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which aim to increase the penetration of renewable energy in New York and reduce reliance on fossil fuel generation. If approved, these projects will bring carbon-free power to New York, and create thousands of green jobs. The NYS

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PSC will decide the fate of both of these projects on Thursday, April 14.

“New York is at a turning point in environmental policy. The steps we take now will have a colossal impact on our environment for generations to come,” said Council Member James F. Gennaro, Chair of the New York City Council’s Committee on Environmental Protection. “We have the unique opportunity to significantly reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, reduce harmful carbon pollution, and help mitigate the impacts of climate change. I urge the New York State Public Service Commission to approve both of these projects. By investing in clean energy, creating new green jobs in our communities, and reducing our reliance on fossil fuels, these projects represent a crucial step towards meeting New York’s energy goals.”

The Clean Path New York project will support new renewable energy production, immediately reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, and present bold new investment in the green economy. The Clean Path New York project creates a path to transmitting over 7+ TWh of clean energy directly into New York City. In doing so, the project will build a portfolio of 3000+ MW of new onshore wind and solar with 10+ TWh of clean energy generation capability. The project will also have important impacts on reducing carbon emissions. By 2030, Clean Path New York will reduce New York State’s annual CO2 emissions by 2.5 million tons, representing an overall 22 percent reduction in CO2 emissions from electric generation.

The Clean Path project is also a once-in-a-generation investment in green jobs across the State, garnering support from unions across the State. It will generate over \$4.3 billion in incremental economic benefits – 40 percent of which will be invested directly in disadvantaged communities. That will amount to a \$1.8 billion dollar investment in communities across New York and will produce thousands of good-paying jobs in the green economy.

Innovative delivery systems like the CHPE, which will power the city with 1,250 MW of hydro-electricity, are the type of projects we need for an equitable future for New Yorkers. Nearly 90 percent

of New York City’s power comes from fossil fuel-based generation, and the CHPE project is a huge step forward in reducing the local pollution in Queens, which is home to Astoria’s notorious “asthma alley.”

The CHPE project also brings additional local benefits, through a \$117 million environmental trust to fund projects that improve water quality in our nearby waterways, and the project will create over 1,400 unionized construction jobs throughout the State. New York City will benefit from new tax revenue from the project, as well as permanent jobs at a new converter station in Queens. It is estimated the CHPE project will provide over \$3.5 billion in economic benefits for New Yorkers.

“New York’s energy landscape has been transitioning in recent years – we have seen Indian Point and fossil fuel power plants closed, with renewable generation coming online to help fill the gap. New York needs a reliable energy infrastructure as the state transitions to a cleaner, greener economy and I believe the Tier 4 renewables are essential for powering New Yorkers into the future,” said Chris Erikson, Business Manager at Local 3 IBEW. “These are the type of clean energy infrastructure New York needs as the state transitions to a cleaner, greener economy and fights climate change. It is estimated that the Tier 4 projects will create over a thousand construction jobs, many of which will be IBEW members, as well as those in other skilled trades. Local Union No. 3, IBEW members are committed to constructing the infrastructure and clean energy generation New Yorkers need to power our green energy economy. We support the completion of the Tier 4 projects and urge [the PSC] to approve these contracts.”

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fights climate change,” said Jim Robson, Political Director at Local 3 IBEW. “It is estimated that the Tier 4 projects will create over a thousand construction jobs, many of which will be IBEW members, as well as those in other skilled trades. Local Union No. 3, IBEW members are committed to constructing the infrastructure and clean energy generation New Yorkers need to power our green-energy economy. We support the completion of the Tier 4 projects and urge you to approve these contracts.”

“For more than 125 years, the International Union of Operating Engineers have not only embraced change, but have worked to build a better nation for all Americans. The approval of these two projects will not only bring us one step closer to our energy efficiency goals, but create thousands of union jobs, which are critical to the growth of the middle class. The members and leadership of IUOE Local 14-14B urge the PSC to approve these critical projects,” said Allen Wright, Political Director IUOE Local 14-14B.

“New York City and State have made significant commitments to reduce emissions and transition to clean energy – and we need to pursue renewable energy like the Tier 4 program if we are going to stabilize our long-term clean energy supply. This is an incredible opportunity for New York, and the Public Service Commission should approve these projects as soon as possible, there is no time to waste,” said Julie Tighe, President of the New York League of Conservation Voters.

“The time is now to approve these projects,” said Tom Grech, President of the Queens Chamber of Commerce. “As we have discussed at the press conference – it is critically important that New York is ready to recover with ample power needs in a safe, reliable and green manner. That is why the Queens Chamber of Commerce supports the Champlain Hudson Power Express and Clean Path New York projects.”

“We need to take bold action to reduce pollution in New York and fight the impacts of climate change. By investing in clean energy, creating new green jobs in our communities, and reducing our reliance on fossil fuels, these projects represent a crucial step towards meeting New York’s energy goals,” Gennaro added.

President Biden Signs Maloney, Comer, Peters, Portman’s Postal Service Reform Act into Law

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Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney, issued the following statements after President Biden signed the historic Postal Service Reform Act into law:

“Today, Congress and the Biden-Harris Administration saved the Postal Service and delivered for the American people,” said Chairwoman Maloney. “This historic law will finally get the Postal Service on sustainable financial footing after decades of decline. I am proud to have negotiated this bill across party lines and to have

worked hand-in-hand with Ranking Member Comer, Chairman Peters, and Ranking Member Portman. As Chairwoman of the Committee on Oversight and Reform, I vow to continue using my gavel to conduct rigorous oversight over the Postal Service to ensure it remains financially stable and continues to serve the American people for generations to come.”

The Postal Service’s financial condition has been deteriorating over the past decade due to a number of factors. The provisions

included in the Postal Service Reform Act are critical to helping the Postal Service remain financially viable and ensuring it provides the high quality of service Americans expect and deserve. These provisions include Medicare integration, repealing a requirement for the Postal Service to pre-fund retiree health benefits, increased transparency of delivery service, reporting on Postal Service operations and finances, a requirement that the Postal Service deliver mail six days per week, and other matters.

Meng Leads Queens Elected Officials in Letter to Governor And Head of Port Authority Regarding Interborough Express And Cross Harbor

Lawmakers ask for noise and traffic concerns to be addressed in Maspeth, Ridgewood, Middle Village, and Glendale

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens), joined by fellow Queens elected officials – State Senator Joe Addabbo, Assembly Members Cathy Nolan, Andrew Hevesi and Brian Barnwell, and Councilman Bob Holden – sent a letter to Governor Hochul and Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Executive Director Rick Cotton asking them to ensure that the concerns of constituents are addressed regarding the Interborough Express and Cross Harbor Freight Program, initiatives that could potentially increase noise and traffic congestion in Maspeth, Ridgewood, Middle Village, and Glendale.

The lawmakers wrote to the

Governor and Executive Director Cotton following the recent announcement that the Port Authority will resume preparation of a key environmental study (its Tier 2 Environmental Impact Statement) for the Cross Harbor Program. This review will also examine how the project would work in concert with the Interborough Express, which the Governor announced plans to move forward with in her 2022 State of the State address.

“We understand the significance of these projects as well as the potential benefits they may provide to our city, including decongesting our streets, expanding public transit, and reducing carbon emissions. But without prioritizing noise mitigation, these projects may prove detrimental to the health and quality of life of the surrounding com-

munities,” the lawmakers said in their correspondence. “The Cross Harbor Freight Program and Interborough Express would drastically increase the train traffic through those already affected neighborhoods. In addition to the noise brought about by the freight trains, the subsequent truck traffic is concerning as well. While the Cross Harbor Freight Program would reduce the overall number of trucks on New York City’s streets, according to the Tier I Draft Environmental Impact Statement, it would drastically increase truck traffic in the communities we represent. These additional trucks have the potential to cause noise pollution, worsen traffic, and lower the local air quality. We must make sure they are built in a way that does not overburden and hurt the communities closest to these projects.”

Assemblyman Colton is Pleased That The NYS Budget Agreement Has Been Reached

Assemblyman William Colton (D – Gravesend, Bensonhurst, Bath Beach, and Dyker Heights) is pleased that Governor Hochul has announced that a budget agreement has been reached and the budget addresses key priorities in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Currently, the assemblyman remains in Albany and voting on this agreement which includes changes to the 2019 bail reform bill.

“The most controversial change in the budget was making substantial changes to the bail reforms bill that had passed in 2019, which I had voted against at that time. These changes have been agreed upon to expand the number of crimes where the Judge will have the discretion to detain a defendant based on the seriousness of the crime charged, harm to persons or property, the past criminal history, and most importantly record of repeated offenses charged while the defendant is out awaiting trial. The list of crimes has been expanded to include hate crimes, violations of orders of protection in domestic violence crimes, and gun trafficking charges and crimes including possession of illegal and defaced guns,” Colton stated.

