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The new state budget reflects robust tax revenue growth and an unprecedented infusion of federal money.

Federal aid stabilized state finances, enabling New York to contend with the Covid-19 pandemic's impacts and preserve key services while providing an opportunity to emerge stronger than before. A recent report from my office found that all states received more money than they sent to Washington, D.C., in taxes in federal fiscal year 2020. It was true even for New York, which has been among the largest net tax-dollar losers.

But the extraordinary federal aid is temporary and should be targeted for programs that alleviate the pains of the pandemic and improve the lives of all New Yorkers. Developing a clear plan and ensuring the funds are used efficiently, effectively and equitably must be top priorities. Unfortunately, the new budget falls short in providing the transparency and accountability essential to such efforts.

The state continues to rely on broad, lump-sum appropriations for some federal funds, giving the Division of the Budget control over the timing and purpose of billions of dollars. Detailed appropriations would allow for greater

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Mother's Day Contest Winners 2019

Assemblyman Edward C. Braunstein (D-Bayside) is announcing the return of the annual Mother's Day Essay and Poetry Contest, open to students in grades 2-5 who live or go to school in Assembly District 26.

Submissions can be any length and should have a Mother's Day

theme, such as a favorite experience, or an essay about why your mother is so special to you. The deadline to enter the contest is Monday, May 16, 2022.

"I'm happy to invite Northeast Queens students to submit an

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Karen Lin Announces Candidacy For Queens Civil Court Judge



Karen Lin is joined by Elected Officials and District Leaders. See story on page 2.

Mayor Eric Adams' \$99.7 billion budget



NYC Mayor Eric Adams, after 116 days in office, presented his \$99.7 billion executive budget proposal in his first "State of The City" address in which he celebrated the city's resilience amid the COVID-19 pandemic and a wave of shocking crimes. Mayor Adams delivered a 54-minute State of the City address at Brooklyn's Kings Theatre. He focused on his policy agendas for public safety, economic recovery from

the pandemic, youth and family services and a slate of infrastructure investments.

The mayor gave a thumbs up as he took a lap around the stage to Frank Sinatra's "New York, New York"; and, before taking the podium, he set down a portrait of his late mother, who he referenced several times during the speech.

The following is from his address:

1. ECONOMIC RECOVERY
Adams began the speech com-

memorating the 40,000 New Yorkers who died of COVID-19, thanking essential workers and highlighting the end of the pandemic's darkest days.

"After two years, we are ready to be together again – reunited and it feels so good," he said, adding that "we are still in a time of profound concern."

Equating the era to the years following the Great Depression, Ad-

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visibility into the intended use of the funds, more precise reporting and assurance that the state has a well-thought-out plan for the money.

Federal guidance for American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funds—totaling \$12.7 billion for New York—requires reporting on plans to address inequities, including how projects will benefit communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic, as well as specifics on expenditures, performance and provisions to ensure outcomes are achieved.

Wanted: Specifics

New York's initial plan affirmed broad principles, but it didn't contain specific dollar amounts or detailed information about how goals would be achieved. Other states are doing a better job, en-

acting stand-alone allocation bills, fostering public engagement and issuing comprehensive plans for the federal aid.

The National Conference of State Legislatures' state-by-state comparison of ARP state fiscal recovery-fund allocations shows spending descriptions for eligible categories, including access to broadband, economic relief and development, education, housing, water infrastructure and workforce development. New York's allocation shows only one category: state operation and administration.

No other large state disclosed less on its use of the funds. New York has not demonstrated how it will deploy money to improve equity, measure the success of its efforts or ensure that funding reaches the individuals, families and businesses most hurt by the pandemic. We must do better.

I've released reports on key relief initiatives, including the federal Paycheck Protection Program for small businesses and the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. I've also developed a Covid-19 Relief Funds Tracker to provide monthly updates on major initiatives. My office's ability to shed light on the use of the funds is limited, however. Money has gone out slowly for some programs and has been difficult to track for others. Information on outcomes is minimal, and assessing performance is difficult.

Perhaps a silver lining to the pandemic is that we have an opportunity to create the foundation for a brighter economic future and more equitable outcomes. We must step up our efforts to achieve this. I am committed to doing my part to keep the public and stakeholders informed of our progress.

Karen Lin Announces Candidacy For Queens Civil Court Judge

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Karen Lin officially announced her candidacy for Queens Civil Court Judge on 10 A.M. Saturday, April 23, 2022. Many Queens Elected Officials and District Leaders joined her kick-off rally alongside her husband and their sons to show their support for Ms. Lin. Officials such as United States Representatives Gregory Meeks & Grace Meng, State Senator John Liu, Assemblyman Edward Braunstein, and District Leader Carol Gresser joined this historic moment. With 25 years of legal and court experience, Karen is running to increase representation in the judiciary and make history as the first East-Asian American woman elected judge in Queens.

U.S. Rep. Gregory Meeks said, "Karen Lin's breadth and depth of legal experience ensures that she

will be an exemplary judge for Queens and make us proud. She earned the endorsement of the Executive Committee of the Queens County Democratic Organization and I am delighted to give her my full support."

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng said, "Karen Lin is a dedicated public servant and I am proud to endorse my friend for her campaign for Judge of the Civil Court in Queens, as a Queens native, Karen has tirelessly served the diverse communities of Queens with integrity and care, and I look forward to supporting her in this work."

NY State Senator John Liu said, "Karen's record of public service and commitment to justice and empowerment is unparalleled, and her family and life experience grounds her empathy with and compassion for real people. She will bring a badly needed voice for

our community to the bench and I'm so proud to support her campaign for this important position."

Assemblyman Edward Braunstein said, "Karen Lin's 25 years of experience as an attorney and a former judge makes her the ideal candidate for Queens Civil Court judge. Outside of the courtroom, Karen has also demonstrated an outstanding commitment to public service through her extensive volunteer work in the Queens community. I am confident that Karen will bring a fair perspective to the bench and I'm proud to support her campaign."

