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From left to right: Yeshiva University Government Relations Director **Jon Greenfield**, Director of the Center of Public Service Law **Alissa Bernstein**, NYC 2020 Census Director **Julie Menin**, Cardozo Law **Dean Melanie Leslie**, Assemblymember **Deborah Glick**, New York State **Senator Brad Hoylman**, Taylor Abbruzzese, Cesar Vargas, Student and panel organizer **Andrew Windsor**

Cardozo's 2020 P*LAW Week included a range of panels and discussions to introduce students to career options in public service.

Local politicians joined in on the excitement of P*Law with a policy discussion on the 2020 Census. The panel was moderated by 2020 Census Director Julie Menin. Panelists included Councilmember Carlina Rivera, Assemblymember Deborah Glick, New York State Senator Brad Hoylman and New York City Public Advocate Jumaane Williams. Taylor Abbruzzese from the office of Representative Carolyn Maloney and Cesar Vargas from the office of Councilmember Carlos Menchaca also joined the panel.

The panelists stressed the importance of the census.

"It's the roads, it's the bridges, it's the things we use every day," said Rivera, who represents Cardozo's Greenwich Village.

Many panelists also noted the recent challenges of the census, including the proposed citizenship question.

"They really tried to scare us with the citizenship question," said Williams, who stressed that African Americans and undocumented immigrants are at a greater risk of being uncouned. "Whatever you came here for... you might not get that service if you don't fill this out."

Glick agreed: "This is the biggest exam that we're all going to take." She encouraged everyone to mobilize through social media and to get together for "pizza and beer and census."

Please visit nyc.gov/census if you're interested in volunteering for the 2020 Census.



Dean Melanie Leslie introduces moderator Julie Menin, Director of NYC Census



NYC Councilwoman Carlina Rivera and NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams