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## CONSUMER ALERT

### Attorney General James Warns New Yorkers to be Mindful of Discriminatory Practices Targeting Jewish Communities Before Passover

New York Attorney General Letitia James today issued a consumer alert urging New Yorkers to be mindful of potential discriminatory pricing practices at car washes in the days leading up to Passover. In previous years, there have been reports of car wash businesses in predominantly Orthodox Jewish communities in New York City raising prices by as much as 50 percent for Jewish customers seeking cleaning services close to Passover. In advance of Passover, many Jews clean their homes, cars, and other spaces to remove “chametz,” or leavened products, from these spaces because they are not eaten for the duration of the holiday. According to reports provided to the Office of Attorney General (OAG) from Assemblymember Simcha Eichenstein,

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### Holden Joins Press Conference With Senator Schumer to Keep VA Hospitals Open



Councilman Holden joined Senator Chuck Schumer at a press conference opposing the closing of Veterans Affairs hospitals in NYC.

Holden said, “We have an undeniable obligation to take care of the brave men and women who

served our country in the armed forces and that includes quality, convenient healthcare. The VA hospitals in NY must stay open. As Chair of the Council Committee on Veterans, I know we need to improve healthcare options for our veterans, not take them away.”

### Meng Holds Ceremony Honoring Heroism Of Queens Pizzeria Owner

And His Dad Who Were Stabbed While Stopping Robbery Outside Their Establishment In Elmhurst



U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) held a special ceremony to honor the bravery and heroism of the Queens pizzeria owner and his dad who were stabbed while stopping a robbery in front of their establishment. See story on page 2.

### Queens County Bar Association “Judiciary, Past Presidents, And Golden Jubilarian Night”



Pictured above at Queens County Bar Association (QCBA) “Judiciary, Past Presidents, and Golden Jubilarian Night” are QCBA Past Presidents and their term in office: (Seated l to r) Seymour James, 2001-02; Joseph Carola, 2014-15; Gregory Newman, 2017-18; Paul Kerson, 2015-16; and Marie-Eleana First, 2019-20, current President Frank Bruno. (Standing l to r) Guy Vitacco, 2009-10; Joseph Risi, 2012-13; Clifford Welden, 2020-21; Gregory Brown, 2016-17, and David Adler, 1998-1999 joined in the annual festivity. Photo by Walter Karling. See other photo on page 6.

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# Attorney General James Warns New Yorkers to be Mindful of Discriminatory Practices Targeting Jewish Communities Before Passover

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some companies have advertised "specials" for car washing services related to Passover, but instead, charged higher prices to Jewish customers. Attorney General James also sent letters to two organizations representing car wash owners in New York to remind their members that any such business practice is illegal and should be reported to OAG.

"It's shameful that we even have to warn Jewish communities about the possibility that companies would take advantage of them during the holidays," said Attorney General James. "If we learn of any businesses engaging in such disgusting and antisemitic practices, we will not hesitate to take swift and serious legal action. No New Yorker should ever be forced to pay more for a service because of their religion, race, gender, or sexual orientation, and I urge anyone who has been a victim of this discriminatory behavior to report it to my office immediately."

"The Passover season is expensive enough and unfortunately many local families struggle to make ends meet at this time of year," said Assemblymember Simcha Eichenstein. "Given the Jewish tradition of cleaning our homes, our cars, and our possessions before the Passover holiday, car washes provide an essential service during the pre-Passover season. In the past I have received multiple reports of car wash establishments in my district and beyond that have raised their prices up to 50 percent during the pre-Passover weeks for the exact same service that they offer all year round. Shameless overcharging before the holiday is clearly religious discrimination and totally unacceptable in this industry or any industry. I thank Attorney General James for giving this issue the attention it deserves and issuing this pre-season warning to car wash establishments, ensuring that this discriminatory practice does not continue this year."

"Scammers try new methods to trick you all the time, even

during religious holidays," said Assemblymember Nily Rozic. "As the Jewish community prepares for Passover, it's crucial consumers are mindful to look out for opportunistic price gouging. I'm thankful to Attorney General James for her continued efforts to crack down on discriminatory practices."

"New Yorkers should not have to tolerate exploitative business practices, especially ones that target individuals based on religion, gender, or race," said Assemblymember Daniel Rosenthal. "That message was made loud and clear today by Attorney General James, who is taking a proactive stand against discriminatory and predatory practices. On behalf of the Jewish community and all New Yorkers, I thank her for her vigilant advocacy and leadership."

If you believe you were charged more for services because of your religion, race, or background, or know of businesses using these discriminatory practices, please file a complaint with OAG.

# Meng Holds Ceremony Honoring Heroism of Queens Pizzeria Owner

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Recently, 38-year-old Louie Suljovic and his 68-year-old father Cazim were working inside their restaurant, Louie's Pizzeria in Elmhurst, and intervened when they saw a 61-year-old Asian woman being attacked and robbed outside. Cazim continues to recover from his injuries at Elmhurst Hospital and Louie was discharged on Wednesday. Two suspects were arrested in the case.

Meng presented Louie with an

official congressional proclamation which declared today, Louie Suljovic and Cazim Suljovic Day throughout her congressional district. She also awarded them with a special certificate of congressional recognition.

"Last Saturday was just an average weekend night. Louie Suljovic and his father Cazim were working hard at their pizzeria as they always do; running their business and serving customers," said Meng. "But things changed when they saw a woman being violently

attacked and robbed outside their establishment. Without hesitation and without thinking twice, they sprang into action; putting themselves in harm's way to save her. They are true heroes and I and so many throughout Queens and the rest of New York City just want to say thank you, and salute their selflessness and bravery. We are tremendously proud of them, and will never forget the sacrifices they made to their own safety in order to help a fellow New Yorker."

# Maloney Stands up for New Yorkers Struggling to Afford Insulin

**Bill caps out-of-pocket costs for insulin at no more than \$35 per month**

Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY) spoke on the House floor to urge her colleagues to vote for H.R. 6833, The Affordable Insulin Now Act. This bill caps out-of-pocket costs for insulin at no more than \$35 per month in Medicare Part D and commercial health insurance, ensuring vital and affordable access to life-saving medication for the more than 37 million people in the United States who have diabetes, including one-third of Medicare beneficiaries and the over 7 million Americans who rely on insulin to maintain their health and well-being.

"Insulin prices in the United States are the highest in the world.

"I support of the Affordable Insulin Now Act—a bill that would cap patient costs at \$35 per month. It would make lifesaving medicine affordable for millions of Americans living with diabetes.

"My Committee's investigation found that, since the 1990s, insulin manufacturers have been raising the price of this life-saving medicine, despite no improve-

ments to the drug while making record profits.

"The price gouging has harmed Americans—more than one in four Americans with diabetes report having to ration insulin and some have died. Nearly two million New Yorkers have diabetes.

"Capping out-of-pocket costs to \$35 a month is an important step that Congress can take to reduce insulin costs for patients with diabetes.

"Let's make prescription drugs affordable. Vote for this bill."

Background - Insulin is too expensive for millions of Americans.

- 1 in 4 Americans who rely on insulin have cut back or skipped doses due to costs.

- 34 percent of families with children dependent on insulin have been impacted by rising insulin costs, including adverse health effects and increased stress and anxiety.

- 26 percent of Americans with diabetes ration their insulin at least once a year – putting themselves at grave health risk because of cost. In 2018, more than a dozen people died while rationing their insulin due to the high cost.

Insulin prices in the United States are much higher than other

countries and continue to increase.

- Americans pay more than 10 times the price of insulin compared to other similar high-income countries.

- From 2014 to 2019, the average retail price of insulin rose by 54 percent.

- Among those with private coverage, 1 in 5 people who take insulin have out-of-pocket costs of more than \$35 per month. High cost-sharing is especially common in the individual and small group markets.

- In a recent study, insulin out-of-pocket costs among all insulin users averaged \$64 in 2017, almost double what the out-of-pocket costs would be with H.R. 6833.

The Affordable Insulin Now Act requires Medicare Part D plans and commercial health insurance plans to cover insulin and cap cost-sharing at no more than \$35 per month.

- Beginning in 2023, the bill requires private health plans to cover at least one of each type and dosage form of insulin and caps cost-sharing for a 30-day supply at the lesser of \$35 or 25 percent of a plan's negotiated price. The

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## Council Members Julie Won, Julie Menin, And Francisco Moya Demand Improvements to The City of New York's Minority And Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBEs) Program

**Council Members called for increased advertising, diversity, inclusion and equity with City Contracts as New York City awarded only 3.8% of all contracts to M/WBE firms in Fiscal Year 2021**

On Monday April 4th, the Committees on Contracts chaired by Council Member Julie Won, Small Business chaired by Council Member Julie Menin and the Subcommittee on COVID Recovery and Resiliency, chaired by Council Member Francisco Moya, held an oversight hearing on the impact of COVID-19 on Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBEs).

New York is home to millions of small businesses, which collectively employed over 4.1 million people, in 2021. Of these small businesses, women owned 40 percent, while racial minorities owned nearly 26 percent. Despite the large presence of M/WBEs in New York City, these businesses have historically struggled with participation in City contracting. In fact, according to the New York City Comptroller's 2021 Making the Grade report, five agencies, dealt exclusively with non-M/WBEs for their COVID-19 related contracts, including: the Health and Hospitals Corporation, Department of Parks and Recreation, Financial Information Services Agency, Department of Consumer and Worker Protection, and the Department of Small Business Services.

Currently, the City's M/WBE program offers certified firms opportunities to contract with the City. While the City's M/WBE program boasts around 11,000 certified M/WBEs, at most 2,000 have ever actually been awarded a city contract. This amounts to roughly 84 percent of all certified M/WBEs with no access to city dollars. This disparity among certified M/WBE firms is an issue the Committees discussed with the

Administration to determine how to close the gap between certified firms and those receiving city spending.