“The great news is that education has a \$2.1 billion increase in funding, with \$1.5 billion fulfilling the second of three installments to fully repay school dis-

tricts like NYC which have been shortchanged funding for decades. There is also \$375 million over 3 years to expand universal pre-K,” Colton said.

“Higher Education and the Environment are the other two areas which I consider high priorities. I believe there is a \$4 billion clean water, clean air, and green jobs Bond which will be presented to voters this fall. In higher education there will be about \$53 million in additional monies for operating expenses, plus some \$69 million for CUNY and \$48 million for SUNY, to close the TAP gap and reduce out-of-pocket expenses for college. There is also a one-time appropriation of \$60 million dollars to CUNY and SUNY and an additional \$150 million to both as capital monies. There will also be \$53 million for the hiring of more full-time professors at CUNY and SUNY. I am anxious to see these numbers because our colleges are the best engine for economic development and funding has been neglected in past budgets,” Colton hopes.

“Another good news is that the childcare funding has been increased to \$7 billion over three years, increasing the income threshold from 200% to 300% of the Federal Poverty Level, which would make a family of 3 eligible for subsidies if the family income

is below \$69,000 annually. As to tax relief, the budget also accelerates a middle-income tax break and it suspends the NYS gas sales tax from June 1 thru December 31, 2022, to give relief for spiking gas prices. The budget also provides \$1.1 billion for emergency rent arrears assistance as well as landlord emergency rent arrears relief. The budget appropriates \$41 million to help victims of Superstorm Ida who were never compensated for their damages. It also includes \$250 million in utility arrears relief and \$35 million for homeowner protection assistance. The budget appropriates 4.5 billion over 5 years for new housing construction, which aims for 100,000 new affordable units. \$350 million is appropriated for NYCHA capital needs,” Colton continued.

“The one disappointing agreement was the failure to provide fair pay for home care workers, even though home care workers will get a \$3 per hour increase in pay over 2 years. I think that the hourly pay should be more, taking into consideration that the job is not easy and that these workers are taking care of our loved ones. I strongly believe that overall this year’s budget has many good things which will meet the needs of the people and their families of the state,” Colton added.

Attorney General James Applauds Biden Administration’s New Regulations Targeting Dangerous “Ghost Guns”

New York Attorney General Letitia James applauded U.S. President Joe Biden’s new federal regulations to crack down on ghost guns. These regulations are significant steps in addressing gun violence that is plaguing communities across New York and the country, and Attorney General James previously called on the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to regulate ghost guns under federal law.

“Dangerous ghost guns exist for only one purpose — to put guns into the hands of those who are legally prohibited from owning a firearm,” said Attorney General James. “In New York, we have taken significant action to crack down on gun violence, taking more than 2,700 guns off our streets and shutting down websites that sell ghost guns in New York. But our efforts can only go so far if these untraceable weapons are not effectively regulated at the federal level. Ghost guns are just as dangerous as traditional firearms, and with the nomination of Steve Dettelbach to serve as director of the ATF, Americans can feel confident in the federal government’s commitment to gun safety. I thank President Biden for his unwavering dedication to this issue, and I look forward to working with him to keep our communities safe.”

Attorney General James has

taken significant action to support gun safety measures. In August 2021, she joined a coalition of 22 attorneys general in urging DOJ to finalize regulations that would make clear that ghost guns are firearms under federal law. In December 2021, Attorney General James vowed to defend a New York state law that restores the ability of the state and localities to bring civil liability actions against firearm manufacturers and sellers for their own bad conduct. Attorney General James continues to defend New York state’s gun licensing protection law at the U.S. Supreme Court against a lawsuit in the case of New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen.

Attorney General James has taken numerous other actions to ensure that New York state has the right to protect its residents from gun violence, including filing a number of amicus briefs defending states’ gun safety laws; suing the Trump administration for making dangerous 3D-printed gun files more accessible on the internet; stopping companies from selling online, incomplete ghost gun pieces to New Yorkers that could be easily assembled into illegal assault weapons; and taking more than 2,700 firearms off the streets through dozens of gun buyback events and other efforts; among other efforts.

Assemblyman Colton Is Saddened by The Gruesome Attack on The “N” Line During The Morning Rush Hour

Assemblyman William Colton (D – Gravesend, Bensonhurst, Bath Beach, and Dyker Heights) is saddened by yesterday’s horrific attack on the “N” train during the morning commute.

“At approximately 8:25 am, a suspect wearing a gas mask opened a canister of gas and then began shooting, while the “N” train was approaching the 36th Street station in Sunset Park. Twenty-eight innocent people were on their way to work and got injured during this chaotic attack in the morning rush hour. I commend our police officers and MTA workers for their swift response and for getting the situation under control. Unfortunately, the suspect remains on the loose,” Colton stated.

“I am glad that in this fiscal year’s 2022-2023 budget we voted on and were able to make changes

to the bail reform bill that passed the Assembly in 2019 which I at that time voted against. Now judges will be able to keep dangerous individuals in jail. Criminals who commit horrific attacks like this on innocent citizens must be taken off the streets and remain in jail for the safety of all New Yorkers,” Colton continued.

“I am praying for the victims and their families of yesterday’s horrific attack. New Yorkers must get together and speak up. We need to protect our city and show criminals that there’s no place for any violent crimes in our city. We must support our men and women in blue so they can do their job to remove dangerous offenders off the streets of NYC. Our New York City must be safe for everyone. The violence must stop so our great city can be a safe place to live,” Colton added.

Schumer, Gillibrand Announce \$18.6 Million In Fed Funds For Jamaica Bay’s Stony Creek Marsh Restoration; Project Will Restore Marsh, Spur Habitat, Help Clean Waterways & Protect Communities From Extreme Weather

U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand announced \$18.61 million in funding they secured for the Jamaica Bay Stony Creek Marsh Island restoration in the 2023 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law) Army Corps Work Plan. With this funding, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can begin final design and construction of the marsh island in Jamaica Bay.

“Projects like Jamaica Bay’s

Stony Creek Marsh are designed to protect our communities from flooding, preserve our shorelines and help restore New York’s precious water ecosystems,” said Senator Schumer. “I am proud we secured funding for this vital project that will help restore Jamaica Bay’s marshland, spur important habitats, help clean waterways, and better protect the communities of Southern Brooklyn and Queens from future extreme weather.”

“Environmental justice and sustainable developments are critically important to the future of our communities and I’m proud to have helped secure funds for the Jamaica Bay Stony Creek Marsh Island,” said U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand. “The restoration of Jamaica Bay Stony Creek Marsh Island is important for the future of New York City—it will not only help protect our shorelines from

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Statement from Council Speaker Adrienne E. Adams on the Subway Shooting

“This incident in the Sunset Park subway station was deeply saddening, tragic, and concerning. My heart is with all of the people who were harmed by the shooting, their families, and all New Yorkers. I am thankful to the first responders, transit workers, and fellow New Yorkers who saved lives and acted with compassion today. The person responsible for this violence will be caught and held accountable for his violent actions against our neighbors. The love and resilience amongst

New Yorkers will overcome the fear and violence this horrible act sought to inflict on us.

“As a city, we will come together to make our neighborhoods safer for all, addressing violence and community safety with solutions. We also know the proliferation of guns is at the heart of so much violence across our city and nation, which will require action beyond New York City. My office will continue to monitor the situation and receive updates from the investigation.”

Meng Helps Pass Additional Covid Relief Funding For Queens—NYC Restaurants And Small Businesses

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) helped pass legislation in the House of Representatives that would provide additional COVID-19 relief funding to small businesses including money for restaurants and drinking establishments that continue to struggle from economic losses.

The Relief for Restaurants and Other Hard Hit Small Businesses Act would allocate \$55 billion, \$42 billion of which is slated to replenish aid for restaurants in Queens and the rest of New York as well as throughout the country. The other \$13 billion would establish a new initiative called the Hard Hit Industries Award Program to support other small businesses impacted by the pandemic.

Last year (in March 2021), Meng helped create the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, which contained \$28.6 billion in grants

for restaurants that lost revenue due to the coronavirus crisis. This funding was included in the American Rescue Plan which President Biden signed into law that month, and today's vote to replenish the funding occurred after the Congresswoman called for Congress to approve more money to help the restaurant industry, an industry that is still working to get back on its feet.

After encouraging local restaurants in April 2021 to apply for relief, over 500 restaurants in Meng's congressional district received more than \$135 million in financial assistance.

But the program, due to its popularity, quickly exhausted its funding, and as a result, thousands of eligible establishments across the nation were not able to access relief. However, these new funds will allow the Small Business

Administration to process the remaining requests, and award the much needed grants.