Karen Lin said, "As judges, our job is to serve the people. I would love the opportunity to be someone who serves the people of Queens. This is my home, this is the place I love and these are the streets I know. Representation matters, having people who are diverse on the bench matters."

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entry to my annual Mother's Day Essay and Poetry Contest. This is a great opportunity for students to showcase their storytelling abilities and writing skills, potentially win a district-wide prize, and, most importantly, honor their mother," said Assemblyman Edward Braunstein. "I look forward

to reading the entries as we prepare to celebrate this very special holiday."

District-wide prizes will be awarded in each grade and New York State Assembly Certificates of Merit will be awarded to all participating students. If you are interested in participating, please print your full name, grade and school information on your entry

and submit your essay or poem to Assemblyman Braunstein's office at 213-33 39th Avenue, Suite 238, Bayside, NY 11361. You can also submit your essay by email to braunsteine@nyassembly.gov or fax it to 718-357-5947.

If entrants have any questions, they can contact Assemblyman Braunstein's office at 718-357-3588.

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ams said he is inspired by former President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the "courage and compassion" he exemplified. "FDR understood that the people needed an honest reckoning of the problems and bold plans to solve them," he said. Among the economic initiatives Adams laid out was his pledge to expand the Earned Income Tax Credit with a \$250 million investment from the city. He also highlighted an estimated \$200

million boost to the city's reserve fund, which would bring the total to \$6.3 billion in fiscal year 2023.

In addition, the executive budget includes more than \$140 million for new capital investments at Hunts Point Produce Market in the Bronx, among "70 concrete initiatives we have laid out for our city's economic recovery," Adams said.

2. 2022 TRAGEDIES
"In our first 100 days, crime and tragedy took far too many lives in our city," he said, commemorating the subway-shoving death of

Michelle Go, the 17 New Yorkers who died at the Jan. 9 fire in the Bronx, the killing of 19-year-old Kristal Bayron-Nieves at a Burger King in Harlem, the shooting of an 11-month-old in the Bronx, and the deaths of New York City Police Department officers Jason Rivera and Wilbert Mora in the Bronx in January.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY
Adams highlighted his previously announced "Blueprint to

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House Passes Meng Legislation Seeking To Establish First National Asian Pacific American Museum

Congresswoman's bill passes as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month kicks off this weekend

As the nation prepares to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, the United States House of Representatives this afternoon passed legislation sponsored by U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY) that seeks to create the first national museum dedicated to preserving the history, culture, and accomplishments of Asian Pacific Americans.

The bipartisan bill passed unanimously by voice vote, and now heads to the U.S. Senate.

Entitled the "Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture Act," Meng's bill would create a commission of eight individuals with various expertise in museum planning or Asian Pacific American history and culture to examine the feasibility of establishing, maintaining, funding and operating such a facility in the nation's capital, possibly as part of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. which is the world's largest museum and research complex.

"For the last seven years, I have worked to push this legislation through Congress, and I am thrilled that it has finally passed out of the House of Representatives," said Congresswoman Meng, the First Vice Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus. "Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have been pivotal in contributing to the growth and prosperity of our nation since its founding. We have helped make the United States the greatest country in the world, but unfortunately many remain unaware of the crucial role we've played throughout our history. It's time for that to change and creating a national museum would ensure there is a physical space to commemorate and share our story with future generations. Over my Congressional career, we have seen the National Museum of African American History and Culture opened, and I have been proud to stand by my colleagues as we passed legislation to create a National Museum of the American Latino and the American Women's History Museum. But never before has a bill like this, that seeks to advance the history and culture of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders through a national museum, been approved by the House, and I'm honored to champion this effort. Our achievements, history, and experiences are American as everybody else's, and we must recognize that the narrative of the Asian Pacific American community is woven into our greater American story. I am excited that we are one step closer to this bill becoming law, and one step closer to a national museum filled with our Asian Pacific American history being established."

"I was proud to bring Rep. Meng's bill to the House Floor and join in supporting this legislation to study the creation of a national museum to preserve and teach the history of Asian-American and Pacific Islander communities in our country," said House Majority Leader Steny H. Hoyer. "America has become a home to a great diversity of people and communities, all of which have brought a richness of traditions that enhance our nation and make us stronger. Their stories are deeply ingrained in the American story, and our history cannot be told in full without including their voices, perspectives, and contributions. Rep. Meng, along with her colleagues in the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, has been such a steadfast advocate for Asian-American and Pacific Islander communities throughout her time in office, and I know that she will continue to be so for a long time to come. I congratulate her on this achievement and look forward to joining her and so many others to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May."

The Congresswoman's measure would require the com-

mission it establishes to:

- Report recommendations for a plan of action on the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture;
- Develop a fundraising plan to support the establishment, operation, and maintenance of the museum through public contributions;
- Obtain an independent review of this fundraising plan, including an analysis of the resources necessary to fund the construction of the museum and its operations and maintenance without reliance on federal funds;
- Report on the availability and cost of acquiring collections for the museum, identify potential locations for the facility in Washington, D.C., and determine its regional impact on other related museums; and
- Submit to Congress a legislative plan of action on whether to and how to establish and construct the museum.

The legislation would also direct the commission's recommendations to address whether the museum should be part of the Smithsonian Institution. The commission would have 18 months to complete the full study and its members would be appointed by the House Speaker, Senate Majority Leader, House Minority Leader and Senate Minority Leader.

In addition to championing the bill during the last several sessions of Congress, Meng has testified about her legislation before two Committees. First in February 2020 before the House Administration Committee, and the second time in December 2021 in front of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands. Late last year, Meng also called for the Chair of the Natural Resources Committee to make her bill the first measure that the panel takes up in 2022.

Meng's legislation passed with 120 cosponsors including Democrats and Republicans. A copy of the bill and additional details about the measure can be viewed here.