While questioning Dynishal Gross, Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Economic and Financial Opportunity (DEFO) at the NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS), Council Member Julie Menin expressed concern about the lack of outreach and awareness to business owners regarding existing City initiatives and programs across agencies that benefit M/WBEs. In the last fiscal year, only \$107,000 was spent by SBS to advertise the City's M/WBE programs. Another concerning issue that Council Member Menin called attention to was that SBS only hosted 136 events for outreach, which Menin compared to how the NYC Census 2020 completed over 1,000 events in 6 months.

"It is unacceptable that even when the city's regular procurement rules were suspended for COVID-19 emergency procurements, only 16% of city contracts were awarded to M/WBEs," said Council Member and Contracts Committee Chair Julie Won. "From March 2020 – July 2021, the City spent over \$3.5 billion dollars in Covid-related goods and services and only \$554 million dollars – about 16% - went to M/WBEs. All city agencies should center equitable recovery on providing opportunities to the most deeply impacted by the pandemic-- Minorities and women owned businesses. Until my last day in office, I will work to streamline outdated processes and inefficiencies across our city's procurement and contracting process to ensure that M/WBEs can equitably compete for business with our city."

"It is very appalling that during the ongoing pandemic the City of New York awarded only 4% of all contracts to M/WBE's. Minority-owned businesses have been disproportionately impacted by the

economic devastation caused by the pandemic, due in part to difficulty qualifying for pandemic financial relief programs. As a former small business owner who could have qualified for M/WBE status, I have seen first hand that the City did little to improve outreach to small businesses to let them know about this economic opportunity. I am deeply concerned that there has been a lack of outreach by prior Administrations to let businesses know about this certification opportunity and look forward to the new Administration facilitating and expediting the process for a minority or women-owned business to be certified as an M/WBE and receive must needed City contracts," said Council Member Julie Menin, Chair of the Small Business Committee.

"Without a doubt, there is more work to be done. The Mayor shares this belief and has laid out a bold recovery plan with a focus on equity and inclusivity to provide opportunity to every New Yorker. "Rebuild, Renew, Reinvent: A Blueprint for New York City's Economic Recovery" lays out five pillars, with more than 70 concrete initiatives, to create opportunities, connect more M/WBEs to city contracts, and help speed the recovery," said Dynishal Gross, Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Economic and Financial Opportunity at the Department of Small Business Services.

"It is unacceptable that a large majority of certified M/WBEs did not receive city contracts. We can't have an equitable recovery if we are leaving behind the very businesses that represent the fabric of this city and are the backbone of our economy. As a city we need to do better to give minority businesses a real shot at succeeding—I will work with the administration and my colleagues to advance this," said Council Member Francisco Moya, Chair of the subcommittee on COVID-19 Recovery & Resiliency.

## New York State Smokers' Quitline Launches 'Learn2quitny' Comprehensive Text Program

**New 'Learn2QuitNY' six-week texting program can supplement Quitline's phone and web-based services**

The New York State Smokers' Quitline (Quitline) recently unveiled a resource to help tobacco and electronic nicotine product users take control of their health. Learn2QuitNY, a free comprehensive six-week text program, provides step-by-step guidance for New York State residents to learn and practice skills that promote freedom from nicotine dependence. Residents can enroll by visiting [nysmokefree.com/text](https://nysmokefree.com/text).

A team of clinicians, researchers and computer programmers with Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center (Roswell Park) developed Learn2QuitNY

to include daily texts that support weekly goals. The Quitline first offered text alerts in the early 2010s and now provides Learn2QuitNY as an enhanced interactive experience for clients who prefer guidance and support at their fingertips. Clients can use the program by itself or in combination with the Quitline's many other services, including telephone support, online coach chat and self-help materials at [nysmokefree.com](https://nysmokefree.com).

"Learn2QuitNY is based on an effective tobacco cessation treatment manual and guides clients step-by-step through the quitting process," said Dr. Christine Sheffer, professor of oncology and health behavior at Roswell Park, who leads the program's development team. "Many texts include

links to detailed information on topics of concern such as weight gain while quitting, how to be around others who use tobacco, nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) and more."

Quit Coaches are available seven days a week at 1-866-NY-QUITS (1-866-697-8487) and [nysmokefree.com](https://nysmokefree.com) to empower clients with developing quit-plans, navigating triggers and using medications to help them achieve freedom from nicotine. Most New York State residents also are eligible to receive a free starter supply of NRT via mail, typically in the form of nicotine patches, nicotine gum or nicotine lozenges. When used as instructed and in combination, NRT products can double or triple the odds for success.

## Rozic Introduces Legislation to Provide Gas Price Relief

**Rozic: Crucial for Consumers as it Relieves Pain at the Pump**

Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (D-WF-Queens) introduced a new bill to alleviate the economic hardship that New Yorkers are facing in the wake of rising gas prices. Senator Elijah Reichlin-Melnick (D-Rockland/Westchester) carries the bill in the Senate.

"New Yorkers are trying to overcome the financial hardships exacerbated by the pandemic and we need to support them in any way we can," said Assemblywoman Rozic. "This fuel rebate program is absolutely crucial for all consumers as it relieves the pain at the pump, immediately lowers costs, and puts more money back in people's pockets."

Gas prices have been surging as a cumulative result of supply shortages, Russia's war in Ukraine, and oil company profiteering.

The legislation directs the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NY-SERDA) to provide a \$250 motor fuel rebate to all current New York State residents who have registered at least one passenger vehicle in their own name in the past two years. It further tasks the Department of Motor Vehicle with compiling a list of all residents that would fall under these qualifications within 30 days of the legislation's passage. This list would then be delivered to NY-SERDA for the administration of the rebate program.

## Statement from Speaker Adrienne Adams

**"Dear Fellow New Yorkers,**

I must inform you that over the past 24 hours, I experienced what I believed to be cold symptoms but after being tested was determined to be COVID-19. I am generally feeling okay, which I attribute to being fully vaccinated. It is important to remember that we are still in a pandemic, as deemed by public health professionals. While we are thankfully in a different place than at the

worst of this pandemic, it is important to continue taking the necessary steps to protect ourselves and each other. I encourage anyone who has not gotten vaccinated to do so. The research and real world evidence show that vaccinations provide important protection against serious illness. We will eventually overcome this pandemic, but in the meantime I encourage everyone to remain vigilant and continue to take the necessary precautions."

## Benjamin N. Cardozo HS Brings Back Holocaust Remembrance Observance

On Tuesday, March 29th, Benjamin N. Cardozo High School held a Holocaust Remembrance Observance presentation in the form of a theatrical play to educate their students on the legacy of the Holocaust. The play, "From the Fire: Voices of the Holocaust," was performed by the Theatre Three acting company from Port Jefferson, New York. Cardozo High School has traditionally held an annual Yom Ha'Shoah assembly however due to COVID this event has been canceled the past two years.

"Every year that goes by, there are fewer and fewer survivors alive to tell their stories firsthand," said Council Member Linda Lee. "These stories aren't just important to the Jewish community, they are a reminder to us all about what happens when we stop seeing our fellow people for their humanity and instead turn them into the "other". These are daily lessons that were powerfully taught through this play, and I

thank Cardozo High School, Congregation Etz Hayim, and Theatre Three for making today possible."

FROM THE FIRES: VOICES OF THE HOLOCAUST traces the life of Rachel Gold, a Berlin teenager, and her experiences from 1937 to 1945. The play follows her from the inception of the Nuremberg Laws through deportation to Auschwitz and finally the death march to Mauthausen. Following the play, students asked the cast and producers questions regarding the historical veracity of the play, how it felt for the actors to replay Nazis and Holocaust survivors, and how their experiences impacted the lives of those portrayed following the events of the play.

The play was supported by a generous gift from Congregation Etz Hayim at Hollis Hills Bayside as well as Cardozo High School in coordination with Council Member Linda Lee (D- Oakland Gardens), former Council Member Barry Grodenchik, and his former Chief of Staff Ari Gershman.

## Maloney Stands up for New Yorkers Struggling to Afford Insulin

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bill also requires all Medicare prescription drug plans to cap cost-sharing for insulin at no more than \$35.

• Among individuals with private insurance, half would save at least \$19 per month and a quarter would save at least \$42 per month.

Individuals who buy their own insurance will experience the most savings.

• This bill is paid for by delaying the implementation of one year of the Rebate Rule that was published by the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services on November 30, 2020.

## Rep. Jeffries: The Affordable Insulin Now Act Will Lower Out-Of-Pocket Costs to \$35 Per Month Once Again, Democrats Deliver For The People

Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (NY-08), Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, spoke on the floor of the House of Representatives prior to the passage of H.R. 6833, the Affordable Insulin Now Act. The legislation would cap the out-of-pocket costs for insulin at \$35 per month.

1 in 4 Americans who rely on insulin have cut back or skipped doses due to costs. Americans pay more than 10 times the price of insulin compared to other similar high-income countries. African Americans are 60% more likely to be diagnosed with diabetes than

white Americans.

Remarks as delivered:

“What’s the difference between us and them? It was just on full display.

We care about everyday Americans. They don’t.

We make life better for everyday Americans. They don’t.

We get things done for everyday Americans, and they don’t.

Insulin is a drug that is life-saving and life-sustaining. It’s been around for more than 100 years.

It’s off-patent. There are no research and development costs

associated with it. Yet, so many Americans pay approximately \$4,000 a year for insulin.

That’s unacceptable, un-American and unconscionable, and that is why Democrats are doing something about it.

The Affordable Insulin Now Act will lower out-of-pocket costs to \$35 per month.

That’s not fiction. That’s fact.

That’s not hyperbole. That’s help.

That is game changing for everyday Americans.

Once again, Democrats deliver For The People.”

## Statement of Kilolo Kijakazi, Acting Commissioner: Social Security Administration to Resume in-Person Services at Local Social Security Offices

### Online Services and Telephone Remain Most Convenient Ways to Contact Agency

“I am pleased to announce that local Social Security offices will restore in-person services, including for people without an appointment, on April 7, 2022.

To avoid waiting in line, I strongly encourage people, who can, to use our online services at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov), call us, and schedule appointments in advance rather than walking in without an appointment. Phone appointments can save you a trip to a busy office. I thank the public for your patience as we work to increase service.

