



**BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND
COMMUNITY BOARD #3**

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**Traffic and Transportation Committee Public Hearing
Police & Public Safety
Report**

DATE: March 6, 2024

TIME: 7:00 PM

IN PERSON: No

VIRTUAL: Yes

SPEAKER: No

Committee Members Present

Frank Morano, *Chairman of the Board*

Danny Venuto, *Chair, Traffic & Transportation*

Owen Reiter, *Chair, Police & Public Safety*

Robert DiGennaro

John Felicetti

Claudio Perfetto

James Pistilli

Committee Members Absent

Anthony Rapacciuolo

Board Members Present

Jeff Geary

Staff

Charlene Wagner, *District Manager*

Stacey Wertheim, *Community Coordinator*

Susan LaForgia, *Community Coordinator*

Guests

Denise Pacheco, Rep., Assembly Member Michael Reilly

Susan Conlon, Richmondtown-Clarke Ave Civic Assoc.

Public Contact – no speakers

Agenda

NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) recently introduced the new “Dining Out NYC” program. They will come before the CB for recommendations for sidewalk and roadway cafes. Roadway Cafes will be allowed to run from April 1st to November 29th and then must be taken down. Sidewalk cafes will be year-round. There will be an internal review at DOT and an external review by Community Boards, Borough President, and City Council Members. Additional reviews will also be with other city agencies such as the Department of Buildings, the Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities, FDNY, and the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

Additional information can be found at DiningOutNYC@dot.nyc.gov or by calling 212-839-4500

Old Business

- Tottenville Civic raised concerns regarding ongoing parking conditions on N Bridge Street in front of Ariana’s. The road is impassable when there’s an event.

New Business

- Chairmen Morano wishes to support the Borough President and UFT’s position on Congestion Pricing in Manhattan. This will hurt the outer boroughs, create more traffic on Staten Island, and hurt small business owners who must travel in and out of Manhattan.

MOTION

I (Frank Morano) move that we support Borough President Fossella and the UFT in their opposition to Congestion Pricing.

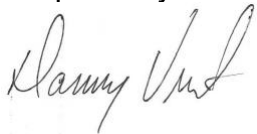
VOTE: In favor 7; Opposed 0; Abstentions 0

Morano Y; Venuto Y; Reiter Y; DiGennaro Y; Felicetti Y; Perfetto Y Pistilli Y

Motion Passes

**See attached*

Respectfully submitted,



Danny Venuto, Chair



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March 26, 2024

Honorable Eric Adams
Mayor, City of New York
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor Adams:

We of Community Board 3 passed a motion in support of Borough President Vito Fossella, and the United Federation of Teachers in their lawsuit opposing Congestion Pricing for the borough of Manhattan. We do this for the following reasons:

- 1) This would cause greater traffic and congestion on the streets and highways of Staten Island, and the other outer boroughs.
- 2) Many of our residents have no alternative but to drive to Manhattan, and this would create an unfair burden on them.
- 3) Many businesses such as delivery services and companies in the construction trades would be burdened with large costs which would greatly increase the cost of doing business. This would be passed on to the customers, making New York City less competitive.
- 4) There would be many unforeseen consequences such as higher living costs for Manhattan residents.

For these reasons, we are opposed to Congestion Pricing.

Respectfully,

Frank Morano
Chairman of the Board

cc Staten Island Borough President Vito Fossella
Michael Mulgrew, President, UFT