"Small businesses, and restaurants in particular throughout Queens and the rest of New York, are the lifeblood of our region," said Meng. "Restaurants are vital to our economy, critical to creating jobs and important to bringing investments to our communities. But unfortunately, the restaurant industry continues to suffer from the effects of the pandemic, and many establishments that were not able to take advantage of this relief still need a lifeline to help recover. That is why this legislation to provide help to these struggling restaurants is so crucial. I call on the Senate to now follow suit and pass this bill as well so that we can quickly move forward with getting relief into the hands of area restaurants and small businesses."

Meng Announces More Than \$2.1 Billion For New York Transit Projects

Money comes from Infrastructure law that Congresswoman Helped Pass in Congress

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens), New York's senior appropriator on the House Appropriations Committee, announced that the federal infrastructure law she helped pass in Congress will invest more than \$2.1 billion this year to upgrade and expand local transit in

New York.

This investment will allow for the purchase of new buses and railcars, address repair backlogs, modernize fleets, and transition to new technologies that reduce carbon emissions. These funds will also create even more good-paying jobs.

"The infrastructure bill enacted into law late last year was a historic and monumental investment for repairing, overhauling and modern-

izing our nation's infrastructure, and today's announcement is yet another example of how this law is delivering for New York," said Meng. "Upgrading and expanding our transit system is crucial for our region to help ensure that people get to where they need to be whether for work, school or other purposes. I'm proud to have helped pass the infrastructure bill through Congress."

Assemblyman Weprin & Assemblywoman Rajkumar Denounce Attack on Sikh Community Member, Convene Local Leaders for Public Gathering

Assemblyman David I. Weprin and Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar will lead a public gathering of community and elected leaders outside the Sikh Cultural Society this Sunday to denounce

the unprovoked attack on a senior member of the Sikh community. The incident occurred in the early morning on Sunday, April 3rd near the intersection of 95th Ave and Lefferts Blvd in Richmond Hill,

when the individual was physically assaulted from behind. The public gathering will begin at 12:00PM on Sunday, April 10th outside the Sikh Cultural Society, located at 95-30 118th St in South Richmond Hill.

Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas Secures Critical Funding in FY 2023 New York State Budget

After months of advocacy, Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas was pleased to see that several key initiatives she, elected colleagues, and coalition partners championed made it into the final Enacted Budget. The Assemblymember is grateful to all of the advocates who rallied day in and day out at the Capitol Building to ensure these critical investments made it into New York's FY 2023 budget. Some highlights from the recently released budget include:

- \$1.1 billion for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and Landlord Rental Assistance Program
- \$21.3 billion for foundation aid for schools
- \$800 million for distressed hospital assistance
- \$7 billion over four years for childcare;
- \$60 million to help revitalize CUNY
- \$1.5 million for a Transgender Equity and Wellness Fund
- Implementation of alcohol-to-go for three years for restaurants and bars

In addition to the aforementioned programs, Assemblymember González-Rojas led advocacy efforts on the following initiatives that made it into the Enacted Budget as well:

- \$1 million increase for the Nutrition Outreach and Education Program, which will increase outreach funding to enroll the neediest New Yorkers into the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);
- \$41 million in Ida Relief for Homeowners
- Legislation that requires insurance providers to cover all types of abortion care with private insurance regardless of how the person came to be pregnant.

The Nutrition Outreach and Education Program is one of the largest SNAP outreach, education, and application assistance programs in the country, and has been nationally recognized for its innovation and efficacy. The service offers one-on-one help applying for SNAP. Coordinators can tell if you may be eligible for SNAP and help you gather the documents you need, and fill out

and send in your SNAP application. Enrollees get information on other programs that may help stretch their food budget. NOEP is free and confidential. While SNAP is a powerful agent in keeping families out of poverty, it also directly impacts New York State's economy. SNAP benefits are quickly spent locally thereby benefiting over 18,000 authorized NYS retailers such as supermarkets, bodegas, convenience stores, farmer's markets, and farmers. Moreover, SNAP generates \$1.70 in economic activity for every SNAP dollar spent in the local economy. However, the last time NOEP received a State increase was in 2012. The program has a twenty-seven-fold return on investment.

After Hurricane Ida, state and federal experts, according to Governor Hochul's office, estimated more than \$140 million in damage to public infrastructure and property. More than 2,900 homes suffered damage. Long Island and Queens County residents are

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Wine Festival Returns to Belmont Racetrack Wine Tasting, Live Horse Racing, Simulcast of Preakness Race Belmont Uncorked, 5/21

Belmont Park Racetrack, home of the Belmont Stakes, will once again play host to the season's most anticipated special event, Belmont Uncorked. A fun-filled day of wine tasting and live horse racing, the event will celebrate wines from around the corner and around the globe. The event will be held on Saturday, May 21st in Belmont Racetrack's North Shore Terrace Club House, offering sweeping grandstand views of the race track. Tickets are on sale now at the event website www.BelmontUncorked.com. Tickets for this special event are very limited, a sell-out is expected. This is a 21+ event.

Representing local producers will be some of Long Island's most-popular wineries, including Pindar Vineyards who will host a special VIP area at the event with special wines served only in their VIP lounge, other flagship wines from their portfolio will be served in the event's general admission area. A great variety of national and international wineries will join in for the day's festivities, including: Josh Cellars, selected by Wine Enthusiast as American Winery of the Year 2021; Senior Sangria pouring both red and white sangrias from Chile; zero sugar and keto-friendly wines from Lifevine Winery (California); premium strawberry, peach, and mango moscatos from Italy's Elunes Moscato; the breakthrough winery of recent years offering zero-sugar, all natural, PURE wines from Italy; the popular California winery, Kendall-Jackson; Long Island's popular Duck Walk Vineyards; and many more.

A special, limited, VIP ticket includes one-hour early admission, access to the Pindar VIP Lounge for special meet & greet, and a goodie bag including take-home treats from RED Chocolate, Tipson Tea, Raw Rev, Javamelts, Seis Cosmetics, Adagio Teas, Laurretta's British Ginger T, Bullmaster Chocolate, Teccino, the latest issue of Imbibe Magazine and a tin of loose-leaf Organic China green tea from Long Island-based tea company, SerendipiTea.

Belmont Uncorked will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022. VIP session from 2:00pm – 7:00pm; General Admission from 3:00pm – 7:00pm. Tickets are on sale now (\$99pp VIP; \$75pp GA) and include all wine sampling, grandstand viewing of the day's live scheduled races, and a souvenir wine tasting glass. The event will be held in the North Shore Terrace viewing pavilion on the fourth floor of the Belmont Park Racetrack club house. A limited number of tickets will be sold. Once the event sells out, no additional tickets will be available for purchase. Food is available for purchase from venue concessions. Betting windows will be open for those feeling lucky. Designated driver tickets are also available for \$15 each. No one under 21, including designated drivers, will be admitted and photo ID is required for entry. Parking is \$5.00 per car.

Belmont Park Racetrack, home of the Belmont Stakes, the third leg of the Triple Crown, is located at 2150 Hempstead Turnpike in Elmont, NY. Ticket links and info for the festival is available at www.BelmontUncorked.com.

Senator Gillibrand Statement on NYC Subway Shooting

Addressing the ongoing situation regarding the subway shooting in Brooklyn, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand issued the following statement:

"I am closely monitoring developments regarding the shooting in the subway in Brooklyn. My prayers are with the victims and their loved ones, as well as the emergency personnel and law enforcement responding to this

this situation. I am incredibly grateful to the courageous New Yorkers who came to the aid of their fellow passengers and to the MTA train operators whose quick thinking saved lives—their bravery and fortitude represents the best of our state. As our law enforcement officials continue to search for the suspect, I urge New Yorkers with any information to come forward to help bring this individual to justice.

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extreme weather but will also help keep our waterways clean."

"This is a huge victory for all of us in the Jamaica Bay community. We have been working to make sure that Jamaica Bay stays the jewel of New York City and by Senators Schumer and Gillibrand honoring their commitment, they have brought this project to the finish line and deserve the highest level of praise and thanks. This investment restores and sets up protections for the Bay, not just for now, but for the future generations by ensuring that the Bay and our environment continue to flourish," said Assemblywoman Stacey

"Thanks to the leadership of Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Jamaica Bay's Stony Creek Marsh will soon be restored, providing critical habitat while protecting shoreline communities around Jamaica Bay from extreme weather," said Tom Secunda, Chair, Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy. "This historic investment in our environment shows how advocates, public-private partnerships and elected officials can work together to bring transformative projects to life. The Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy

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 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?