Customers who walk in without appointments may encounter delays and longer waits at our offices. Be aware that our offices tend to be the busiest first thing in the morning, early in the week, and during the early part of the month, so people may want to plan to visit at other times.

Given that many of the people we serve have health vulnerabilities, and consistent with our union agreements, we are continuing to require certain safety measures including masking, physical distancing, and self-health checks for COVID-19 symptoms. We will provide masks to the public and employees if they need them.

Thoughtful planning and preparation have shaped our process to restore in-person services. Social

Security employees are dedicated to serving the public, and we are ready to welcome the public back to our offices. Our local managers understand and can address the needs of their communities. We have also implemented office-to-office support as well as brought recently retired employees back to assist the public. We thank the many interested stakeholders including the Department of Health and Human Services’ Administration for Community Living and national advocate organizations for your help.

Throughout the pandemic, millions of people have used our secure and convenient online services and received help by phone. People who have access to the internet should first try our online services before calling us or visiting an office.

As we transition to a new modern phone system, some people may experience a busy signal or be unintentionally disconnected from their call. We sincerely regret this disruption and recommend people call when our National 800 Number may be less busy, such as before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. local time or later in the week. Like our offices, our waits are generally shorter later in the month.

To learn more, please visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/coronavirus/gethelp/](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/coronavirus/gethelp/) and [www.socialsecurity.gov/onlineservices/](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/onlineservices/).

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able to the public online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) and with a my Social Security account, or by telephone. And most Social Security services do not require the public to take time to visit an office. People may create their my Social Security account, a personalized online service, at [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount).

People who set up their my Social Security account have access to additional personalized services. They can request a replacement Social Security card online if they meet certain requirements. If they already receive Social Security benefits, they can start or change direct deposit online, request a replacement SSA-1099, and if they need proof of their benefits, they can print or download a current Benefit Verification Letter from their account.

People not yet receiving benefits can use their online account to get a personalized Social Security Statement, which provides their earnings information as well as estimates of their future benefits. The portal also includes a retirement calculator and links to information about other online services, such as applications for retirement, disability, and Medicare benefits.

Many Social Security services are also conveniently available by dialing toll-free, 1 800 772 1213. People who are deaf or hard of hearing may call Social Security’s TTY number, 1 800 325 0778.

## Caesars Sportsbook Named Official Sports Betting Partner of the New York Mets

*Dynamic partnership includes redesigned branded club space at Citi Field and access to VIP experiences for Caesars Rewards members*

Caesars Entertainment, Inc. (NASDAQ: CZR) (“Caesars”) and the New York Mets today announced a multi-year partnership to make Caesars Sportsbook an Official Sports Betting Partner of the team. In addition to a variety of VIP experiences and hospitality assets for members of the industry-leading loyalty program, Caesars Rewards, this partnership features plans to open a new sportsbook lounge at Citi Field, Caesars Sportsbook at the Metro Grille.

Scheduled to open during the 2022 Major League Baseball season, the new upscale 13,000 square foot space for fans to enjoy the Caesars Sportsbook app together will come to life on the Excelsior Level at Citi Field with a multi-tiered dining room and outdoor patio seating complete with panoramic views overlooking left field.

“New York is a key state for us following the successful launch of our Caesars Sportsbook app in January,” said Chris Holdren, Co-President of Caesars Digital. “The Mets’ fanbase is one of the most loyal in baseball and this partnership offers us the chance to treat those passionate fans like Caesars. We look forward to open-

ing our space at Citi Field during an exciting time for the franchise.”

Caesars Sportsbook is the only app in New York that rewards sports bettors with every bet they place to unlock experiences within the Caesars portfolio of resorts and partnerships. Eligible sports fans across the Empire State can download the easy-to-use Caesars Sportsbook app on iOS or Android and place sports wagers today to earn unforgettable experiences at Citi Field this MLB season.

Access to official New York Mets logos and marks, TV-visible in-game signage, and broadcast and digital content across Mets’ properties are also included in this partnership, which extends Caesars Sportsbook’s already-established footprint in New York. Caesars Sportsbook is an authorized gaming operator of the MLB and is currently live in 23 states and jurisdictions—17 of which are mobile—and operates the largest number of retail sportsbooks across the country, including sportsbooks at top New York gaming destinations Turning Stone, Yellow Brick Road, and Point Place Casino through the Oneida Indian Nation and at Caesars, Harrah’s Resort and Tropicana in Atlantic City.

For real-time industry updates and to follow the Caesars empire, players can engage with the Caesars Sportsbook social handle @CaesarsSports on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

## Attorney General James Demands NFL Address Gender-Based Discrimination

New York Attorney General Letitia James today continued her fight against gender-based discrimination, calling on the National Football League (NFL) to address recent allegations of workplace inequity. In a letter to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, Attorney General James — leading a coalition of six attorneys general — expressed grave concerns about recent reports of the NFL’s hostile workplace culture. Recent reports indicate that more than 30 former employees have now come forward and described a pervasive culture of sexism and widespread workplace discrimination within the NFL, including but not limited to, sexual harassment, targeted retaliation, and harmful stereotyping. Today’s letter demands the league to take swift action to improve workplace conditions and protect its female employees.

“In 2014, we watched in horror as the video of Ray Rice brutally attacking his fiancé was made public,” said Attorney General James. “In the aftermath of that disturbing incident and too many others, the NFL promised to do better, take gender violence seriously, and improve conditions for women within the league. We now know that they did nothing of the sort. No woman should ever be subjected to the sort of harassment, disrespect, discrimination, and abuse these brave women have described. The NFL must finally make good on its promise and do better — pink jerseys are not a

replacement for equal treatment and full inclusion of women in the workplace.”

In February 2022, the New York Times published reports from more than 30 former employees of the NFL, describing a hostile workplace for women. Female employees reported that they were subjected to repeated viewings of the Ray Rice video, with commentary by coworkers that the victim had brought the violence on herself. In a training intended to improve sensitivity on the issue, women were reportedly asked to raise their hand to self-identify if they had been victims of domestic violence or knew someone who had.

Female employees described experiencing unwanted touching from male bosses, attending parties where prostitutes were hired, facing unfair criticism based on stereotypes, being passed over for promotions based on their gender, and being pushed out for complaining about discrimination. Following their departure, some employees even learned that discrimination complaints had never been recorded.

In their letter, Attorney General James and the coalition warned Commissioner Goodell that the NFL must address its seeming continued inaction to address these issues. If true, the NFL’s failures may violate local, state, and federal antidiscrimination laws, which prohibit employers

## Maloney Statement on \$10 Billion COVID Preparedness Funding Senate Agreement

Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY) released the following statement on the bipartisan agreement reached in the Senate on \$10 billion emergency supplemental funding for President Biden’s COVID-19 response.

“This bipartisan, bicameral coronavirus relief funding package represents a strong step that must be enacted now, as we continue to work to give the Biden Administration the entirety of the resources needed to keep families healthy and communities safe.

“I am disappointed that the \$5

billion in global health funding that was not included in this bill. This is vital funding that I will continue to push for in separate legislation. Our leadership is essential to beating this virus in underserved communities around the world, and preventing new COVID-19 variants from reversing our progress at home. No one is safe until everyone is safe.”

Background - This package will fulfill immediate needs to secure more vaccines, boosters, testing, and therapeutics to keep the pandemic at bay, with:

- \$9.25 billion to purchase vaccines, including for additional booster shots, vaccines for children and potentially new types of vaccines, and therapeutics, and to maintain testing capacity so that manufacturing of at-home tests and lab capacity does not decline.
- \$750 million for research, clinical trials and the development of vaccines for emerging variants.

For more information about the Bipartisan COVID Supplemental Appropriations Act, consult the Senate’s overview document.

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**HOROSCOPE**   
 For the Week of ... 4/7/22 - 4/13/22

*For Entertainment Purposes Only*

**ARIES**  
 (Mar. 21 - April 20)  
 Losses could occur if you haven't been careful when dealing with joint financial ventures. Help elders get their personal papers in order. Your lucky numbers are 6,7,4.

**TAURUS**  
 (Apr. 21 - May 21)  
 You can make life easier for an older member of your family. Investments will not be as they appear this week. Your lucky numbers are 1,8,9.

**GEMINI**  
 (May 22 - June 21)  
 You can make money through your own creative efforts. Problems with your boss could lead to unemployment. Look for free ways to have fun. Your lucky numbers are 8,3,9.

**CANCER**  
 (June 22 - July 22)  
 This is not the day to be extravagant. Try to be reasonable. You will be prone to carelessness that could result in accidents. Your lucky numbers are 7,4,9.

**LEO**  
 (July 23 - Aug. 22)  
 You will be emotional with regard to your personal life. You may as well work on projects that will allow you to make progress. Your lucky numbers are 5,9,2.

**VIRGO**  
 (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)  
 Do not invest in joint ventures. Things will be hectic and family members will be erratic. Be diplomatic and honest. Your lucky numbers are 6,4,3.

**LIBRA**  
 (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)  
 If you have to deal with large institutions, be careful not to make waves. You will feel the limitations if you have been overdoing it. Your lucky numbers are 9,2,1.

**SCORPIO**  
 (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)  
 You need to keep busy doing things that you both enjoy. Think twice before you say something you might regret later. Your lucky numbers are 5,2,9.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
 (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)  
 You can get ahead if you listen. If you're already in a relationship, use this added energy passionately. Travel will be favorable. Your lucky numbers are 3,8,2.

**CAPRICORN**  
 (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)  
 Don't let your mate bully you into thinking that you owe them your time and your life. You may find your nights sleepless due to bad dreams. You may as well work on projects that will allow you to make progress. Your lucky numbers are 6,9,5.

**AQUARIUS**  
 (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)  
 You need to sit back and enjoy. Your own small business on the side sounds pretty lucrative. You have a unique way of doing things. Your lucky numbers are 8,9,6.

**PISCES**  
 (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)  
 Stay calm and listen to both sides. Difficulties will result if you have to deal with controversial groups. Your lucky numbers are 5,8,4.

