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## Biden's SCOTUS Pick, Representation Should Still Matter

BY REP. GREGORY W. MEEKS (D-N.Y.)

When President Biden recommitted to his promise to nominate a Black woman to the highest court in this country, I was excited by what this decision meant for my three daughters, my two granddaughters, and generations of Black women to come. While the phrase "representation matters" is often used, the import of the concept as a cornerstone of democracy is often underappreciated, if not downright maligned by some.

Consider Sen. Ted Cruz's (R-Texas) comments last month calling out President Biden's pledge as "offensive." In his comments, the senator made a political decision to make front and center the grievances often shared by white men, a demographic that has been overrepresented on the bench throughout the course of this country's history with 94 percent of justices having been white men. In fact, while only two Black men have ever served on the Court, not a single justice has lived the experience of a Black American woman.

For Cruz, it is acceptable for the Supreme Court — which makes decisions touching the lives of every American — to be out of touch with every American, or at least Black

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## New York Governor Kathy Hochul Accepts 2022 Democratic Nomination

New York Governor Kathy Hochul accepted the state Democratic Party's nomination as their candidate in the 2022 governor's race at Democratic Convention. The decision marked a rapid rise for the Buffalo native, who was a relative unknown when she took office in August.

Gov. Hochul, 63, became the state's first female governor when she took office last summer, and she's now trying to become the first woman to be elected governor in New York. The nomination at quadrennial conclave inside the Sheraton hotel in Midtown Manhattan makes her the front-

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## Meng Takes Part in Mayor's Roundtable to Address Asian American Hate & Violence



Meng speaking during the roundtable discussion.

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) joined New York City Mayor Eric Adams at City Hall for a roundtable with Asian American community leaders and other officials to discuss ongoing attacks on Asian Americans.

During the event, Meng talked about the enactment of her COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act which is in the process of being fully implemented by federal officials, and she discussed the need to provide mental health resources,

and assistance for the homeless, among other things. The event included nearly two dozen local Asian American organizations.

"Thank you to our new Mayor for bringing us together and working to address the ongoing hate and violence against New Yorkers of Asian descent," said Meng. "We thank the Mayor for keeping a light shined on this critical problem, and look forward to him being a partner in our fight to combat these heinous attacks."

## CM Moya & The East Elmhurst Corona Civic Association Together With NYC Mayor Eric Adams Celebrate Black History Honoring Outstanding Members of The Community



Council Member Francisco Moya, East Elmhurst Corona Civic Association President Larinda Hooks, NYC Mayor Eric Adams, and Assembly Member Jeffrion Aubry kicking off Black History Month Celebration the evening of Thursday, February 24, 2022 at Terrace on the Park in Corona, Queens. See story on page 7.



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women. Sen. Cruz's comments are disappointing but not surprising. Senate Republicans unfortunately continue to block President Biden's historical Black nominees, including Lisa Cook and Philip Jefferson, who are very well qualified for the Federal Reserve.

Adding insult to injury, those who call out Biden's pledge as inappropriate fail to acknowledge precedent established by Ronald Reagan. Indeed, one of the GOP's favorite former presidents rightfully kept a campaign pledge to appoint a woman to the Supreme Court when he tapped Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Justice O'Connor's imprint on the Court lasts to this day and she remains a beacon of hope for women, Democrats and Republicans alike. I would hope she also had an impact on the development of Sen. Cruz, who often writes about his law clerkship during the Rehnquist Court that Justice O'Connor served on.

While Biden has not announced his Supreme Court nominee yet, potential candidates Michelle Childs, Leslie Abrams Gardner,

Ketanji Brown Jackson, Leandra Kruger, are all qualified and distinguished judges, and we should support his final decision to appoint a Black woman because it is the right thing to do for democracy's sake. Without diverse representation in our institutions, democracy dies.

As I look forward to seeing the nomination of the first Black woman to sit on the Supreme Court of the United States during Black History Month, I reflect on historical figures like Constance Baker Motley. Motley became the first Black woman federal judge, the first woman to be elected to the New York state Senate, worked under Thurgood Marshall, and occasionally represented Martin Luther King, Jr. Judge Motley was an astounding civil rights advocate and a woman of many 'firsts' but today I reflect on her accomplishment as the first Black woman to argue a case before the Supreme Court.

Women like Judge Motley paved the way for the representation of Black women in the courts. I fundamentally believe that within the veins of Biden's pick will run the legacy of these women

who pushed our nation toward being a more perfect union. President Biden's nominee will inspire generations of Black women to come to challenge our democratic institutions for the better and bring new ideas that are much needed in our legal system.

And I believe this because I know personally how much representation made a difference in my life. Growing up a product of public housing in Harlem, I remember the powerful impact Thurgood Marshall's legal ascent had on my self-image and professional aspirations. Justice Marshall's career inspired me to attend Howard Law School, to practice law as a prosecutor, but most importantly, he inspired me to devote my life's work towards making this nation more consistent with its ideals. I would not be the congressman I am today if representation didn't matter, or only mattered with restrictive caveats. Black girls across America should be afforded the same opportunity to see themselves as protectors and perfecters of all our democratic institutions, especially the Supreme Court.

Gregory W. Meeks represents New York's 5th District.

## New York Governor Kathy Hochul Accepts 2022 Democratic Nomination

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runner in the governor's race this year.

Former New York U.S. Senator and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton introduced Hochul's nomination, said, "Isn't it about time that the state that gave birth to the women's suffrage movement elects a woman as NYS governor?"

In an acceptance speech that lasted just over 20 minutes, Hochul said she was optimistic about the Democratic Party's future and urged Democrats to look past the ideological divisions inside the party. Republicans' "biggest nightmare" in the

November elections is a "united Democratic party."

Gov. Hochul's nomination was not uncontested. New York City Public Advocate Jumaane Williams is also running for governor in the Democratic primary. Nassau County Congressman Tom Suozzi, another of her challengers, was present at the Sheraton and told reporters Hillary Clinton had called him in recent months to urge him not to run against Hochul.

In an electronic vote held, Williams attempted to win support from more than 25% of convention delegates, which would have allowed him to secure an automatic place on the primary ballot.

He did not succeed, ultimately garnering a little more than 12% of delegate votes. He and Suozzi will have to gather individual voter signatures through the state's petitioning process to earn a spot on the June primary ballot.

Gov. Hochul has also sewn up significant support from labor organizations, whose members typically vote in high numbers in Democratic contests. Before she took the stage, the ballroom at the Sheraton hotel filled up with dozens of representatives of organized labor, including members of the New York Hotel and Motel Trades Council and UNITE HERE, who carried signs that read, "Labor for Kathy."

## 1960s-Era R-32 Subway Cars Begin Final Journey



**New York City Transit Recently Retired the R-32's After 58 Years of Service**  
**Trains Made Their Final Runs in Early January**

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) announced that four of the recently retired R-32 subway cars, nicknamed the Brightliners, began their final journey. The cars were transferred from the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal to the 65th Street Yard by New York New Jersey (NYNJ) Rail locomotive, via 1st Av this morning.

Once at the NYNJ rail yard, the R-32 cars will be disassembled

over approximately four days by separating the car bodies from the trucks. They will then be placed and secured onto Frontier Industrial Corporation's flat cars. Next week, the cars will be floated across the Hudson River on a Port Authority barge to Jersey City where they will be placed onto CSX freight trains for shipment to Ohio.

About the R-32s - The R-32s were the first large fleet of mass-produced stainless-steel cars purchased by NYCT, comprising a total of 600 cars. Built in Philadelphia by the Budd Company, they were nicknamed the Brightliners because of their washboard-like

stainless steel exteriors. The first revenue train ran on Sep. 14, 1964 on what is today's line, and in recent years, they were mainly found on the , , and lines.

With a state-of-the-art design for its time, the Brightliners quickly became a crowd favorite and continues to be a nostalgic favorite to many. The cars introduced design elements unlike any of its predecessors, but one that the MTA has received inspiration from for its newest train cars. Notably, the R-32 cars are the last subway car class in service to have a front window that passengers

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## Attorney General James Takes Action to Protect Consumers From Unexpectedly High Energy Bills

**Numerous Con Edison Customers Reported Sharp and Unexpected Increases on Their Utility Bills**

**AG James Requests Explanation from Con Edison Over High Energy Bills**

New York Attorney General Letitia James took action to protect consumers from unexpectedly high energy bills from Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison). In a letter to Con Edison, Attorney General James requested an explanation for the unexpected spike in utility bills last month that affected thousands of New Yorkers primarily in New York City and Westchester County. Many New York City consumers filed complaints with the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) saying that their Con Edison bills for January 2022 were significantly higher than they were in the prior billing cycle, with some consumers reporting bills that were as much as three times greater even though their consumption remained the same.

“Hardworking New Yorkers shouldn’t have to make sacrifices to keep the lights on or to stay warm during the coldest months of the winter,” said Attorney General James. “My office is calling on Con Edison to explain the unexpected increases in last month’s bills that affected thousands of New Yorkers. We are also demanding that the company communicate rate increases early on so New Yorkers know what to expect when they open their energy bill. Utility companies have a responsibility to make sure consumers’ bills are fair and accurate, and my office is determined to hold them to that standard.”

Con Edison supplies energy for millions of New Yorkers. In some cases reported to OAG, the total amount due on some bills was two or even three times higher than in the previous billing cycle. One customer saw their bill jump from around \$200 in December to more than \$400 in January. Consumers have stated that the sudden change on their bills could not be explained by increased energy use alone. Consumers have also stated that they received no advance warning from Con Edison about the rate increase. For many consumers, this rate increase is so large that they may have difficulty meeting their monthly expenses. One consumer wrote, “We are a working family with an infant living in an affordable housing lottery unit, we are struggling to pay childcare, how are families expected to cope with price fluctuations like this?!”

