services Committee Minutes for December 2024**

#### **1. Call to Order**

No formal meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee was held in December 2024.

#### **2. Special Event: World AIDS Day Candlelight Vigil**

In place of the regular meeting, the Community Board #2 Health and Human Services Committee hosted the **World AIDS Day Candlelight Vigil on Monday, December 2, 2024, at 5:00 PM at 1070 Southern Blvd, Bronx.**

#### **Event Overview:**

- **Sponsorship:** Sponsored by Councilmember Ralph Salamanca.
- **Purpose:** The vigil aimed to raise awareness, support to affected communities, promote education and prevention, mobilize for actions, and highlight achievements and challenges related to HIV/AIDS.
- **Attendance:** Approximately 28 community members attended.
- **Theme:** *"Take the Rights Path: My Health, My Right."*

#### **Program:**

- The program began at **5:15 PM** with opening remarks by the **Health and Human Services Committee Chair**, Mr. Luis Marrero, who addressed the attendees and explained the significance and purpose of World AIDS Day.
- The **District Manager** followed with remarks addressing the crowd.
- **Special Guest:** Dr. Richard Torres from Urban Health Plan spoke about the HIV/AIDS condition, available medications, treatment options, and the importance of hope in combating the epidemic.

#### **Additional Activities:**

From **4:00 PM to 6:00 PM**, Health Educators from Urban Health Plan's Adolescent Health and Wellness Center provided educational resources to attendees, engaging the community in discussions about prevention and wellness.

#### **3. Observance Note:**

Although World AIDS Day is officially observed on December 1 each year, Bronx Community Board #2 commemorated it on Monday, December 2, to facilitate community participation.



**4. Next Meeting:**

The Health and Human Services Committee will resume regular meetings in January 2025. Details will be shared in advance.



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The event finished at 6pm.

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## “Take the rights path: My health, my right!”

- Highlights everyone’s right to health, including access to HIV care.
- Calls for action to overcome stigma, discrimination, and healthcare inequalities.
- Emphasizes equal access to services, especially for marginalized communities.
- Addresses factors like poverty and gender inequality that contribute to HIV spread.
- Advocates for treating health as a fundamental human right.
- Encourages global and local efforts to protect the rights of people with HIV and prevent new infections.



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“CONTINUING TO TRIUMPH IN  
THE SOUTH BRONX”

**Bronx Community Board #2**



*World*  
**AIDS DAY**

*Candlelight Vigil*

**Monday, December 2, 2024  
1070 Southern Blvd. Bronx  
5pm**

Sponsors



Councilmember  
Ralph Salamanca, Jr.

**HOPE**  
**STRENGTH**  
**FAITH**  
**Courage**  
CURE HIV/AIDS

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## WORLD AIDS DAY

World AIDS Day, observed on December 1 each year, serves several important purposes:

- 1.Raise Awareness:** It helps raise global awareness about the ongoing HIV/AIDS epidemic, reminding people that HIV is still a major health issue worldwide. Despite progress in treatment and prevention, millions of people continue to live with HIV.
- 2.Support for Affected Communities:** It provides an opportunity to show solidarity with those who are living with HIV and those who have died from AIDS-related illnesses. It encourages support for people living with HIV and addresses stigma and discrimination.
- 3.Promote Education and Prevention:** The day emphasizes the importance of education around HIV prevention, safe practices, and regular testing. It also highlights the need for continued efforts to prevent new infections.
- 4.Mobilize for Action:** World AIDS Day encourages global, national, and local governments, organizations, and communities to take action in the fight against HIV/AIDS, including funding for research, treatment, and prevention efforts.
- 5.Highlight Achievements and Challenges:** It's an opportunity to reflect on the progress made in the fight against HIV/AIDS, such as advancements in treatments, and to acknowledge the ongoing challenges, such as the need for better access to healthcare, especially in developing countries.

Overall, World AIDS Day is a time to focus attention on the global HIV/AIDS epidemic, honor those affected, and reinforce the commitment to ending the spread of HIV.