**Did You Know?**

- If your DNA was stretched out it would reach to the moon 6,000 times
- Everyone has a unique tongue print
- You begin to feel thirsty when your body loses 1% of water
- Hiccups usually lasts for 5 minutes
- Not all your taste buds are on our tongue (10% are on the insides of you cheeks)
- The life span of a house fly is between 10 to 25 days
- A dolphins top speed is 60kmh (37mph)
- The smallest dog is the Chihuahua
- A sharks top speed is 70kmh (44mph)
- There are 70 million sheep in New Zealand (with 4 million people)
- The worlds smallest bird is the 'bee hummingbird' found in Cuba
- African elephants only have 4 teeth
- The first English dictionary was written in 1755
- The rarest type of diamond is green
- MasterCard was originally called MasterCharge
- The US flag has 13 stripes (representing the original 13 states)
- Men are stuck by lightning 7 times more than women
- Tokyo was once known as Edo
- Women make up 49% of the worlds population

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**Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles**

**"Sudoku"**

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

**"Crossword Puzzle"**

S	T	E	M	A	P	E	D	S	L	A	T	E
A	R	S	E	R	O	V	E	C	O	C	O	A
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E	A	S	E	L	E	V	E	N	F	A	T	S
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**"Try And Find"**  
 NO  
 ANSWERS  
 FOR  
 LAST WEEKS  
 TRY AND FIND

**SUDOKU**

4	8	2		3	5			
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**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

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63						64					65			
66						67					68			
69						70					71			

- ACROSS**
- Explosion
  - Hotels
  - Backside
  - Consumer of food
  - Tidy
  - Therefore
  - Love intensely
  - Arouse
  - Fat cut of tuna (Japanese)
  - Trustworthy
  - Mid-month days
  - Information
  - Avenue
  - Tiny leafy-stemmed flowerless plants
  - Zero
  - Observe
  - Coastal raptor
  - Serene
  - Overact
  - Red
  - Armory
  - Joyful
  - Being
  - Between head and shoulders
  - Before, in poetry
  - Consumed
  - Sounds of disapproval
  - Quick breads
  - Enter the water headfirst
  - Room at the top
  - Worrying
  - Against
  - District
  - Eagle's home
  - Adolescent
  - Times gone by
  - Tour of duty
  - Slave
  - Otherwise
  - SSS
- DOWN**
- Small ball with a hole
  - Stow, as cargo
  - At the peak of
  - Arid
  - Vogue
  - Impossible to satisfy
  - Variant of basketball
  - Type of fastener
  - Pressure
  - Post-employment years
  - Wear away
  - Concur
  - Perch
  - Terpsichore
  - T T T
  - Net
  - Whale
  - Break in two
  - Full of twists and turns
  - Chew
  - 1 1 1 1
  - Bulletin board fastener
  - Large northern deer
  - Stringed instrument
  - Late Superman actor, Christopher
  - Gloom
  - Get away
  - A type of writing tablet
  - Funnel shapes
  - Frequently
  - Delete
  - By mouth
  - Trawling equipment
  - Colored part of the eye
  - One less than 10
  - Obtains

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**TRY AND FIND**

**STAR WARS**

T	N	A	W	I	B	O	S	D	S	I	E
L	K	E	N	O	B	I	E	T	H	W	R
A	S	T	A	R	W	A	R	S	A	A	I
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A	I	I	S	D	O	C	A	N	O	S	E
S	I	T	O	A	R	A	L	A	L	K	N
K	A	Y	K	T	K	S	E	K	O	Y	I
R	E	A	O	N	O	E	I	I	A	W	O
R	C	D	R	O	I	D	A	N	L	A	O
D	R	U	P	K	S	I	O	N	S	L	T
E	O	I	O	J	I	L	U	K	E	K	A
B	F	O	K	L	T	I	T	S	J	E	T
T	W	R	R	B	H	R	L	E	O	R	S

STAR WARS LUCAS LUKE SKYWALKER DROID  
 EMPIRE DEDI SITH FORCE  
 ANAKIN OBI-WAN KENQBI DEATH STAR  
 WOOKIEE HAN SOLO LEIA TATOOINE YODA

## Chairman Jeffries: “President Biden is Laying The Foundation For an Incredible Economic Turnaround”

House Democratic Caucus Chairman Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY) and Vice Chair Pete Aguilar (D-CA) held a leadership press conference where they highlighted America’s 15th straight month of record job growth and the lowest unemployment rate since the pandemic struck the U.S. – all under the leadership of President Biden.

**CHAIRMAN JEFFRIES:** We had a very robust discussion in Caucus today about a wide variety of issues confronting the American people, but largely focused on lowering costs for everyday Americans and building upon the tremendous progress that has already been made in the economy. President Biden has done an incredibly good job during his time in office under very difficult circumstances, helping America work its way through this once-in-a-century COVID-19 pandemic, uniting the free world in support of Ukraine and against Russian aggression and laying the foundation for an incredible economic turnaround.

15 consecutive months of robust job creation, the most recent jobs report showing that 431,000 jobs were created, approaching approximately 8 million good-paying jobs that have been created during President Biden’s time in office, a record in American presidential history, the fastest rate of economic growth in 40 years, unemployment has now dropped to 3.6% – it was 6.4% when President Biden took office just a short while ago. Wages continue to go up and, of course, the deficit has been reduced during his first year in office by more than \$350 billion and may be reduced by an excess of \$1 trillion during his second full year in office.

This is a tremendous foundation for the American people. That



doesn’t just happen automatically, doesn’t just happen magically. It happens as a result of presidential leadership and partnership with Democratic majorities in the House and the Senate, and we’ll continue that work this week, in part by making sure that distressed restaurants and small businesses are able to receive the relief that was originally promised to them but, because of overwhelming demand in terms of funds, weren’t previously available. That’s bipartisan legislation, with respect to distressed restaurants and small businesses, that will be led by Representative Blumenauer.

We, of course, will continue to shine a spotlight for the American people on some of the activities that are taking place that are resulting in the high gas prices that people are experiencing, led by Chairman Frank Pallone and Subcommittee Chairwoman Diana DeGette. Of course, there will be a subcommittee hearing on price gouging that is taking place as some companies – that are making record profits – but instead of passing savings along to the American people, are pour-

ing it into stock buybacks and wealthy shareholders are becoming even wealthier at the expense of the American people. We’re going to make sure that the full story is told, both as it relates to Putin’s price hike, connected to gas prices, as well as some of the price gouging that is taking place this week.

**VICE CHAIR AGUILAR:** This week, the House will hold two of former President Trump’s most loyal confidants in contempt of Congress. Last week I highlighted a passage from Judge Carter’s ruling and I wanted to read it here again because it gets to the heart of why we’re voting this week, our work as a Select Committee and the responsibility entrusted to all of us on behalf of the American people. The quote, “If Dr. Eastman and President Trump’s plan had worked, it would have permanently ended a peaceful transition of power, undermining American democracy and the Constitution. If the country does not commit to investigating and pursuing accountability for those responsible,

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## Meng, Espaillat Announce Community Project Funding For FY2023 to Help Local Communities

**Lawmakers Able To Direct Federal Funds To Specific Projects In Their Congressional Districts**

U.S. Reps. Grace Meng (D-NY) and Adriano Espaillat (D-NY), the two New York members of the powerful House Appropriations Committee—which funds federal agencies and programs—announced a new process for state and local governments and non-profits to receive direct federal funding through the Appropriations process. They have also created guidance to help New York nonprofits and government entities navigate the Community Project Funding process in Congress.

Community Project Funding recognizes that Members of Congress know their districts best, and know the needs of their communities. Unlike the former congressionally-directed spending, also known as “earmarks,” the revamped Community Project Funding process will prioritize accountability, transparency, and strong community support. New reforms require rigorous vetting, limits 15 community project requests from each Member of Congress, public disclosure of



**U.S. Rep. Grace Meng**

**U.S. Rep. Adriano Espaillat**

potential recipients on the Congressman’s website, and certification that no Congressman’s family can benefit from the project. To assist potential New York recipients in learning more about the process, Meng and Espaillat created a concise fact sheet.

Eligible entities that can apply for funding include state or local governmental entities and non-profit organizations. All for-profit groups and entities are ineligible. Eligible projects are broken down by each spending bill.

Those interested in submitting a Community Project Funding request must consult with their specific congressional representative.

“We are incredibly excited to announce that New York state and local governments, and non-profit organizations, are now able to request Community Project Funding in upcoming annual federal spending bills,” said Meng and Espaillat. “This process will ensure that Members of Congress can work with their communities to identify projects which need funding, especially as we look to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. After all, Members of Congress know their districts best. We have prepared a short overview of how to identify those projects and what steps may be involved.”

## National Vietnam War Veterans Day



Last week marked the National Vietnam War Veterans Day, a time to pay tribute to our service men and women.

The Queens District Attorneys

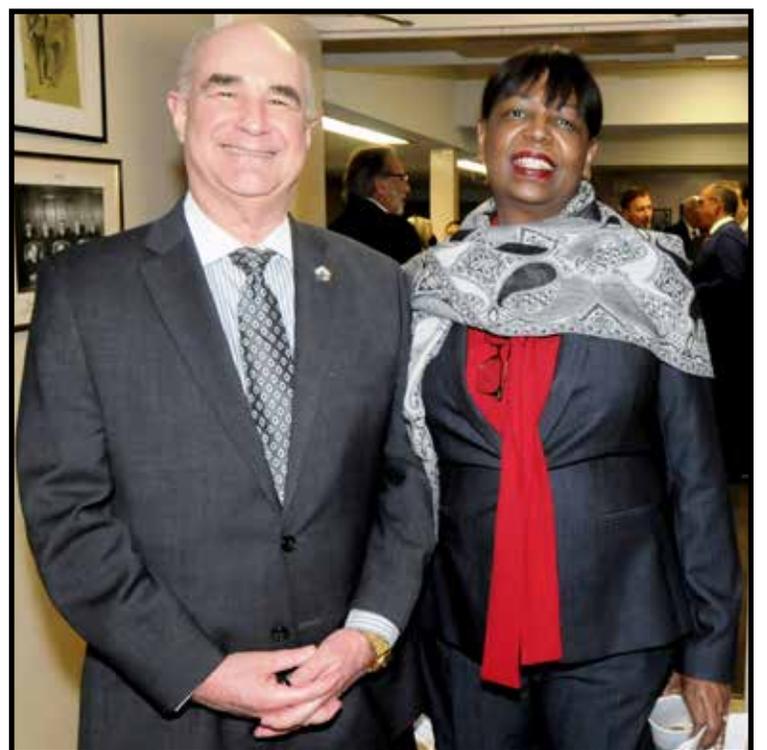
Office staff attended a commemoration ceremony, hosted by the Vietnam Veterans of America, Queens Chapter 32, to honor their service on behalf of our nation.