"I am thrilled that the House today voted to pass CAPAC First Vice-Chair Rep. Grace Meng's bill creating a commission to study the potential creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture," said Rep. Judy Chu, Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC). "This is a necessary step in the process towards establishing the first national museum dedicated to preserving the history and culture of our communities. A museum that is dedicated to telling the story of our communities as part of American history not only helps educate our country about our accomplishments and struggles, but showing how our history IS American history is a powerful tool to combat anti-Asian hate and xenophobia. I thank CAPAC First Vice-Chair Rep. Meng for her leadership and Speaker Pelosi for bringing this bill to a vote today, and I urge the Senate to swiftly act on moving this legislation forward."

"America is more diverse and more multiracial than ever before, and the story of AAPI's and Latinos alike are interwoven within the history of America," said Congressional Hispanic Caucus Chair Dr. Raul Ruiz. "By establishing a commission to study the feasibility and potential creation of a museum dedicated to Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPIs), we take a critical step forward in recognizing the immeasurable contributions the AANHPI community have made to our nation. That is why the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC) was proud to endorse H.R. 3525 establishing a Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture. It is of the utmost importance to share our stories with the world, celebrate our heritages, and honor our accomplishments."

"In the face of the continued harm inflicted on Asian Americans by hatred and ignorance, knowledge and understanding is the best balm," said Jo-Ann Yoo, Executive Director of the Asian American Federation. "We believe along with Rep. Grace Meng, that a National Museum of AAPI History and Culture will help us learn from and celebrate our history, present a perspective that will help Americans bridge division, and lead to greater empathy among diverse races. We are happy to wholeheartedly endorse establishing a commission to study the creation and viability of such an endeavor."

"The passage of this bill is an important first step in recognizing the history and lived experiences of AAPI communities," said John C. Yang, President and Executive Director at Asian Americans Advancing Justice – AAJC. "Our communities have long faced exclusion—from history curricula in the classroom to the recognition that our communities are integral to the fabric of American society. Creating a national resource and institution dedicated to public education of Asian American and Pacific Islander histories is critical to building a more inclusive future."

Meng's legislation is endorsed by many organizations including: the Asian American Federation, Chinese-American Planning Council, Advancing Justice | AAJC, Korean American Family Service Center, OCA-Asian Pacific American Advocates, UnidosUS, Southeast Asia Resource Action Center, Japanese American Citizens League, the National Education Association, APIA Scholars, the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum, Stop AAPI Hate, the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, the Congressional Black Caucus, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, the Congressional Progressive Caucus, the Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience, National Asian/Pacific Islander American Chamber of Commerce and Entrepreneurship, Chhaya Community Development Corporation, Indo-Caribbean Alliance, Chinatown Manpower Project, Hamilton-Madison House, South Asian Youth Action, Woodside on the Move, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, South Asian Council for Social Services, Asian Services in Action, Austin Asian Impact, the Filipino American Historical Society, Asian Americans for Equality, Academy of Medical and Public Health Services, OCA Greater Chicago, National Partnership for New Americans, New York Immigration Coalition, Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, North Carolina Asian Americans Together, New American Leaders, Asian and Pacific Islander American Vote, the Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund, Arizona Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander for Equity, South Asian Network, Asian Community Development Council, One APIA Nevada, Chung Pak Local Development Corp., Colorado Asian Pacific United, OCA Greater Washington DC, Sikh Coalition, Chinese American Museum of Chicago, APACE at Con Edison of New York, Japanese American Citizens League - Twin Cities, Asian and Pacific Islander Caucus of Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation at the University of Oregon, DC Asian Pacific American Film, Forest Hills Asian Association, Korean Community Services of Metropolitan New York, Missouri Asian American Youth Foundation, OCA-Greater Houston, Young Democrats of America Asian Pacific Islander Caucus, and Woori Juntos.

Celebrated each May, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is a time to recognize the heritage, achievements and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and commemorate how Asian Pacific Americans have enriched our nation.

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End Gun Violence," and "Subway Safety Plan," the latter of which would be coupled with new investments for homeless and mental health services under his proposed budget.

Dubbed the "B-HEARD" initiative, an acronym for Behavioral Health Emergency Assistance Response Division, Adams proposed \$55 million to deploy additional mental health professionals in certain areas of the city to respond to people experiencing mental health crises, "instead of law enforcement."

The budget also includes \$171 million to add 1,400

new Safe Haven and stabilization beds, which offer wrap-around services to homeless individuals, by mid-2023.

4. WORKFORCE AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Adams proposed a slate of partnerships with tech- and science-based industries, including funding for the expansion of a life sciences and health care hub in Manhattan's Kips Bay neighborhood, along with a new facility for "cutting-edge research, workforce training and new startups" on First Avenue. The latter is in partnership with

Taconic Partners, DivcoWest and New York University. "Together, these two projects will nearly double lab space in Kips Bay and further establish it as the hub for life sciences in our city," he said.

In another job-creation effort, Adams proposed "new funding to expand ferry capacity at Yankee Pier, "so that more New Yorkers can access the 7,000 jobs and educational opportunities we are creating on Governors Island."

Applauding the recent unionization of an Amazon warehouse on Staten Island, Adams said "New York City

is the largest union town in America, and just a few weeks ago, this union town got even bigger – thanks to our brothers Chris Smalls and Derrick Palmer, who successfully led the effort to unionize the Amazon warehouse on Staten Island." Adams then asked Smalls and Palmer to stand, as the audience applauded.

5. CHILD CARE

Adams previewed a plan for expanding child care that he said would be announced in the coming weeks. He laid out a new program for full-time subsidized child care that would reduce the weekly \$55 aver-

age rate that families of four earning under \$55,000 pay to \$10 a week. The program will hinge on reduced tax rates that will go into effect in June and are expected to add 17,000 additional child care seats, Adams said.

6. HOUSING

Adams' budget proposal includes a \$5 billion investment in improvements to New York City Housing Authority buildings, along with other affordable housing initiatives, what he called "the biggest housing investment in generations."