Attorney General James has asked Con Edison to explain the sudden and unannounced increase in rates; to commit to providing consumers advance notice of such increases; and to remind consumers of affordability solutions available to them, including deferred payment agreements and/or bill assistance programs.

“Anyone who opened their sky-high utility bill last month knows that the current system is failing New Yorkers,” said New York City Public Advocate Jumaane

D. Williams. “It’s completely unacceptable that New Yorkers are paying significantly more for power while Con Edison brings in surplus profits. Particularly as Con Edison continues to push for rate hikes, we must investigate how to protect New Yorkers from these unreasonable spikes, and I thank Attorney General James for working to get answers and accountability. As we look to the future, we must also transition away from fossil fuel dependence and toward renewable energy.”

“Every Bronxite and New Yorker has a right to affordable basic amenities and access to keeping their lights on no matter what their zip code is,” said Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson. “Con Edison’s sudden price increases are unacceptable and have caused an unexpected expense to thousands of our most vulnerable residents, leaving them wondering how they will be able to make ends meet. I join Attorney General James in demanding the transparency that we deserve. Con Edison must clearly and effectively communicate rate increases early on. Withholding information from New Yorkers is unacceptable.”

“Consumers found out about these rate hikes through neighbors, on Twitter, or by opening their own stomach-churning bill. Con Edison has the responsibility to proactively reach out to consumers about anticipated rate increases and affordability options,” said Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine. “As so many households suffer from lost income and higher expenses at this time, the cost of keeping the lights and heat on should not be another burden, and we’re still waiting on answers from Con Edison about this outrageous billing cycle.”

“As a Council Member, I was barred from introducing a resolution that would make Con Edison a public authority, requiring government oversight and perhaps preventing the recent cost hike we’ve experienced. But it’s not too late to require accountability and answers from companies like Con Edison,” said Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso. “Thank you, Attorney General James, for your action and continuing to speak up for the rights of all New Yorkers.”

“Communicating early and often is a business lesson as old as time,” said Westchester County Executive George Latimer. “Westchester residents should not suffer — in the middle of the winter when they need electricity and heat the most — at the hands of Con Edison and choose between keeping the lights on and other necessities. Utility bills must be fair and accurate, and I applaud Attorney General James for her leadership in holding the utility accountable. The utility needs to explain the unexpected increases, and, in the future, they need to communicate early and often if there will be another hike so residents can adequately prepare.”

“These skyrocketing, unexpected costs are hurting New Yorkers’ pockets at an already difficult time,” said Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris. “Con Edison needs to answer for this change and help make customers whole. I

am glad Attorney General James is adding her strong voice to the movement demanding answers.”

“It is unacceptable that families already straining to cover the costs of housing, childcare, and putting food on the table have to struggle with soaring energy bills and the added financial uncertainty of falling behind on their bills,” said State Senator Jamaal Bailey. “Working families deserve an explanation for these extreme price increases and advance notice of such significant changes in pricing. I applaud Attorney General James for demanding transparency from utility providers so that New Yorkers are not left in the dark during the coldest months of a pandemic winter.”

“The recent abrupt Con Edison rate increases during the winter months without prior notice are absolutely unacceptable,” said State Senator Alessandra Biaggi. “Con Edison has a responsibility to be open and transparent about any and all rate increases, and must not keep New Yorkers in the dark about any changes. I am grateful to Attorney General James for taking action to protect consumers from unexpectedly high energy bills and holding Con Edison accountable. All New Yorkers deserve access to affordable energy, and should not have to forgo staying warm to do so.”

“Con Edison needs to take up the mantle of responsibility, offer clear guidance to the public, and assist in connecting those who need help with resources,” said State Senator Leroy Comrie. “Countless New Yorkers, stunned by their recent bills, are owed an explanation, and I applaud Attorney General James’ action to help get the public the clarity we all deserve.”

“Earlier this month I called on Con Edison and NYSEG to make the information on the energy bill for New York customers crystal clear, and communicate the best and most cost stable options that are available for people on fixed incomes,” said State Senator Peter Harckham. “I appreciate Attorney General James asking for an explanation into these unprecedented billing spikes as well, and I look forward to possible corrective measures to be set in place as soon as possible.”

“I commend Attorney General James’ decisive action against excessive increases in Con Edison’s utility bills. Leaders must work together to ensure New Yorkers can afford essentials,” said State Senator Gustavo Rivera. “No one should have to worry about receiving surprise bills for basic necessities that make them choose between keeping the lights on or paying for groceries.”

“Many constituents saw their utility bills increase by double this month, and it isn’t their fault. This is what happens when the profits of corporate shareholders are favored over the needs of everyday New Yorkers,” said State Senator Julia Salazar. “We need Public Power NY. We need the Build Public Renewables Act. Con Edison will respond by saying they ‘don’t control the cost of supply.’ Okay, but Con Edison proposes double-digit rate

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## QBP Donovan Richards Announces Innovative Hybrid Return-To-Office Model For QBPO Employees

The COVID-19 pandemic has upended so much of our world, but few of its consequences have forced society to reflect more than its impact on our collective mental health and our ability to work remotely. To empower and best meet the needs of his staff in the midst of a changing landscape, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. announced a new program to help develop a permanent hybrid work model for the Queens Borough President’s Office (QBPO), that went into effect on Tuesday, March 1.

“I could not be more grateful for my staff — true public servants who have worked diligently and with professionalism in the midst of a major COVID-19 surge to deliver for the families of Queens during our most recent remote work period. But ultimately, there needs to be a balanced and prudent approach to the future of remote work,” said Borough President RICHARDS. “Arguments that all employees need to return to fully-in-person work — or should be allowed to work entirely remotely — ignore lessons learned from the past two years. With the Omicron wave receding, my office will use this opportunity to study how remote work can be leveraged permanently to improve outcomes for constituents and benefit our employees’ work-life balance. This pilot program is the way we will determine that appropriate balance for our office.”

Since mid-December, QBPO employees have operated under a

full remote work policy upon the emergence of the Omicron wave in New York City. With the seven-day average COVID-19 positivity rate in New York City falling to just 1.71 percent as of February 23, Borough President Richards’ new Remote Work Day Pilot Program will begin on March 1, with employees initially working four days per week from Queens Borough Hall and remotely for a fifth day. All office employees will be eligible to request a specific weekday — either Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays — they would like to work remotely each week that month, pending supervisor approval. As the pilot program proceeds, QBPO may amend the program to allow for additional remote work days per week in order to determine a sustainable permanent balance of in-office and remote work for its QBPO employees.

The Remote Work Day Pilot Program will be the first step in creating a permanent program that balances remote work and in-office work for the benefit of QBPO employees, both professionally and personally, each of whom have helped deliver real results for Queens families in the midst of a global pandemic.

Existing safety measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 will remain in place once QBPO employees return to the office. Staff are required to wear masks at all times while indoors, regardless of vaccination status, while adhering to social distancing practices.

## Suoizzi Statement on The Nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to Supreme Court

Congressman Tom Suozzi (D – Long Island, Queens) has issued the following statement in response to President Biden’s nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to United States

Supreme Court:

“An outstanding and historic choice! An accomplished lawyer, Judge Jackson will be a phenomenal Supreme Court Justice.”

## Gillibrand Statement on The Nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to The Supreme Court

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand issued the following statement on President Biden’s nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court:

“Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson’s experience as a public defender, a trial court judge, and an appellate judge will add valuable professional diversity to the Supreme Court. She would not only bring

her brilliant legal mind and dedication to protecting our rights to the bench, she would make history in the process. I commend President Biden for his commitment to making our nation’s highest court look more like our nation. I hope Judge Jackson continues to receive bipartisan support, as she has in the past, and I look forward to a swift confirmation process.”

## Council Speaker Adrienne E. Adams’ Statement on Nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court

“President Biden’s nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the United States Supreme Court is historic, long overdue, and well-deserved. Judge Brown Jackson’s impressive career, from public defender and federal appellate court to a seat on the highest court in the country, is emblematic of her incredible dedication to

public service and the rule of law. Her historic nomination breaks an important glass ceiling for Black women, and blazes a trail for young women and girls across the country. I thank Justice Stephen Breyer for his decades of service to our country, and look forward to a speedy confirmation for Judge Jackson.”

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increases for customers in order to generate enormous additional revenue for the company and pass on the costs to the rest of us. And the PSC keeps letting them. We need answers. I look forward to the Attorney General James' request for clarity. I also agree Con Edison must commit to alerting customers of such increases with advanced notices."

"The recent spike in utility bills from Con Edison is outrageous and troublesome. It has caused New Yorkers to wonder if they can afford to pay these high prices, especially among my Bronx constituents," said Assemblymember Kenny Burgos. "No one should have to decide whether to put food on the table or keep the lights on. I applaud Attorney General James for taking action because we all deserve an explanation as to why these hikes occurred in the first place."

"Con Edison mismanagement and ineffective hedging of the energy market caused New Yorkers' energy bills to more than double," said Assemblymember Robert Carroll. "To add insult to injury, Con Edison did not warn ratepayers of the coming surge in energy costs. This perfect storm of mismanagement and silence has hurt millions of New Yorkers and put hundreds of thousands in arrears. I commend Attorney General James for investigating this important issue and for protecting ratepayers from Con Edison's callous ineptitude."

"Electric utility service is an essential part of modern living, and the skyrocketing rates passed on to consumers by Con Edison are unacceptable," said Assemblymember Jeffrey Dinowitz. "It is clear that New Yorkers need a greater voice in the oversight process of our utility services, in particular one that is equipped to receive, redress, and resolve complaints submitted by utility consumers. Thank you to Attorney General James for stepping up during this moment of crisis, and I hope this can be a galvanizing moment for our state to finally create a permanent, independent office to advocate specifically for the needs of utility consumers in New York."