## Senator James Sanders Jr. Condemns Attack on Sikh Senior in Richmond Hill



State Senator James Sanders Jr. said: “It is absolutely disgraceful that a 70-year-old senior who is also a member of the Sikh community was approached and beaten without provocation, all while he was taking a morning walk in Richmond Hill. This man was new to our country. He had only been here for two weeks and this is not the type of welcome we want people to think occurs when they visit our country or our community. I condemn this shameful attack, which is being investigated as a hate crime, and hope that the perpetrators are brought to justice.”

## Queens County Bar Association “Judiciary, Past Presidents, And Golden Jubilarian Night”



Queens County Bar Association at their Jamaica headquarters building their annual “Judiciary, Past Presidents, and Golden Jubilarian Night”. Because of the Covid virus, the last time this was celebrated in person was 3 years ago, March 2019. This is one of the biggest events that the QCBA holds annually. Over 150 members of the bar and bench came together to pay tribute to long-time members and the Queens judiciary. Pictured above are featured speakers at Queens County Bar Association (QCBA) “Judiciary, Past Presidents, and Golden Jubilarian Night” event George Grasso, Administrative Judge, Criminal Term, Queens County and Marguerite Grays, Administrative Judge, Civil Term, Queens County. Photo by Walter Karling

## Sunnyside Community Services Wins Innovations in Alzheimer's Caregiving Award

Sunnyside Community Services (SCS), a Queens-based community organization, has won a national caregiving award for its Care NYC program. Care NYC at SCS provides support to Queens-based caregivers who are caring for someone with Alzheimer's or other dementias. The Innovations in Alzheimer's Caregiving Award is presented by The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation, Bader Philanthropies, Inc., and Family Caregiver Alliance.

"Six million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease. They are often cared for by family members who need support and respite to give their loved ones the best care they can," said Judy Zangwill, Executive Director of SCS. "With services such as skills workshops and support groups, our Care NYC program aims to give caregivers the help they need. We're so honored that our program was recognized with the Innovations in Alzheimer's Caregiving Award."

The Innovations in Alzheimer's Caregiving Award is a national award that is presented each year to recognize three outstanding programs. Care NYC is this year's only NYC-based winner; other winners include Seattle-based Elderwise and Chicago-based "Art Is...In." Care NYC was recognized for its work in multicultural communities. As part of the award, each program receives a \$20,000 grant.

Care NYC matches 1,400 caregivers annually to SCS staff members who provide a range of assistance and connect caregiv-



ers to other services. Care NYC services include education and caregiver skills workshops, peer support groups, long term care planning, and more. The program is targeted to honor differences in cultural, linguistic, family dynamics, and religious identities for caregivers.

Sunnyside Community Services (SCS) is a community-based nonprofit centered on the belief that every person deserves meaningful support to achieve their aspirations – especially struggling families and individuals. SCS serves a diverse community of over 16,000 people of all ethnicities and income levels throughout Queens with programs that range from pre-K to college and career readiness, home care and home health aide training, Beacon and Cornerstone community centers for children and families, a vibrant senior center and full range of services for at-risk older adults

including social adult day care for individuals with Alzheimer's, and a city-wide program of supportive services for those who care for them. With programs designed to enrich lives and strengthen communities through services and engagement for individuals at all ages, beginning with those most in need, SCS has been lighting up lives with programs as diverse as the people they serve since 1974. For more information, visit [www.scsny.org](http://www.scsny.org) or email [info@scsny.org](mailto:info@scsny.org).

Care NYC is supported (in part) by a grant from the New York State Department of Health. Additional support is provided by the New York City Department for the Aging. Services are available through the five boroughs, in partnership with SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Queens Community Hospital, and Corsi Senior Center at Union Settlement. For more information about Care NYC, visit <https://www.scsny.org/care-nyc>.

## U.S. Rep Maloney Tours Potential Sites For The Upcoming Smithsonian American Women's History Museum



Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY), author of H.R. 1980, the Smithsonian Women's History Museum Act, issued the following statement after participating in numerous events to receive updates on, tour potential sites, and celebrate the upcoming Smithsonian American Women's History Museum.

to create a museum recognizing the contributions of women throughout our nation's history, I'm thrilled that we are so close to making this dream a reality," said Rep. Maloney. "This museum is long overdue. Women account for only about 5% of subjects in national monuments across the

"After two decades of working

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## Chairwoman Maloney's Opening Statement at Oversight Committee Hearing on Electrifying the Postal Service Fleet

*Chairwoman Carolyn B. Maloney Committee on Oversight and Reform Hearing on "It's Electric: Developing the Postal Service Fleet of the Future"*

I would like to start by acknowledging the important, bipartisan work that the Members of this Committee did on the Postal Service Reform Act, which will be signed into law this week.

Today, I hope we can come together on another common-sense step: cutting our reliance on fossil fuels and saving money in the long-run by transitioning to an electric Postal fleet.

Just yesterday the U.N. issued a major new report warning that without immediate action shifting from fossil fuels, we will not be able to keep global warming to acceptable levels. This Congress must help the world avert a climate disaster by moving from gas guzzlers to electric vehicles now.

The Postal Service operates an aging fleet of roughly 230,000 vehicles – many of which need to be replaced. These old postal trucks are often unsafe, have high maintenance costs, and get terrible gas mileage at a time when we cannot afford to continue polluting our environment.

The Postal Service began the process of acquiring a new and improved fleet more than seven years ago. Last year, they finally



selected a contractor, Oshkosh Defense, to build the Next Generation Delivery Vehicle.

The Postal Service signed a 10-year contract to order up to 165,000 vehicles. Under the contract, Oshkosh must provide either internal combustion engine or battery electric vehicles, in whatever amounts the Postal Service orders.

Unfortunately, the Postal Service has stated that only 10% of the vehicles it purchases under the contract will be electric, while the remaining 90%—up to 148,000 vehicles—will be gas-guzzlers. This is simply unacceptable.

19 of the hottest years on record have occurred since 2000, and July of 2021 was the hottest month ever recorded. Extreme weather events are getting more frequent and damaging.

One of the most important steps we can take now is to reduce the amount of carbon we put into the atmosphere by burning less oil and gas. Cutting our dependence on

fossil fuels is also a national security imperative. With Russia using oil sales to fund its brutal war in Ukraine and Putin's price hike hurting Americans at the pump, there has never been a better time to invest in clean energy.

This is why the Biden Administration is working to move the country beyond fossil fuels and meet our obligations under the Paris Agreement.

Transitioning to electric vehicles—using proven technology that is already on the road today—is a key part of that effort. And the Postal Service should lead the way.

Electrifying its fleet would also keep the Postal Service competitive. EVs cost less to fuel up and maintain over the life of the vehicle. So buying EVs could save the Postal Service money over time, even if the sticker price is a little higher.

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# IT'S IN QUEENS

(April 7 to April 13)

Queens hosts a week of multi-day festivals organized around dance, film, hunting eggs, Latin culture, music, and theater. Those in the mood for shorter engagements can choose between cherry blossoms, a memorial ceremony, performance art, and a selfish giant.

- April 8, CreArtBox Music Festival, April 10. Three nights of live music by emerging and established composers in various genres, visual art, talks, and more from 8 pm to 9:30 pm. Culture Lab LIC, 5-25 46th Ave.

- April 8, Bill Charlap Trio, 8 pm. With piano, bass, and drums, this Jazz group includes Grammy winners and Grammy nominees. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

- April 8, Latin Culture and Dance Festival, April 10. Three days of dynamic performances celebrating Latin culture through song, dance, comedy, and fantastic music. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- April 8, Queens Underground International Black History Month Film Festival, April 9. Two days of shorts, documentaries, music videos, and other films with a red carpet. King Manor Museum, 150-03 Jamaica Ave.

- April 8, Disreputable Cinema: #Skakespearesh \*TStorm, 7 pm. Director Lloyd Kaufman watches and discusses his depraved adaptation of "The Tempest." He also plays the role of Prospero. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.

- April 8, Three Days of Dance, April 10. The Take Root program opens with performances by Teresa Fellion and Kristin Hatleberg at 8 pm on April 8 and April 9. The Fertile Ground New Works Showcase goes next with various artists on April 10 at 7 pm. Green Space, 37-24 24th St., Long Island City.

- April 8, Pulse, 8 pm. The jamming group Pulse provides the rhythms at Bar 360. Resorts World New York City, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.

- April 9, Barnyard Egg Hunt, April 16. Youngsters search for goodies as part of a time-honored tradition on two separate days (April 9 and April 16). Hayrides, local vendors, and animal petting, too. BYOB (Bring Your Own Basket). Queens County Farm Museum, 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy., Glen Oaks.

- April 9, The Selfish Giant, 1 pm + 3:30 pm. In the original tale, a giant builds a wall around his garden to keep out the town's children only to see it plunge into endless winter. In this version, the storytellers are at a border wall. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- April 9, Ching Ming Memorial Ceremony, 2 pm. As per Chinese tradition, Spring is the time to celebrate the dearly departed. This



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FTH NaiNen

event is dedicated to all the graveyard's ancestors, family members, and friends. Maple Grove Cemetery, 127-15 Kew Gardens Rd.

- April 9, Cherry Blossom Walk, 11 am. Enjoy the scenic views and learn more about the flowering cherry trees with Urban Park Rangers. Meet at the Unisphere, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- April 9, American Mosaic Jazz Festival, April 23. Kupferberg Center for the Arts co-hosts three 4 pm live streams: Etienne Charles on April 9; Lenora Helm on April 16; and Linda May Han Oh on April 23.

