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## Attorney General James Warns New Yorkers of Potential Price Gouging of Fuel Following President Biden's Ban on Russian Oil

*AG James to Oil Companies and Gas Stations: Price Gouging Will Not be Tolerated*

In response to U.S. President Joe Biden's announcement today that the United States will ban imports of Russian oil, natural gas, and coal, New York Attorney Letitia James warned oil companies and gas stations that price gouging is illegal and reminded New Yorkers to be on alert for potential price gouging of fuel. Russia is one of the world's largest producers of energy, and as a result of these sanctions, New Yorkers should prepare for continued market disruptions, potentially inflated prices at the pump, and ensure that they know their rights. New York law prohibits sellers of fuel and other vital and necessary goods from charging unconscionably excessive prices during an abnormal market disruption, including disruptions caused by world conflicts. New York consumers who experience dramatic increases in the price of gasoline or fuel should report these incidents to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG).

"President Biden is taking critical and necessary action to hold Russia accountable for this unprovoked invasion that has claimed thousands of Ukrainian lives," said Attorney Gen-

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## Meng Meets With President Biden And Vice President Harris at White House to Talk About Priorities of Asian American Community



Congresswoman Meng outside the White House after CAPAC meeting with the President and Vice President is pictured with Reps. Judy Chu (CAPAC Chair), Mark Takano (CAPAC Second Vice-Chair) and Ted Lieu (CAPAC Whip). See story on page 2.

## Annual St. Pat's For All Parade in Sunnyside-Woodside



Pictured above at the Annual St. Pat's For All Parade in Sunnyside-Woodside is NYC Councilmember Lynn Schulman; NYC Councilmember Tiffany Cabán; NYC Comptroller Brad Lander; Congresswoman Grace Meng; NYC Councilmember Julie Won; Queens Borough President Donovan Richards; Irish Consul General Helena Nolan; US Senator Chuck Schumer; NY State Attorney-General Letitia James; Lieutenant Governor Benjamin; and NYS Senator Jessica Ramos. Not pictured but in attendance was NYC Council members Crystal Hudson, Mercedes Narcisse, Linda Lee, Shekar Krishnan, Rita Joseph Sandra Ung, Amanda Farias, Marjorie Velasquez, and Juston Brannon, former Councilman Danny Dromm, Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, NYS Comptroller Tom DiNapoli, NY State Assemblyman David Weprin, former NYC Councilmember Elizabeth Crowley, NYS Michael Gianaris and Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz. Photo by Walter Karling

## US Sen. Schumer, Rep. Meng, Transit Riders, Disability Rights Activists Rally



The rally was held to Advance a #RidersAgenda for Federal Infrastructure Spending On Accessible Subway Stations, More Frequent Transit Service

With billions of dollars for improvements, the 2021 Investment in Infrastructure and Jobs Act affords state leaders the unique opportunity to accelerate the installation of new elevators at more subway stations, run more frequent subways and buses. See story on page 2.

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# Attorney General James Warns New Yorkers of Potential Price Gouging of Fuel Following President Biden's Ban on Russian Oil

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eral James. "This newest round of sanctions could impact New Yorkers, so we are reminding companies that price gouging is illegal and ensuring that consumers take precautions to protect themselves and their wallets. Anyone who has experienced issues relating to the price gouging

of fuel should contact my office, and we will continue to do everything in our power to protect consumers."

When reporting price gouging to OAG, consumers should:

- Report the specific increased prices, the dates, and places that they saw the increased prices, and the types of fuel being sold;
- Provide copies of their sales

receipts and photos of the advertised prices, if available; and  
• Buy only as much fuel as they need and not to stock up out of fear of a potential future shortage.

New Yorkers should report potential concerns about price gouging to OAG  
<https://formsnym.ag.ny.gov/OAGOnlineSubmissionForm/faces/OAGPGCHome>

# Meng Meets With President Biden And Vice President Harris at White House to Talk About Priorities of Asian American Community

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**Congresswoman discusses her efforts to combat anti-Asian hate and establish a national Asian Pacific American museum; Meng meets with President and V.P. as part of meeting with leadership of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus**

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY) met with President Biden, Vice President Harris and White House senior advisors to discuss pressing issues impacting the Asian American community. Meng met alongside other members of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), of which she serves as the First Vice Chair.

"I was pleased to meet with

President Biden and Vice President Harris today to raise issues impacting the AAPI community across the country," said Meng. "The AAPI community has battled the rising hate directed at us since the start of the COVID-19 crisis, due to being scapegoated for the pandemic by the former president. This hate has continued to increase as brutal attacks on AAPI individuals persist. However, we have excellent allies in the Biden-Harris Administration who have worked alongside us to pass my COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act, and are continuing to invest critical resources into our communities. I also look forward to working with the President and Vice President on my efforts to establish a national museum dedicated to AAPI history and culture, and promoting the teach-

ing of AAPI history. While we still have a long way to go, meetings like today are an important step toward lasting change."

Last May, President Biden signed Meng's COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act into law which directs the Department of Justice to expeditiously review hate crimes related to COVID-19 and work with community-based organizations to combat anti-Asian hate crimes and incidents, among other things.

In addition, Meng reintroduced her bill this year to establish a commission to study the feasibility of creating a national museum that would be dedicated to preserving the history, culture and accomplishments of AAPIs. She also reintroduced legislation to promote the teaching of AAPI history in schools.

# US Sen. Schumer, Rep. Meng, Transit Riders, Disability Rights Activists Rally

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United States Senator Chuck Schumer, Representative Grace Meng (D-Queens), subway riders, and disability rights activists rallied at the inaccessible Rego Park 63rd Drive train station on the M and R subway lines, urging New York State to take the opportunity offered by the federal Investment in Infrastructure and Jobs Act of 2021 to accelerate accessible station upgrades and fund related rider priorities including more frequent public transit service.

Sen. Schumer and Rep. Meng were joined by members and leaders of the grassroots Riders Alliance and representatives of many of the city's leading disability rights and civic advocacy organizations, including New York Lawyers for the Public Interest, Rise and Resist-Elevator Action Group, Straphangers Campaign, UPSTAND, and District Manager Frank P. Gulluscio from Queens Community Board 6. Speakers urged state leaders to invest federal infrastructure funding in more station elevators and more frequent buses and trains.

"As money from the federal infrastructure bill continues to flow to New York, it is critical for the city and state to make sure that funding is directed towards installing elevators at the Queens subway and LIRR stations that need them," said Congresswoman Meng. "All of my constituents deserve easy access to our subway and LIRR stops. They should not be out of reach to anybody. It is time to finally ensure equal access

to our mass transit system."

"Federal infrastructure funding is a unique opportunity for Governor Hochul to invest in transit riders' top priorities," said Riders Alliance Senior Organizer Danna Dennis. "The governor should double down on the expansion of subway accessibility and ensure that riders have access to affordable and frequent public transit service as we recover from the pandemic. Unlike major infrastructure projects that take years or decades to finish, the governor can start running buses and trains every six minutes by the fall. With the right investments in this state budget, Governor Hochul can transform the transit system and the lives of millions of people who depend on it, in just a matter of months."

Last fall, Congress passed a record-setting federal infrastructure bill. It will send an estimated \$11 billion to the MTA and \$4.6 billion more to the state highway system than the previous highway bill, enacted in 2015. Governor Hochul has accordingly announced major transit infrastructure investments at Penn Station and the Second Avenue Subway extension to East Harlem. She has also proposed a \$32.5 billion state Department of Transportation capital program, 40% larger than the previous program, inflated by federal aid. With the subway system still inaccessible to half a million people who can't climb stairs, speakers note, station elevators should really be a top state priority for spending the new federal funds.

Without a plan yet in place to spend all of that highway money in the NYS DOT capital program, many advocates also argue that expansion projects should be nixed, postponed, or otherwise deprioritized in order to deal with the most pressing challenges facing the city's public transit system. MTA services, relied on by millions of people every day, face a multi-billion dollar operating budget shortfall once federal pandemic emergency aid runs out.

While federal infrastructure dollars are primarily for major capital projects like tunnels, stations, signals and elevators throughout the transit system, record amounts of highway aid also make it possible to move state transportation funds to meet pressing rider demands for more frequent service.

Highway widening projects have been criticized for exacerbating urban sprawl, climate change, and racial divisions, prompting Governor Hochul to announce that she will remove highways and reconnect communities across several upstate cities. With many widenings still on the drawing board downstate, however, advocates argue that the transit system's revival is a priority that must come first.

Investments in subways and buses that run every six minutes, seven days a week, to bring back riders and improve MTA revenue projections, advance equity, and fight climate change – just like an accessible subway system, speakers noted – cannot come soon enough.

