

About the Office of Nightlife

The Office of Nightlife, at the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment, serves as a central point of contact between City agencies, nightlife business owners, residents, employees, patrons, and artists, promoting a safe and vibrant nightlife scene beneficial to all New Yorkers. Nightlife is vital to New York's economy as well as its identity. The industry supports close to 300,000 jobs and generates billions of dollars in economic activity. New York's nightlife has also long been an important incubator of cultural movements and continues to provide spaces for creativity, social cohesion, and personal expression.

Mayor Bill de Blasio signed legislation in September 2017 to establish the office, and Council Member Rafael Espinal sponsored the bill. The Office of Nightlife cements New York's position as a global leader in a growing movement of more than 30 major cities around the world working to balance vibrancy and safety by proactively managing life at night. Similar efforts in cities such as Amsterdam, London, Paris, and Berlin have yielded social benefits such as reductions in noise complaints, and healthier, more productive nighttime economies.

The Office of Nightlife is led by Senior Executive Director Ariel Palitz, a lifelong New Yorker and nightlife professional. Palitz comes to the role with deep experience in both nightlife and community building. She owned and operated Sutra, a nightclub on the Lower East Side, for ten years; served on Community Board 3 for over six years and spent the past three years before her current appointment helping entrepreneurs open nightlife establishments in NYC through her consulting company Venue Advisors.