- The tea bag was invented in 1908
- Carrots contain 0% fat
- 1 billion snails are served in restaurants each year
- Plastic bottles were first used for soft drinks in 1970
- The \$ sign was introduced in 1788
- The meaning of 'Blue Chip' comes from blue casino chips which have a high value
- DVDs are physically the same size as a CDs but can store 13 times more data
- The term 'disc jockey' was first used in 1937
- Sound travels 4.3 times faster through water than in air
- The average soccer ball is made up of 32 leather panels and held together by 642 stitches
- Soccer is the most followed sport
- Volleyball was invented in 1895
- In developed countries 27% of food is thrown away
- The odds of being struck by lightning are 600,000 to 1
- The first train reached a top speed of only 8 kmh (5 mph)
- Niagara Falls could fill 4,000 bathtubs every second
- It takes 1 alligator to make a pair of shoes and 3 for a pair of boots
- Your most active muscles are in your eye
- A banana contains 75% water
- 13 people die every year from vending machines

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Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles

"Sudoku"

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"Crossword Puzzle"

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- ACROSS**
- Barren
 - Story
 - Detailed account
 - Musical instrument
 - Wild goat
 - Brews
 - Josh
 - Snare
 - Fluff
 - Full of twists and turns
 - Female horse
 - Told an untruth
 - Nearer
 - Catch
 - Unit of energy
 - Browning of skin
 - Certain something
 - C C C
 - Stringed instrument
 - Sparkle
 - Rocket's cargo
 - Not barefoot
 - Alley
 - Child
 - Assist
 - Combines
 - Plan
 - Implored
 - Balm ingredient
 - Breakup
 - French for "Wolf"
 - Snob
 - Audio communication device
 - Being
 - Look at flirtatiously
 - Vogue
 - Fortune teller
 - Playthings
 - Asp or viper

- DOWN**
- Drunkards
 - Tall woody plant
 - Food thickener
 - Coarse file
 - Show obeisance
 - Gigglers
 - Shorten
 - Not fatty
 - Anticipate
 - It causes food poisoning
 - Assumed name
 - Category
 - Daisylike bloom
 - Daughter of a sibling
 - Delicate
 - Wise
 - Nonexistent
 - Dry
 - Ostia
 - Amounts that have been spoiled
 - Burden
 - Territory
 - Lyric poems
 - Curtail
 - Type of viper
 - Merrily
 - Tyrant
 - The business of selling goods
 - Intimate
 - Domicile
 - Pub game
 - Therefore
 - Mountain pool
 - Notion
 - Pig sound
 - Connecting point

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Assemblyman Braunstein Announces Tax Relief, Education Funding And Public Safety Measures in NYS Budget



Assemblyman Edward C. Braunstein (D-Bayside), who serves as Chair of the Cities Committee, issued the following statements on various provisions included within the New York State Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget:

Tax Relief: "There is no doubt that New Yorkers are feeling the squeeze of inflation at the gas pump and at the cash register, and for many families, finances are tight. In response, the state budget provides much-needed

relief by accelerating middle class tax cuts and establishing a \$2.2B Homeowner Property Tax Relief Credit, which will provide a property tax rebate to middle-income homeowners. A suspension on the state's gas tax until the end of the year will also save Northeast Queens residents money at the pump. Finally, a \$475 million allocation will offer working families relief in the form of an additional Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit payment. These important initiatives will go a long way to help put money back into the pockets of Northeast Queens families."

On Child Care and Education: "Every student deserves access to a high-quality public education, and I'm proud to have helped pass a state budget that furthers that commitment. This year's spending plan delivers for children, parents and educators with a historic \$31.2 billion allocation in support for our schools, including a \$1.5 billion increase in Foundation Aid.

As a parent, I know firsthand how important dependable child

care is to families. This year's budget more than doubles the state's current investment in child care, making strides to ensure that more families will have access to affordable, high-quality child care. With all of these measures, the state makes a critical investment in New York's working families, our youngest generations, and in our future success."

Public Safety: "Public safety is my top priority and a topic at the forefront of many constituents' minds. While the troubling increases in crime over the last several months follow a national trend, there were several common sense fixes to our state's bail laws that needed to be made. This budget season, I fought for meaningful changes to our bail laws and criminal justice system, and the budget delivers many of these hard-sought reforms.

The enacted budget expands the list of factors that judges must consider when setting bail, and expands arrest-eligibility and

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Pickleball For Pop Event Raises \$5k For Alzheimer's Programs



On Saturday, April 9, Alley Pond Tennis Center hosted the inaugural Pickleball for Pop charity event, held during National Pickleball Month. More than 100 people attended, raising over \$5,000 for the Alzheimer's Association. Pickleball for Pop was created by Adam Funtleyder in honor of his dad, Elliot Funtleyder, who passed away from Alzheimer's earlier this year.

During the event, Adam Funtleyder told the crowd: "I know my father is looking down and he's very proud." Elliot Funtleyder was a longtime music instructor at P.S. 215. He raised his family in the Rockaways, where Adam still lives, and passed on his love of music to his son, who is now a popular DJ.

Adam picked up pickleball during the pandemic, while helping to care for his dad. He says it's a fun sport that is accessible to everyone. Adam organized Pickleball for Pop so everyone could have fun, with options for beginners to experienced players.

Adam says, "I knew I wanted to do something for the Alzheimer's Association. They were the only support we had when my dad got diagnosed." He explains, "I thought of pickleball because it's not just asking for money. It's a fun night out that also benefits an organization that helped my family."

In addition to a round-robin tournament, the event featured open play, a beginner clinic, and a raffle with prizes including wine baskets, beach gear, and a yoga gift card. Attendees included family, friends and former students and colleagues from P.S. 215.

Mitch Hymowitz, event manager at the Alzheimer's Association, says, "Adam turned an activity he enjoys into a way to support families affected by Alzheimer's, all while grieving his own loss. We are grateful to Adam and the Funtleyder family for organizing this fundraiser."

Learn more about how to host your own fundraiser at alz.org/tld.

Congressman Tom Suozzi, Standing With Restaurant Owners

Calls on Senate to Take Up House-Passed Legislation to Provide Relief to Restaurants Continuing to Struggle with Economic Fallout from COVID



Passed by the House, the Relief for Restaurants and Other Hard Hit Small Businesses Act of 2022 will provide \$42 billion to replenish the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF). See story on page 9.

Warmest wishes to all who celebrate Passover, Easter and Ramadan. Stay healthy and safe.



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Gillibrand, Blackburn, And Smith Meet With Ukranian Civil Society Leaders

U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), and Tina Smith (D-MN) met with leaders of Ukrainian civil society, Olena Tregub and Maria Berlinksa. Olena Tregub has an extensive career focusing on corruption prevention in Ukraine and since 2017, has served as a secretary general of NAKO (the Independent Defense Anti-Corruption Committee). Maria Berlinksa is a Ukrainian military volunteer and women's rights advocate who volunteered for the War in Donbas as an aerial reconnaissance drone operator and who has championed women's integration into the Ukrainian Armed Forces.



Gillibrand and Moran had previously met with members of Ukrainian civil society in March on a bipartisan Senate delegation visit to Poland and Germany. The group discussed updates on the ongoing war and atrocities in Ukraine and additional U.S. government aid.

"The images and testimony revealing the ongoing atrocities in Ukraine are horrifying," said Senator Gillibrand. "Hundreds of innocent civilians in Bucha have been killed at the hands of Putin

and his generals, and they must be held accountable for their war crimes. I am grateful to Olena and Maria for their insight and expertise, and I will work to ensure that the U.S. continues providing defensive weaponry to our allies and leveling crushing sanctions that starve Putin's war machine. As Americans, we remain united with the people of Ukraine in their fight for freedom."

"Every day we hear more stories and receive sickening images of

the atrocities committed by Russian troops against Ukrainians," said Senator Moran. "I appreciate Olena and Maria meeting with us to share their own experiences and insight on how the United States can help the people of Ukraine. During my visit to Poland and at the Ukrainian border, I heard over and over that the aid we had promised wasn't enough and needs to arrive faster. I recently

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Teens For Food Justice Officially Opens Newest Hydroponic Farm in The Far Rockaway Educational Campus

Teens for Food Justice (TFFJ) officially launched its first hydroponic farm in the Far Rockaway Educational Complex (at 821 Beach 25th St., Far Rockaway, NY 11691) on April 7th. New York City Council Member and Majority Whip Selvena Brooks-Powers and Queens Borough President Donovan Richards attended the ribbon-cutting event and were joined by Academy of Medical Technology Principal William T. Johnson; Principal Frederick Douglas VI Tenesha Worley; Executive Superintendent, Queens South at NYC Department of Education Dr. Mauri De Govia; NYC Department of Education Director of Operations Narine Bharat; USDA NRCS Tammy Willis; Principal Queens HS for Information, Research and Technology Mahendrah Singh; and AMT Educator Christine Mastorides.



Pictured (From left to right): Academy of Medical Technology Principal (AMT) William T. Johnson, TFFJ's Deputy Director Gabrielle Mosquera, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, New York City Council Member and Majority Whip Selvena Brooks-Powers, Principal Frederick Douglas VI Tenesha Worley. Photo by Jessica DiMento.

est farm marks the first of many promising outcomes in the Rockaway Peninsula.

- First, this is a step towards a comprehensive effort to minimize food insecurity and its direct, negative impacts on health in the area.