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## Senator Sanders is Seeking Candidates for the New York State Veterans Hall of Fame

**DEADLINE IS MARCH 25, 2022, SO HURRY!**

Marine Corps Veteran and Senator James Sanders Jr. is seeking nominees to be honored in the New York State Veterans Hall of Fame and we need your help.

Every year senators from across the state are asked to select a veteran from their district to be inducted into the Veterans Hall of Fame. The honor was created to recognize and celebrate outstanding service members from the Empire State who have distinguished themselves both in military and civilian life.

If you are a veteran or you know a veteran that would like to be considered for this honor please have them contact Senator Sanders' Office at 718-523-3069

There are a few rules ... Candidates **MUST** live in Senator Sanders' District.

If you are unsure if the candidate lives in the district, you can check by entering their address at the link below:

<https://www.nysenate.gov/find-my-senator>

Candidates must have completed their military service.

Candidates must provide a bio of 350 words or more and a high resolution headshot photo, as well as state their rank and file at the time of military service completion.

Please email the information to [costella@nysenate.gov](mailto:costella@nysenate.gov)

Awards can be given posthumously, however the candidate must have lived in the district at the time of his or her passing.

All eligible candidates will

be considered, however only one will be chosen as the official nominee to be inducted into the Veterans Hall of Fame.

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## QBP Richards Launches Donation Drive to Collect Medical Supplies For Ukrainian Families in Need

With the Russian government's unjust and horrific war inflicting catastrophic damage on Ukraine and its people, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. today launched a donation drive to collect medical supplies for those who remain in Ukraine under daily, deadly threat of bombardment and violence.

"In less than two weeks, Vladimir Putin's vile and illegal invasion of Ukraine has already claimed thousands of lives and forced more than 1 million innocent families to flee their beloved homeland. Those who have remained in Ukraine are in desperate need of medical supplies, especially as the Russian government recklessly escalates its brutality against the local population," said Borough Presi-

dent RICHARDS. "The Queens Borough President's Office is proud to do our part and help collect critically important medical supplies, and we encourage all Queens residents to consider donating in support of the proud and courageous Ukrainian people who have inspired us all."

Starting today, March 7, donations of first-aid kits, bandages, gauze, tourniquets and over-the-counter medications Aspirin, Acetaminophen and Ibuprofen will be accepted at Queens Borough Hall, located at 120-55 Queens Boulevard in Kew Gardens. Donations can be dropped off in a box located on the first floor of Borough Hall next to the security desk in the lobby, just inside the building's main entrance on Queens Boulevard. The lobby is

open 24 hours a day.

Items collected this week during the drive, launched with the help of Kevin Ly and Amanda Deebrah of Borough President Richards' Queens General Assembly, will be delivered to the NYPD, which is conducting an identical donation drive at all 77 precincts through March 11. The Queens Borough President's Office will continue to accept donations after March 11, with the goal of sharing collected items with a verified non-profit organization working on the ground in Ukraine.

Queens Borough Hall can easily be reached by mass transit by taking the E or F subway lines to the Kew Gardens-Union Turnpike subway station or by taking the Q10, Q37 or Q60 buses.

## Joint Statement by Council Speaker Adrienne E. Adams And Education Committee Chair Rita Joseph on Chancellor David Banks' Address Outlining Vision For NYC Schools

"Providing every student with the quality education and academic opportunities necessary to succeed in life is one of the Council's highest priorities. We support the Chancellor's vision of committing more support for students, engaging with parents, and reforming the Department of Education to be less bureaucratic and more accessible to educators and students alike. We were encouraged to see more attention directed to closing the digital divide, serving nutritious and healthy meals to students, and

expanding Civic Education and Career and Technical Education (CTE). The Council looks forward to reviewing these proposals and learning more details about how the Chancellor and DOE plan to achieve the goals they outlined today. New York City is the largest school system in the country, and we strongly believe that this reform will put us on track to be not only the biggest but the best school system in the country. We hope to work in close partnership with the Mayor and Chancellor to truly make that a reality."

## Statement by NYC Council Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Chairwoman Selvena N. Brooks-Powers regarding DOF further incentivizing its Stipulated Parking Fine Program

"Parking violations by delivery trucks impact all of us: they can snarl traffic, block buses, and put cyclists and pedestrians in danger. The Finance Department's Stipulated Parking Fine Program, offering discounted fines to big delivery companies for various parking violations, is already an inequitable incentive to ignore our City's traffic rules. We have to move away from placing the brunt of financial burdens on

everyday New Yorkers and our city's small businesses while big corporations get a break. Increasing discounts will only encourage parking violations and make street conditions worse for everyone. The Department of Finance's action to increase discounts without any public rationale raises major flags and needs to be explained and reconsidered to ensure we are prioritizing safety, equity and the well-being of our city."

## Attempted Theft of Blessed Mother Statue at Queens Catholic Church

The Diocese of Brooklyn is working with the 103rd Precinct of the New York City Police Department following an attempted robbery this past weekend at St. Gerard Majella in the Hollis section of Queens.

On Sunday morning, a man tried to steal the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary from the lawn outside the parish rectory, removing the Marian statue from the grotto. Surveillance video shows the man entering the gate, lifting the statue over his shoulder, and exiting the property.

The video then shows him throwing the statue back into the rectory garden moments later after a neighbor and motion light deterred him. There was no damage to the statue.

"Sunday morning, as we started opening up the church to welcome

people to pray in a special way for peace in the world, and blessings during this Lenten season, a disturbed person attempted to steal our welcoming statue of Mother Mary. Thankfully, due to our good neighbors in Hollis, this person did not succeed. This incident is sad, and a bit scary, but is a lesson for all of us that even in those dark and frightening moments God is protecting us. The light of Easter will always shine on us and Mother Mary will always guide us as individuals and as a community," said Father Josephjude C. Gannon, Pastor of St. Gerard Majella.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-577-TIPS.

St. Gerard Majella is located at 188-16 91st Avenue in Hollis, Queens.

## Queens Resident Honored For Alzheimer's Advocacy Work

**Advocate Roberta Morris Named 2022 Frank Carlino Award Winner**

The Alzheimer's Association announces that Alzheimer's advocate Roberta Morris of Queens, NY, is the recipient of the Frank Carlino Award in recognition of her determined advocacy on behalf of New Yorkers impacted by Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

Roberta Morris began her advocacy with the Alzheimer's Association in 2019 when she took on the role of Ambassador for Representative Grace Meng (NY-6). Alzheimer's Ambassadors are grassroots volunteers for the Alzheimer's Impact Movement—the advocacy arm of the Alzheimer's Association. In her role, Ms. Morris developed a productive working relationship with Representative's Meng and her staff, providing timely information on ways to increase research funding and improve care and support for constituents affected by Alzheimer's. After a move a short distance away, Ms. Morris was surprised to learn she now lived in the district of Representative Thomas Suozzi (NY-3). She didn't hesitate to volunteer as the

new Ambassador for Representative Suozzi and to transition a replacement for her former district. Ms. Morris also joined the advocate team for Senator Charles Schumer.

Ms. Morris became aware of Alzheimer's and dementia at a very early age. When she was eight years old, she joined her mother as a caregiver for her grandmother, who had dementia. These early experiences led her to become an advocate for people impacted by Alzheimer's and to dedicate her career to fostering health and well-being. She is a certified health coach with her own practice that focuses on wellness for women in midlife.

Roberta Morris explains, "I remember how difficult caregiving was for my family, particularly my mother. Women are most affected by Alzheimer's and other kinds of dementia. We are likely to be diagnosed with these diseases and to be unpaid family caregivers." She continues, "I saw firsthand the toll the disease took of my grandmother and my mother. They inspire me today in my advocacy work and in my wellness practice. My hope is for everyone to age well and to lead vibrant, positive, energetic lives.

I am honored to receive the Frank Carlino Award and to continue his legacy of service."

In the early 2000s, Frank Carlino of Cornwall, New York, became the face of Alzheimer's at a time when people with the disease did not speak out about it. He was diagnosed with early-stage Alzheimer's in his late 50s and shared his experience living with the disease in a variety of public settings—including testimony before Congress in 2000. His work led to the establishment of the Alzheimer's Association's Early Stage Task Force. He lived with Alzheimer's for many years before his death from lung cancer at age 67.

The Frank Carlino Award celebrates his visionary spirit and is given each year to recognize an advocate in New York State who exemplifies the qualities of dedicated perseverance and creativity that help people with Alzheimer's and their families.

Christopher Smith, executive director of the Alzheimer's Association, New York City Chapter, says, "We are delighted to present this year's Carlino Award to Roberta Morris. She jumped into

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## Statement from COVID-19 Recovery & Resiliency Chair Francisco Moya Regarding Mayor Eric Adams' Announcement on the Suspension of the Key to NYC Program and the Removal of Indoor Mask Mandates in City Public Schools for K-12 Students

With NYC Mayor Adams suspending the Key to NYC program and lifting the indoor mask mandate for city public school K-12 students, Council Member Francisco Moya, chair of the Subcommittee on COVID-19 Recovery

and Resiliency, issued the following statement.

