



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Gustavo Rivera

Senator Rivera Hosts First Health & Safety Fair at Poe Park

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This week, Senator Rivera brought together a group of elected officials and harm reduction organizations for his inaugural Health & Safety Fair at Poe Park. The event was organized to foster dialogue about public health and public safety, with a focus on substance use prevention and recovery in the community.

During the fair, Senator Rivera addressed the community's growing concerns regarding public drug use and syringe litter, particularly around the Kingsbridge Underpass, Poe Park, St. James Park and other nearby hotspots.



STATE SENATOR GUSTAVO RIVERA
33rd District, The Bronx • Senate Health Chair



JOIN SENATOR RIVERA FOR A HEALTH & SAFETY FAIR



Learn about vital resources and information for substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery. Discuss improving public health and safety with your neighborhood representatives. Engage with experts and leaders committed to promoting a healthier and safer community.

WHEN

Tuesday, September 17th
12 PM - 5 PM

WHERE

Poe Park
Grand Concourse between
E. 192 St. and E. Kingsbridge Rd.

PARTNERS



For more information, call our District Office at 718-933-2034
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Events like this are important because neighbors can connect with local harm reduction providers who are actively working to clean up needles safely, while also connecting individuals in need with essential recovery services and medical care," said Senator Rivera.

This fair was a significant step towards promoting awareness and encouraging community involvement in public health initiatives, as well as highlighting the vital role of harm reduction in fostering a safer environment for all. In addition, Senator Rivera's team has compiled the hours of operation of harm reduction organizations serving the Northwest Bronx. This resource will help residents easily access and connect patrons to assistance for issues related substance use prevention and other holistic services.

Senator Rivera remains committed to addressing these challenges and ensuring that the community has the support it needs. For any questions or further information, residents are encouraged to reach out to his office at 718-933-2034 or via email at grivera@nysenate.gov.











RELATED LEGISLATION

2023-S399A

- Introduced

- - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate

- - On Floor Calendar Assembly

- On Floor Calendar Senate

- ◦ Passed Assembly

- Passed Senate

- Delivered to Governor

- Signed By Governor

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Relates to the enactment of the safer consumption services pilot program act

January 03, 2023

In Senate Committee **Finance**

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Do you support this bill?