

STREET HARASSMENT PREVENTION ADVISORY BOARD

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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Overview of the Street Harassment Prevention Advisory Board

The Street Harassment Prevention Advisory Board was established by Local Law 46 of 2022. The Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence (ENDGBV) and the NYC Commission on Gender Equity (CGE) co-chair this advisory board. The goals of the advisory board are to:

- (1) Study the occurrence of street harassment in New York City;
- (2) Identify people and communities most at risk of and most impacted by street harassment via a citywide survey;
- (3) Develop programming, training, and a resource guide to prevent and respond to street harassment; and
- (4) Promote public awareness of street harassment, including supportive services and resources for those who have experienced harassment.

This is the third annual report submitted to the Mayor and Speaker of the Council pursuant to Local Law 46 of 2022.

2024 Advisory Board Activities

Advisory Board Meetings

The Street Harassment Prevention Advisory Board held quarterly meetings in 2024. Meetings focused on reviewing the results of the 2023 Street Harassment Prevention Survey, developing and refining policy recommendations based on the survey results, and providing feedback on drafts of a public report that documents the survey results and policy recommendations.

Public Meeting

On December 5, the Street Harassment Prevention Advisory Board hosted its annual public meeting as required by Local Law 46 of 2022. This public meeting coincided with New York City's 16 Days of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence campaign. At the public meeting, the

Street Harassment Prevention Advisory Board presented findings from the 2023 survey and promoted the publication of the New York City Street Harassment Prevention Survey Report. At the meeting, the Board also promoted the *End Street Harassment* resource guide as well as bystander intervention trainings and resource fairs co-hosted by ENDGBV and CGE during the 16 Days of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence.

Publication of Street Harassment Prevention Survey Report

In 2023, more than 3,700 New Yorkers responded to the survey. The Street Harassment Prevention Advisory Board published its report of survey results on December 4, 2024. That report, which includes policy recommendations, can be found on ENDGBV's and CGE's websites or by clicking the following link: nyc.gov/endstreetharassment.

Public Outreach and Awareness

In 2024, the Street Harassment Prevention Advisory Board raised awareness about street harassment and available resources and services in the following ways:

- Distributed more than 1,500 NYC Street Harassment Resource Guides, in multiple languages, to community members.
- Participated in 32 public engagement events citywide to share materials, resources, and information with New Yorkers.
- Partnered with Right To Be to hold two virtual Stand Up Against Street Harassment trainings.
- Incorporated street harassment into community workshops about gender-based violence
- Continued to use social media, agency websites, and email newsletter to raise awareness throughout the year.

2024 Advisory Board Members:

- **Cecile Noel**, Co-Chair, Commissioner of the New York City Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence (*stepped down February 2024*)
- **Saloni Sethi**, Co-Chair, Commissioner of the New York City Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence (*assumed Co-Chair position February 2024*)
- **Sideya Sherman**, Co-Chair, Chief Equity Officer and Commissioner of the Mayor's Office of Equity and Racial Justice
- **Nathalie Arzu**, Public Advocate Appointee, Program Manager of the RISE Project at the Center for Court Innovation
- **Julie Bero**, Chief Strategy Officer at the New York City Department of Transportation

- **Quadira Coles**, Mayoral Appointee, Director of Policy at Girls for Gender Equity
- **Elisa Crespo**, Council Speaker Appointment, Executive Director at NEW Pride Agenda
- **Melissa Dandin**, Public Advocate Appointee, Deputy Director of Constituent Services at the Office of Public Advocate
- **Jose Rios Lua**, Acting Chief of Staff at the New York City Commission on Human Rights
- **Jeanine Marie**, Policy & Programs Analyst at the New York City Commission on Gender Equity
- **Emily May**, Mayoral Appointee, President and Co-Founder of Right to Be
- **Jose Soegaard**, Deputy Director at the New York City Office of Night Life
- **Melissa Paquette**, Director of Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs at the New York City Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence
- **Nathaly Rubio-Torio**, Mayoral Appointee, Executive Director at Voces Latinas
- **Jean Son**, Mayoral Appointee, Community Advocate
- **Melanie Weniger**, Deputy Executive Director of Policy and Programs at the New York City Commission on Gender Equity (*stepped down February 2024*)

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