"COVID-19 has been ever-evolving forcing us to constantly adjust but we are resilient. Two years ago we did not have the tools and lessons learned to protect ourselves

and others. As we move forward, we need to continue to monitor the trends and new variants to ensure we can pivot as needed to protect our most vulnerable communities, our families, our local businesses, and the recovery of our city."

## QBP Donovan Richards on Temporary Protected Status Declaration For Ukrainian Nationals

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. stated the following in response to the Biden Administration's March 3 declaration of Temporary Protected Status for Ukrainian nationals in the United States for the next 18 months, in the wake of Russia's vicious and deadly invasion of Ukraine.

"Queens welcomes with open arms all Ukrainian families flee-

ing Vladimir Putin's horrific and vile war, which in just one week has claimed thousands of lives and displaced more than 1 million innocent people. Queens also stands in firm solidarity with all our Ukrainian American neighbors who are already in the United States, and we applaud President Biden for quickly extending Temporary Protected Status protections to those individuals," said

Borough President RICHARDS. "There is no more diverse or welcoming place in the world than The World's Borough, and Queens stands ready to proudly welcome any Ukrainian refugee seeking the safety and security they deserve. We will stop at no length to ensure families fleeing war are given the support structure they need during this unimaginably difficult crisis."

## Assemblyman Colton Signs on to a Letter to State Comptroller Dinapoli Requesting His Office to Take Actions Regarding Divestment From Certain Russian State-Owned Investments And Assets

Assemblyman William Colton (D – Gravesend, Bensonhurst, Bath Beach, and Dyker Heights) joined his colleagues in signing a letter circulated by assembly member Ken Zebrowski to State Comptroller DiNapoli requesting his office to take actions regarding divestment from certain Russian state-owned investments and assets.

The letter requests that the Office of State Comptroller immediately begin divesting from any company or individual (blocked persons), including businesses owned by such individuals, who are subject to sanctions by the federal government. As of March

31, 2021, the Common Retirement Fund invested in at least two Russian state-owned enterprises, Sberbank of Russia (\$50.4 million) and Rosneft OJSC (\$8.5 million).

The letter also suggests that the state-owned enterprise definition be developed in order to identify any entities, not currently subject to sanctions by the federal government that are Russian state-owned enterprises and divest from such entities. Also, an investment policy should be created which will guide investment managers, consultants, and any other individual or entity who is responsible for investing retirement funds to avoid any investments that are

Russian state-owned enterprises.

"I believe that this is an appropriate decision in response to the Russian Federation for unprovoked and violent attacks against Ukraine and its citizens. The world cannot be silent to aggressors like Putin. His actions must not only be condemned by the world but a way must be found to stop him. We are praying for the families in Ukraine who are being subjected to a war waged by a tyrant. Russian Federation has blatantly invaded Ukraine, without any provocation, subjecting millions of people to harm, with his brutal thirst for power," Colton stated.

## Senate Passes Chair Maloney and Ranking Member Comer's Bipartisan Postal Service Reform Act

Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney, Chairwoman of the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and Rep. James Comer, Ranking Member of the Committee on Oversight and Reform, issued the following statements after the Senate passed the historic Postal Service Reform Act in a bipartisan vote of 79-19:

"The Postal Service Reform Act now goes to the President's desk for signature," said Chairwoman Maloney. "The bill's historic bipartisan votes in both the House and the Senate are proof that preserving and strengthening the Postal Service transcends political parties. I am proud to have worked hand-in-hand with Ranking Member Comer, Chairwoman Peters, and Ranking Member Portman to save the Postal Service. I am confident that this historic reform will help the Postal Service to serve all Americans for generations to come."

"With today's Senate vote, postal reform has been signed, sealed, and delivered to the American people. All Americans, whether they live in rural communities or

big cities, rely on the Postal Service, so it's in everyone's interest to see it succeed in this mission," said Ranking Member Comer. "The bipartisan Postal Service Reform Act, coupled with Postmaster General DeJoy's reform plan, modernizes USPS to ensure it operates like a 21st century business that provides reliable service to the American people. I'm proud of the bipartisan work Chairwoman Maloney and I have accomplished and look forward to the bill becoming law."

The Postal Service's financial condition has been deteriorating over the past decade due to a number of factors. The provisions included in the Postal Service Reform Act are critical to helping the Postal Service remain financially viable and ensuring it provides the high quality of service Americans expect and deserve. These provisions include Medicare integration, repealing a requirement for the Postal Service to pre-fund retiree health benefits, increased transparency of delivery service, reporting on Postal Service operations and

finances, a requirement that the Postal Service deliver mail six days per week, and other matters.

On February 8, 2022, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Postal Service Reform Act in a bipartisan vote of 342-92.

Committee Members Reps. Gerald E. Connolly, Virginia Foxx, Stephen F. Lynch, and Brenda L. Lawrence contributed substantially to the development of the Postal Service Reform Act.

The following groups have endorsed the bill: The Greeting Card Association; Keep Us Posted; the National Association of Postal Supervisors; Sylvamo; Amazon; Hallmark Cards; the National Rural Letter Carrier Association; National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE); National Postal Mail Handlers Association; Publishers Clearing House; the Vermont Country Store; King Arthur Flour; Gardener's Supply Company; National Association of Letter Carriers; American Postal Workers Union; Package Shipping

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### It's In Queens This Week! (March 10 to March 16)

With Spring in sight, Queens hosts a mix of openings and brand new entertainment with classic and annual events. Music leads the way with visual art, theater, poetry, funny tales and delicious food close behind.

- March 10, You Give Me Fever: The Peggy Lee Songbook, 7 pm. Barbara Rosene, who specializes in music from the 1920s and 1930s, jams with Conal Fowkes (piano and acoustic bass), John Merrill (guitar), Mike Hasim (saxophone), and Kevin Dorn (drums). With her passionate voice, this band hails a pop figure whose career spanned seven decades. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.
- March 10, Author Talk at the Castle, 7 pm. Local artist, author, photographer, and poet Vincent J. Tomeo discusses "My Cemetery Friends: A Garden of Encounters at Mount St. Mary in Queens, New York." Through verse, this book honors those interred in the graveyard and those who stroll through it. Bayside Historical Society, 208 Totten Ave.
- March 10, Queens Storytellers, March 24. Queens Theatre streams a virtual program with great raconteurs that might talk about crazy characters, wacky ideas, romances gone bad, and dysfunctional families. Shows are Thursdays at 7 pm with host David Lawson, who founded the Astoria Bookshop Storytelling Show. The March 10 episode features Willy Mosquera, Rachna Hukmani, Calvin Cato, and Jean Le Bec. Free, but advanced reservation is required.
- March 10, Thursday Night Jazz: Adi Meyerson, 8 pm. Bassist, bandleader, and composer Adi Meyerson offers an exciting performance. Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning, 161-04 Jamaica Ave.
- March 11, Second Look: Selections from a Decade of First Look, March 13. A five-film review of former First Look programs that includes a movie about Ukraine and another one about Russian strongman Vladimir Putin. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.
- March 12, Wintercon, March 13. In Queens for the seventh year, this annual expo mixes cosplay with movie screenings, merchandise, panels, contests, and Sci-Fi celebrities in a giddy, upbeat atmosphere. The Cosplay Contest is on March 12. The Eternal Con Kids Costumer Showcase is on March 13. Resorts World New York City, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.
- March 12, Imperfect Momentum, 7 pm. Violinist Ariel Horowitz and pianist Alexa Stier present a duo recital of works by Eleanor Alberga, Jennifer Higdon and Errollyn Wallen, and others. A Q&A follows. The Box Factory, 1519 Decatur St., Ridgewood.
- March 13, India Meets Egypt, 1 pm. One side plays. The other side plays. Then, they jam together. Falu is a Grammy-nominated artist who seamlessly blends a signature modern inventive style with classically-shaped Indian vocals. Sami Abu Shumays is an Arabic violinist, vocalist, and rababa player, co-founder and musical director of the band Zikrayat, and a teacher and scholar of maqam and Arabic music. Streaming and live. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.
- March 13, Spring Exhibitions Opening, 2 pm. Walk around a check out the new displays, including Stephanie Dinkins's "On Love and Data," Suzanne Lacy's "The Medium is Not the Only Message," and Christine Sun Kim's "Time Owes Me Rest Again." Queens Museum, NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.
- March 13, Purple Park Comedy, 7 pm. This monthly show, which is named after an area in Astoria Park, features diverse and hilarious jokesters. QED Astoria, 27-16 23rd Ave.
- March 14, Tom Crean: Antarctic Explorer, 7 pm. Aidan Dooley offers a humorous solo performance about Tom Crean, the intrepid explorer who is one of the Emerald Isle's unsung heroes. New York Irish Center, 10-40 Jackson Ave., Long Island City.
- March 15, The 26th Annual Evening of Fine Good, 6:30 pm. Local restaurants provide samples, comedians Suzanne Windland and Usama Siddiquee tell jokes, Apollo Riego performs magic, Jim Altamore does Frank Sinatra, and DJ Mike Kouros spins the tunes. Terrace on the Park, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.
- March 15, Music Makers: Shabnam Abedi, 7 pm. Queens College alum Shabnam Abedi shows her vocal versatility while playing North Indian, Classical, and Jazz music during this virtual Kupferberg Center for the Arts concert.
- March 16, First Look 2002, March 20. This eleventh version of an international festival introduces audiences to inventive movies in a wide range of subjects and styles. The schedule includes 18 features representing more than 30 countries along with workshops and discussions. Two examples are Antoneta Alamat Kusijanovic's "Murina," a coming-of-age tale set in coastal Croatia, and Pawel Lozinski's "The Balcony Movie," a documentary shot entirely from the balcony of the Polish director's apartment in Warsaw. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.
- March 16, A Journey Through the Making of Hidden Heroes, 7 pm. Queens songwriters King Willy (aka Queens Theatre Front of House Manager Willy Mosquera) and Chris Lozada created "Hidden Heroes," a song dedicated to first responders, essential workers, and others who battled the pandemic. The music video premieres during this virtual event that includes a special panel discussion about the stories behind the song.