## Program

4:00pm	Education – Sponsored by Urban Health Plan
5:00pm	Candlelight Vigil Luis Marrero, Chair Health and Human Services Committee Community Board #2
	Welcome Ralph Acevedo, District Manager Bronx Community Board #2
	Bobby Crespo, Chair Bronx Community Board # 2
	Rafael Salamanca, Jr. Councilmember
	Richard Torres, MD Urban Health Plan Medical Director/Medical Affairs
	Open to Community Residents



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**"¡Tomando el camino correcto:  
¡Mi salud, mi derecho!"**

- Reconoce el derecho de todas las personas a la salud, incluyendo el acceso a servicios del VIH.
- Haz un llamado a la acción para superar el estigma, la discriminación y las desigualdades en los servicios médicos.
- Enfatiza la igualdad de los servicios, especialmente para las comunidades marginadas.
- Aborda factores como la pobreza y la desigualdad de género que contribuyen a la propagación del VIH.
- Aboga por tratar la salud como un derecho humano fundamental.
- Fomenta los esfuerzos globales y locales para proteger los derechos de las personas con VIH y prevenir nuevas infecciones



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THE SOUTH BRONX"

**Bronx Community Board #2**

*Vigilia Dia*

**MUNDIAL DEL SIDA**

Lunes, diciembre 2, 2024  
1070 Southern Blvd. Bronx  
5pm

**HOPE**  
STRENGTH  
FAITH  
Courage  
CURE HIV/AIDS

Auspiciadores  
URBAN HEALTH  
CONSEJO  
Rafael Selman

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## DIA MUNDIAL CONCIENCIACION SOBRE EL SIDA

El Día Mundial del SIDA, que se celebra cada año el 1 de diciembre, tiene varios propósitos:

- **Crear Conciencia:** Ayuda a generar conciencia global sobre la epidemia de VIH/SIDA, recordar a las personas que el VIH sigue afectando en todo el mundo. A pesar de los avances en tratamiento y prevención, millones de personas continúan viviendo con el VIH.
  - **Apoyo a las Comunidades Afectadas:** Ofrece una oportunidad para mostrar solidaridad con quienes viven con el VIH y con aquellos que han fallecido debido a enfermedades relacionadas con el SIDA. Fomenta el apoyo a las personas que viven con el VIH y combate el estigma y la discriminación.
  - **Promover la Educación y Prevención:** Este día destaca la importancia de la educación sobre la prevención del VIH, las prácticas seguras y las pruebas regulares. También subraya la necesidad de continuar los esfuerzos para prevenir nuevas infecciones.
  - **Movilizar para la Acción:** El Día Mundial del SIDA motiva a los gobiernos, organizaciones y comunidades, a nivel global, nacional y local, a tomar medidas en la lucha contra el VIH/SIDA, incluyendo la financiación para la investigación, tratamiento y prevención.
  - **Destacar Logros y Desafíos:** Es una oportunidad para reflexionar sobre los avances logrados en la lucha contra el VIH/SIDA, como los progresos en los tratamientos, y reconocer los desafíos actuales, como la necesidad de un mejor acceso a la atención médica, especialmente en países en desarrollo.
- El Día Mundial del SIDA es un momento para centrar la atención en la epidemia mundial del VIH/SIDA, honrar a quienes han sido afectados y reafirmar el compromiso de poner fin a la propagación del VIH.

## PROGRAMA

4:00pm	Educación – Auspiciado por Urban Health Plan
5:00pm	Vigilia Luis Marrero, Presidente Comité de Salud y Servicios Humanos de la Junta Comunitaria #2 del Bronx
	Bienvenida Ralph Acevedo, Gerente del Distrito Junta Comunitaria #2 del Bronx
	Bobby Crespo, Presidente Junta Comunitaria #2 del Bronx
	Rafael Salamanca, Jr. Concejal
	Richard Torres, MD Urban Health Plan Medical Director/Medical Affairs
	Abierto a residentes de la comunidad



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**E. Executive Committee**  
**Robert Crespo, Chair**

<b>IV Old Business</b>	<b>(7 Minutes)</b>
<b>V. New Business</b>	<b>(7 Minutes)</b>
<b>VI. Announcements</b>	<b>(7 Minutes)</b>
<b>VII. Roll Call –</b>	<b>(2 Minutes)</b>

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