"The recent spike in residents' Con Ed bills is both painful and distressing," said Assemblymember Amy Paulin. "While I understand that Con Ed isn't responsible for the recent spike in the price of natural gas; there are steps they can take, such as effective hedging, to mitigate such a steep increase. I applaud Attorney General James for her efforts to have Con Ed address this going forward."

"Unannounced price hikes in the midst of a pandemic that has threatened the economic stability of millions of New Yorkers is unjust and inhumane," said Assemblymember Karines Reyes. "Con Edison must be held accountable, and it must stop falsely placing the onus on consumers to use less when the cost per kilowatt has tripled in some cases. I am grateful that Attorney General James is standing up for New Yorkers against a monopoly that has con-

tinually provided subpar service at exuberant rates."

"As New Yorkers are working to rebuild, we must answer to those experiencing unexpectedly high energy bills from Con Edison," said Assemblymember Amanda Septimo. "New Yorkers require access to reliable energy services and deserve transparency. Thank you to Attorney General James for sending a formal inquiry to Con Edison, keeping service providers accountable, and for safeguarding the interests of consumers."

"We are in full support of Attorney General James to protect vulnerable New Yorkers from the unusually high electric bills," said Assemblymember Clyde Vanel. "Many of my constituents cannot afford these unexpected increases in their utility bills."

"No responsible electric company implements an exorbitant, unannounced rate hike in the dead of winter, and Attorney General James is absolutely right to expect Con Edison to answer for their actions," said New York City Council Member Shaun Abreu. "Keeping your family safe and warm in the winter is hard enough without having to worry about an unpredictable energy bill."

"My office has received numerous calls from constituents, blindsided by these Con Edison hikes," said New York City Council Member Eric Dinowitz. "I want to thank Attorney General James for taking this seriously and pressing Con Edison to explain these harmful increases that have burdened New Yorkers during a global pandemic, especially in cold weather months."

"I commend Attorney General Letitia James' request to Con Edison for an explanation on the overpriced energy bills many New York City residents have been unexpectedly dealing with this winter," said New York City Council Member Amanda Farias. "It is imperative that Con Ed offers customers deferred payment options and information regarding bill assistance programs. During the pandemic, many New Yorkers sacrificed to maintain their basic needs and it is shameful that hardworking people have to incur these increases. Our role as elected officials is to protect working families from having unmanageable unanticipated costs imposed upon them with no notice or explanation. I am proud to join Attorney General James in standing up for our neighbors rights to fair and accurate consumer bills."

"I join Attorney General Letitia James in demanding that Con Edison explain the sudden and unannounced increase in rates that so many New Yorkers, including residents in my district, experienced last month," said New York City Council Member Jennifer Gutiérrez. "In addition to offering answers, Con Edison must work to provide relief to New York's ratepayers and commit to providing customers advance notice of any future increases. Now more than ever, as New Yorkers continue to grapple with the economic fallout of the pandemic, we need to do all we can to keep utility costs in check."

"Energy is among the fundamental necessities of a home, next to food and housing itself. The sharp jump in prices is already unacceptable, and the lack of warning ran counter to what New Yorkers expect and deserve," said New York City Council Member Chi Ossé. "I applaud Attorney General James' moves to push for affordability and establish transparency. Too many of our neighbors already struggle to make ends meet. The state should ensure that utility payments are not among the people's concerns."

"The overnight, unanticipated, extreme increases on our Con Edison bills is totally unmanageable for working families," said New York City Council Member Lincoln Restler. "Thank you to Attorney General James for always looking out for our communities and joining the effort to fight back against Con Edison."

"I have received an influx of calls from residents in my district asking for help due to the significant unexplained rise in their Con Edison bills, some in fear of the turn off notices they have received because they cannot afford to pay," said New York City Council Member Kevin C. Riley. "Equitable and affordable electricity rates should not be a luxury, but a necessity. New Yorkers should not have to struggle or make a decision between having enough to feed their families or keeping their homes warm. I stand with New York Attorney General Letitia James to advocate for the rights of all New Yorkers. Companies like Con Edison have a right to serve the people, and we must hold them accountable for more transparency in their systems and ensure that New Yorkers get the explanations they deserve."

"The bills that residents across New York are seeing are back-breaking for many families," said New York City Council Member Marjorie Velázquez. "I find it unconscionable that these increases began with no regard for customers, and no significant notice was given to prepare them for the rate hike. I'm joining Attorney General James' inquiry to get to the bottom of the rate increase and lack of notification to consumers, and find a way to unburden residents with these arduous rates."

If you are having trouble paying your gas or electric bill, you can reach out to your utility provider to see what kind of assistance you might be eligible for. Con Edison customers can learn about their options on Con Edison's website.

New Yorkers can also submit a complaint on the OAG's website or call (800) 771-7755 to have a complaint form sent via mail.

This matter is being handled by Assistant Attorneys General Kate Matuschak and Stewart Dearing of the Bureau of Consumer Frauds and Protection, under the supervision of Deputy Bureau Chief Laura J. Levine and Bureau Chief Jane M. Azia. The Consumer Frauds and Protection Bureau is part of the Division of Economic Justice, which is led by Chief Deputy Attorney General Chris D'Angelo and overseen by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

## Dream A Little Dream Stepping, Standing And Swinging With Lucille And Louis Armstrong



The QC Department of Drama, Theatre & Dance presents a film screening featuring Louis Armstrong's music performed by the QC Jazz Repertoire Ensemble under the direction of Antonio Hart with original choreography by Yin Mei Critchell, nia love, and Edisa Weeks performed by Queens College Dance Program students.

Dream A Little Dream is a lushly surreal dance and music film that swirls through the garden and exquisitely decorated rooms of the historic Louis Armstrong House Museum in Corona, Queens, New York.

The film features signature jazz tunes made famous by Louis

Armstrong and performed by the Queens College Jazz Repertoire Ensemble under the direction of Antonio Hart; and original choreography by Yin Mei Critchell, nia love, and Edisa Weeks performed by Queens College Dance Program students.

The dancers and musicians move through various rooms in the Armstrong's house that were uniquely decorated by Armstrong's wife Lucille in collaboration with interior decorator Morris Grossberg. If you love dance, jazz music, and architecture – Dream A Little Dream is definitely for you!

For further information call 718-793-0920 or the box office 718-793-6060

## Attorney General James Statement on Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's Historic Nomination to Supreme Court

*When Confirmed, Jackson Will Be First Black Woman to Sit on the Highest Court in the Nation*

New York Attorney General Letitia James issued the following statement in response to President Joe Biden's nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the United States Supreme Court:

"Today is an important, historic day for all Americans, but especially for every little Black girl who, for the first time, will soon see herself represented in the highest court of the land.

From her time as a public defender, through her current role as circuit judge for the United States

Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson is a brilliant legal mind who has dedicated her life and career to public service and justice in all forms.

The Supreme Court must reflect the diversity and inclusivity of our nation. I congratulate Judge Jackson on her trailblazing nomination, and I look forward to hearing more about her accomplishments in the upcoming hearing."

Attorney General James is the first Black attorney general in New York state history, the first woman elected attorney general in New York, and the first Black woman elected statewide in New York.

## 1960s-Era R-32 Subway Cars Begin Final Journey

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can look out of.

The cars were featured in multiple blockbuster films including *Bridge of Spies* (2015), *Spider-Man: Homecoming* (2017) and *Joker* (2019). Many R-32s were retired in the late 2000s, when

the R-160 cars began filtering into the subway system. A large number of these cars were sunk in the Atlantic Ocean as part of an artificial reef program.

The R-32's made their final run on along their original debut route from 1964, on the line (the then-BMT Brighton Line) on January 9.

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**HOROSCOPE**   
 For the Week of ... 2/24/22 - 3/2/22

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**ARIES**  
 (Mar. 21 - April 20)  
 Spending too much idle time talking to friends or co-workers could easily turn into a debate that could lead to termination. Put more energy into physical work. Your lucky numbers are 5,9,4.

**TAURUS**  
 (Apr. 21 - May 21)  
 Your talent will be recognized. Opportunities to travel will develop through peers. The home environment will be unpredictable this week. Your lucky numbers are 3,2,9.

**GEMINI**  
 (May 22 - June 21)  
 Love could develop at social events that are work relate. You hard work and dedication will pay off, so stick to your guns and do your job well. Your lucky numbers are 7,3,2.

**CANCER**  
 (June 22 - July 22)  
 You'll be prone to tears if your mate is harsh with you this week. You must not allow them to force you to rush. Your lucky numbers are 1,9,6.

**LEO**  
 (July 23 - Aug. 22)  
 Look into alternate part-time work to support your financial burdens. Don't count on getting any support from co-workers. Stop telling others about your problems. Your lucky numbers are 6,4,8.

**VIRGO**  
 (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)  
 Don't lend or borrow money or belongings. You will gain valuable insight and knowledge through the experiences you have along the way. Your lucky numbers are 2,9,7.

**LIBRA**  
 (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)  
 You should be able to get involved in an interesting proposition this week. You can meet friends who will let you know how valuable you are. Your lucky numbers are 7,4,3.

**SCORPIO**  
 (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)  
 Expect temper tantrums on the home front if you haven't been letting someone have their way. Don't forget to let your mate know how much you care. Your lucky numbers are 5,8,1.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
 (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)  
 Property investments, insurance, tax rebates, or inheritance should bring you financial gains. Attend to things that you should have done yesterday. Your lucky numbers are 5,3,2.

**CAPRICORN**  
 (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)  
 You can make favorable changes to your looks. Feeling under the weather may be a result of over-indulgence. You may be tired of working for someone else. Your lucky numbers are 4,3,8.

**AQUARIUS**  
 (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)  
 Opportunities for new friendships are apparent. You may find it difficult to communicate with someone at work. Minor health problems may flare up. Your lucky numbers are 2,8,7.