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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 payoff, 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?**

- Every single possible 3 character .com domain has been registered
- The word 'uncopyrightable' is the is the only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating any letter
- The word 'testify' derived from a time when men were required to swear on their testicles
- The word typewriter is the longest word that can be typed using only the top row of a keyboard
- That you can spell the word 'level' the same backwards
- Madonna and Michael Jackson were both born in 1958
- Almonds are members of the peach family
- An egg contains every vitamin except vitamin C
- Owls can't move their eyes from side to side
- You take over 23,000 breaths everyday
- Gold never erodes
- Scorpions glow under ultra violet light
- When water freezes it expands by 9%
- Ants stretch when they wake up in the morning
- Your foot and your forearm are the same length
- Diamonds are the hardest natural substance
- There is no sound in space

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**Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles**

**"Sudoku"**

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**"Crossword Puzzle"**

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**"Try And Find"**

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**TRY AND FIND**

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**Across** A Fever Against Along Away  
**Catch - Kiss** Down For Cover For The Roses Into  
**Low On** Of The Mill On Sentence Ragged Rings Around  
**Riot** Short Through To Seed Wild

**SUDOKU**

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**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

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- ACROSS**
- Confronted
  - Fortuneteller's card
  - Shade of white
  - Stain black
  - Look around casually
  - Prevaricated
  - Record (abbrev.)
  - Gallivant
  - Delay
  - Nursemaid
  - Delight
  - Fit
  - 20th-century art movement
  - Walk in water
  - Corporate image
  - Kiss
  - An uncle
  - A boneless steak
  - Loose high-necked blouse
  - Winged
  - East southeast
  - Sandwich shop
  - Not aft
  - French for "Head"
  - Ends a prayer
  - Attired
  - Cogitate
  - Eastern discipline
  - Buffoon
  - Seductive looking woman
  - Buff
  - Green gems
  - Narrate
  - Final
  - Hunger for
  - Chip dip
  - Infections of the eye
- DOWN**
- He fights blazes
  - Popular salad ingredient
  - Bovine
  - At one time (archaic)
  - One who colors cloth
  - A Native American tent
  - Humiliate
  - Thorny flower
  - Half of two
  - Cultivated land
  - Fanatic
  - Border
  - Slender nails
  - Gnus
  - A long-legged S. American bird
  - Gaunt
  - Day off
  - Used to be
  - Cover
  - Run away
  - Consumed food
  - Daisylike bloom
  - Ablaze
  - Low leather step-in shoes
  - Characterized by emotion
  - Emissaries
  - Absurd
  - Treeless Arctic plain
  - College girl
  - Boys or men
  - Letters, etc.
  - Circle fragments
  - Sassy
  - Ribonucleic acid
  - Islet
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## Council Members Linda Lee And Shaun Abreu Elected as Vice-Chairs of The Black, Latino, and Asian Caucus (BLAC)

New York City Council Members Linda Lee (D- Oakland Gardens) and Shaun Abreu (D- Upper Manhattan) were elected by their colleagues to serve as Vice-Chairs of the Black, Latino, and Asian Caucus of the New York City Council.

"I'm so honored that my colleagues elected me to serve as the Vice-Chair for the Black, Latino, and Asian Caucus alongside Council Member Abreu," said Council Member Lee who is the first Korean American elected to City Council and Asian-American to represent District 23. "Especially at a time when the AAPI community feels threatened and under attack, we must send a message that everyone who calls this City home stands side-by-side with them in solidarity. We have a ton of work to do building bridges between our communities, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to build a more united NYC."

Linda Lee will be the second Asian American City Council Member to serve on the Executive Committee of the Black, Latino, and Asian Caucus, following former Council Member Peter Koo who served as the Treasurer of the Caucus until 2021.

"I'm thrilled to join Council Member Lee as Vice-Chair of the Black, Latino, and Asian Caucus," said Council Member Shaun Abreu, who is the first Latino to represent District 7 in Manhattan. "Our caucus has a critical responsibility to amplify the voices of traditionally marginalized groups at a time when hate and inequality are on the rise. As representatives of the most diverse Council in the City's history, we have a unique opportunity to join together and address the issues that have long plagued communities of color, including educational inequity, the lack of affordable housing, a broken criminal justice system, and urgent mental health and substance use crises. I can't wait to get to work."

Lee and Abreu succeed Council Members Francisco Moya



and Farah Louis who served as Vice-Chairs of the Caucus from 2019-2021. The Caucus, whose 31 members make it the largest in the City Council, works to protect, advocate for, and empower residents and communities of color in New York City through legislation, public policy, and funding. The Caucus is tasked with submitting an annual list of funding priority recommendations to the New York City Council Speaker's office so that the budget will address the needs of organizations that serve the Black, Latino, and Asian Caucus's constituency. In Fiscal Year 2022, BLAC secured and distributed \$16.3 million in funding for capital projects across the City. Additionally, the Caucus allocated \$780,000 in funding as part of the Speaker's Initiative to Address Citywide Needs to support services for seniors, workforce development, and mentorship programs for at-risk youth. BLAC also advocated for the creation of a new \$4 million AAPI Community Support initiative to provide mental health services and literacy programs through culturally and linguistically competent non-profit groups, and fund anti-bias and hate crime-related funding.

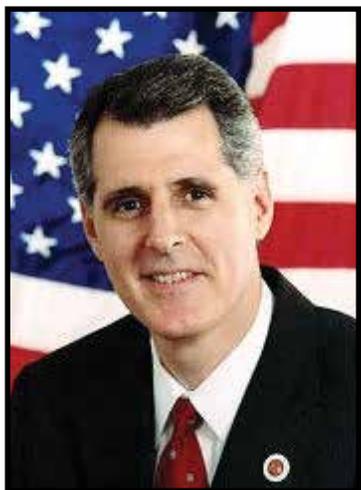
Linda Lee represents the twenty-third Council District in Eastern Queens and serves as Chair of the New York City Council's Committee on Mental Health, Addictions, and Disabilities. She also co-Chairs the New York City Council Queens Delegation. District 23 is the second-most

diverse district in New York City, with approximately 45% of residents being of Asian-American background, predominantly split evenly between East Asian and South Asian communities.

Prior to taking office, Lee was the President/CEO of Korean Community Services, New York's first community-based social service organization dedicated to serving the Korean-American community. KCS provides workforce development, senior care, healthcare, mental health, immigration, and other social services to thousands of clients daily, and since the pandemic began, KCS has been on the frontlines helping community members receive unemployment benefits, PPP loans, COVID tests, and vaccinations. Under Lee's leadership, the White House named KCS as a Champion of Change in 2014 for its work around the Affordable Care Act. Lee also spearheaded the creation of the only State-licensed Article 31 Mental Health Clinic serving the Korean-American community operating in New York. Lee received her Master in Social Work from Columbia University's School of Social Work, and her Bachelor of Arts from Barnard College. Lee also serves on the Committees on Aging, Contracts, Education, General Welfare, Parks and Recreation, Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Subcommittee on Senior Centers and Food Insecurity.