- April 9, Meh Mudda Deh Sea, 1 pm. Homegrown artist Chris Bisram's program begins with a beach cleanup. Then it moves to two vocal performances and a letter-writing session exploring human relationships. A dance performance is at 2:25 pm, followed by another vocal show and a

poem that honors Bisram's mother and the water. Socrates Sculpture Park, 32-01 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City.

- April 9, Night Anthem, 8 pm. This Top 40 band keeps the beat going at Bar 360. Resorts World New York City, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.

- April 10, CrossCurrent Contemporary Dance Festival, 2 pm. Produced by Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company, this eighth annual celebration demonstrates the vibrancy and diversity of the Asian American dance scene in the New York metropolitan area. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

- April 13, Monthly Jazz Jam, 7 pm. On the second Wednesday of the month, musicians hone skills and jam with peers. The house band is led by saxophonist Carol Sudhalter. Don't play? Listen! Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

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## Attorney General James Warns Hate Group to Immediately Stop Spying on Muslim Communities

*AG James Takes Action to Support Muslim Communities on Eve of Ramadan*

*Calls on DOJ to Investigate Investigative Project on Terrorism for Federal Criminal and Civil Rights Violations*

*Warns Against Discriminatory Action Targeting Communities*

On the eve of Ramadan, New York Attorney General Letitia James today warned a known anti-Muslim hate group to stop spying on Muslim communities. Attorney General James sent a cease-and-desist letter to Steven Emerson and the Investigative Project on Terrorism (IPT) directing them to immediately stop any unlawful and discriminatory surveillance they may be conducting on Muslim communities in New York. The action follows reports that IPT paid informants and infiltrators for over a decade to spy on Muslim houses of worship, Muslim advocacy groups, and prominent Muslim leaders — blatant violations of their civil rights. Attorney General James also issued a letter to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), requesting an investigation into IPT's possible violations of federal criminal and civil rights laws. As a charity that operates in New York, IPT is required to follow state laws, and is subject to enforcement by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG). Furthermore, Attorney General James warned against any discriminatory action targeting communities.

"As we enter the holy month of Ramadan, it's more important

than ever that we show our support for our Muslim communities and stand up to Islamophobia and hate of any and every kind," said Attorney General James. "Let me be clear: We will not bow to hate, we will not enable bias, and we will not empower Islamophobia. I urge DOJ to stand with us and use its considerable power to protect Muslim communities throughout New York and across the nation. Our constitution protects the rights of all communities to live without harassment or intimidation; we will remain vigilant in the protection of these rights."

In December 2021, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) revealed that for more than a decade, IPT paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to spies in order to gain access to Muslim organizations and leaderships to record confidential conversations and documents. Most notably, IPT reportedly infiltrated the Ohio chapter of CAIR, through its then-leader, Romin Iqbal, who leaked confidential documents and recordings. In another undercover operation, IPT paid more than \$100,000 to Tariq Nelson to spy on members of a mosque in Virginia and record privileged conversations without other participants' knowledge.

The documents and recordings collected by IPT include a 2010 meeting of national Muslim leaders discussing the negative responses to the proposed Islamic center near Ground Zero in lower Manhattan, and a 2015 discussion of then-presidential candidate Donald Trump's anti-Muslim rhetoric. Public statements from those

involved in the operation suggest that IPT targeted the organizations and individuals in a concerted effort to infringe on the rights of Muslims, including their right to worship, peacefully assemble and organize politically, petition the government, and to vote.

In her letter to IPT, Attorney General James warns the organization that its actions could violate state and federal laws. New York Civil Rights Law prohibits discrimination or harassment against an individual exercising their civil rights on the basis of creed and prohibits the intimidation of an individual on the basis of their religion or religious practice. Attorney General James is immediately requiring IPT to:

- Cease and desist any ongoing or contemplated unlawful espionage operations against Muslims and Muslim organizations within the state of New York;
- Cease and desist from any further discriminatory activities against Muslims in New York; and
- Fully comply with the requirements of the New York Civil Rights Law and all other applicable state and federal statutes.

In a coinciding letter to DOJ, Attorney General James urged the Biden Administration to launch an investigation into IPT for violations of federal criminal and civil rights law. Attorney General James maintains that although OAG stands ready to enforce New York state civil rights law, a DOJ investigation into IPT's possible violations of federal law would send the message that the federal government will also use its powers to protect Muslims' rights.

## U.S. Rep Maloney Tours Potential Sites For The Upcoming Smithsonian American Women's History Museum

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country and are woefully under-represented in history textbooks. This museum is an important step toward making the Smithsonian Institution more inclusive and recognizing women who have made remarkable impacts on the country during every major moment in our history. I look forward to continuing to work with the Smithsonian to establish a museum that the American people deserve and will inspire future generations."

Background - In November 2016, a bipartisan Congressional Commission, created by a bill sponsored by Congresswoman Maloney, issued its final report regarding the establishment of a women's history museum in Washington, D.C. The

report concluded unanimously that the American people need and deserve such a museum. Congresswoman Maloney introduced H.R. 19 in the 115th Congress and H.R. 1980 in the 116th Congress based on these recommendations.

Congresswoman Maloney introduced H.R. 1980 on March 28, 2019. The companion bill, S. 959, was introduced in the Senate by Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Dianne Feinstein (D-CA). On February 11, 2020, H.R. 1980 passed the House by an overwhelmingly bipartisan vote of 374 - 37. The Senate Rules and Administration Committee unanimously approved S. 959 on December 4, 2020. That same month, it passed the Senate as part of the year-end omnibus funding package.

## Maloney's Opening Statement at Oversight Committee Hearing on Electrifying the Postal Service Fleet

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Major companies from UPS to Amazon have announced plans to adopt all-electric fleets—not mostly-electric fleets, but ALL electric. And car companies from Volkswagen to Ford have committed to ramp up production of electric vehicles in the coming years.

For months, the Postal Service claimed that it could buy no more than 5,000 electric vehicles with its current funds, a tiny fraction of its overall purchase. But after this Committee raised questions about the Postal Service's environmental review, they changed their position, and announced that they were doubling the initial order of EVs to 10,000.

This is progress, but these EVs still are only 20% of the initial order. And according to the non-partisan Government Accountability Office, which is currently reviewing this matter, the Postal Service may be basing its estimate about the costs of EVs on faulty assumptions.

In their written submission to the Committee, GAO states that their preliminary analysis "raises questions" about these estimates. In particular, GAO found that the Postal Service used a gas price, \$2.19 per gallon, that bears no relationship to current prices, and predicted that maintenance would be more expensive for an electric vehicle than a gas ve-

hicle—even though the evidence shows just the opposite is true.

And the Postal Service should also be doing more to buy more EVs now—including both "next generation" vehicles and commercially available, off-the-shelf models.

The Postal Service currently has \$23 billion dollars of cash on hand—the most in years. And the bipartisan bill I led with Ranking Member Comer provided \$50 billion dollars in financial relief over the next ten years. A small portion of those funds can be used responsibly to buy more EVs.

I also believe Congress should provide additional funding to ensure an all-electric Postal fleet, and this Committee approved that funding last year.

Finally, the Postal Service can reduce upfront costs for charging infrastructure by exploring partnerships with private companies as well as public-facing charging stations that could increase Postal Service revenue. President Biden's bipartisan infrastructure bill also includes funding for a national network of charging stations, some of which could be located at the Postal Service's 31,000 retail locations around the country.

Electric vehicles are the vehicles of the future. To continue purchasing gas-guzzling vehicles is not only bad for the environment—it's bad for the Postal Service, and bad for its customers.

## Chairs Maloney And Khanna Call on Big Oil to End Stock Buybacks, Use Record Profits to Help Americans at the Pump And Invest in Clean Energy

*Committee Analysis Shows Big Oil Spends Far More Enriching Investors and Executives Than Producing Clean Energy*

Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney, the Chairwoman of the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and Rep. Ro Khanna, the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Environment, sent a letter to fossil fuel executives at ExxonMobil, BP America, Chevron, and Shell Oil Company, urging them to use their record-breaking profits to help Americans facing pain at the gas pump instead of enriching investors with stock buybacks and dividends. The Chairs also urged Big Oil to utilize their windfall profit to finally invest in renewable energy projects to reduce the fossil fuel dependency that has empowered dangerous autocrats like Vladimir Putin.

"As Vladimir Putin's illegal war against Ukraine is raising gas prices and hurting Americans at the pump, fossil fuel companies are taking advantage of the crisis by raking in record profits and spending billions of dollars to enrich their executives and investors," the Chairs wrote. "As part of the Committee's ongoing investigation into Big Oil's disinformation on fossil fuels and climate change, we found that

as profits rose last year, Exxon, Chevron, BP, and Shell spent more than \$44 billion to enrich investors with stock buybacks and dividends. This year, you have promised to funnel at least \$32 billion more to your investors, while committing less than half that amount to urgently needed lower-carbon investments. Big Oil must immediately stop profiteering off the crisis in Ukraine."

The events in Ukraine over the past several weeks demonstrate the dangers of America's fossil fuel dependence. During the first three months of 2022—as Putin prepared for and launched his illegal invasion of Ukraine—average gas prices increased by 29%, from \$3.28 to \$4.23 per gallon. As the crisis in Ukraine drives oil and gas prices to record highs, ExxonMobil, BP America, Chevron, and Shell Oil Company are poised to reap even more windfall profit from fossil fuel.

Big Oil's profits have been used to enrich investors and executives—at the expense of American consumers paying higher prices. Exxon and Chevron both pledged up to \$10 billion in stock buybacks in 2022. BP has announced \$4.15 billion in buybacks, and Shell has announced plans for \$8.5 billion worth of buybacks in the first half

of 2022 alone.

The Committee's analysis found that despite lofty public pledges to invest in cleaner fuels, fossil fuel companies' investments in clean or renewable energy make up only a fraction of their annual capital expenditures. For each company, planned 2022 stock buybacks substantially outpace pledged investments in low-emission energy sources.