**PISCES**  
 (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)  
 You may find your nights sleepless due to bad dreams. Try not to at tempt to do something unless you are fully intent on following through with the plans. Your lucky numbers are 6,8,5.

**Did You Know?**

- Toilets use 35% of indoor water use
- The fortune cookie was invented in San Francisco
- Koalas sleep around 18 hours a day
- The first Burger King was opened in Florida Miami in 1954
- All insects have 6 legs
- The croissant was invented in Austria
- In eastern Africa you can buy beer brewed from bananas
- African Grey Parrots have vocabularies of over 200 words
- A giraffe can clean its ears with its 21 inch tongue
- Australia was originally called New Holland
- 'Lonely Planet' for travelers is based in Melbourne Australia
- The sentence "the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter in the English alphabet
- The Grand Canyon can hold around 900 trillion footballs
- All the blinking in one day equates to having your eyes closed for 30 minutes
- Your foot has 26 bones in it
- The average human brain contains around 78% water
- 1 nautical knot equates to 1.852 Kph (1.150 mph)
- Grapes explode when you put them in the microwave
- Your most sensitive finger is your index finger (closest to your thumb)

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**Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles**

**"Sudoku"**

1	4	2	7	5	6	3	8	9
3	5	7	4	8	9	1	6	2
6	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	7
7	3	6	2	9	8	5	4	1
2	1	8	3	4	5	9	7	6
4	9	5	6	1	7	2	3	8
8	2	3	9	7	4	6	1	5
9	7	4	5	6	1	8	2	3
5	6	1	8	3	2	7	9	4

**"Crossword Puzzle"**

T	O	F	U	E	R	N	E	A	B	B	A	S
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**"Try And Find"**



we made a mistake in last weeks Try and Find. Its correct now

**SUDOKU**

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			2					
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	9				7		3	
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	7	4					2	
			8	3			9	

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

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60										61					62

- ACROSS**
1. A landlocked African republic
  5. Historical periods
  9. Conflict
  14. Among
  15. Tight
  16. 1/16th of a pound
  17. Exhibitionism
  19. A single-masted ship
  20. Chivalrous
  21. Shredded cabbage
  23. Abradants
  25. Marsh plant
  28. Drunkard
  29. A law enforcement agency
  32. Accumulate on the surface
  33. And so forth
  34. Implored
  35. Mogul
  36. Small fluid-filled sac
  38. Small brook
  39. Not his
  40. Half of two
  41. A small skullcap
  43. S
  44. Years (French)
  45. Din
  46. Most lustrous
  48. Decrepid
  50. Wash out with a solvent
  54. Steam
  55. Foolhardy
  57. Dialect
  58. Wicked
  59. Umpires
  60. Treaties
  61. A pack of playing cards
  62. Not in danger
- DOWN**
1. Principal
  2. Ammunition
  3. Arm or leg
  4. Devotees
  5. French for "Summer"
  6. Mischievous one
  7. Cars
  8. Hairdressers
  9. Coddle
  10. Quietens
  11. Dwarf buffalo
  12. Flat-bottomed boat
  13. Cool, once
  18. Refuse
  22. Able to be brought forth
  24. Awarded
  25. Stockpile
  26. Woodcutting tools
  27. Russian emperors
  29. A hard kind of stone
  30. Negate
  31. Lazybones
  33. Before, poetically
  34. Childish talkers
  37. Unsown
  42. Alleviated
  44. Warning devices
  45. Kind of acid
  46. Dash
  47. Scoundrel
  48. Slang for Father
  49. Sweeping story
  51. Eye layer
  52. Minor quarrel
  53. If not
  54. Very Important Person
  56. Antlered animal

**TRY AND FIND**

**THE PLAY'S THE THING**

E H O V C G Z C F M I S L I D H U H H C  
 Q O M A R O P U A J I K R J E T F A C Q  
 B C B B B P S R B G J P A M A T B S N G  
 R P N R L S G T O S I P R Q E K N G O D  
 O G S E E O F A U P L Q I K K M H Z I B  
 A Z X U R A K I Y M S L C G G H J N S V  
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 A Y X L W L E T L T W H Q K R I K D M E  
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 D T J M U S I C S A G S R S H P B S E N  
 A N Z A M T F H D G T B C K S U N O T E  
 N D L D E A N M T E A W K H U W A R N I  
 C Z H X M G K Y V V T O U T L S D P I D  
 E Y P S O E R E O T N B C C A C T O R U  
 K Y D I Y A L Y U J M A F H Y U B R B A  
 E I Q G T D T M I P Q E J N J Z U O N X  
 Y R W S N Q U L X H G K C S I N G F Y H  
 H S U Q V Z S F N J U A L G G Y N Q P Z  
 U J L E W J P L A L B T U J E W A H C J

Actor	Curtain	Music	Stage
Audience	Dance	Program	Star
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**Play Sudoku and/crosswords online.. Visit [www.queenstimes.com](http://www.queenstimes.com) Click on Puzzles**

## District Council 9 Painters And Allied Trades Union Announces Grand Reopening Of New State-Of-The-Art Training Center

*State-of-The-Art Facility Toured by Lieutenant Governor Brian Benjamin, New York State Attorney General Tish James, New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, New York State Department of Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon and Community Leaders at Grand Reopening.*



*District Council 9 and the Finishing Trades Institute of New York's Queens Training Center Represents a Major Investment in the Next Generation of Union Workers and Will Create Family-Sustaining Jobs for Many Hard-working New Yorkers.*

District Council 9, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT), today hosted the grand reopening of their new state-of-the-art training facility in Queens. The new facilities represent "A New Finish For Bright

Futures." At the event, New York State Lieutenant Governor Brian Benjamin, New York State Attorney General Tish James, New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, New York State Department of Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon, Real Estate Board of New York (REBNY) President

James Whelan, and members from the unionized construction industry and local contractors toured the new training center. The renovations and improvements to the facility represent a major investment in the next generation

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## Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan Endorses First Latina, Johanna Carmona, to Run For 37th Assembly District



A Sunnyside resident, who grew up across from Noonan Playground and now lives on 41st, Johanna Carmona knows every block in our community. Johanna went to Queen of Angels in Sunnyside, got an excellent education right here in New York City, became a lawyer and worked in the District Attorney's office dealing with special victims, including

children. She went to work in law firms that have helped 9/11 first responders, workers, and survivors.

Johanna further pursued innovative litigation against sexual predators.

Taking on difficult cases takes the expertise that Johanna has developed in navigating complex problems, and solid legal experience - skills we need right now in Albany. She is an accomplished and compassionate attorney who is dedicated to helping the vulnerable and disenfranchised, and has done the work to get results for New Yorkers.

Johanna's personal circumstance resembles what many of us have faced in our own lives. When her mom had a life-altering stroke, Johanna and her twin sister, Estefany, were three years old. This created a difficult financial burden for their family, which led to their father working multiple jobs,

including cleaning medical offices and as an assistant machine operator at a printing company.

In facing this tragedy, the local community rallied around the Carmona family and supported their efforts to ensure Johanna and Estefany had educational opportunities. Johanna has not forgotten what that means and how far she has come. She wants opportunity for everyone and firmly believes in giving back to the community that raised her. She has the skills to know what needs to be done and the commitment and energy to be a leader.

This is a time of tremendous change in our city and state and, with the retirement of Assemblywoman Cathy Nolan, our community will choose a new Assemblywoman. Johanna Carmona is endorsed by the Ridgewood Democratic Club because she will

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## Assembly Passes Braunstein Bill to Improve Public Communications And Input on City Projects



The New York State Assembly has passed Assemblyman Edward Braunstein's (D-Bayside) bill A.355-A to require city agencies to provide advance notice to state elected officials and community boards about construction, acquisitions and other projects that will take place in their communities. Notifications for various construction projects or designations in New York City are currently sent only to City Council members,

borough presidents, and, only in select instances, to community boards.

Often, New York City projects or plans (i.e. NYC Department of Environmental Protection water main and sewer replacements; property acquisitions by the NYC School Construction Authority; major Department of Transportation reconstruction initiatives) begin, or are solidified, without giving advance notice to State Assemblymembers or Senators. This prevents officials from providing needed communications to constituents, or supplying necessary input on behalf of their constituents during the planning process.

Under the bill, several NYC agencies would be required to provide advance notice on many city-lead projects. In addition, the bill also mandates that elected officials and community boards be notified in advance about long-term work to be performed

by a public utility company, such as Con Edison, and of media and entertainment filmings and accompanying parking requests scheduled in the district.

"Expanding vital internal communications to include state electeds would better equip officials to deliver accurate and timely information to their constituents, and would help to ensure that the local community has a voice in the public planning process," said Assemblyman Edward Braunstein. "Similarly, providing advance notice about upcoming utility projects and media filmings to elected officials and community boards would help ensure that local residents are well informed about what's happening in their communities."

"Community Board 7 supports the efforts of Assemblyman Braunstein and the other sponsors

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## Buy a Shirt, Support the Families of Two Slain Officers



Here's the chance to be stylish, show pride in NYC's first responders, and help the families of two NYPD heroes who were killed in the line of duty.

Kew Gardens resident Peter Mendez of Mendez Printing has joined forces with the FDNY Hispanic Society to sell shirts with designs that honor Jason Rivera and Wilbert Mora, two police officers who were fatally shot during a domestic incident in Harlem about one month ago.

The 100 percent cotton shirts come in blue and white with tee and sleeveless options. Sizes run from S to XXXL.

Here's the big part. Each one costs \$25, and the proceeds go to the immediate relatives of the two victims. (Plus, there's free

shipping for any purchase of 12 or more shirts.)

Shirley Sourzes called the 32nd Precinct because her son, Lashawn McNeil, had been acting violently at about 5:30 pm on Jan. 21, 2022. Rivera and Mora responded to 119 W. 135th Street. Once inside, McNeil opened fire on Rivera and Mora until a third officer, Sumit Sulan, fatally shot McNeil.