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## Council Member James F. Gennaro Statement on Violent Attack on Bangladeshi Constituent Last Week



"Last week, a Bangladeshi constituent of mine was the victim of a vicious, hateful unprovoked attack on a subway platform in Brooklyn in which he was beaten so badly his eyes were swollen shut. Transit officers have detained a suspect in

this horrific crime. Our office will not disclose the name of the victim out of respect for his privacy. I went to visit this victim at his home after his release from the hospital, and his family begged me to do whatever I could to make our subways and streets safer. We need to do more to keep New Yorkers safe — especially in our subway system, where crime is running rampant. I stand in solidarity with our Bangladeshi community and all NYC residents who demand enhanced public safety. And I stand shoulder to shoulder with Mayor Adams in strong support of his public safety blueprint. The Mayor's number one demand is that NY State finally allow judges to remand defendants based on their dangerousness to the community. The other 49 states and the federal government grant that discretion to judges, which is automatically appealed to another

judge for concurrence. NY State stands alone in its so-called progressive and 'woke' policy not to remand defendants who present a clear and present danger to law-abiding New Yorkers.

I urge Gov. Hochul and the State Legislators to put the safety of our State's residents ahead of their perverse policy to release and thereby enable clearly dangerous criminals to wreak more violence upon law-abiding New Yorkers. The blood of countless innocent victims is on the Governor's and the Legislature's hands, which they well know, but votes from the criminal-coddling progressive voting bloc are more important to the Governor and most State Legislators than keeping New Yorkers safe. They are literally buying votes with the blood of innocent New Yorkers. That is a crime. Shame on them."

## Suozzi: "Stop the Import of Russian Oil!"



**U.S. Buying of Russian oil is helping fund Putin's regime and unjust war on Ukraine**

Suozzi, Vice-Chair of the Problem Solvers Caucus, cosponsored the bipartisan the Ban Russian Energy Imports Act, legislation that matches companion Senate legislation to ban imports of Russian oil

Calls for steps to keep gas prices low, such as releasing oil from strategic oil reserves and for U.S. allies do the same, temporary suspend national and New York gas tax, and supporting increased domestic production

Congressman Tom Suozzi (D-New York) issued the following statement after he cosponsored bipartisan legislation that would ban the import of Russian oil into the United States.

"Stop the import of Russian oil! Putin is using energy as a tool to fund his unjust and inhumane war on Ukraine. Real energy security comes from the U.S. reducing our dependence on fossil fuels and foreign fuel. A ban on Russian oil will defund Putin's war and move our country toward energy independence. True energy independence will help lower energy costs for New Yorkers."

Vladimir Putin has used energy as a weapon of war. The U.S. in good faith can't support Putin's actions by continuing to buy energy from Russia. This import strategy puts American national security at risk and supports Vladimir Putin's ability to stay in power.

As Putin's forces continue their brutal invasion into Ukraine, the United States must stand strong against the Russian dictator. That

is why in Congress, Suozzi is leading the introduction of the Ban Russian Energy Imports Act, legislation that would prohibit the importation of Russian crude oil, petroleum, petroleum products, LNG, and coal into the United States. In addition, Suozzi is calling for additional steps to be taken to keep gas prices low, such as releasing oil from strategic oil reserves and for U.S. allies to do the same, temporarily suspend national and New York gas tax, and increase domestic production.

Specifically, the Ban Russian Energy Imports Act:

- Declares a national emergency specifically with respect to the threat to our national security, foreign policy, and economy that exists as a result of Russian aggression against Ukraine and directs the President to prohibit imports of crude oil, petroleum, petroleum products, LNG, and coal from Russia.

- The President has had the authority to take these actions since 1917; this legislation does not grant additional authority. This approach is modeled on the International Emergency Economic Powers Act.

- The ban would be in place during the national emergency, and either the President or Congress would be able to terminate the emergency and the import ban.

- The bill exempts product that is already loaded or in transit at the time of enactment.

U.S. production of natural gas and oil is rising and approaching record levels: More natural gas than ever has been produced this year and even with a global pandemic, more oil has been produced this past year than during the previous administration's first year. In fact, the U.S. was a net exporter of petroleum and petroleum products in each of the last two years and will be a net exporter of natural gas for years to come.

The only way to protect U.S. over the long term is to become energy independent. That is why the Suozzi is focused on deploying clean energy technologies that don't require fossil fuels bought and sold on the global market, which will always be vulnerable to bad actors such as Putin.

## Queens Resident Honored For Alzheimer's Advocacy Work

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**Roberta Morris**

advocacy with both feet and has demonstrated her flexibility and

positive spirit as advocacy became virtual during the pandemic. No matter the challenge, Roberta rises to it on behalf of every New York family affected by Alzheimer's or other dementia."

In New York State, there are more than 410,000 people living with Alzheimer's disease and 586,000 caregivers who provide 7.74 million hours of unpaid care to their loved ones with dementia valued at nearly \$15 million. Nationally, more than 6 million people are living with Alzheimer's and nearly two-thirds of them are women.



# Francis Lewis H.S. Wins New York City Business Plan Competition

Students To Advance to Virtual Enterprises' National Business Plan Competition in April

Virtual Enterprises International (VEI) announced today that the VE students from Francis Lewis High School in Queens have won the VE New York City-wide Business Plan Competition and are now finalists in VE's prestigious National Business Plan Competition (NBPC), scheduled for April 2022 in New York. The event showcases some of the best and brightest student leaders and entrepreneurs in the country.



Since the start of the school year, the students have been operating Nuapps, a virtual company they created and run each day as a class as part of the VE program. Nuapps developed Hedgehog, a multi-functional financial app offering finance courses, stock market and cryptocurrency brokerage, credit score, budgeting, and paper trading. The app also provides easy consumer access to financial consultants.

written business plan and oral presentation to a team of judges and educators, who critiqued their entries and evaluated their responses to a follow-up Q&A session.

During the New York Citywide Business Plan Competition, students were asked to present a

This April, the Francis Lewis High School students and approximately 40 other finalists throughout the country will vie for first place in VE's National Business Plan Competition. More

than 300 schools compete for the top honor annually. Some of the top entries from the 2021 NBPC can be found here: 2021 Top 8 NBPC Presentations.

The NBPC is one part of the year-long VE program which annually provides more than 20,000 students with the opportunity to create and run virtual business

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# Senator James Sanders Jr. Hosts Fire Safety Session with FDNY



Captain Gerald Rocco of the FDNY Fire Safety Education Unit conducted the session.

Senator James Sanders Jr. partnered with the FDNY to host a one-hour fire safety education session via Zoom and Facebook to help constituents arm themselves with the knowledge to escape injury and death, especially with the abundance of fire incidents plaguing the community lately, one of which ended in a firefighter fatality - the death of Jesse B. Gerhard of Ladder 143 in Rockaway.

Hazards included overloaded power strips, improperly placed space heaters, cooking grease fires, unattended candles and cigarettes, and more. While safety tools included smoke / carbon monoxide alarms (even vibrating ones that can be placed under the mattress for the hearing impaired, fire extinguishers, and LED candles instead of traditional ones.

The event, which was held on Friday, February 25, 2022 was co-hosted by Assembly Members Vivian Cook and Jenifer Rajkumar and the safety demonstration was conducted by Captain Gerald Rocco of the FDNY Safety Education Unit. Captain Rocco used a number of props to illustrate safety hazard as well as prevention tools.

After the presentation, Captain Rocco took questions from the audience. One questions that kept coming up was where to put a fire extinguisher and how to use it. As far as placement, Capatian Rocco recommended mounting the fire extinguisher to a wall in a place where it is easily visible and accessible. For usage, Captain Rocco suggested the acronym PASS, which stands for Pull, Aim, Squeeze, and Sweep.

# NYS Senator John Liu Statement on School Governance And Mayoral Accountability

New York State Senator John C. Liu stated the following about the recent joint hearing by the state legislature on school governance and mayoral accountability. In January, Governor Hochul proposed in her executive budget the renewal of New York City's system of mayoral accountability (aka mayoral control) for four years. As mayoral accountability is set to expire on June 30, the state Senate and Assembly must also make a determination on whether to renew, amend or disapprove mayoral accountability by the state budget deadline on April 1, or via legislation before the June 30 expiration.



Senator John Liu stated, "The approaching expiration of mayoral control of our schools on June 30th demands a hard look at how to make the mayor's governance of our educational system more accountable to New York City's students and parents. For the last 20 years, stakeholders have bemoaned previous administra-

tions' lack of checks and balances and engagement on critical issues. There remain legitimate questions about whether or not the current system of mayoral accountability that has been so widely criticized, should be continued, changed, or abandoned.

general public. At stake is the future of our kids' education at a time when so many have suffered from pandemic-induced stress, and we cannot afford to risk the same mistakes of the past. Many thanks to all who testified today, and we encourage the public to continue sharing their insights about what changes, if any, they want to see in the future of school governance and mayoral accountability."