- Second, this is the start of the transformation of young people's relationship with the foods they eat while developing the science and technology skills needed in a new green economy.

- Third, this is part of an expansion plan of hydroponic farms in three new schools in Far Rockaway in the upcoming three years. All this is possible thanks to the Queens South Borough Support Office of the NYC Department of Education (NYC DOE), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and funding from the City of New York.

By the end of 2024, the TFFJ program throughout the Rockaway Peninsula will:

1. Provide STEM education and leadership development to more than 4,000 students.

2. Develop career paths and opportunities for students in school-based hydroponic farms, urban agriculture, and advocacy.

3. Produce 20,000 pounds of fresh produce for distribution through school lunches and within the community.

4. Train approximately 20 teachers to use hydroponic farms as hands-on labs for STEM and agriculture studies.

About Teens for Food Justice - Teens for Food Justice (TFFJ) operates high-capacity hydroponic farms on five school campuses across four New York City boroughs. TFFJ students use real-world 21st-century science and technology to grow up to 10,000 pounds (per school) of hydroponic produce annually. Through the program, TFFJ's farmers develop a meaningful solution to food insecurity, transform their relationship with the food they eat, and develop cutting-edge STEM skills needed in a new green sector economy. The TFFJ program will also be launching in Denver and Miami public schools this year.

Statement From Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz On President Biden's New Regulations of Ghost Guns:



"President Biden's new rule provides long overdue, common sense federal regulations of ghost guns. These are personally manufactured, fully func-

tional, and virtually untraceable firearms that are assembled by purchasing parts on the internet. They are also increasingly being recovered at crime scenes all over the country. Our Office has worked tirelessly to rid Queens County of ghost guns and our efforts have resulted in seven take downs in the past eight months. Mandating manufacturer licenses and component serial numbers on ghost guns will help keep us safe and allow for greater accountability when these weapons are used to wreak havoc on our communities. We commend the efforts of the Biden administration on gun safety."

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IT'S IN QUEENS

(April 14 to April 20)

A first-ever exhibition. The grand finale of a long-running series. The return of a Covid-suspended tradition. A tribute to a recently departed legend. Queens looks forward, backward, up, down, and all around this week.

- April 14, Deanna Lawson, Sept. 5. Deanna Lawson's first-ever museum survey. She explores and challenges African-American life through photography by drawing on such photographic languages as the family album, studio portraiture, staged tableaux, documentary pictures, and appropriated images. MoMA PS1, 22-25 Jackson Ave., Long Island City.

- April 14, Thursday Night Jazz Finale, 8 pm. A long-running monthly series comes to a close with acclaimed drummer, composer, and improviser Lesley Mok and pianist and composer Phillip Golub. Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning, 161-04 Jamaica Ave.

- April 15, Pulse, 8 pm. The Benjamins play a unique combination of classic, modern, elegant, and edgy music at Bar 360. Resorts World New York City, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.

- April 16, Barnyard Egg Hunt, 11 am. Youngsters search for goodies as part of a time-honored tradition along with hayrides, local vendors, and animal petting. BYOB (Bring Your Own Basket). Queens County Farm Museum, 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy., Glen Oaks.

- April 16, A Tribute to Tony Walton, April 17. Tony Walton was an Oscar-winning costume and production designer for 50 years. This tribute presents two of his most extravagantly designed and costumed films: "Murder on the Orient Express" (April 16 at 3:30 pm and April 17 at 3 pm) and "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" (April 16 at 1 pm). Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.

- April 16, Easter Egg Hunt 2022, 2:30 pm. The annual, in-person egg hunt returns with treats hidden throughout the grounds and story time. Lewis Latimer House Museum, 34-41 137th St., Flushing.

- April 16, Bird Walks with the NYC Audubon, 9:30 am. Check out creatures of flight with expert ornithologists. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing.

- April 16, NOTHINGBEING, 2 pm. This Chocolate Factory virtual symposium features shows by performance artists David Thomson, Anna Martine Whitehead, Samita Sinha, and Takahiro Yamamoto along with a live roundtable conversation and Q&A.

- April 16, American Mosaic Jazz Festival, 7 pm. Kupferberg Center for the Arts streams Jazz with vocalist extraordinaire Lenora Helm.

- April 17, FMCP Earth Week 2022, April 24. NYC Parks and the Flushing Meadows Corona



RW Benjamins



MoMI Funny Thing



Queens Farm Bunny

Park Environmental Stewardship Team celebrate Earth Day 2022 with volunteer activities for all ages. Here are the options: April 17, Bird Walk along Pat Dolan Trail; April 18, Bird Blind Maintenance; April 18, Ederle Terrace Cleanup; April 19, Meadow Lake Shoreline Maintenance; April 19, Rocket Thrower Garden Maintenance; April 20, Planting at Meadow Lake Shore; April 21, Henry Hudson Entrance Care;

April 21, Kids Draw Birds near the Queens Zoo; April 22, Bird Blind Planting; April 23, Flushing Bay Shoreline Cleanup; April 24, Willow Lake Preserve Planting.

April 17, Glue Gun Painting Workshop, 3 pm. Artist Dong Hee Lee demonstrates how to create a painting using a hot glue gun on canvas at the same place where he exhibits. The Garage Art Center, 26-01 Corporal Kennedy St., Bayside.

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Council Members Won And Menin Decry Full Closure of Queensboro Bridge to Pedestrians And Cyclists

Calls For South Outer Roadway To Be Used To Allow For Uninterrupted Pedestrian And Bike Access Now

On Wednesday April 6th the Department of Transportation announced with only one days notice that they will be closing the pedestrian and cyclist path on the Queensboro Bridge intermittently for 15 minute intervals on April 7th and 8th. This unplanned level of obstruction was not discussed as a potential option during the upper deck replacement and signals a lack of concern for the pedestrians and people on bikes who use the bridge. With the project projected to last

into late 2023, the possibility of future unplanned closures is not an acceptable cost of the project, especially considering that the car-bearing south outer roadway will be unaffected by these intermittent closures.

DOT Commissioner Rodriguez has yet to respond to Council Members Julie Won and Julie Menin's initial email dated February 3rd 2022 regarding the delay of the conversion of the South Outer Roadway to a pedestrian pathway.

"Nearly 90% of our residents do not drive to work, by closing down the pedestrian and cyclist access to the Queensboro bridge we are cutting off affordable access

to Manhattan. This is discriminatory to those who cannot afford a car, insurance payments, and other added costs of owning a car." said council member Julie Won "DOT must open the southern outer roadway for pedestrian and cyclists use if there will be closures to the current roadway."

"For the health and safety of our city's residents and environment, it is vital that we make it easier, not harder, for cyclists and pedestrians to get around our streets and bridges." said Council Member Tiffany Caban "I am proud to join my colleagues in opposing this closure and calling on DOT to open up the south outer roadway immediately."

Senator James Sanders Jr. Says There is More Good Than Bad in The 2022-2023 NYS Budget

The Legislature passed the new state budget, which is an \$8 billion increase over the previous fiscal year and \$4 billion more than what Governor Hochul initially proposed for a total of \$220.5 billion. Higher-than-expected tax revenues and new federal funding from the various COVID relief packages allowed for the budget increase. The final budget is 3 percent larger than last year's budget.

The adopted budget includes a suspension of the state's gas tax, an increased investment in child care, \$800 million more than the Governor's \$350 million proposal for financially distressed and safety-net hospitals, an alcohol to-go option for bars and restaurants that was utilized in the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, and many other provisions.

Senator Sanders said, "This budget is better than most and has many good improvements for the residents and businesses of the 10th Senate District and for all New Yorkers. However, I believe the \$600 million in state funding for a new Buffalo Bills Stadium, the most generous taxpayer subsidy of a football stadium in NFL history, is a misplaced priority when many other more worthy needs go unfilled."

THE GOOD EDUCATION

- \$1.5 billion increase over last year's for Foundation Aid, the basic funding program for public schools K-12.
- \$100 million for mental health grants for school districts and BOCES over two years.
- \$125 million in pre-K, with more school districts being eligible as a result. Funding will total \$375 million over three years.
- \$20 million in capital funding for libraries.

HEALTH

- regarding financially distressed and safety-net hospitals, the Senate fought for and won a significant increase of assistance for these institutions, providing \$800 million more than the Executive's insufficient \$350 million proposal. \$1.6 billion in health transformation capital grants. This provision will help St. John's Episcopal Hospital.
- \$1.2 billion for frontline health worker bonuses and \$7.4 billion for wage increases for home health care aides. Health care workers

in Southeast Queens will get a well-deserved bonus and wage increase.