Rivera, 22, died on Jan. 23, while Mora, 27, succumbed to his injuries four days later.

Rivera is survived by his wife of three months, his parents, and a brother. Mora left his parents, three siblings, and a girlfriend. Both officers were posthumously promoted to the rank of Detective First Grade.

## Flushing Town Hall to Celebrate Women's History Month with Series Commemorating Jazz, Pop, and Latin Music Icons Sarah Vaughan, Peggy Lee, Nina Simone, Celia Cruz, and more!



Women's History Month performers: Rosena Hill Jackson; Barbara Rosene; Akua Allrich; Deborah Resto

This March, Flushing Town Hall will present a Women's History Month series featuring four, unique performances celebrating iconic women of music history — women whose talent, boldness, and originality overcame barriers in the male-dominated spaces of their time.

"The month will be jam-packed with extraordinary women, past and present! There will be some truly powerhouse vocals on our stage, interpreting some of the

most beloved songs of the last few decades," says Ellen Kodadek, Flushing Town Hall's Executive & Artistic Director.

"We are overjoyed to be welcoming artists like Akua Allrich, whose original performance date in March 2020 was canceled due to the pandemic lockdown. This month's celebration of women artists will inspire and delight our audiences!"

For more information visit [www.flushingtownhall.org](http://www.flushingtownhall.org) or call (718) 463-7700 x222



# CM Moya & The East Elmhurst Corona Civic Association Together With NYC Mayor Eric Adams Celebrate Black History Honoring Outstanding Members of The Community

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*The celebration was co-hosted by New York State Assembly Member Jeffrion Aubry*

Council Member Francisco Moya and Assembly Member Jeffrion Aubry together with the East Elmhurst Corona Civic Association hosted a Black History Month Celebration honoring members of the Council District 21 community. Joined by NYC Mayor Eric Adams, the celebration honored Reverend Peter Heron of Leverich Memorial Church, Reverend Michael Johnson of Southern Baptist, and Reverend Patrick Young of First Baptist Church as well as Niobe Jones, youth volunteer in the community. Council Member Moya also presented Pastor Young with a proclamation from the City of New York. The event took place the evening of Thursday, February 24 at Terrace on the Park in Corona Queens and was sponsored by Delta, the new LGA and Port Authority of NY/NJ.

“This event honoring Black History was precisely the opportunity to celebrate and thank our faith leaders and volunteers for their leadership, tireless work and indelible support for so many in our neighborhood. Reverend Young, Reverend Johnson, Reverend Heron, and Niobe Jones have truly exemplified what it means to be there for your community day in and day out. I am honored and grateful to have them as well as the East Elmhurst Corona Civic Association and its president Larinda Hooks as partners,” said NYC Council Member Francisco Moya, co-host of the celebration. “I can’t imagine what enduring this pandemic would be like without their leadership and solidarity. I thank all who attended this joyous occasion and our NYC Mayor Eric Adams for recognizing the work of our community.”

“This celebration was an opportunity to recognize and thank our faith leaders and a young volunteer for uplifting and supporting so many families after a very rough two years. Getting through this pandemic would have not been possible without the leadership and support of Assembly Member Jeff Aubry and Council Member Francisco Moya,” shared Larinda Hooks, president of the East Elmhurst Corona Civic Association, and host of the celebration.



Council Member Moya, NYC Mayor Eric Adams and Pastor Patrick Young of First Baptist Church. Photo by Emil Cohen/NYC Council



Council Member Moya together with East Elmhurst Corona Civic Association President Larinda Hooks presenting citations and award to Niobe Jones for her extraordinary work in the neighborhood. Photo by CM Moya’s office

“Specifically with Councilman Moya, he embodies what it is to be a community, no matter where we are from. I am grateful for our partnership because for us community is family. I also want to thank our sponsors and the LGA Redevelopment team for their continued support. Big shout out to Mayor Eric Adams, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, Senator Jessica Ramos, and the East Elmhurst Corona Civic Association board as well as all who joined this celebration.”

“It was a pleasure and an honor, as we come out of this pandemic, to come together in person for the East Elmhurst Corona Civic Association Black History Month

event. We preserve just like the Black Community. We honored members of the ministry and an extraordinary young lady who have supported so many in our neighborhood. It was a wonderful celebration and we hope to do it again next year,” added NYS Assembly Member Jeffrion Aubry, co-host of the celebration.

The event also counted with the participation of members of Community Board 3, First Baptist Church food pantry volunteers, the LeFrak City Tenants Association, Neighbors of the American Triangle, as well as Queens Borough President Donovan Richards and State Senator Jessica Ramos.

# Meng Joins Family of Queens Resident Guiying Ma For The Announcement of Her Death



Pictured L to R: Meng, a translator and Ma’s husband.

*Victim was attacked last November while sweeping the sidewalk next to her home; Congresswoman calls for continued efforts to fight violence against Asian American community*

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) joined the family of Queens resident GuiYing Ma for the announcement of her death after she was attacked last November while sweeping the sidewalk next to her home.

Meng joined her husband, Zhanxin Gao, and the family’s pro bono attorneys at the law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP at their office in Manhattan.

Ma, 62, died on February 22 as a result of “complications of blunt impact injury of head.” She was struck in the head with a rock on November 26 while she was sweeping and had been

at Elmhurst Hospital since the assault took place. The suspect was arrested and indicted for the crime.

Meng also called for combating the rise in anti-Asian hate and violence.

“I am devastated over the passing of GuiYing Ma and my heart aches for her family,” said Meng. “I will continue to be here for her husband and loved ones at this very difficult time. So many in the Asian American community continue to live in fear due to ongoing attacks against Asian Americans. We must continue doing all we can to combat this heinous violence.”

Meng had worked to assist Ma and her family while she was hospitalized. In November, she and several of Ma’s supporters gathered in front of Elmhurst Hospital for a silent stand-in for Ma.

# Attorney General Letitia James Delivers Over \$640,000 to New York Breast Cancer Organizations

*Funds Derived from Fraudulent Charities and Fundraising Network Shut Down by AG’s Office*

New York Attorney General Letitia James delivered more than \$640,000 to five nonprofit organizations that are leading the fight against breast cancer. The funds were recovered by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) from organizations and individuals who defrauded New Yorkers into making donations that went

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# IT'S IN QUEENS

(March 3 to March 9)

Clocks spring forward in two weeks, and Queens is already brighter, sunnier, and warmer, thanks to some great upcoming events. Consider Flamenco and the Queen of Bebop. Mull over films by teens and female storytellers. Muse on horticulture and pearl necklaces.

- March 3, Reelin' in the Shorts, 7 pm. A night of short films made during pandemic, but not necessarily about the pandemic. New York Irish Center, 10-40 Jackson Ave., Long Island City.

- March 3, Queens Storytellers, March 24. Queens Theatre streams a virtual program with 20 great raconteurs. Shows are Thursdays at 7 pm with host David Lawson. The March 3 episode features Matt Storrs, Anoush Froudijan, Jameer Pond, and Becki McDonald. Free, but advanced reservation is required.

- March 4, Mosaico Flamenco, March 20. A music-and-dance show featuring various Flamenco styles. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm, Sundays at 4 pm. Thalia Spanish Theatre, 41-17 Greenpoint Ave., Sunnyside.

- March 4, Songs of Sarah Vaughan, 7 pm. Broadway veteran Rosena Hill Jackson and her six-piece band, which includes Grammy-winning trombonist and music arranger Jason Jackson, pay homage to the Queen of Bebop with classics and new arrangements. A star in "Ragtime," "Dreamgirls," and "Ain't Misbehavin,'" Jackson was vocal soloist with The New York Pops and New York Philharmonic. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

- March 4, Teen Film Festival 2022, 5:30 pm. Watch stylish film noirs, thoughtful documentaries, amusing animations, and more created by NYC teens. The showcase portrays young contemporary lives with wit, humor, and fascination. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.

- March 4, Larger Than Life, 8 pm. Ten years ago, Larger Than Life did boyband-like performances. Now, they do a little bit of everything. Resorts World New York City, Bar360, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.

- March 4, Free First Friday, 11 am. Admission is free on the first

Friday of every month. However, visits must be scheduled in advance due to Covid-safety protocols. The Noguchi Museum, 9-01 33rd Rd., Long Island City.

- March 5, Anat Cohen Quartetinho, 8 pm. Birthed from the clarinetist-saxophonist's Grammy-nominated Tentet, the Anat Cohen Quartetinho explores musical influences from Brazil, Israel, the United States. Quartetinho features Cohen, Vitor Gonçalves (accordion and piano), Tal Mashiach (bass and seven-string guitar), and James Shipp (percussion, vibraphone, and electronics). Kupferberg Center for the Arts, LeFrak Concert Hall, 153-49 Reeves Ave., Flushing.

- March 5, New American Voices: Eight Tales of Pedro, 8 pm. Queens Theatre's periodic New American Voices 2020 Virtual Reading Series lets playwrights present developing works to audiences that provide feedback to foster discussions in a fun, interactive way. This night's play is Mark-Eugene Garcia's "Eight Tales of Pedro," which begins in 17th Century Mexico, as Pedro and a companion travel from a small port town into fabled Veracruz, while following Pedro's true love. Meanwhile, in the present day, in a van full of Mexican immigrants, Peter crosses a border into an unfamiliar country, while his companions tell him stories to chase away his fears. The plots intertwine. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- March 5, White Wedding, 8 pm. Enjoy a totally radical 1980s tribute band. Resorts World New York City, Bar360, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.

- March 5, Hands on History: Immigrant Women at King Manor, 1 pm. March is Women's History Month and Irish American Heritage Month. In this workshop, participants make a craft that young Irish women brought or made to remind them of their country of origin. King Manor Museum, 150-03 Jamaica Ave.