Since September 2021, Chairwoman Maloney and Chairman Khanna have been investigating the fossil fuel industry's long history of climate disinformation.

On October 28, 2021, the Committee held a historic hearing in which top fossil fuel and industry executives testified together under oath for the first time about their companies' roles in causing the climate crisis and their efforts to cover it up. During this hearing, the Committee released a memo showing how the fossil fuel industry's public praise for climate policies is not backed by meaningful action.

On February 8, 2022, the Committee held a second hearing where experts testified that Big Oil's investments in renewable energy are woefully insufficient to address our fossil fuel dependence and the deepening climate crisis.

## Chairman Jeffries: "President Biden is Laying The Foundation For an Incredible Economic Turnaround"

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the court fears that January 6 will repeat itself."

Those are the stakes of the investigation that we have in front of us and why it's so important to refer Dan Scavino and Peter Navarro to the Justice Department for contempt of Congress. These aides to the former president have refused to provide a single piece of evidence despite our lawful sub-

poenas. Their failure to comply sets them apart from nearly every other witness and leads us to no other option. This is as clear a case of contempt as we have seen. House Democrats are committed to the principle that no one is above the law and each and every day we get closer to ensuring that the perpetrators of the attempt to overturn the election are held accountable so this doesn't happen again.

## Attorney General James And DOI Commissioner Strauber Deliver \$900,000 to 200 NYCHA Construction Workers Denied Fair Pay

### *Lintech Electric Failed to Pay Employees the Prevailing Wage Rate on NYCHA Projects*

New York Attorney General Letitia James and New York City Department of Investigation (DOI) Commissioner Jocelyn E. Strauber today announced their joint efforts to combat wage theft by securing nearly \$900,000 for more than 200 workers who were underpaid by Lintech Electric (Lintech). An investigation found that over the course of three years, Lintech disregarded the prevailing wage rate and underpaid its employees by almost \$900,000 on multiple New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) projects in all five boroughs. As a part of the agreement, Lintech will repay the impacted workers the money they were cheated plus interest and will be banned from public works projects in New York for five years.

“Every worker deserves fair pay for their hard work,” said Attorney General James. “The prevailing wage was established for a reason — to protect the hardworking New Yorkers who built our city and keep it functioning. No employee should fear that they will be cheated at the hands of greedy employers, especially at the expense of the public good. I am proud to finally return the money owed to these dedicated workers and I will do everything in my power to ensure that Lintech does not deceive or exploit any more workers.”

“Lintech, a subcontractor for general contractors hired by NYCHA through its guarantors, agreed to pay almost \$900,000 to workers that it underpaid for over three years, in violation of New York’s Prevailing Wage Law,” said

DOI Commissioner Jocelyn E. Strauber. “I applaud the workers who alerted DOI of this underpayment, prompting an audit that exposed this wrongful conduct. As a result of this joint investigation by DOI and Attorney General James’ office, Lintech will also be banned from New York public works projects for five years. DOI and its law enforcement partners will pursue and hold accountable employers that seek to cheat workers of their rightful wages, and we will ensure that those victims are made whole. I thank the state attorney general and NYCHA for their partnership on this important investigation.”

Attorney General James and the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI) began a joint investigation into Lintech in September of 2019 after a DOI investigation and audit revealed that Lintech underpaid its employees. Between 2015 to 2018, Lintech failed to pay workers the prevailing wage rate and supplemental benefit rate on multiple NYCHA Housing Complex public work projects. The workers were hired to install and maintain lighting and electrical outlets on scaffolding surrounding multiple NYCHA apartment buildings throughout the city but were not adequately compensated.

Lintech’s actions violate the Prevailing Wage Law, which requires contractors and subcontractors to pay the prevailing rate of wage and benefits to all employees under a public work contract. Lintech’s financial guarantors, Neelam Construction Corporation, Pro-Metal Construction, and Zoria Housing, will also be held financially accountable for underpaying workers as guarantors of

Lintech’s underpayments. The companies will repay close to \$900,000 in wages, supplemental benefits, interest, and penalties to be distributed to 200 impacted employees. Today’s agreement also bars Lintech from performing, contracting, or subcontracting public work in New York state for five years, including a \$30,000 penalty to cover the cost of the investigation.

The Office of the Attorney General thanks NYCHA for its partnership in this matter.

“We are pleased to work with the attorney general and the New York City Department of Investigation to root out malfeasance at NYCHA and to ensure that workers are justly compensated for their services,” said NYCHA Chair & CEO Greg Russ. “Wage theft and service crimes impact our operations, workforce, and residents, and will not be tolerated.”

The investigation was conducted by DOI’s Office of the Inspector General for NYCHA, specifically Investigative Auditor Lester Dier, under the supervision of Deputy Inspector General Osa Omoigui, Counsel to the Inspector General Lauren Hintz, Inspector General Ralph Iannuzzi, Deputy Commissioner/Chief of Investigations Dominick Zarrella, and First Deputy Commissioner Daniel G. Cort.

This case was handled by Assistant Attorney General Jennifer S. Michael, under the supervision of Labor Bureau Criminal Section Chief Richard Balletta and Labor Bureau Chief Karen Cacace. The Labor Bureau is a part of the Division for Social Justice, which is led by Chief Deputy Attorney General Meghan Faux and is overseen by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

## New York Farm Bureau President Sends Letter to NYC Mayor to Keep Chocolate Milk in Schools

### *President Fisher also asks to meet with Mayor Adams to discuss sourcing more NYS food in city schools*

New York Farm Bureau President David Fisher expressed his concerns over the potential removal of flavored milk in New York City’s schools in a letter to New York City Mayor Eric Adams. President Fisher recognized the mayor’s concerns about wanting children to have healthy, nutritious meals, but stressed that research has shown that removing chocolate milk will actually reduce nutritional intake and increase

food waste.

The letter reads in part, “Our dairy farmers are proud to supply a wholesome product to school children all across New York, including New York City. There have been many studies that show the importance of dairy in children’s diets and the benefits of the vitamins it provides. Research has shown children who drink flavored milk consume more of the important nutrients related to healthy growth and development such as calcium, vitamin D, and potassium, in comparison to non-flavored milk drinkers. Additionally,

studies have shown that flavored milk consumption is not connected with weight gain or even high total daily sugar intake in children.”

In the letter, President Fisher asked to meet with the mayor and his staff to discuss the issue as well as find common ground on how we can work together to source more New York State food into the city school system. The purchase of fresh, local food would benefit school kids as well as support New York’s family farms and reduce the environmental impact of food traveling from other states and countries.

## Senators Gillibrand & Padilla Introduce Bicameral Bill to Support LGBTQ Businesses And Protect Against Lending Discrimination

### *Data Transparency Bill Would Help Ensure That 1.4 Million LGBTQ-Owned Businesses Have Equal Opportunity to Access Capital and Credit*

U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Alex Padilla (D-CA) are introducing the bicameral LGBTQ Business Equal Credit Enforcement and Investment Act. Last year, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau clarified that the prohibition against sex discrimination under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA) includes sexual orientation discrimination and gender identity discrimination, consistent with the Supreme Court’s landmark 2020 decision in *Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia*. The LGBTQ Business Equal Credit Enforcement and Investment Act would help enforce fair lending requirements and further protect the approximately 1.4 million LGBTQ-owned businesses across the nation from this type of lending discrimination by requiring financial institutions to collect data on the self-identified sexual orientation and gender identity of business owners. This needed change would help ensure the economic development needs of the LGBTQ community are being met and that LGBTQ-owned busi-

nesses are treated fairly when seeking access to capital and credit. This bill is led by Congressman Ritchie Torres (D-NY-15) in the House of Representatives and passed in 2021.

“LGBTQ business owners are an important and vibrant part of our economy and communities, and our laws should reflect that,” said Senator Gillibrand. “The LGBTQ Business Equal Credit Enforcement and Investment Act would strengthen and diversify the American economy, while helping to put an end to discriminatory practices against LGBTQ business owners. This bill has passed the House and I encourage the Senate to take this up swiftly and pass it into law.”

“Though we have made strides of progress in the past few years, the LGBTQ+ community still faces discrimination that has a significant impact on the community’s financial well-being,” said Senator Padilla. “LGBTQ+ small businesses contribute immensely to our communities and deserve equitable access to the resources they need to continue to grow. I am co-leading the LGBTQ Business Equal Credit Enforcement and Investment Act with Senator Gillibrand to ensure that financial institutions collect self-identified data from LG-

BTQ+ business owners so that we can better provide the resources they need to thrive.”

The LGBTQ Business Equal Credit Enforcement and Investment Act has two key provisions:

1. Adds a definition for businesses owned by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) individuals to the ECOA statute, which currently collects data on applications for credit for women-owned, minority-owned, and small businesses.
2. Amends the ECOA statute to require financial institutions to collect the self-identified sexual orientation and gender identity of the principal owners of small businesses, in addition to their sex, race, and ethnicity.

This bill is supported by the Center for American Progress, Center for LGBTQ Economic Advancement & Research, Equality Federation, Family Equality, Freedom for All Americans, Human Rights Campaign, National Center for Lesbian Rights, National Center for Transgender Equality, National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund, the National Center for Transgender Equality, Out Leadership, PFLAG National, and SAGE.

## Riders Urge Mayor to Embrace City Council’s Bold Vision For Better Bus Service, Thank Legislative Leaders For Their Demand Of \$3.1 Billion to Fund Expanded Streets Plan

### *Responding to the NYC Council’s Budget Response (p. 39), Riders Alliance Senior Organizer Jolyse Race said:*

“Bus riders urge Mayor Adams to embrace the City Council’s bold vision for better buses and safer

streets. Expanded funding for faster and more reliable bus service and better access to neighborhoods without subways will make New York work better for everyone who lives, works, and visits here.

“The Council’s response to the mayor’s preliminary

budget shows unprecedented support for better buses and streets that work for everyone. Riders thank Speaker Adrienne Adams, Transportation Chair Selvena Brooks-Powers, and Finance Chair Justin Brannan for joining the fight for fast and reliable transit for all New Yorkers.”