The announcement was a preview to a blueprint for housing and homelessness

that Adams said he will debut in the coming weeks. 7. SCHOOLS

Adams touted previously announced plans to increase funding for the city's Summer Rising youth program that offers students job training and extracurricular programming when school is not in session. He also highlighted the expansion of summer youth employment programs and his plans to expand the city's Gifted and Talented program.

Additionally, Adams proposed a \$7.4 million investment in dyslexia screening

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Attorney General James And Mayor Adams Fight Opioid Crisis With First of \$256 Million in Payments For New York City

AG James Distributes \$88.9 Million to New York City in First Round of Payments from Historic Opioid Settlements Funds Will Be Used for Opioid Treatment and Prevention Across All Five Boroughs

New York Attorney General Letitia James and New York City Mayor Eric Adams have announced the first of up to \$256 million going to New York City, beginning this week, to combat the opioid crisis that continues to ravage communities across the city. To address record overdose rates, New York City will receive \$88.9 million this year — \$11.5 million this week alone — to fund opioid prevention and treatment programs in all five boroughs. The funds are the first round of payments from the \$1.5 billion that Attorney General James has secured for the state from the historic settlements with manufacturers and distributors of opioids. New York City will receive up to \$256 million in total over the years as part of these settlements for opioid abatement.

“Pharmaceutical companies that flooded New York communities with opioids are finally paying for the harm and devastation they caused,” said Attorney General James. “For far too long, opioid makers and distributors created more pain and suffering than they claimed to cure. The settlements my office secured from these companies are a result of our unwavering commitment to hold the powerful accountable and protect New Yorkers. Mayor Adams has been a dedicated partner in this fight, and we will not rest until our communities are free from the scourge of opioids. The money distributed today will help us turn the tide on the opioid crisis and ensure that every New Yorker struggling with addiction gets the help they need.”

“Big Pharma raked in billions of dollars while people’s lives were lost and destroyed from opioids,” said New York City Mayor Adams. “One New Yorker dies from an opioid overdose every four hours. Too many New Yorkers have suffered from death and addiction and too many families and communities have been torn apart. It’s time to end this public health crisis, and the \$256 million New York City will be receiving thanks to Attorney General James’ good work will be critical in funding opioid treatment programs, education efforts, and other support programs across all five boroughs. This money will help us save lives and I thank Attorney General James for her partnership in fighting to end the opioid crisis.”

These payments are the first of many to New York City to tackle the opioid crisis. The first payments come from settlements with opioid distributors — AmerisourceBergen Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., and McKesson Corporation. Later this year, New York City will receive additional payments from the settlements with Endo Health Solutions, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, and Allergan.

As a result of Attorney Gen-

eral James’ historic opioid settlements, New York City will receive \$88,943,457.57 in 2022 and up to \$256,458,972.37 over the course of the payout of the different settlements. More funds could possibly be awarded from a trial victory against Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, where a dollar figure has not yet been determined.

This announcement also goes hand-in-hand with an announcement made by U.S. President Joseph Biden, where he reiterated his commitment to fighting the opioid epidemic. The new strategy announced today tackles two major drivers of overdoses — untreated addiction and drug trafficking — and seeks to remove barriers to effective treatment, as well as to harm reduction services. At the same time, the president’s strategy lays out actions that will disrupt drug traffickers’ financial networks, supply chains, and delivery routes.

“We have lost too many New Yorkers — family members, friends, and neighbors — to overdose,” said New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) Commissioner Dr. Ashwin Vasan. “It’s critical that we continue to invest in bold and innovative solutions to this crisis and help more New Yorkers get connected to harm reduction and treatment services. I thank Attorney General James and Mayor Adams for their leadership on this important public health issue.”

“Attorney General James and Mayor Eric Adams have long fought to address the opioid epidemic that has ravaged this city, and I’m thankful for this settlement that will go to help our patients,” said Dr. Mitchell Katz, president and CEO, NYC Health + Hospitals. “From our Street Health Outreach and Wellness vans to our inpatient behavioral health services, we take care of all New Yorkers no matter where they are and offer whatever treatment they need.”

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) recently released data showing a record number of overdose deaths citywide in the first two quarters of 2021, which also match nationwide trends. Funds from these opioid settlements will help support citywide prevention and treatment programs for all New Yorkers.

“Opioid manufacturers are mass scale drug dealers that have gotten away with creating the worst epidemic in recent history,” said State Senator Brad Hoylman. “No amount of money will undo the immeasurable harm they’ve cost New York families, but \$256 million is a good place to begin. Attorney General James and Mayor Adams are slowly turning around New York City’s opioid crisis with this new funding, which is rightfully paid for by the manufacturers and distributors themselves.”

“I cannot commend Attorney General James enough for her steadfast leadership in securing settlements from opioid manufacturers that levied incalculable harm in our city,” said State Senator Gustavo Rivera. “These settlement funds will be critical

in helping our city heal by expanding harm reduction and overdose prevention services to address the opioid overdose crisis.”

“The funding to help New Yorkers cope with the opioid crisis abatement announced today by Attorney General James and Mayor Adams will support education, prevention, harm reduction, and other important public health efforts,” said State Assemblymember Richard Gottfried. “It’s only fair that the cost of this settlement is borne by the very drug companies that over-marketed opioids to millions, and I salute the attorney general’s leadership in defending the public interest.”

“The opioid epidemic is far from over as a major public health crisis in New York City and has only intensified during the pandemic,” said Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine. “These funds will save lives and will give New York City desperately needed resources to prevent opioid overdoses and get people effective treatment. This historic settlement finally held corporations accountable for their role in creating this public health crisis and the first installment couldn’t come soon enough to mitigate further harm caused by this tragic addiction crisis. I want to thank Attorney General James and Mayor Adams for their tireless work in securing and dispersing these funds.”

“As someone who’s worked in the health care profession, I’ve witnessed firsthand the need for addiction services in this city — especially for our homeless population,” said New York City Councilmember Joann Ariola. “This abatement will provide the necessary programming needed to treat the disease that is plaguing so many New Yorkers.”