- March 5, Winter with Pearls, 1:30 pm. Jewelry designer Phyllis Ger leads a workshop on pearls. She covers tips and techniques for fashioning several pieces, and a selection of faux and freshwater beads and accents will be available. Voelker Orth Museum, 149-

19 38th Ave., Flushing.

- March 6, Orchids: Type and Care, 11 am. Alley Pond Environmental Center streams a workshop on basic orchid care – watering, lighting, fertilizing -- with Herban Gardens Founder Jocelyn Perez-Blanco.

- March 6, Public Talk: Word-play, noon + 4 pm. Join educator Naima Dobbs in the galleries to use writing as a tool for engaging with Isamu Noguchi's sculptures. Two sessions. The Noguchi Museum, 9-01 33rd Rd., Long Island City.

- March 6, A Conversation on Latimer's Life and Work in 19th-Century Brooklyn, 2 pm. Four experts speak as part of a celebration of "Beacon," a public art installation inspired by Lewis Latimer and his patents for the electric lamp and processing carbon filament in the incandescent light bulb. Lewis Latimer House Museum, 34-41 137th St., Flushing.

- March 7, No, YOU Tell It! What I Know, 7 pm. Four female storytellers worked together to develop true tales inspired by the theme "What I Know." In this production, they swap stories to step into each other's life experiences on stage. Culture Lab LIC, 5-25 46th Ave., Long Island City.

- March 8, Turning In Place II, 8 pm. This second annual film festival features 12 up-and-coming female-identifying choreographers and female-led dance companies, presenting original filmed works. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- March 8, Creatives Rebuild New York Information Session, 7 pm. Flushing Town Hall and Creatives Rebuild New York host an online information session on upcoming funding for artists.

- March 9, Buildings of New York and the Panorama, 6 pm. Queens Museum streams a free art-making workshop that will review some of the Panorama's history, urban development, and processes of architectural design.

- March 9, Monthly Jazz Jam, 7 pm. On the first Wednesday of every month, musicians hone skills and jam with peers during this Flushing Town Hall program. The house band is led by saxophonist Carol Sudhalter. All are welcome. Don't play? Listen!

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fight for all the neighborhoods in this district, from Blissville to Maspeth, Woodside to Hunters Point, Fresh Pond Road to Center Boulevard. She knows and understands the Assembly District and the families and businesses that are its foundation.

Our community needs someone who will be an energetic leader, who knows how to listen to families and who has lived the experi-

ence of so many of us. Johanna is the daughter of immigrants from Colombia. Johanna and Estefany played in our parks, rode the subway, and used our local libraries for schoolwork. Johanna supports environmental justice, especially at Newtown Creek. She is dedicated to fighting for LG-BTQIA rights, disability rights, and women's rights. Johanna volunteers as a bilingual leader to improve police community relations with the 108th Precinct

Community Council. She is a lifelong tenant in Queens and has helped people with housing problems. Johanna is knowledgeable about our healthcare system, understands its problems, and knows the community's healthcare needs at a deeply personal level.

"Johanna is someone who does the hard work that makes a difference", said Assemblywoman Cathy Nolan, "She will continue

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## AAPI Coalition Seeks Historic \$64.5m in Equity Funding In State Budget

**Over 50 Community-Based Organizations Unite as 'AAPI Equity Coalition'**

In the face of an unprecedented surge in hate crimes, racism and discrimination, Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) groups in New York City announced the formation of the 'AAPI Equity Coalition' to call for a historic \$64.5 million in funding for the community-sourced AAPI Equity Budget.

The investment would represent the most significant action to date in the United States to address the horrific surge in AAPI hate crimes, the disproportionate impacts of COVID-19, and the historic underfunding of AAPI communities. Funding will go toward programs and services ranging from support for AAPI community organizations to AAPI curriculum designed for students in Pre-K through 12th grade. The allocation would also create an AAPI State Commission, which would serve to advise the governor's office on the needs of the AAPI community and examine critical issues like language access among state agencies, departments, and commissions.

"The onslaught of hate crimes targeting the AAPI community has significantly worsened with the COVID-19 pandemic, but such hatred, bias and discrimination have long been part of the AAPI experience," said State Senator John Liu. "With the AAPI Equity Budget, we seek to finally correct the long-standing underfunding of the AAPI community by supporting the intricate network of on-the-ground community organizations that are already well known as lifelines to our struggling community."

"Our Asian-American communities are facing a crisis of anti-Asian hatred and violence. We are frightened. We are angry. Most of all, we have asked our government for real, tangible help to ensure AAPI New Yorkers can feel safe in their own city. I applaud Governor Hochul for distributing much needed funds to the Asian-American community organizations working every day to combat hate and deter violence," said Assemblymember Yuh-Line

Niou. "This is a great start, but we can and must do better. I urge my colleagues in Albany to support the full \$64.5 million in AAPI organizational support our community so desperately needs."

"We are proud to join Senator John Liu and our champions in both the Assembly and Senate to advocate for the inclusion of the \$64.5 million AAPI Equity Budget Proposal in the FY 2023 State Budget," said Asian American Federation's Associate Director of Advocacy and Policy Ravi Reddi. "This proposal reflects an opportunity for the state to address years of systemic underfunding that our service providers have had to endure while addressing the service demands of the state's fastest growing community. Last year's \$10 million investment in our community was a demonstration that we were heard in crisis. As that crisis continues, with anti-Asian violence continuing unabated, including the AAPI Equity Budget Proposal in this year's State Budget will show that Albany's commitment to our community runs deeper, addressing systemic issues that continue to hold back our community's full participation in the pandemic recovery."

Anita Gundanna and Vanessa Leung, Co-Executive Directors of the CACF, said, "The Coalition for Asian American Children and Families (CACF) is proud to stand with the 50+ Asian American-led and-serving organizations calling for the State to allocate \$64.5 million to fund the AAPI Equity Budget. There are currently over 2.5 million residents of Asian American Pacific Islander descent in New York State, comprising 11% of the State's total population. AAPI New Yorkers are the fastest growing racial/ethnic group and voting population in New York City, State, and the nation. And for too long, we have not seen the investments in our community based organizations that are often the only lifelines for AAPI New Yorkers. They reach our diverse communities by providing culturally responsive, language accessible, and trusted services and ensure that our communities are able to thrive."

The AAPI Equity Budget Coal-

ition consists of a diverse array of over 50 AAPI organizations from across the state that are providing community-informed, culturally relevant, and language accessible services and community programs, and is led by the Asian American Federation (AAF) and the Coalition for Asian American Children and Families. Programming and services address issues such as gender-based violence, healthcare, senior and youth programs, research, advocacy and legal assistance, as well as multi-service programming such as housing assistance, benefits navigation, small business support, workforce development/job training, food services, legal service, mental health support, violence intervention and prevention, aid to homeowners and tenants, safety-related services, and more.

Supporting organizations include, but are not limited to:

A Place for Kids; Academy of Medical & Public Health Services; Adhikaar, Apex for Youth; Apicha Community Health Center; Arab-American Family Support Center; Asian American Federation; Asian Americans for Equality; Brooklyn Chinese-American Association; Caribbean Equality Project; Center for the Integration & Advancement of New Americans, Inc.; Charles B. Wang Community Health Center; Chhaya CDC; Chinatown YMCA; Chinese-American Family Alliance for Mental Health; Chinese-American Planning Council; CMP; Coalition for Asian Children and Families; Council of Peoples Organization Inc.; DRUM NYC; Educational Alliance; Garden of Hope; Grand Street Settlement; Hamilton-Madison House; Henry Street Settlement; Homecrest Community Services, Inc.; India Home Inc.; Korean Community Services of Metropolitan New York, Inc.; Korean American Family Service Center; Laal; Mekong NYC; MinKwon Center for Community Action; Sakhi for South Asian Women; Sapna NYC; South Asian Council for Social Services; South Asian Youth Action; Turning Point for Women and Families; United Chinese Association of Brooklyn; University Settlement; Woman-kind; and Women For Afghan Women.

## Reps. Maloney and Bilirakis Reintroduce Bill to Help Visually Impaired Americans

Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY) and Congressman Gus Bilirakis (R-FL) reintroduced the Medicare Demonstration of Coverage for Low Vision Devices Act. This legislation would help vision-impaired Medicare beneficiaries live safe and independent lives by creating a five-year national demonstration project to evaluate the economic impact of allowing reimbursement for low vision devices, which are currently excluded from Medicare coverage.

"Medicare coverage of low vision devices would be life changing for Americans with vision impairments. It would give them the ability to partake in everyday

activities, whether it be reading a book, watching television, or safely crossing the street. We must ensure that Medicare beneficiaries have affordable access to necessary medical devices," said Rep. Maloney.

"As a visually impaired American, I have first-hand knowledge of the difficulties that accompany this condition. Simple tasks can be a significant challenge, and low-vision assistive devices are often required for essential life function. Sadly, many of these products are out of reach for seniors who live on a fixed income, and the devices' exclusion from Medicare necessitates a difficult choice between extreme financial hardship or

disengagement from these vital activities. I view this legislation as a preventative measure that will help seniors stay healthy, active, and self-sufficient for a longer period of time. This is not only better in terms of quality of life for our seniors, but also will result in reduced overall financial cost to the Medicare system. I am hopeful that the demonstration project authorized by this good, bipartisan legislation will help validate this approach," said Rep. Bilirakis.

"The American Council of the Blind commends Representatives Maloney and Bilirakis for

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## AG James Delivers Over \$640,000 to New York Breast Cancer Organizations

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into the pockets of telemarketers. The OAG recovered the funds from the Breast Cancer Survivors Foundation, Inc. (BCSF), a sham organization, and Garrett Morgan, a telemarketer who misled donors into contributing to a sham breast cancer organization on Long Island. The \$644,054.79 in restitution was distributed to the American Cancer Society, Living Beyond Breast Cancer, West Islip Breast Cancer Coalition, Babylon Breast Cancer Coalition, and

Manhasset Women's Coalition Against Breast Cancer.