## Attorney General James Demands NFL Address Gender-Based Discrimination (Continued from page 4)

from discriminating against women, people of color, and domestic violence victims, or subjecting them to a hostile work environment. Tasked with enforcing all antidiscrimination laws, Attorney General James and the coalition promised to use the full weight of their authority to investigate and prosecute all allegations of harassment, discrimination, or retaliation

by employers throughout their states.

If you have experienced or witnessed similar discrimination at the NFL or any other employer, please file a complaint with the Office of the Attorney General. Joining Attorney General James in signing this letter are the attorneys general of Illinois, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Oregon, and

Washington.

This matter was handled by Senior Counsel Sandra Pullman and Deputy Bureau Chief Travis England — all of the Civil Rights Bureau. The Civil Rights Bureau is a part of the Division for Social Justice, which is led by Chief Deputy Attorney General Meghan Faux and is overseen by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.



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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

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Notice of Formation of INFINIKEY SOLUTIONS, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/22/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2446 44th Street, Apt 4A, Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/31,4/7,14,21,28&5/5/2022

75-07 PENELOPE AVE., LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/17/22. 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, 75-07 Penelope Avenue, Middle Village, NY 11379. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 3/24,31,4/7,14,21&28/2022

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

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ALATSI LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/29/15. 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, 249-25 Cullman Avenue, Little Neck, NY 11362. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 3/10,17,24,31,4/7&14/2022

Sino, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 2/17/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Amelia Simone, 67-57 78th St., Middle Village, NY 11379. General Purpose. 3/17,24,31,4/7,14&21/2022

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK – COUNTY OF QUEENS – Index No. 711400/2021. Date Summons Filed May 18, 2021. Plaintiffs designate Queens County as the place of trial. The Basis of venue is CPLR Sec. 509. – SUMMONS WITH NOTICE. Plaintiffs reside at 8447 Goldington Court, Queens, NY 11379. EWA FRATCZAK and MARIUSZ FRATCZAK, Plaintiffs -against- ERWIN TRAMPOSCH and ANNA MARIE TRAMPOSCH, Defendants.

To the above-named Defendants: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiffs within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the notice set forth below.

NOTICE: The nature of this action is to recover for personal injuries Plaintiff EWA FRATCZAK suffered when she fell and violently propelled to the ground when she slipped on a patch of snow/ice on a sidewalk abutting a Building belonging to the Defendants.

The relief sought is a judgment on Plaintiffs' claims of negligence and loss of consortium against the Defendants as a result of the above-mentioned accident, which occurred on February 24, 2021.

That the Court grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper. 3/24,31,4/7&14/2022

295 SCHAEFER LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/11/22. 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, 295 Schaefer Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 3/31,4/7,14,21,28&5/5/2022

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Notice of Formation of LEAHEET & SUPPORT LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/28/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 11225 34th Avenue, Apt. 1H, Corona, NY 11368. Purpose: any lawful activities. 4/7,14,21,28,5/5&12/2022

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**Riders Alliance Statement on NYCT President Davey's Remarks on Moving Service**

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

“The governor and MTA should not pit public transit riders against one another. Rather than cut rush hour service to add buses and trains at other times, Governor Hochul should invest in service that runs at least

every six minutes, all day, every day.

“New York’s recovery depends on rebuilding and strengthening our transit system. The MTA faces new threats and challenges than before the pandemic and needs increased state investment to be nimble and competitive. Austerity is not the answer.”

**File Your Return on Time Even if You Can't Pay What You Owe**

*Options to avoid penalties when you can't pay your tax debt in full*

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance reminded taxpayers to avoid late filing penalties by filing their personal income tax return on time even if they owe money but can't immediately pay. The Tax Department can help taxpayers avoid or reduce penalties and added interest on any taxes they might owe.

“Some New Yorkers mistakenly think it's better to simply not file their tax return if they can't afford to pay what they owe” said Acting Commissioner Amanda Hiller. “To avoid making their financial situation worse, they should instead file and reach out to us for ways to resolve their tax liabilities.”

Different options available if you can't pay all the taxes you owe

Taxpayers who can't pay what they owe all at once are encouraged to follow

these steps:

- submit their completed tax return by the Monday, April 18, 2022, deadline to avoid late filing penalties;
- pay what you can afford now to reduce interest; and
- request an Installment Payment Agreement (IPA). An IPA is the Tax Department's most convenient and popular payment option for outstanding tax debt.

Individuals who can pay in full have another payment option—Quick Pay—that allows them to pay a bill or tax debt directly from their bank accounts. The online app can be accessed from home computers, a smartphone, or other mobile device.

In addition, taxpayers can use Tax Department Online Services accounts to make payments from their bank account or by credit card. They can also respond to notices, update their information, and handle other tax-related tasks. Visit [www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov) to set up an account or log in to an existing account.

**Velázquez Introduces Legislation to Expand Section 1071 to Non-Bank Lenders**

Rep. Nydia M. Velázquez (D-NY) introduced H.R. 7351 the Promoting Fair Lending to Small Businesses Act. This legislation would amend the Dodd-Frank Act of 2010 to require that non-bank lenders be covered by the rules implemented under Section 1071. This bill will allow the Consumer Financial Bureau (CFPB) to broaden these reporting and examination requirements to non-bank lenders such as the growing fintech sector.

“This bill will play an important role in applying the same standards for all lenders who make loans for small businesses, and espe-

cially those that have been historically underserved by lenders such minority- and women-owned businesses,” said Velázquez. “I was proud to help support the inclusion of Section 1071 in the Dodd-Frank Act at the time of its passage, and this bill is a commonsense step to help small businesses get the responsible credit options they need to drive America’s economy forward. As we saw with the PPP program, fraudulent loans were a major problem for small businesses, and this bill will help prevent unscrupulous lenders from seeking to take advantage of America’s small businesses.”



# Coats Giveaway



The Queens District Attorneys administration has also focused on providing basic necessities for the young people of Queens County. Recently, Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz met some of the kids in Assembly District 35 during a winter coat giveaway, sponsored by Assembly Member Jeff Aubry.

QDA Katz said “ Whether it’s making sure that our young people stay warm this winter, or providing summer internships, the Youth Empowerment Bureau in my Office works every day to connect with the youngest Queens residents. Email YouthEmpowerment@queensda.org or call 718.286.6440 if you’d like to learn more about our programs and initiatives.”

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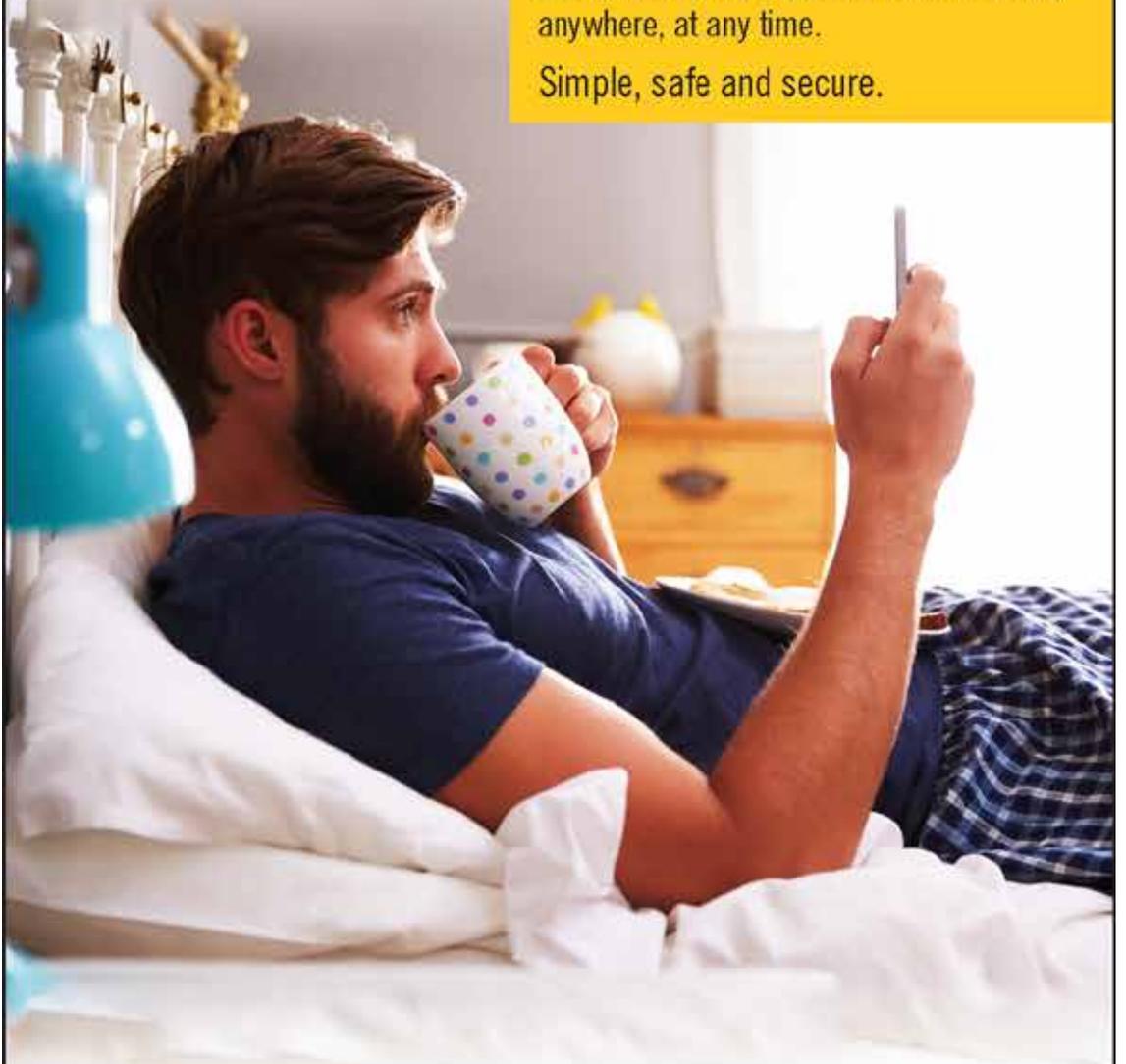
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