“The opioid epidemic is among the greatest public health crises facing New York City, and we need every tool available to increase access to the services that can provide safe treatment options and help end addiction,” said New York City Councilmember Carlina Rivera. “I am grateful to Attorney General Letitia James for her fierce advocacy, and for continuing to stand up to some of the biggest corporations on behalf of all of the people of New York. These funds will save countless lives, and give our city the resources we so urgently need to combat this crisis.”

“The opioid crisis destroyed lives,” said New York City Councilmember Erik Bottcher. “Greedy corporations made fortunes off of the pain and suffering of New Yorkers. I’m grateful that Attorney General James was able to hold them accountable and that Mayor Adams is working to help those same New Yorkers.”

“My very first law I got passed as a councilmember was about fighting the opioid epidemic in our city,” said New York City Councilmember Justin Brannan. “Attorney General Letitia James is showing us exactly how it should be done: Hold the companies who have profited off this crisis accountable,

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Consumer Affairs Committee Announces Fire Safety Legislation

Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (D, WF-Fresh Meadows), Chair of the Assembly’s Consumer Protection Committee announced a legislative package intended to curb fire accidents.

Bill A9181, sponsored by Assemblyman Kenny Burgos (D-Bronx) and Senator Cordell Cleare (D-Harlem), would require space heaters sold in New York to have embedded safety features such as thermostats, automatic shut-offs, and be certified and tested by relevant state agencies. It passed through the Consumer Protection committee today. Bill A8639, sponsored by Assemblywoman Jessica González-Rojas (D-Jackson Heights) and Senator Leroy Comrie (D-Jamaica), would provide a tax credit for the installation of fire sprinkler systems. Bill A9645, sponsored by Assemblywoman Yudelka Tapia (D-Bronx), would establish a private right of action for tenants alleging a failure of building owners to keep and maintain self-closing fire-safety doors.

“Fires can happen to anyone at any time, destroying homes and businesses and tragically ruining lives,” said Assemblywoman Rozic, Chair of the Assembly Consumer Affairs and Protection Committee. “Multiple recent fires, including the one at Twin Parks, have reminded us of what we already knew: New York needs to increase fire safety mechanisms. We must ensure the laws on the books are enforceable and protect all New Yorkers and their families.”

“In the aftermath of the deadly Twin Parks fire, we learned that one of the causes was the result of a faulty space heater. As this tragedy was preventable, it was clear we needed to take action,” said Assemblyman Kenny Burgos. “The committee’s passage of my bill, the Safe Space Heaters Act, is a great step towards keeping New Yorkers safe in their homes, and I thank Chair Rozic for making it a priority. I look forward to seeing this bill pass in both legislative houses and its eventual signage into law.”

“I want to thank Assembly Consumer Protection Chair Nily Rozic and Assemblymember Kenny Burgos for their swift passage of A.9181-A/S.7863 which ensures that space heaters sold in New York State conform to the highest possible standards of safety and fire prevention,” said Senator Cordell Cleare. “I am confident that this bill—which requires safety heaters to contain a thermostat, have an automatic shutoff and be certified by an approved body—will save lives. I look forward to Senate passage in short order.”

“On April 16, another fire ravaged an apartment building in my district. Twelve of my constituents are now unable to access their

homes and two Queens firefighters were injured while working to contain the flames. Dangerous incidents like this will continue to take place unless we take action. That is why I’m calling for the passage of my legislation, A8639, which will encourage property owners to install fire sprinkler systems by offering a twenty-five percent tax credit. Ensuring residential buildings have sprinkler systems is crucial to preventing more fire-related tragedies across our state. I’m proud to sponsor this bill in the Assembly and urge my colleagues in the legislature to pass it this session,” said Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas

NYS Senator Leroy Comrie said, “When we upgrade our fire safety laws, we protect the homes, lives, and well-being of New Yorkers. That’s why New York State should partner in providing a tax credit for the installation of fire sprinkler systems as proposed in S3662A/A8639. In total, this fire safety package would take critical steps forward in ensuring safety from deadly fires for our communities. I am grateful to my colleagues and advocates who stand in support. We must honor the memory of all those impacted by catastrophic fires by passing these critical bills.”

“The Twin Parks fire took the lives of 17 people, including eight children in my district and destroyed many families. As elected officials we have to make sure that a tragedy like this never happens again,” said Assemblywoman Yudelka Tapia. “With my legislation tenants will have the right to take action and make landlords and building owners accountable for keeping and maintaining self-closing fire-safety doors at all times.”

This legislative package follows a string of recent fires including a January fire in the Bronx which was one of the most fatal fires in New York City since 1990. An investigation revealed a space heater inside an apartment at the Twin Parks North West sparked the massive fire that left 17 people dead. It also responds to numerous lawsuits which have been filed against the developers and investment companies associated with the building alleging negligence.

At the city level, legislation to mandate sprinkler systems has failed to materialize aside from an Executive Order Mayor Adams signed “to strengthen fire safety enforcement and outreach” and while there is existing law requiring landlords ensure self-closing doors are working properly, the lack of enforcement mechanisms have made them toothless.

These bills must pass the Consumer Protection, Ways and Means, and Government Operations Committees respectively.



Assemblyman Colton is Taking Crime Seriously And Has Been Proactively Fighting Against it in The Neighborhood

Assemblyman William Colton (D – Gravesend, Bensonhurst, Bath Beach, and Dyker Heights) is taking crime seriously and has been proactively fighting against it in the neighborhood.

“Even though crimes in the district are down, unfortunately, there have been several complaints of burglaries and repeated shoplifting at stores in the neighborhood, and I would like to commend the 62 Precinct Commanding Officer Captain Chen for acting promptly on complaints of neighborhood merchants. I together with Captain Chen, Dr. Tim Law, and Angel Wu of CASS toured these neighborhood businesses where we heard first-hand the concerns of these merchants,” Colton stated.