HOUSING

- \$800 million to replenish the pool of money available for Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), in addition to \$146 million in recently awarded federal funds. The Budget will also provide \$125 million for Landlord Rental Assistance Program (LRAP), as well as \$250 million for COVID-era utility arrears. Many of my constituents urgency need this rental and landlord assistance.
- \$4.5 billion in spending as part of a total \$25 billion five-year Housing Capital Plan, which also includes tax incentives and private investment.
- reappropriation of last year's \$100 million for the Housing Our Neighbors with Dignity Act and adds a new appropriation for \$100 million.

HUMAN SERVICES

- \$5 billion will be spent over three years for child care, starting with \$343 million in stabilization grants that will go out immediately. The eligibility will be 300% of the federal poverty level, or a family of three making \$70,000 annually or below.

TAX RELIEF/BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- no new tax increases
- gas tax suspension from June 1 to the end of the year. about 16 cents per gallon of gas
- property tax relief by increasing STAR benefits around the state. Many will receive hundreds of dollars in relief.
- speeds up the middle-class tax cut currently scheduled to take effect in Tax Year 2025 to Tax Year 2023 instead.
- small business tax cuts.
- tax exemption for student loan forgiveness awards to ensure all state programs are covered.
- extends and enhance the hire-a-vet tax credit for three years. Increases the maximum credit for hiring a disabled veteran full-time or part-time.
- increases the state low-income housing tax credit aggregate cap growth.
- extends the film tax credit for three years and to require applicants to file diversity plans.
- extends the New York Youth Jobs Program tax credit for five

years.

- extends the Empire State Apprenticeship tax credit for five years.

- NYC child care business tax credit.

- increases the NYC earned income tax credit.

- restaurant return-to-work credit.

- supplemental payments of the earned income tax credit and the Empire State Child Credit.

- expanded Investment Tax Credit for farmers, as well as a \$1,200 credit for farm workforce retention. It will also create an overtime credit to cover farmers' expenses due to the decrease in the overtime threshold below 60 hours.

HIGHER EDUCATION

- fully reimburse colleges for the TAP Gap, resulting in payments of \$48.8 million to SUNY and \$59.6 million to CUNY.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

- additional \$110 million to public protection agencies to support the following programs; gun violence prevention, legal services, pretrial services, alternatives to incarceration, and discovery reform.

- expands benefits for victims of hate crimes and other acts of violence by raising the monetary cap to \$2,500

- \$10 million investment in community based programs to combat biased crimes and investing an additional \$10 million for Asian American Pacific Islander crisis intervention.

TRANSPORTATION

- \$6.7 billion in capital funding for transportation for the first year of a \$32.8 billion five-year capital plan.

- The MTA will receive an increase of \$757 million and will be held harmless for any potential revenue lost due to the gas tax suspension.

ENVIRONMENT

- authorization for the Environmental Bond Act. Total of \$4.2 billion for water and sewer systems against the effects of climate change. Given the flood problems in Southeast Queens, this is very good news.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- allows on-premises establishments to sell wine or liquor drinks

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Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas Secures Critical Funding in FY 2023 New York State Budget

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desperate for assistance. The Ida relief fund will assist homeowners who were impacted by the massive flooding that occurred.

"I'm proud to have successfully advocated for our state budget to include vital investments to our communities. They will help us to recover from the impact of the pandemic in a just and equitable way. Two major issues have impacted

our community since I assumed office, which includes increasingly worsening food insecurity and the damage of Hurricane Ida. That's why I advocated for millions of dollars to assist my constituents and New Yorkers with both. I'm grateful to Speaker Carl Heastie and all of my colleagues and advocates that worked to bring these resources to our neighborhoods," said Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas.

Gillibrand, Blackburn, And Smith Meet With Ukranian Civil Society Leaders

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called on the White House to expedite the delivery of weapons and aid to Ukraine and our allies so Ukraine can win this fight."

"Ukrainian civil leaders Olena Tregub and Maria Berlinksa

have demonstrated a fearless resolve to stand for freedom," said Senator Blackburn. "They shared details about on the ground conditions and made it abundantly clear that the United States cannot waver in our support of Ukrainian people."

Congressman Tom Suozzi, Standing With Restaurant Owners

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The legislation, which is now headed to the Senate, will provide still desperately needed relief to restaurants and other small businesses that continue to struggle with the economic fallout from COVID

Standing alongside Long Island restaurant owners who continue to feel the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, Congressman Tom Suozzi (D - Long Island, Queens) called on the U.S. Senate to pass the Relief for Restaurants and Other Hard Hit Small Businesses Act of 2022 – legislation which includes \$42 billion to replenish the Restaurant Revitalization Fund.

"On March 22, 2020, non-essential businesses in New York shut down. The recovery for restaurants has been uneven ever since," said Suozzi. "Today, we are making a united called for the United States Senate to follow suit and vote on House-passed legislation that will provide vital relief to Long Island's restaurants."

Suozzi's urgent call for Senate action was held in front of Henry's Confectionery in Glen Cove, a small mom-and-pop luncheonette that has been serving the community since 1929. Suozzi was joined by the owner of Henry's, Joe Valensisi, Patricia Holman, Executive Director Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District, and other local restaurateurs and small business owners. These efforts led by Suozzi are also supported by Mickey King, Director of the New York State Restaurant Association.

"It has been a long road and on behalf of myself and the other local establishments we would like to thank Congressman Tom Suozzi for his continuous support for small businesses," said Joe Valensisi, owner, Henry's Confectionery.

"Thank you, Congressman Tom Suozzi, for bringing together Long Island's restaurants to make the

urgent call for additional restaurant relief. These restaurants represent the businesses that are the very pillars and souls of our community. But without additional relief, they will continue to struggle -- undermining our local economy and further business development," said Patricia Holman, Executive Director Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District

"No industry was harder hit than the Catering & restaurant industry when it came to the COVID 19 pandemic. Things are NOT back on Track at all!!!! Our industry lost 45% more than the next closest industry when it came to dollars lost due to COVID 19. This was especially true for NY restaurants who are still struggling to get back to where we were. Reservations are down over 50% from where we were pre-pandemic. Many need funds to get back on track and continue to claw their way out of the dire straits they find themselves in. Roughly 18,000 restaurants in NY who applied for RRF funding did not get it. Thank you to Congressman Suozzi for organizing today's effort to raise awareness about this issue still hurting our restaurants," said Mickey King, President of New York State Restaurant Association.

Long Island's restaurants, bars and catering halls need Congress to replenish funds for the restaurant revisitation fund (RRF). The fund's initial \$28.6 billion was exhausted in a couple of weeks in May 2021 with the number of grant applications far exceeding expectations. As a result, two-thirds of the applicants nationwide didn't receive help.

On Long Island, about 1,100 eating and drinking establishments were awarded RRF grants, or just 12% of the nearly 9,200 such businesses licensed by the county health departments. Approximately \$270 million was distributed. Nationally, nearly 300,000 restaurants and bars applied for RRF grants in 2021, but only about one in three applicants received relief.

Oversight Committee Passes Legislation to End U.S. Government Business in Russia

Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney, the Chairwoman of the Committee on Oversight and Reform, issued the following statement after the Committee voted favorably to approve the Federal Contracting for Peace and Security Act, as well as several other good government bills:

"Today the Committee sent a clear message to Vladimir Putin: no more American tax dollars will go towards aiding and abetting your inhumane war against Ukraine," said Chairwoman Maloney. "I am proud that the Committee passed my bill, the Federal Contracting for Peace and Security Act, to make sure that companies doing business in support of Putin can't be in business with the United States government. Congress must respond to Ukrainian President Zelenskyy's plea to do everything we can to halt Russia's unjustified invasion of Ukraine that has killed thousands of innocent civilians."

No American Tax Dollars to Prop Up Putin's Unjustified War

The Federal Contracting for Peace and Security Act, a bill introduced by Chairwoman Maloney, would prohibit the federal government from contracting with companies that continue to do business in Russia during its war of aggression against Ukraine.

Specifically, the Federal Contracting for Peace and Security Act would:

- Establish that it is the policy of the U.S. government not to conduct business with companies that undermine our national security interests by continuing to operate in Russia during its ongoing war of aggression against Ukraine;
- Prohibit the federal government from contracting with companies that continue to conduct business in Russia during its war of aggression, including the termination of existing contracts with such companies; and
- Make reasonable exceptions for contracts or business operations to meet basic human needs, for jour-

nalistic purposes or the exchange of information, or for the benefit of Ukraine. Exceptions would also be made for companies pursuing all good faith efforts to cease business operations in Russia, and for cases in which prohibition or termination of a contract would not be in the national interest of the United States.

Relief for American Families

The Committee approved the Targeting Resources to Communities in Need Act of 2022, a bipartisan bill introduced by Rep. James Clyburn, House Majority Whip and Chairman of the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, and Rep. Hal Rogers. The bill would ensure targeted federal relief goes to high-poverty communities across the United States by requiring the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance on methods to increase targeted federal investments to areas of high and persistent poverty.

