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Feiner wins primary

Incumbent Paul Feiner defeated challenger Tasha Young in the Democratic primary for Greenburgh town supervisor on June 22. He will be unopposed in the general election in November. Feiner, 65, received 3,343 votes while Young, 49, received 2,235. Feiner has been town supervisor since 1991. Young's most recent position was chief of staff for the majority leader of the New York City Council.

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Affinity Group members Aya Hinawi, Emmett McGrath, Cara Novak, Victoria Pereira, Joan Moon, Kalani Martial, Cai Snell, Jenice Mateo-Toledo (adviser), Tesfa Stewart (adviser), Yakira Sameth, and Liam Shanley

School mural depicts the tapestry of diversity

By Jackie Lupo

HASTINGS — The new 35-foot mural inside Hastings High School, which has diversity as its theme, was a labor of love by the teenagers and adults who made it.

The colorful wall display unveiled on June 8 was the brainchild of an HHS club founded by students of color, called the Hastings Affinity Group. They invited the entire school community to participate in creating the mural, an invitation embraced by students, staff, and members of the board of education.

The mural includes designs contributed by HHS students of all colors, on the themes of multiculturalism, diversity,

and equality. Some refer to a quote, from poet Maya Angelou, incorporated into the mural's design: "We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal no matter their color."

The Affinity Group was formed in 2020, according to Jenice Mateo-Toledo, an English as a New Language (ENL) teacher who is also the school district's coordinator of diversity and inclusion. Mateo-Toledo runs diversity programs such as "Courageous Conversations" at Farragut Middle School and is one of the Affinity Group's advisers, together with Tesfa Stewart, the district's assistant director of special education.

"We had a group of students of color who had come to us to talk about issues — how they were feeling about race," she said. "They wanted a space to come together."

With the help of HHS Principal Lou Adipietro, the Affinity Club was established, meeting every Wednesday even when the meetings had to be virtual because of the pandemic. Its membership includes a diverse racial makeup.

"I'm so proud of our students," Adipietro said. "They're a remarkable group of young adults and they've really brought all of us together."

The project has been in the works since

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200 apartments proposed for Graham site

By Jackie Lupo

HASTINGS — The residential campus of Graham Windham has been on the market for a year, and they may have found a buyer.

During the June 15 meeting of the Hastings Village Board, principals of the Gotham Organization outlined a plan to buy 20 of Graham Windham's 24 acres and build about 200 apartments on the site, which currently houses the campus's empty residential cottages and an administration building.

Graham Windham would retain 4 acres and continue its affiliation

with the self-contained public Greenburgh-Graham School District, which provides special education for students whose own districts cannot provide the services they need.

Graham Windham CEO Jess Dannhauser explained that the century-old social services agency had closed the residential cottages a year ago because "we did not feel we could guarantee... the type of safe environment both for the young people and for the community that is our standard."

Dannhauser told the Enterprise on June 23, "We have selected Gotham as our designated developer and we have

entered into a process together, for them to do due diligence of the land and to begin conversations with the town."

Dannhauser added that Graham and Gotham signed a letter of intent.

"If all goes well we have the intent to move forward," he said. "We're not at the contract stage at this point."

Graham Windham manages programs throughout New York City. The Hastings campus costs them about \$1 million a year for landscaping and maintenance, according to Dannhauser.

"Although Graham is 250 years old

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