"Today, we heard a wide range of insights, criticisms, and suggestions from city and state officials, unions, parents, educators, and the

# Meng Applauds Homeland Security Committee For Passing Legislation Increasing Funding For The Nonprofit Security Grant Program



U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY), New York's senior appropriator on the House Appropriations Committee, applauded the House

Homeland Security Committee for passing legislation that increases funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program from \$180 to \$500 million annually. This increase in funding will allow houses of worship, day schools, and other nonprofits to better protect themselves and their congregations as religious and ethnically based hate crimes have continued to increase.

our communities remain safe and resilient in light of recent events," said Meng. "Unfortunately, the last few years we have seen horrible and violent acts directed at places of worship and their congregations, as we recently saw in Colleyville, Texas. This has been a major issue that I have fought to address, both in my role on the House Appropriations Committee and with the passage into law of my COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act. People need to feel safe when they are going to worship, and this program will help provide

Meng has been a key champion in the program's funding increase, by helping grow funding from \$90 million, to \$180 million, now to \$500 million in just a three-year span.

"This program helps to ensure

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## Francis Lewis H.S. Wins New York City Business Plan Competition

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ventures in 430 schools across the country. Through the program, students form a business together, role-play corporate positions, conduct transactions with other simulated businesses, attend trade shows and run the business as if it were real.

ABOUT VIRTUAL ENTERPRISES INTERNATIONAL - Virtual Enterprises International (VE) is a national nonprofit that transforms students through

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## Meng Applauds Passage of Legislation to Finally Provide Veterans Harmed by Burn Pits And Other Toxic Exposure Access to Benefits

*The Honoring our PACT Act also includes the Congresswoman's bill to help veterans who participated in the nuclear cleanup of Enewetak Atoll on the Marshall Islands*

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY) applauded the House passage of the Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2021 (H.R.3967), a bipartisan bill that includes the Congresswoman's Mark Takai Atomic Veterans Healthcare Parity Act, which she first introduced in 2017.

"For too long, we have failed to live up to our promise to our servicemembers to care for them when they come home. With the passage of the Honoring our PACT Act, which included my bill, the Mark Takai Atomic Veterans Healthcare Parity Act, thousands of veterans will finally receive the much-needed care they deserve after being exposed to dangerous chemicals, nuclear waste, toxins and radiation," said Congresswoman Meng. "Rep. Takai knew the importance of taking care of our veterans when they return home, especially those who served our nation with honor and distinction when they participated in the cleanup of Enewetak Atoll that exposed them to dangerous toxins and radiation. We have a moral obligation to our toxic-exposed veterans."

"The National Association of Atomic Veterans (NAAV) is grateful to Congresswoman Meng and other Congressional leaders in their support of Veterans though the passage of the Honoring our PACT Act. This Act is a step toward fulfilling a promise to Veterans 'To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan,'" said Keith Kiefer, National Commander of the National Association of Atomic Veterans (NAAV). "Toxic exposure(s) of

Veterans like ionization radiation, burn pits, or contaminated water places an overwhelming burden on already disadvantaged Veterans to perfect Service Connected disabilities claims. Presumptive lists like Agent Orange and those toxic exposures listed in the Honoring our PACT Act helps level this burden. Veterans don't have access to classified documents and other documentation is often either lost or not made available to the Veteran. Part of the Honoring our PACT Act addresses toxic exposure of Enewetak Atoll Radiological Cleanup Project and Polomare, Spain Veterans that were exposed to ionization Radiation without proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)."

"The Queens County Council VFW applauds the passing of the Honoring our PACT Act in the U.S. House of Representatives," said Ryan Graham, Legislative Committee of the Queens County Council VFW. "Assisting those that participated in nuclear cleanup and radiation exposure, as well as those exposed to burn pits during the most recent conflicts during the Global War on Terror, is not only sensible but the responsibility we hold for those that served. While taking care of those currently serving is of great importance, equally providing Veterans the VA services and compensation for service-related issues is just as important."

"I wish to express my appreciation to Congresswoman Meng, our congressional leaders and all the veteran service organizations and advocates who worked to see the Honoring our PACT Act pass in the House," said Joe Bello, Chair of the Metropolitan NYC Veterans Community Engagement Board. "I'm especially grateful for all of Congresswoman Meng's work on the Mark Takai Atomic Veterans Healthcare Parity Act, which she has advocated on for many years. Her bill's inclusion

into the Honoring our PACT Act will make sure that veterans who worked on toxic exposure cleanups on the Marshall Islands have not been forgotten; and will give them and their families the benefits and services they are so rightly entitled to. I look forward to passage of the Honoring our PACT Act in the Senate."

The Mark Takai Atomic Veterans Healthcare Parity Act, which was named after the late Congressman Mark Takai of Hawaii, designates veterans who participated in the nuclear cleanup of Enewetak Atoll on the Marshall Islands as "radiation-exposed veterans," thus making them eligible to receive service-connected compensation benefits already given to other service members who were involved in the cleanup of active nuclear tests. Of the 4,000 veterans who risked their lives on the radiological cleanup of Enewetak Atoll, only about ten percent are alive today. These survivors, who are now in their late 50s and 60s, have cancer and are fighting for their lives. Current law only covers servicemembers who participated in active nuclear tests, not those who participated in the cleanup. This bill writes that wrong.

The Honoring our PACT Act of 2021 additionally recognizes the full range of military toxic exposure. The bill creates presumptions for 23 respiratory illnesses and cancers, such that they are assumed to have been caused by toxic substances. By shifting the burden of proof off our veterans, they will have access to Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical care related to burn pits and airborne hazards exposure. This necessary bill will provide healthcare for potentially as many as 3.5 million veterans exposed to airborne hazards and burn pits. The bill passed the House by a vote of 256-174, and now heads to the Senate.

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## Attorney General James Warns Consumers Impacted by T-Mobile Data Breach of Potential Identity Theft

New York Attorney General Letitia James today provided guidance to consumers who may have been impacted by a 2021 T-Mobile data breach, following reports that the stolen information was put for sale on the dark web. Alongside a bipartisan coalition of attorneys general, Attorney General James advised all New York residents who believe they were impacted by the data breach to take appropriate steps to protect their information from identity theft. This comes after several individuals received alerts that their information was circulating online following the August 2021 data breach.

"I have an urgent message for T-Mobile customers and other consumers: Be aware of any misuse of your personal information and follow the guidance provided by my office to protect yourself from identity theft," said Attorney General James. "Information stolen in a massive data breach has fallen into the wrong hands and is circulating on the dark web. The guidance offered by my office can help prevent identity theft. I advise all New Yorkers to maintain their financial safety by following the guidance my office has laid out. No consumer should have to deal with the devastating realities of identity theft."

In August 2021, T-Mobile reported a massive data breach compromising the sensitive personal information of millions of current, former, and prospective T-Mobile customers. The breach impacted more than 53 million individuals, including more than 4 million New Yorkers. Among other categories of impacted information, millions had their names, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, and driver's license information compromised.

Recently, a large subset of the information compromised in the breach was discovered for sale on the dark web — a hidden portion of the Internet where cyber criminals buy, sell, and track personal information. Many individuals received alerts through various identity theft protection services informing them that their information was found online in connection with the breach, confirming that impacted individuals are at heightened risk for identity theft.

Attorney General James urges anyone who believes they were impacted by the T-Mobile breach to take the following steps to protect themselves:

- Monitor your credit. Credit monitoring services track your credit report and alert you whenever a change is made, such as a new account or a large purchase.

Most services will notify you within 24 hours of any change to your credit report.

- Consider placing a free credit freeze on your credit report. Identity thieves will not be able to open a new credit account in your name while the freeze is in place. You can place a credit freeze by contacting each of the three major credit bureaus:

- Equifax | <https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze>

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- Place a fraud alert on your credit report. A fraud alert tells lenders and creditors to take extra steps to verify your identity before issuing credit. You can place a fraud alert by contacting any one of the three major credit bureaus.

- Additional Resources. If you believe you are a victim of identity theft, go to [identitytheft.gov](https://www.identitytheft.gov) for assistance on how to report it and recover from it — or contact our office for help by completing and submitting a complaint with the Bureau of Internet and Technology or by calling (800) 771-7755.

## Speaker Adams, Council Members Outline Key Priorities as City Lifts COVID Requirements Call for clear communication, focused effort to address health and vaccination disparities

New York City Council Speaker Adrienne E. Adams and Council Members released the following statements in response to the Mayor's announcement to change indoor mask mandates in schools and vaccine requirements for certain indoor settings.