“As part of the action to stop recent store burglaries and shoplifting Captain Chen made excellent suggestions as to how to prevent these crimes and hold those responsible accountable. The first merchant must call 911 and file reports of such crimes as soon as discovered so police can find patterns and act to get those doing them. Second, if the perpetrator is still on the scene, clearly state to the 911 operator that the crime is “IN PROGRESS” or if the perp displays or threatens with a weapon, be sure to state this. These statements will create



a higher level of priority for police to respond. The Captain stated when the 911 operator reports a crime is “in progress” or “a weapon is involved”, officers are dispatched and arrive within 3 to 8 minutes. Third, in shoplifting situations request the officers to give a trespass affidavit to sign and to serve the perp with it. Once this is done the merchant has a right to prohibit the person from entering the store and if that person enters the store in the future, that is the crime of trespass and the person can be arrested without proof of theft.

Also, merchants should invest in surveillance cameras which can tape and store sharp images of the criminals committing such crimes so police can identify and arrest them,” Colton continued.

“We need to educate people and let them know what their rights are and how to protect themselves from crime offenders. Anyone who is planning to commit a crime must know that it will not be tolerated. There is no place in our neighborhood for such crimes. We are taking it seriously and will continue to fight it until it stops,” Colton added.

Gillibrand Statement on VA Adding Presumptive Care For Several Rare Respiratory Cancers



nally introduced the bipartisan and bicameral War Fighters Act alongside Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), Congressman Raul Ruiz (D-CA) and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA).

The bill would create a presumptive service connection for over 20 categories of diseases and streamline the process for veterans to obtain benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). It would remove the “burden of proof” from the veteran to provide enough evidence to establish a direct service connection between their health condition and exposure. Rather, the veteran would only need to submit documentation that they received a campaign medal associated with the Global War on Terror or the Gulf War and they suffer from a qualifying health condition. Campaign medals are awarded to members of the armed forces who deploy for military operations in a designated combat zone or geographical theater.

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand welcomed the VA’s announcement that it had added nine rare respiratory cancers to the list of presumed service-connected disabilities due to toxic exposure; however, Gillibrand stated in no uncertain terms that Congress must do more to take care of the more than three million service members and veterans who could have suffered from burn pit exposure.

“The VA’s announcement that it will add presumptive care for nine rare respiratory cancers is welcome news, but Congress must do much more to uphold our duty to the millions of service members who could have been exposed to toxic burn pits,” said Senator Gillibrand. “The House-passed Honoring Our PACT Act included my bipartisan War Fighters bill, which would finally establish a presumptive service connection for veterans exposed to burn pits, many of whom are sick or dying. This is the gold standard; it is what our veterans have earned, and our bipartisan coalition will not stop fighting until this bill passes the Senate and is signed into law.”

In March 2022, the House of Representatives passed the Honoring Our PACT Act, which included provisions of Senator Gillibrand’s Presumptive Benefits for War Fighters Exposed to Burn Pits and Other Toxins Act. Gillibrand origi-

The War Fighters Act would cover a wide range of cancers and respiratory illnesses as presumptive conditions, including: asthma that was diagnosed after service, head cancer of any type, neck cancer of any type, respiratory cancer of any type, gastrointestinal cancer of any type, reproductive cancer of any type, lymphoma cancer of any type, lymphatic cancer of any type, kidney cancer, brain cancer, melanoma, chronic bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis, emphysema, granulomatous disease, interstitial lung disease, pleuritis, pulmonary fibrosis, and sarcoidosis.

The following organizations support the bill: IAVA, The American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of America, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wounded Warrior Project, Reserve Officers Association, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Burn Pits 360, Green Beret Foundation,

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For further information on this contest or other community concerns, please contact Assemblyman Braunstein's office at 718-357-3588.

May you and your family have a wonderful Mother's Day!

Council Members Gale Brewer And James Gennaro Propose Creation of Department of Sustainability And Climate Change

The legislation would repeal the existing Office of Climate and Sustainability to codify a permanent office to address the resiliency of critical infrastructure



Gale Brewer



James Gennaro

Council Members Gale Brewer and James Gennaro have introduced legislation to create a Department of Sustainability and Climate Change, centralizing the City's work related to the resiliency of critical infrastructure, the built environment, coastal protection, coastal communities, and climate change under one Commissioner.

The Commissioner shall have the power to develop and coordinate the implementation of policies, programs, and actions to meet the long-term sustainability needs of New York City, as well as develop evaluation indicators and increase public awareness and education. There shall be a sustainability advisory board to support this work.

Creating a department to manage this portfolio of work puts New York City in a proactive position to deal with pressing issues already impacting residents. Extreme weather events have disparate impacts socio-economically. Awareness that climate change and systemic injustices are connected compels us to take action to address the adverse outcomes.

New York City has made im-

portant progress in considering environmental impacts in policy making. Establishing a department to steward this work places sustainability and resiliency at the center of City policy.

"In order to build a more sustainable and resilient city and address our environmentally-related challenges, it is imperative that we centralize the work in a single department. This department is accountable to the City Council and the public and must have dedicated and consistent resources," said Council Member Gale A. Brewer (D-06). "By integrating work on resilience and sustainability, we enable the creation of comprehensive programs and initiatives, and ensure that we achieve these goals more efficiently. I thank Chair of the Committee on Environmental Protection for joining me to intro-

duce this legislation, and I look forward to its passage with the support of my colleagues."

"Climate change is one of the biggest threats facing this City, and unfortunately, there is a lot of red tape within the current process that hinders our environmental progress," said Council Member James F. Gennaro, Chair of the New York City Council's Committee on Environmental Protection. "I am proud to introduce this legislation, which will create a dedicated Department of Sustainability and Climate Change and streamline City projects focused on resiliency and environmental protection. I thank Council Member Gale Brewer for her partnership and urge my City Council colleagues support this much-needed legislation."