The Committee also approved Chairwoman Maloney's Measuring Real Income Growth Act, a bill to direct the Bureau of Economic Analysis to publish distributional analyses of Gross Domestic Product or other appropriate economic indicators broken down by income decile and for the highest 1% of income earners. This disaggregated reporting requirement will provide long-term data that more accurately conveys how economic growth is affecting households across the income spectrum.

Assisting Veterans and their Families

The Committee approved the Access for Veterans to Records Act, a bill introduced by Chairwoman Maloney, Rep. Stephen F. Lynch, Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, and Rep. Gerald E. Connolly, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Government Operations, to help address the current backlog of veterans' records requests at the National Personnel Records Center, an office of the National Archives and Records Administration

(NARA). The legislation would provide an increase in funding to help the agency update outdated information technology systems, modernize its electronic records archive, and increase the speed and efficiency of NARA's responses to Freedom of Information Act and special access requests for records.

The Committee also approved the Computers for Veterans and Students Act, a bipartisan bill introduced by Reps. Abigail D. Spanberger, Rob Wittman, and Elaine Luria. The bill would require the transfer of federal agencies' surplus computers and equipment to nonprofits dedicated to refurbishing and distributing the technology to veterans, schools, low-income individuals, and seniors in an effort to close the digital divide.

Supporting Civil Servants

The Committee approved the Honoring Civil Servants Killed in the Line of Duty Act, introduced by Rep. Gerald E. Connolly, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Government Operations. The bill would set the required standard death gratuity payment at \$100,000 plus \$8,800 for funeral expenses, with adjustments for inflation, for families of civil service employees who are killed in the line of duty or die as a result of an injury sustained at work.

Improving Hiring Practices

The Committee approved the Chance to Compete Act, a bipartisan bill introduced by Rep. Jody Hice along with Rep. Ro Khanna, Chairman on the Subcommittee on Environment, and Reps. Kweisi Mfume and Virginia Foxx. The legislation would streamline the federal hiring process and require federal agencies to evaluate a potential job candidate based on their skills for a position rather than on education level. Shifting to a more skills-based assessment can open up government employment opportunities to applicants from diverse professional backgrounds and education levels.

suggested a zoning change to keep out synagogues. In this country we welcome all people, including our Jewish brothers and sisters. They are just as much a part of this community as any other culture and religion and they deserve our respect. It is even more

saddening that this would take place so close to the religious Jewish holiday of Passover and the Christian holiday of Easter, both times of faith and reflection when we should be speaking of peace and goodwill, not separation and discrimination."

Senator James Sanders Jr. Says There is More Good Than Bad in The 2022-2023 NYS Budget

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for take-out or delivery by preventing the sale of full bottles and limiting the authorization to three years.

- requires boards of elections to provide prepaid postage for absentee ballots and ballot applications based on a bill introduced by Senator James Sanders Jr.

CANNABIS/SOCIAL EQUITY

- \$50 million investment into a Cannabis Social Equity Fund, which, matched by \$150 million in private investment, will finance capital costs for cannabis dispensaries operated by social equity licensees. The Senate successfully negotiated stronger provisions establishing the rights of social equity licensees, oversight, transparency and

State control of the private fund.

- allows cannabis businesses to deduct their business expenses.

OTHER

- not in the budget relating to NYC: mayoral control of the school system and a soon-to-expire tax break for housing developers.

THE BAD

- \$600 million included for a new Buffalo Bills stadium.

- The budget does not include a ban gas and oil hookups in new buildings starting in 2027, a move that would have made New York the first state to stop adding fossil-fuel burning stoves and heaters and require new buildings to use only electricity.

NEEDS WORK

- tax credit capped at \$250 million for small

business Covid-related expenses. The budget failed to include an amendment to provide funds for small businesses that went out of business due to COVID so they can restart their business.

- revised bail law directs judges to consider new factors. These factors include whether a defendant is accused of seriously harming another person or has a history of gun use when setting bail. Need the right balance to both protect the rights of the accused while also protecting the safety of the public.

- This Adopted Budget doesn't include establishing a state public bank and a stock transfer tax, which are two policies that would address income inequality and help distressed communities.

AG James Applauds Biden Administration's New Regulations Targeting Dangerous "Ghost Guns"

New York Attorney General Letitia James applauded U.S. President Joe Biden's new federal regulations to crack down on ghost guns. These regulations are significant steps in addressing gun violence that is plaguing communities across New York and the country, and Attorney General James previously called on the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to regulate ghost guns under federal law.

"Dangerous ghost guns exist for only one purpose — to put guns into the hands of those who are legally prohibited from owning a firearm," said Attorney General James. "In New York, we have taken significant action to crack down on gun violence, taking more than 2,700 guns off our streets and shutting down websites that sell ghost guns in New York. But our efforts can only go so far if these untraceable weapons are not effectively regulated

at the federal level. Ghost guns are just as dangerous as traditional firearms, and with the nomination of Steve Dettelbach to serve as director of the ATF, Americans can feel confident in the federal government's commitment to gun safety. I thank President Biden for his unwavering dedication to this issue, and I look forward to working with him to keep our communities safe."

Attorney General James has taken significant action to support gun safety measures. In August 2021, she joined a coalition of 22 attorneys general in urging DOJ to finalize regulations that would make clear that ghost guns are firearms under federal law. In December 2021, Attorney General James vowed to defend a New York state law that restores the ability of the state and localities to bring civil liability actions against firearm manufacturers and sellers for their

own bad conduct. Attorney General James continues to defend New York state's gun licensing protection law at the U.S. Supreme Court against a lawsuit in the case of New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen.

Attorney General James has taken numerous other actions to ensure that New York state has the right to protect its residents from gun violence, including filing a number of amicus briefs defending states' gun safety laws; suing the Trump administration for making dangerous 3D-printed gun files more accessible on the internet; stopping companies from selling online, incomplete ghost gun pieces to New Yorkers that could be easily assembled into illegal assault weapons; and taking more than 2,700 firearms off the streets through dozens of gun buyback events and other efforts; among other efforts.

Flushing Meadows Corona Park Improvement Fund, Inc. Notice of Public Hearing

Flushing Meadows Corona Park Improvement Fund, Inc. (the "Corporation") is a not-for-profit corporation organized under Section 402 of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York. In accordance with the aforesaid law, and pursuant to

its certificate of incorporation and by-laws, a quorum of the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall convene and vote upon a resolution to dissolve the Corporation in accordance with Section 1002 of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law. The Corporation will

meet on the proposed dissolution at the Office of the Queens Borough President, 120-55 Queens Blvd., Kew Gardens, New York, commencing at 1:00 PM on Monday, April 18, 2022. Interested members of the public are invited to attend in person.

Senator James Sanders Jr. Condemns Anti-Semitic Comments Made at Local Board Meeting

Senator James Sanders Jr. said: "It is appalling and disgusting that in this day and age we are still dealing with blatant anti-semitism and at a local public meeting no less. At a recent Rockville Board of Trustees meeting in Nassau County, a resident

LEGAL NOTICES

Teng's Capital LLC, Arts of Org filed with SSNY on 03/17/22. Off. Loc.: Queens County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 27-05 41st Ave OFC, Long Island City, NY 11101. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act. 3/31,4/7,14,21,28&5/5/2022

Notice of Formation of EMILE DAJER ARCHITECTURE STUDIO, PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/09/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 3161 37th Street, Apt 3B, Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/24,31,4/7,14,21&28/2022

Notice of Formation of SEEK WITHIN LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/14/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 134-35 160th Street, Jamaica, NY 11434. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/10,17,24,31,4/7&14/2022

Sacrifice 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, 8461 248TH St. Bellerose, NY 11426. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 3/10,17,24,31,4/7&14/2022

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

Notice of Formation of QNZ MAISONS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/20/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 24214 93 Avenue, Bellerose, NY 11426. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/24,31,4/7,14,21&28/2022



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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

Notice of Formation of ROMAN ROOTS NURSERY LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/02/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 42-16 215TH Place, Bayside, NY 11361. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/17,24,31,4/7,14&21/2022

Notice of Formation of LBL372, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/01/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 10849 63rd Avenue, 2L, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/31,4/7,14,21,28&5/5/2022

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Notice of Formation of BB'S PLAYHOUSE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/14/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2528 Broadway, Astoria, NY 11106. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/24,31,4/7,14,21&28/2022

VIGI REALTY LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/30/2022. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 14158 Center Drive, Whitestone, NY 11357. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 4/7,14,21,28,5/5&12/2022

Notice of Formation of LEAHFEET & 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

Notice of Formation of MOTOSECT LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/01/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 10849 63rd Avenue, 2L, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: any lawful activities. 4/7,14,21,28,5/5&12/2022

CPQ 120 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/25/22. 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, 212-03 53rd Avenue, Bayside, NY 11364. Purpose: Any lawful purpose 4/7,14,21,28,5/5&12/2022

Notice of Formation of A ROUNDTRIP STYLE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/22/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 22120 104th Avenue, Queens Village, NY 11429. Purpose: any lawful activities. 4/7,14,21,28,5/5&12/2022

CORONA WS LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/04/2022. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 57-10 99th Street, Corona, NY 11368. Reg Agent: Suhail Sitaf, 3 Windsor Drive, Old Westbury, NY, 11568. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 4/7,14,21,28,5/5&12/2022

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Notice of formation of WCVL REALTY LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/21/22. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to: 6633 Commonwealth Blvd., Little Neck, NY 11362. Purpose: any lawful act. 3/24,31,4/7,14,21&28/2022

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

New York LOTTO Second Prize Winning Ticket Sold in Howard Beach

The New York Lottery announced a second prize-winning ticket for the April 9, 2022 New York LOTTO drawing was sold at the Subway Stop convenience store in Howard Beach. The prize-winning ticket is worth \$254,505.