"As New York City's COVID-19 case rate and hospitalizations continue to decline, we have reason to be optimistic about our city's future because of the work New Yorkers did to protect each other and public health," said City Council Speaker Adrienne E. Adams. "More than three-quarters of all New Yorkers are fully vaccinated, which has proven to save lives and prevent the most severe impacts of the virus. Yet, serious disparities still exist. As the Mayor removes the indoor mask mandate for New York City's public schools and lifts the 'Key to NYC' requirements for certain indoor settings, we urge the City to focus on clear and well-coordinated communication, an intensive effort to attack severe public health disparities across our schools and neighborhoods, and a commitment to allowing public health experts to guide policy shifts based on the conditions. The city must clearly communicate to all stakeholders, including parents, students, and educators about the details of these changes to avoid any confusion about the mask policies in our schools, especially given the various different messages being delivered at the federal and state levels. This communication must reach all New Yorkers, including immigrant households that do not speak English as their primary language, requiring a protracted multi-channel and multi-language effort."

effort.

"In order to address continued health inequities, the City should enact a major effort to address the stark disparities in vaccination rates across school districts and communities," continued Speaker Adams. "Many communities of color have lower vaccination rates, especially amongst students in their neighborhood schools. During the recent Omicron surge, Black New Yorkers were twice as likely to be hospitalized for COVID-19 as white New Yorkers, in part believed to be due to lower vaccination rates and certainly a legacy of health inequities. In areas that continue to be disproportionately impacted and under-vaccinated, we must pursue a targeted and persistent effort to vaccinate New Yorkers, maintain a high capacity for testing, and invest in public health and wellness. As has been the case throughout the pandemic, it will be critical for the City to remain flexible and willing to allow the status of COVID's impact on our city to dictate our policies. We must not be afraid to enact more stringent policies if the public health environment requires it, just as we cannot fear loosening policies as conditions improve."

Council Member Lynn Schulman, Chair of the Committee on Health, said: "New York is experiencing the lowest COVID numbers since the start of the pandemic and it seems a good time to begin reducing restrictions, especially for restaurants and other entertainment venues which have suffered greatly. With that, it is important to always follow the science, and explore creating guidelines for future healthcare measures based on case levels and other appropri-

ate criteria." Council Member Francisco Moya, Chair of the Subcommittee on COVID-19 Recovery and Resiliency, said: "COVID-19 has been ever-evolving forcing us to constantly adjust but we are resilient. Two years ago we did not have the tools and lessons learned to protect ourselves and others. As we move forward, we need to continue to monitor the trends and new variants to ensure we can pivot as needed to protect our most vulnerable communities, our families, our local businesses, and the recovery of our city."

Council Member Rita Joseph, Chair of the Committee on Education, said: "Public health measures are in place to limit the spread of this highly infectious virus we have spent two years fighting. As I've been saying since the beginning of the pandemic, we must rely solely on COVID data in order to make any public decision that will affect New Yorkers. Currently, only 52% of New York City's public school children are vaccinated. This figure is even lower in communities of color and working-class school districts. We must continue and strengthen our vaccination efforts in these communities. At PS 6 in Brooklyn, the school where I taught for 22 years, less than a quarter of students are fully vaccinated. That simply is not good enough. Additionally, we need to particularly mindful of intergenerational households where a student getting COVID could be particularly dangerous to an elderly grandparent. The city needs to continue following the science so that we make public policy decisions that work in the best interest of New York families."

## Riders Alliance Statement on Banning People From The Subway

*Riders Alliance Policy & Communications Director Danny Pearlstein said:*

"Running more trains is the most important thing Governor Hochul can do to make the subway safer and more welcoming this year. With so much hinging on transit's revival,

more service is the best investment the governor can make with her annual budget.

"Railing against people that we're angry at won't increase ridership. The reality is, New Yorkers need the governor to fund and the MTA to run more frequent buses and trains for shorter waits and faster trips."

## Maloney Votes to Pass Resolution Supporting the People of Ukraine

Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY) voted to pass a bipartisan resolution demanding an immediate cease-fire and the full withdrawal of Russian forces from Ukraine and expressing unequivocal support for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

H. Res 956 – Supporting the people of Ukraine, also calls for the continued use of sanctions to fully isolate the Putin regime over its illegal and unprovoked invasion and urges the United States and our allies to deliver additional and immediate defensive security assistance to Ukraine. The resolution also promises to continue to provide significant additional aid

and humanitarian relief to Ukrainian refugees fleeing Russia's aggression.

"The United States House of Representatives unequivocally stands with the people of Ukraine and against Vladimir Putin's illegal and unprovoked invasion," said Representative Maloney. "I would like to thank Chairman Meeks and Representative Spartz for bringing this resolution forward and for quickly rallying all of our colleagues to condemn this war, call for peace, and assist the Ukrainian people during this time. It is vital that we keep up the pressure on Putin and his associates as we work towards a cease-fire and a peaceful resolution to this war."

## Meng Applauds Homeland Security Committee . . .

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that safety."

The grants, which are administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), cover target-hardening and other physical security enhancements such as barriers, gates, safety gear, surveillance equipment and other safety measures.

Over the last few years, Meng has also organized workshops that have provided information and assistance on applying for these grants. In combination with letters of support for organizations who choose to apply for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, Meng has helped numerous facilities in her congressional district in Queens receive funding from the initiative.

## Council Members Linda Lee And Shaun Abreu Elected as Vice-Chairs of The Black, Latino, and Asian Caucus (BLAC)

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Shaun Abreu represents the seventh Council District in Upper Manhattan and serves as the Chair of the New York City Council's Committee on State and Federal Legislation. He is also a member of the Progressive Caucus. District 7 runs from Washington Heights to the Upper West Side.

Prior to taking office, Abreu served as a tenants' rights attorney at the New York Legal Assistance Group where he represented clients facing eviction and illegal lock-

outs in housing court. He also has professional experience with the National Labor Relations Board and the Natural Resource Defense Council. Abreu was born in District 7 to a Dominican family, growing up and attending local schools. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Columbia University and his Juris Doctor from Tulane University. Abreu also serves on the Committees on Consumer and Worker Protection, Education, Mental Health, Technology, Criminal Justice, and the Sub-Committee on Zoning and Franchises.



## Rep. Maloney Fights to Ensure The Economy Works For Every American

At a recent Financial Services Committee hearing titled "Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy," Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY), senior member of the committee, discussed the impact the drop in labor force participation during the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the U.S. economy with Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell.

During the hearing, Rep. Maloney stated, "As you and I have discussed in the past, the economic recovery has not been even, and we still have a ways to go to ensure our economy works for everyone. Just as one example, the black unemployment rate remains at nearly 7 percent which is more than double the white unemployment rate. And later today, the Select Subcommittee on [the] Coronavirus Crisis is having a hearing where we will be looking at the depth of the pandemic's impacts

on childcare providers and workers and the results that has on our families and our economy. So I want to ask you about the Monetary Policy Report the Fed released on Friday. The Fed notes that the labor force participation rate remains well below estimates of its longer-run trend as a result of retirement and people out of the labor force and engaged in caregiving activities."

She then asked Jerome Powell, Chair of the Federal Reserve, "From both a macro-perspective and a micro-perspective, what does this drop in labor force participation mean for the U.S. economy and what does it mean for those workers who leave the workforce to care for their children or family members?"

Chair Powell replied, "Well, having a lower labor force participation rate now, it's about a little more than a percentage point lower than it was, it reflects a lot of re-

tirements. And, you know, what it means is that our labor force is smaller, that has consequences including it's contributing to the labor shortage that we're seeing across industries, all across the country. If we had a few more million people working, then we wouldn't be feeling that quite so much. It also means the potential output of the country is lower. Many of the people who are not in the labor force are retirees who have made a choice, but some of them are still people who want to come back but perhaps can't because of childcare activities or fear of COVID or other factors. The decline in labor force participation that we've seen has been much larger than that of other comparable nations. And it was not something we expected, and it's certainly something that's now contributing to wage inflation and actual inflation and to the labor shortage that we're currently seeing."

## Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas Calls For Healthcare Coverage For Undocumented New Yorkers in New York State Budget

Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas joined the Coverage for All coalition, alongside impacted individuals, and rallied at the State Capitol in Albany to demand the inclusion of the Coverage for All bill in the upcoming state budget.

Uninsured immigrants who would be eligible for health coverage under the legislation shared their struggles to access medical care before and during the pandemic. Following the presser, ralliers marched throughout the Capitol, ending with a die-in along the Capitol Concourse and an outdoor vigil to mourn the deadly toll COVID-19 took on immigrant New Yorkers, and how the ongoing lack of healthcare access leaves them still vulnerable to the worst of the pandemic. Immigrant New Yorkers have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, dying at twice the rate of white New Yorkers since the pandemic began.

This action comes less than a month before state lawmakers must finalize the FY2023 budget and follows a series of activations in February by immigrant communities in Harlem, Long Island, Midtown and Westchester.

Last month, the New York Immigration Coalition (NYIC) launched an ad campaign across TV and digital platforms in response to Gov. Kathy Hochul leaving out healthcare for immigrant New Yorkers from her executive budget proposal. The Coverage for All coalition, New York Health Plan Association (NYHPA),

NYS Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans also unveiled billboards near the State Capitol and in Westchester earlier this week, demanding the immediate expansion of health insurance coverage for all New Yorkers. These billboards remind our state legislature that over 150,000 low-income New Yorkers are currently barred from health insurance due to their immigration status.