Gillibrand Leads Bipartisan Congressional Delegation Visit to Poland, India, Nepal, United Arab Emirates, Qatar & Germany



Meeting with German Bundestag members at the U.S. Embassy in Berlin, Germany

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand led a bipartisan congressional delegation trip to Poland, India, Nepal, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, and Germany. She was joined by Senators Cory Booker (D-NJ) and Mark Kelly (D-AZ),

and Representative Mondaire Jones (D-NY).

"At this time of heightened tension, I am grateful to have had the opportunity to meet with our allies across the globe and reaffirm our mutual commitment to protecting

freedom," said Senator Gillibrand. "I was also honored to meet with our brave Marines in Nepal. I am deeply grateful for their dedication to protecting our diplomats and locally employed staff while far from home."

CM Linda Lee Announces District-Wide Litter Cleanup

in Partnership with NYC Department of Sanitation and The Association of Community Employment Programs for the Homeless (ACE).



Council Member Linda Lee (D- Oakland Gardens) today announced a district-wide initiative to clean up litter and beautify public spaces in partnership with New York City Department of Sanitation and The Association of Community Employment Programs for the Homeless (ACE), driven by input from community members. She encouraged local residents to call or email her office to report

known dumping sites and areas of interest that need beautification.

"District 23 is home to some of New York City's most beautiful public parks and open spaces, and ensuring they are clean and well-kept fosters a sentiment of pride of being a resident of Eastern Queens," said Council Member Linda Lee. "It is demoralizing to

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United Against Hate Crimes



On the heels of NYS Governor Kathy Hochul's funding announcement to combat hate crimes, Queens DA Melinda Katz joined the Governor on a visit to The Sikh Cultural Society, Inc (Gurdwara) and the Jamaica Muslim Center to emphasize our united front against acts of hate in

Queens County.

"What makes the County of Queens so great is the diversity of its people. Our diversity is our strength, and no acts of violence will undermine who we are. I thank the Governor for her visit and steadfast leadership on this issue", QDA Katz said.

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IT'S IN QUEENS

(April 28 to May 4)

Along with pollen, love is in the air in Queens this week. Love of nature, mothers, tacky architecture, BBQ, tango, Klezmer, community theater, and ballet. Please read on.

- April 29, City Nature Challenge, May 2. The public is asked to download a free iNaturalist app and count trees, plants, and wildlife in Queens as part of a global effort to document biodiversity in more than 400 cities. The obtained information helps professional naturalists study and protect urban flora and fauna. Organized count activities are scheduled for Alley Pond Park, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Forest Park, and the Ridgewood Reservoir.

- April 29, Apple Blossom Carnival, May 1. This annual festival includes hayrides, midway games, food vendors, and farm animals. Queens County Farm Museum, 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy., Glen Oaks.

- April 29, Lobby Hero, May 8. City Gate Productions presents Kenneth Lonergan's Tony-winning play six times. The plot follows a security guard who's drawn into a murder investigation. Truth becomes elusive as his tightly wound supervisor is called to bear witness against his troubled brother and an attractive rookie cop must stand up to her partner. Moose Lodge Theatre, 72-15 Grand Ave., Maspeth.

- April 29, Viva El Tango, May 29. The world premiere of a new production featuring NYC's best Tango artists with Musical Director Emiliano Messiez, singers, dancers, and musicians. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm; Sundays at 4 pm. Thalía Spanish Theatre, 41-17 Greenpoint Ave., Sunnyside.

- April 29, Your Loving Mother: Five by Chantal Akerman, May 8. Celebrate Mother's Day with five films by Belgian director Chantal Akerman, who specialized in fragile parent-child bonds and how they relate to national, sexual, and emotional identity. They are "Jeanne Dielman, 23 Quai du Commerce 1080 Bruxelles" (1985), "News from Home" (1977), "Les Rendez-vous d'Anna" (1978), "Letters Home" (1986), and "No Home Movie" (2015). Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.

- April 30, Jeff Michner BBQ Benefit, 11 am. Several dozen of the country's best pitmasters prepare smoked pork gumbo with okra croutons, cap of rib eye with crispy bacon brown butter sauce and gastrique, brisket with pickles and crispy onions, and other specialties to raise money for a foundation. Pig Beach NYC, 35-37 36th St., Astoria.

- April 30, Outdoor Concert Series Kick Off, 5 pm. Culture Lab LIC launches its free outdoor concert series with a huge night of entertainment headlined by



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Tilted Axes and Brooklyn Raga Massive. Then the venue will present concerts in various genres from Fridays to Sundays in May and from Thursdays to Sundays in June. Culture Lab LIC, 5-25 46th Ave.

- April 30, Queens on Screen, 6 pm. The program will screen a Queens film once a month. First up is Alfred Hitchcock's 1956 masterpiece "The Wrong Man," which includes scenes from Elmhurst, Jackson Heights, and Ridgewood. Eddie Murphy's "Coming to America" goes next on May 15 at 1 pm. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.

- April 30, Flower Patch, May 8. Unique floral and garden creature installations transform the venue into a fantastic flower spectacle, an immersive environment, and a stunning backdrop for photos. Meet costumed nature creatures, pick flowers, do floral-themed crafts, and leave a mark on Chalk Walk. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing.

- April 30, Hiptet Ballerinas, May 1. Chicago Multicultural Dance Center's Hiptet Ballerina Company fuses pointe technique with urban dance rooted fueled by inclusivity, modern movement, and Instagram-ready style. Shows are April 30 at 2 pm, April 30 at 8 pm, and May 1 at 3 pm. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- April 30, National Poetry Month Slam, Showcase & Book-fair, May 1. A full weekend of activities to celebrate poetry, the spoken word, story-telling, and authors. King Manor Museum, 150-03 Jamaica Ave.