This matter was handled by Enforcement Section Co-Chief Yael Fuchs and Assistant Attorneys General Peggy Farber, William Wang, and Sharon Sash under the supervision of Charities Bureau Chief James Sheehan and Deputy Bureau Chief Karin Kunstler-Goldman. The Charities Bureau is a part of the Division for Social Justice, which is led by Chief Deputy Attorney General Meghan Faux and overseen by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

## Assembly Passes Braunstein Bill to Improve Public Communications And Input on City Projects

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of Assembly Bill A.355-A," said Gene Kelty, Chair of Queens CB 7. "This bill will assist the local Community Boards for a quicker heads up on the amount and type of constructions as well as other projects affecting their Districts. Community Boards were developed for supervising services from the City to their Districts as well as Planning for their areas. This bill will help the Boards in accomplishing its primary purpose."

"Community Board 11 is happy to be supported by Assemblyman Braunstein's bill, which increases the transparency by which our residents are informed of the many

filming dates and special parking request locations that we host every year in our district," said Joe Marziliano, District Manager of Queens Community Board 11. "More importantly, this bill allows for the Board and residents to have more lead time to be able to plan accordingly for community based projects like utility work. This is an initiative that solves many complaints we have received for a long time, and the Board is happy to be able to facilitate more information directly to the public moving forward."

The companion bill S.4013-A, carried by Queens State Senator Leroy Comrie, is in the Senate Cities Committee.

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to work on issues like paid family leave, which need additional support in Albany. She supports funding for public transportation, education, and the labor movement. She knows what needs to be done to help our families and students, support our neighborhoods, and rebuild our city and state" Nolan said, "I am proud and happy to endorse Johanna Carmona to be our new Assemblywoman. Sunnyside, Ridgewood, Maspeth and Long Island City need Johanna Carmona and I hope everyone votes for her in the Democratic primary Tuesday, June 28."

"I love western Queens, and

have volunteered to give back to a community that has done so much for me. Running for office will allow me to do more for the people of our neighborhoods" said Johanna Carmona, a 32 year-old lawyer and lifelong resident. "I am not a professional politician, I am a person who cares about what is happening in our city and wants to make it better for everyone. I ask for the votes of people in the 37th Assembly District in the Democratic Primary this June. I pledge to serve with integrity and deliver for our seniors, our veterans, our children and our families.

As our new representative, Johanna Carmona will be there fighting for us in Albany.

## Council Speaker Adrienne E. Adams' Statement on Sunset of the New York City Tax Lien Sale

"As the tax lien sale sunsets today, I reiterate that our city simply cannot continue with this counterproductive system that has harmed so many communities and homeowners. New York City homeowners, especially seniors, veterans, and those in communities of color, have too often been placed in jeopardy of losing their homes and the equity built over generations. This undermines housing affordability and stability, as well as the health and safety of our communities. That is why I advanced additional COVID-19

exemptions, increased property tax debt and income eligibility thresholds, mandated outreach sessions, and established a task force to study this issue, while also calling for the lien sale's cancellation to protect homeowners during the pandemic. The Council is committed to working with all stakeholders, including impacted communities, advocates and the Mayor, to ensure this past system is a relic and we enact new solutions that protect the economic health of the City, communities and homeowners."

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introducing this bipartisan legislation that will improve health equity for low vision Americans. Making these devices more affordable is imperative to increasing the independence and quality of life for people who are experiencing vision loss. ACB and our members urge Congress to support this important legislation," said Eric Bridges, ACB Executive Director.

"We applaud Reps. Maloney and Bilirakis for their steadfast leadership and support for providing greater access to low vision devices so seniors who are visually impaired can live safer, more independent lives," said Kevin A. Lynch, President and CEO, National Industries for the Blind (NIB).

"The Medicare Low Vision Devices Act of 2022 will help enable thousands of adults with vision loss to remain in their own homes and avoid costly and unnecessarily placement in institutional settings," said Jeff Thom, President, the Alliance on Aging and Vision Loss.

"People with low vision often fear loss of independence and self-sufficiency as their vision declines. However, opportunities to retain independence are growing with the rapid development of multiple devices and technologies for use by people who have low vision. It is an unfortunate fact that often these devices and technologies are not affordable, and are excluded from existing Medicare coverage. The Medicare Demonstration Low Vision Bill is an important step toward updating Medicare coverage related to vision loss," said Ms. Lee Nasehi, President & CEO, Vision-Serve Alliance.

"The Blinded Veterans Association supports the Medicare Demonstration of Coverage for Low Vision

Devices Act of 2022. This legislation is a significant step to achieving coverage by authorizing a 5-year demonstration project to evaluate the fiscal impact of covering low vision devices as durable medical equipment under Medicare Part B. Although most of our members receive their low vision devices from VA, having Medicare coverage would offer more choice to visually impaired veterans who are Medicare eligible, especially those who live in rural areas far away from a VA Medical Center or VA Community Care provider. This also benefits the spouses who aren't eligible to receive low vision devices from VA. This is long overdue, and I applaud it," said Joseph D. McNeil, Sr., BVA National President.

"AFB thanks Representatives Maloney and Bilirakis for re-introducing this legislation. Access to appropriate low vision devices can make a world of difference in people's continued ability to maintain a high quality of life and participate fully in their communities. We encourage all Members of Congress to support this bill," said Stephanie Enyart, Chief Public Policy and Research Officer, American Foundation for the Blind.

In addition to Reps. Maloney and Bilirakis, this legislation has 25 original co-sponsors including Reps. Pete Aguilar (D-CA), Cindy Axne (D-IA), Don Bacon (R-NE), Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (D-GA), Steve Cohen (D-TN), Peter DeFazio (D-OR), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA), Jared Huffman (D-CA), Andy Levin (D-MI), Betty McCollum (D-MN), Joseph Morelle (D-NY), Seth Moulton (D-MA), Joe Neguse (D-CO), Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), Scott Peters (D-CA), Katie Porter (D-CA), Bobby L. Rush (D-IL), Adam Schiff (D-CA), Darren Soto (D-

FL), Thomas Suozzi (D-NY), Mark Takano (D-CA), Rashida Tlaib (D-MI), Nydia M. Velázquez (D-NY), and Susan Wild (D-PA).

This legislation is endorsed by the Alliance on Aging and Vision Loss, American Council of the Blind, American Foundation for the Blind, Blinded Veterans Association, Center for Independence of the Disabled New York, Council of Citizens with Low Vision International, Disability Rights Advocates, Lighthouse Guild, Lions Club International, National Association for the Employment of People Who Are Blind, National Industries for the Blind, National Organization on Disability, and VisionServe Alliance.

Background - February is Low Vision Awareness Month. Unfortunately, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 93 million Americans are at risk of serious vision loss. For someone with low vision, reading a book or crossing the street can be difficult, even with the help of glasses or contacts due to blurriness or distortion.

Physicians can prescribe magnifiers or special optical devices to aid those with vision loss. However, these devices are currently excluded from Medicare reimbursement, which greatly reduces access to them due to cost constraints. This exclusion hurts American seniors on fixed incomes and impedes their ability to lead healthy, safe, independent lives and enjoy everyday activities.

Under the Medicare Demonstration of Coverage for Low Vision Devices Act, the Department of Health and Human Services would administer a five-year national demonstration project to evaluate the economic impact of allowing reimbursement for certain low vision devices under Medicare.

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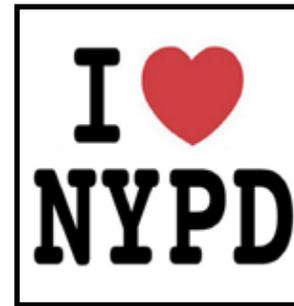


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CJ333 LLC filed w/ SSNY on 8/6/19. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 146-20 34th Ave., Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: any lawful. 3/3,10,17,24,31,&4/7/2022



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## District Council 9 Painters And Allied Trades Union Announces Grand Reopening Of New State-Of-The-Art Training Center

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of apprentices and union workers.

"DC 9's new training center has been a long time coming, and we are proud to showcase this major investment in the training of union workers for New York City elected officials and community leaders," stated BM/ST Joseph Azzopardi. "The training center will create opportunities for so many hardworking New Yorkers and provide the skills and education to grow New York's workforce. We thank all who were able to attend today and for making this facility a reality."

"By providing opportunities to uplift working class New Yorkers, DC 9's new training center represents a new beginning—ushering in and helping to create a more inclusive, equitable New York as we emerge from the pandemic," stated New York State Lieutenant Governor Brian Benjamin. "Governor Kathy Hochul and I commend DC 9 for their continued commitment to building a New York where people can pursue good-paying jobs that allow them—and their

loved ones—to achieve the New York Dream."

"I was proud to join District Council 9 in Queens for the re-opening of its training center," stated New York State Attorney General Letitia James. "For over 100 years, the members of District Council 9 and International Union of Painters and Allied Trades have worked tirelessly to improve the infrastructure of our state, and this center will help keep that going for years to come."

"DC 9 has some of the best-skilled, most knowledgeable and accomplished craft workers in New York's construction industry," said New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. "The renovated training center will set the bar even higher for the industry-leading training offered by DC 9. This is an incredible accomplishment for the organization and the union's leadership team at a time when our state and nation need highly skilled workers to tackle massive infrastructure needs."

"I congratulate District Council 9 (DC 9) and International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT)

on the grand reopening of their newly upgraded facility that will continue to provide New Yorkers with the knowledge and skills they need to be successful in our economy," said New York State Department of Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon. "Governor Hochul made it clear that workforce development is a key component of her master plan to move New York forward from the pandemic. This significant investment is a shining example of what needs to be done to support our workforce of the future."