The Coverage for All bill would create a state-funded health coverage option for New Yorkers with income up to 200% of the federal poverty line regardless of immigration status. Both versions of the Coverage for All bill (A880A/S1572A) were moved out of each legislative houses' Health committee.

"The action that advocates and all of us are engaging in today is not hyperbolic. Undocumented New Yorkers are dying all over this state because they are the most vulnerable among us to suffer from healthcare disparities. And yet these are the same New Yorkers, our neighbors, that rose every day to help our state manage the coronavirus pandemic and continue to help us as we recover. They don't need clapping. They need healthcare. So I call on our state legislature, leadership, and Governor to include coverage for all in our Assembly one-house and enacted budget. It is sound economic and healthcare policy and, put simply, it is the right thing to do," said Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas.

"It is imperative that

every New Yorker have access to affordable health insurance regardless of their immigration status. Despite being at the frontlines of this pandemic, thousands of low-income immigrant New Yorkers still struggle with the effects of the pandemic and are unable to access comprehensive care, which Albany got a small glimpse of today. The Governor, Senate and Assembly can end this cruel disparity in healthcare access by including Coverage for All in the budget. Today's demonstration shows how essential it is that all New Yorkers and their families have the opportunity to stay healthy, strong and safe," said Murad Awawdeh, Executive Director, New York Immigration Coalition.

"Without health insurance and living with various health conditions caused by Covid-19, I am not able to access all the necessary care and medications I desperately need. I suffer from sinusitis and it's now harder for me to breathe. As a housecleaner, I often put myself and my family at risk of being exposed to covid. If I had access to health insurance, I would be able to put my health first, get my symptoms treated and live a better life. Governor Hochul and state legislators must prioritize including Coverage for All in the state budget this year. All immigrant New Yorkers, regardless of immigration status, deserve access to affordable health insurance and to be healthy," said Selene, A Member of Make the Road New York.

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NIKKI MINDA MINDY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/02/21. 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, 13923 34th Ave, Apt 103, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 2/3,10,17,24,3/3&10/2022

Notice of Formation of 7 SEVEN LOVE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/12/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 39-15 Main Street, Suite 502, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: any lawful activities. 2/10,17,24,3/3,10&17/2022

Prevail Physical Therapy, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 12/3/2021. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Nick Hondros, 2818 Ditmars Blvd., Astoria, NY 11105. General Purpose. 2/10,17,24,3/3,10&17/2022

SOUTH MISSION STREET PARTNERS LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/27/2021. Office: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Ochs & Goldberg, LLP, 1270 Avenue of the Americas, Ste 747, NY, NY 10020. Purpose: any lawful act. 2/3,10,17,24,3/3&10/2022

Notice of Formation of REHAB RALLY, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/26/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 74-19 Calamus Cir, 1Fl, Elmhurst, NY 11373. Purpose: any lawful activities. 2/10,17,24,3/3,10&17/2022

Notice of Formation of HIGH DEFINITION HEALTH LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/12/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 80-15 Grenfell Street, F3, Kew Gardens, NY 11415. Purpose: any lawful activities. 2/10,17,24,3/3,10&17/2022

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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ALJD 119 REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/18/22. 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, 22-17 119th St, College Point, NY 11356. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 2/17,24,3/3,10,17&24/2022

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

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Notice of Formation of EXCLUSIVE PIECES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/06/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 253-15 148th Drive, Rosedale, NY 11422. Purpose: any lawful activities. 2/17,24,3/3,10,17&24/2022

MASPETH RE HOLDING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/18/22. 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, 61-04 Grand Avenue, Maspeth, NY 11378. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 3/3,10,17,24,31&4/7/2022

Notice of Formation of MEGAN KELLY BEAUTY LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/11/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 34-09 41st Street, #1A, Long Island City, NY 11101. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/3,10,17,24,31&4/7/2022

Notice of Formation of 3 JUST FOR ME LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/17/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 160-50 Crossbay Boulevard, Suite 140151, Howard Beach, NY 11414. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/3,10,17,24,31&4/7/2022

Notice of Formation of Scientific Mechanical LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/7/22. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 54-59 43rd St, Maspeth, NY 11378. Purpose: any lawful activity. 2/24,3/3,10,17,24&31/2022

Notice of Formation of BCPC LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/08/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 248-25 Northern Blvd, Ste 1J, Box 333, Little Neck, NY 11362. Purpose: any lawful activities. 2/17,24,3/3,10,17&24/2022

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

### Hindu Center Prayer Service



Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz joined Ravi Goyal and Neeta Jain at the Hindu Center temple last week for the annual prayer service in honor of the Maha Shivratri festival.

“The Hindu community has contributed greatly to the growth and prosperity of Queens and I was glad for the opportunity to address attendees on the work of this office.” said QDA Katz.

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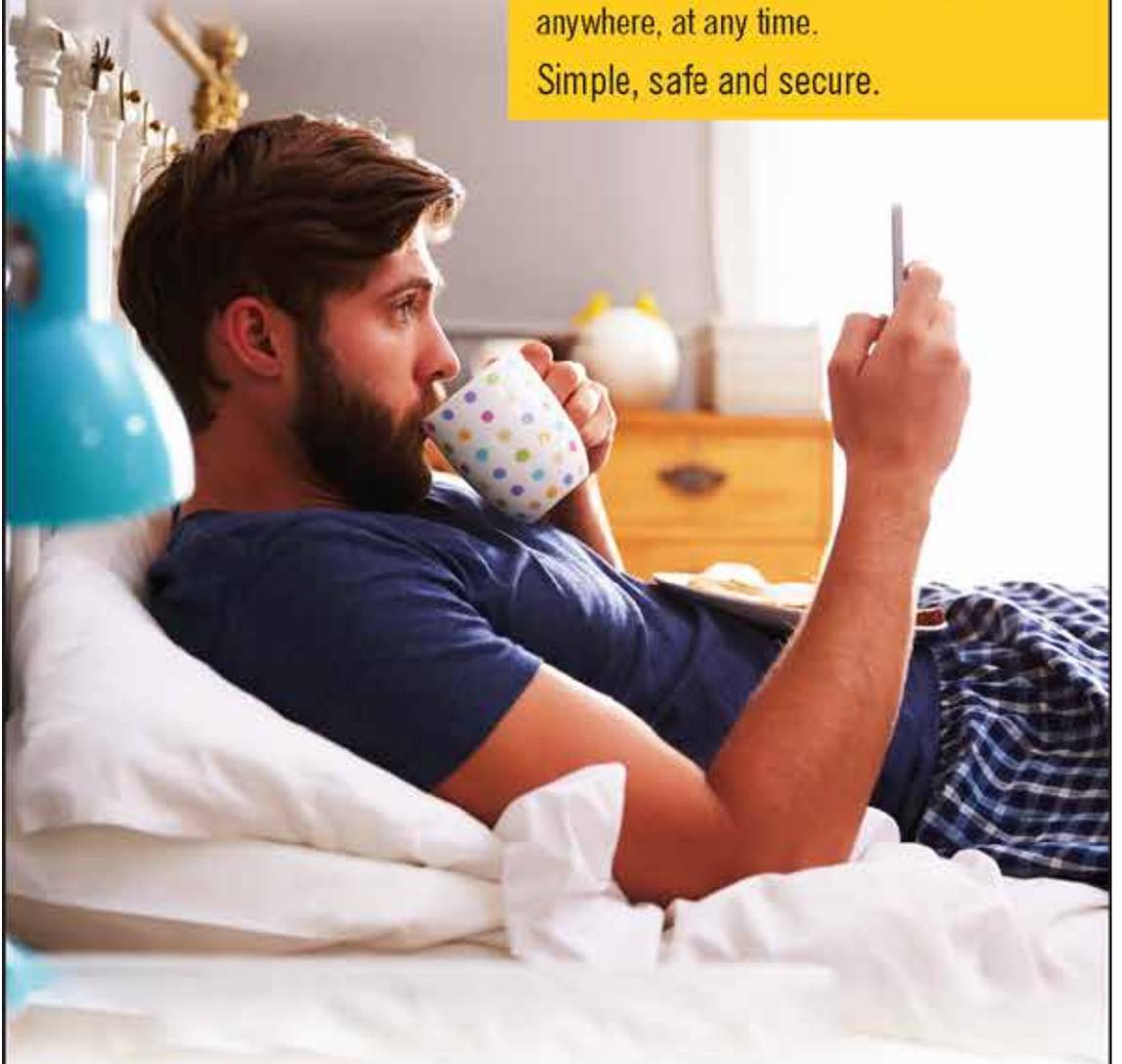
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