The winning numbers for the April 9 New York LOTTO drawing are 12 - 18 - 24 - 27 - 51- 53 and Bonus Number 45. The winning ticket matched five of the six numbers and the bonus

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Notice of Formation of EXCLUSIVE PIECES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/06/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 253-15 148th Drive, Rosedale, NY 11422. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/17,24,31,4/7,14&21/2022

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

number. The jackpot for the drawing to be held on April 13 is \$9 million.

To win the New York LOTTO jackpot, players must match six numbers drawn from a field of one to 59. New York LOTTO drawings are televised every Wednesday and Saturday at approximately 11:21 P.M. A New York LOTTO prize of any amount may be claimed up to one year from the date of the drawing.

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IKOS SENIOR LIVING LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/07/2022. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 48-02 25th Avenue, Suite 400, Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 4/14,21,28,5/5,12&19/2022

Nostalgia Collection LLC filed w/ SSNY on 4/4/22. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 28-29 36th St., Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: any lawful. 4/14,21,28,5/5,12&19/2022

42-14 CRESCENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/10/22. 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, 42-14 Crescent Street, Unit 4A, Long Island City, NY 11101. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 4/14,21,28,5/5,12&19/2022

Notice of Formation of BRAINROT HOUR MEDIA, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/07/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 23-27 30th Avenue, Unit 3, Astoria, NY 11102. Purpose: any lawful activities. 4/14,21,28,5/5,12&19/2022

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Assemblyman Braunstein Announces Tax Relief, Education Funding And Public Safety Measures in NYS Budget

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bail-eligibility for certain offenses. These measures will hold repeat offenders, as well as hate crime offenders, accountable in the court of law. The budget also seeks to prevent and reduce gun violence in New York by strengthening the state's gun trafficking laws and expanding bail-eligibility for certain gun-related offenses. In addition

to expanding and improving Kendra's Law, the reforms also give judges a new tool to order mental health assessments at arraignment for those who may pose a danger to themselves and others. All of these changes are important steps that will help to stop the proliferation of guns, address repeat offenders, and keep New Yorkers safe."

On AAPI Funding: "As New York City continues

to see a concerning spike in hate crimes targeting Asian-Americans, the budget responds with a \$20 million investment in the Asian American community-based organizations who are working within their neighborhoods to Stop Asian Hate. This funding also serves as an important reminder that any form of hate or discrimination will not be tolerated in New York State."

Schumer, Gillibrand Announce \$18.6 Million in Fed Funds For Jamaica Bay's

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looks forward to working together to continue restoring Jamaica Bay's marshes and enhance parkland for visitors and wildlife."

"The Jamaica Bay Ecowatchers want to commend Senator Schumer, Senator Gillibrand for securing this funding which will allow for the construction of this wetland island which is so critical to the ecology of this Estuary. Jamaica Bay is an amazing natural resource

and perhaps the most important urban National Park in the country. We have made great strides in recent years in restoring the health of the Bay and this funding will allow that great work to continue and will ensure that this amazing natural resource will be here for future generations to enjoy," said Dan Mundy, Jr., President, Jamaica Bay Ecowatchers.

Schumer previously secured \$300,000 for the Stony Creek Marsh Island restoration project in the Omnibus

Appropriations Agreement for pre-construction, engineering and design work. The Senators also sent a letter to the Office of Management and Budget and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pressing for full funding for the project. This week, OMB and the Army Corps funded the Jamaica Bay Stony Creek Marsh Island project in their FY23 IJA/BIL Work Plan, including \$2 million more for design, and \$16.61 million for construction.

As we approach significant holy days, I wish you a Joyous, Blessed Easter and a Happy Passover.



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Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson Confirmed to Serve on The U.S. Supreme Court



Senate Confirms Ketanji Brown Jackson as First Black Woman on Supreme Court

April 7, 2022 | Sarahbeth Maney/The New York Times

Last week marked a monumental occasion as Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson became the first Black woman (and first public defender) to be confirmed to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. Her journey will undoubtedly continue to inspire millions of women leaders in our nation and beyond. It was an amazing moment to witness and I look forward to her tenure on our nation's highest court.



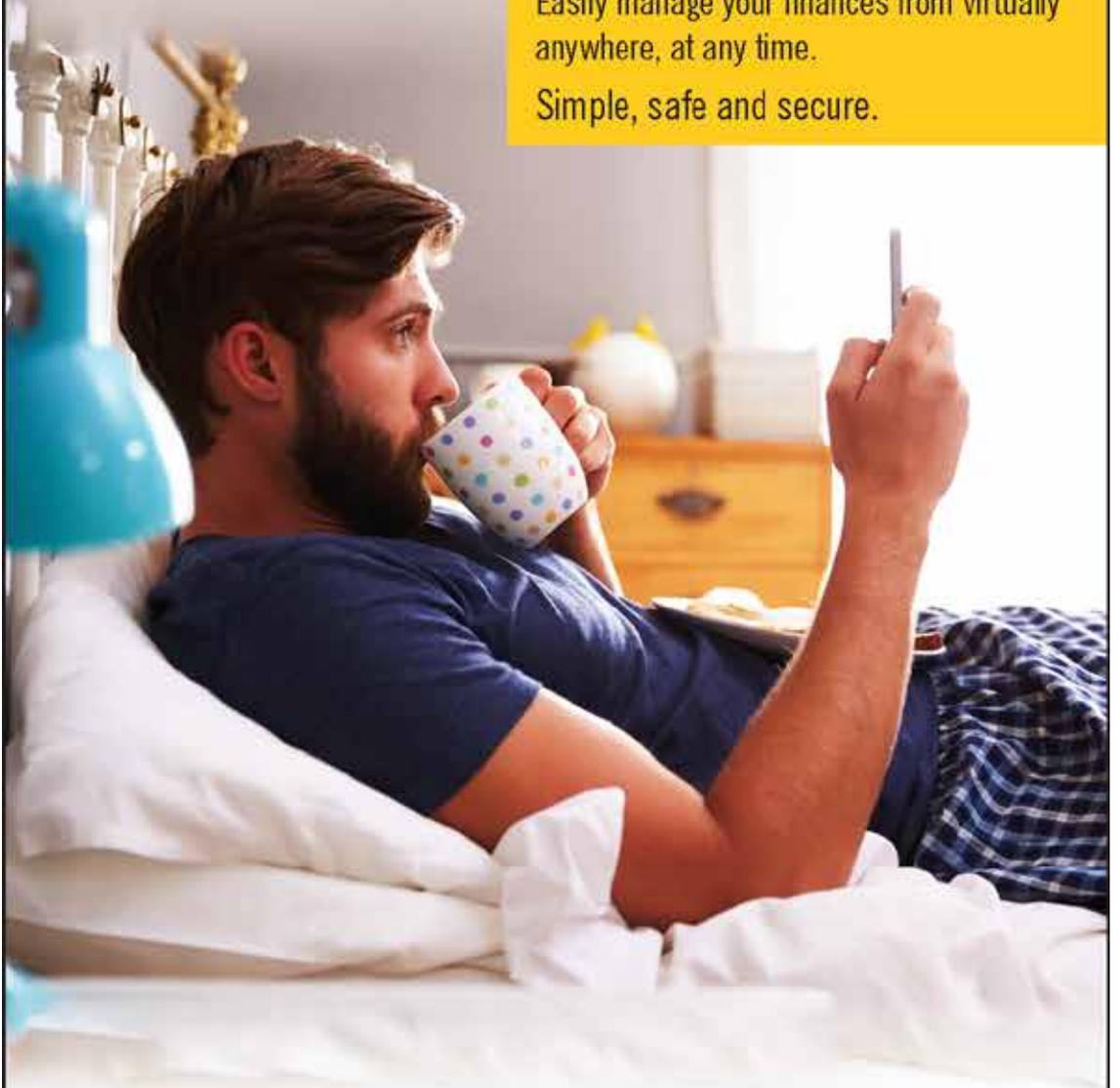
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