DC 9's new training facility will create significant pathways to the middle-class for many hardworking New Yorkers. It will also allow for the continued growth of all of DC 9's programs, with more space and opportunities for people to learn. DC 9 is committed to providing high-quality skills and safety training for workers in New York's construction industry. With the creation of this new state-of-the-art facility, DC 9 is continuing their mission of creating family-sustaining careers at the apprenticeship level and beyond.

## LGA Job Seekers at Corona Elmcour Center

The Queens District Attorney's Office teamed up with the LGA Re-development Outreach Team, the Council for Airport Opportunity and several other sponsors and elected officials recently to host a hiring event for LGA Terminal C at the Elmcour Youth and Adult Activities Center in Corona.

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Chung Kim Development LLC filed w/ SSNY on 6/11/21. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 38-15 149th St., #3V, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: any lawful. 2/10,17,24,3/3,10&17/2022



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Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS Action to Foreclose a Mortgage INDEX #: 718044/2018 FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, vs JUAN R. CRESPO, VENTURA AGUILAR IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD OF NY STATE, NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE IRS JOHN DOE (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). MORTGAGED PREMISES: 218-14 99TH AVENUE QUEENS VILLAGE, NY 11429 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s)

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within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Queens. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Ventura Aguilar Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Robert I. Caloras of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the First day of February, 2022 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Queens, in the City of Jamaica. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Juan R. Crespo and Ventura Aguilar dated the February 8, 2018, to secure the sum of \$578,331.00 and recorded at CRFN 2018000063022 in the Office of the Queens County Clerk, on the February 22, 2018. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed September 12, 2018 and recorded on October 17, 2018, in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York, Queens County at CRFN 2018000344117; The property in question is described as follows: 218-14 99TH AVENUE, QUEENS VILLAGE, NY 11429 HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The state encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York

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State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or the Foreclosure Relief Hotline 1-800-269-0990 or visit the department's website at WWW.DFS.NY.GOV. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLESS AND UNTIL YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD AT AUCTION PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOME, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY AND PAY PROPERTY TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. § 1303 NOTICE NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: February 11, 2022 Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 70995. 2/24,3/3,10&17/2022



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48-15 92ND STREET LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 1/13/22. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 61 Pawnee Dr., Commack, NY 11725. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 48-15 92nd St., Elmhurst, NY 11373. 1/27,2/3,10,17,24&3/3/2022

Notice of Formation of DJ TRST PRODUCTIONS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/24/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 13909 84th Drive, Apt. 211, Briarwood, NY 11435. Purpose: any lawful activities. 2/3,10,17,24,3/3&10/2022

Notice of Formation of KHAN GROUP USA LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/10/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 146-09 111th Avenue, 1st Floor, Jamaica, NY 11455. Purpose: any lawful activities. 2/3,10,17,24 ,3/3&10/2022

Notice of Formation of SEXEMEBOUTIQUE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/26/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 6260 99th Street, Rego Park, NY 11374. Purpose: any lawful activities. 2/24,3/3,10,17,24&31/2022

KC DECOR LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/14/22. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 35-54 29th Street, Astoria, NY 11106. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 2/17,24,3/3,10,17&24/2022

Maple Center Realty LLC, Arts of Org filed with SSNY on 02/02/22. Office Location: Queens County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 4923 Cloverdale Blvd, Oakland Gardens, NY 11364. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act. 2/24,3/3,10,17,24&31/2022

Notice of Formation of JPKREATIONS & EVENT RENTALS, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/03/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 171-15 144th Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11434. Purpose: any lawful activities. 2/17,24,3/3,10,17&24/2022

### Meng Announces Daughter of Anti-Asian Hate Crime Victim From Queens Was Her Virtual Guest at President Biden's State of The Union Address



Pictured above (r to l) is Rep. Grace Meng and Maggie Cheng, daughter of GuiYing Ma, a 62-year-old Asian woman who was attacked last year by a man with a rock; they spoke virtually at this year's State of the Union.

*Congresswoman brings Maggie Cheng whose mother was violently shoved to the ground outside a Flushing bakery in an anti-Asian hate crime. The Congresswoman and Ms. Cheng hope to bring attention to the lived reality of anti-Asian hate and violence.*

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens), Vice Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, announced that Maggie Cheng, whose mother suffered a violent hate crime attack last year in Flushing, Queens, was the Congresswoman's virtual guest for President Biden's State of the Union address.

Last year, Cheng was outspoken on social media and in the Queens community following the attack on her mother. The daughter's advocacy aided police in tracking down the assailant, Patrick Mateo, by posting pictures and videos of the attack on social media. Mateo was indicted by a Queens County grand jury on a hate crime, aggravated harassment in the second degree, assault in the third degree and harassment in the second degree.

Cheng's advocacy also prompted her brother's friend, actress Olivia Munn, to post on social media in support of Cheng's mother, helping to bring the issue of the attacks and violence towards Asian Americans to the national spotlight.

"No person deserves to live in fear of physical attacks, but sadly, fear is the state of the union for many in the Asian American

community. Asian Americans continue to be victims of senseless violence, as we are scapegoated for the spread of COVID-19. Despite the ongoing attacks, I have witnessed immense solidarity and support from communities across our nation. For Maggie Cheng and her family, this sense of community – which came through social media – was essential in bringing her mother's attacker to justice. I am grateful to the Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz and the officers at the 109th Precinct for their dedication in ensuring justice is served," said Congresswoman Meng. "There is no doubt that there is still more work to be done to combat anti-Asian hate and bigotry. I applaud President Biden for helping move these issues forward by signing my COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act into law, and I look forward to partnering with the President to further combat anti-Asian hate."

"I am honored to join Congresswoman Meng as her virtual guest for this year's State of the Union address. As violent attacks against Asian Americans continue, we must stand united against hate crimes. They have no place in our country," said Maggie Cheng. "My mother was attacked because she is Asian, and thanks to the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act that Rep. Meng wrote, the perpetrator will be held accountable for his crime. I am grateful to both President Biden and Congresswoman Meng for their continued support in protecting Asian Americans across the country and combating anti-Asian hate."



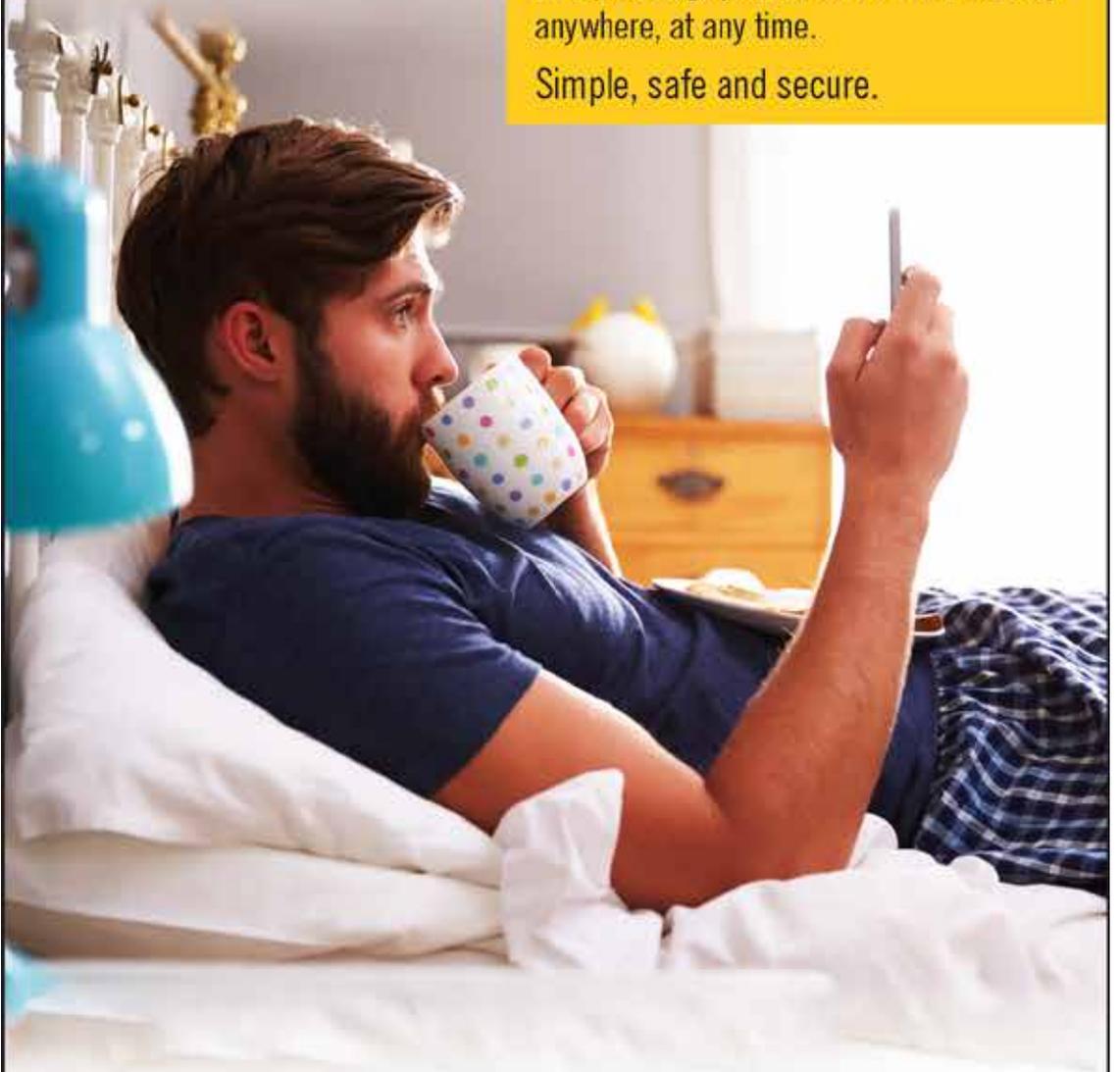
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