- April 30, Holla & Heal, 5 pm. Magnetic North & Taiyo Na and special guests Ann One, Shame-Ali Nayeem, and Treya Lam bring musicianship to soul, folk, jazz, and hip hop from a distinct and politicized Asian American perspective. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

- April 30, Footsteps for Progress 5K Run/Walk/Roll, 9 am. Queens Centers for Progress leads a fun-filled morning to raise funds and awareness for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Kissena Park, 164th Street and Lithonia Avenue, Fresh Meadows.

- May 1, David Krakauer and his Acoustic Klezmer Quartet, 6 pm. One of the most important and influential musicians in Jewish music today, Krakauer presents acoustic versions of his original compositions mixed with classic tunes from the traditional repertoire. The Church-in-the-Gardens, 50 Ascan Ave., Forest Hills.

- May 1, All the Queens Houses, 3 pm. Rafael Herrin-Ferri discusses "All the Queens Houses: An Architectural Portrait of New York's Largest and Most Diverse Borough." Full of photographs, this book celebrates a broad range of housing styles. Queens Museum, NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- May 3, Noguchi at Night, 7 pm. This special evening features solo musical performances by Japanese Breakfast and Hisham Akira Bharoocha along with dishes by Mission Chinese chef and owner Danny Bowien. The event raises funds for the museum and its Artist Banner project. The Noguchi Museum, 09-01 33rd Rd., Long Island City.

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CM's Lee, Abreu Hold Joint Oversight Hearing on City-State Coordination in the Provision of Mental Health Services

Recently, the Committee on Mental Health, Disabilities, and Addictions met jointly with the Committee on State & Federal Legislation for an oversight hearing on the coordination of the City and State in the provision of mental health services. The hearing served as a platform for discussion on potential changes to allow for more seamless service to be provided as need for mental health services continues to increase due to the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

At the forefront of the hearing was the pressing need to untangle the complex web of jurisdictions, programs, and funding (and lack thereof) that makes it difficult to tackle some of the most urgent mental health needs of a wide swath of New Yorkers. Chairs Lee and Abreu questioned the Administration on their current efforts to solve persistent partnership challenges with State leadership. Both Council Members pointedly questioned representatives from the Office of Community Mental Health (OCMH), NYC Department of Mental Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) on topics including reinstatement

of psychiatric beds, licensing barriers, challenges with teletherapy, and addressing parity and reimbursement rate for mental health services.

The chairs heard also heard from the Greater New York Hospital Association, Vocal-New York, NY Foundling, Greenwich House, Reason for Hope, Hamilton Madison House, Asian American Federation, Visiting Nurse Service of New York, Volunteers of America, the Samaritans of New York, Inc.'s Suicide Prevention Center, Hayden Stein, Andrew Pearson, and Jonathan Colon.

"The last two years of the pandemic have exacerbated our longstanding mental health crisis," said Council Member Linda Lee, Chair of the Committee of Mental Health, Disabilities, and Addictions. "Now more than ever, our response to this crisis requires seamless coordination between frontline service providers and City, State, and Federal agencies. Our City, State, and Federal partners are making substantial investments in mental health that do much to address the need, but as we make these investments

we must address the structural issues that threaten to limit their impact. We must be transparent about how resources are allocated and spent, how patients progress along the continuum of care rather than fall through the cracks, and ensure the burnout and attrition that limits our mental health workforce at a time when we're calling on them more than ever. I am thankful to work with colleagues like Council Member Shaun Abreu to find solutions to these clear and dire problems."

"There is no do-it-yourself approach to the mental health crisis in New York. New Yorkers facing mental health challenges need the city and state to work together," said Council Member Shaun Abreu, Chair of the Committee on State and Federal Legislation. "We cannot improve the half-hazard and unplanned architecture of our mental health care system unless we take an intentionally comprehensive and inter-jurisdictional approach. I was proud to join Council Member Linda Lee today to discuss solutions that will make our City healthier, safer, more equitable, and more prosperous."

Attorney General James And Mayor Adams Fight Opioid Crisis With First of \$256 Million in Payments For New York City

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take back the money they've made off others pain, and use it to protect our most affected and vulnerable. I am proud of this win for New York, and in partnership with the mayor and our colleagues, I will make sure New York City's share of this money reaches the most effective and needed lifesaving programs and services."

"New Yorkers take care of each other. I'm grateful that Attorney General James was able to hold corporations that profited off the pain of New Yorkers accountable, and I'm proud that Mayor Adams is working to help those same New Yorkers now," said New York City Councilmember Gale Brewer.

"This funding for opioid abatement is one of the most significant investments we have seen to reduce the dangerous impacts of opioids in our city," said New York City Councilmember Eric Dinowitz. "In particular, the Bronx has struggled with opioid-related overdoses and deaths, and it has put undue pain on our communities. I am heartened to see the benefits of Attorney General James' hard work to hold opioid manufacturers and distributors accountable and now use those funds to prevent future tragedies. New Yorkers deserve opportunities for treatment, recovery, and prevention."

"Despite not receiving mainstream media attention, Black and Brown communities have been harmed by opioid abuse for years. I am thrilled to see increased funding for opioid abatement efforts throughout New York state," said New York City Councilmember Rita Joseph. "It's the least our communities deserve after the years of harm that opioids have caused."

"The ongoing opioid epidemic

has wreaked havoc on families across the city, and we need to hold the companies who started the crisis accountable for what they did," said New York City Councilmember Linda Lee. "Every dollar that can be secured from settlements and put to good use saving lives and combatting addiction will prevent future suffering for New Yorkers amidst this crisis. Thank you to the leadership of Attorney General Letitia James and Mayor Eric Adams for securing and allocating these life-saving funds for opioid education, treatment, and recovery that will impact so many across our city."

"I applaud Attorney General Letitia James and Mayor Eric Adams commitment to funding opioid abatement efforts and reinvesting in our hardest hit communities. Even though compensation will not replace the lives lost, this investment from the nation's most extensive lawsuit will be vital in combating this epidemic," said New York City Councilmember Julie Menin.

"It will take decades to heal the wounds caused by the perpetrators of the opioid crisis, but these settlements mark a step toward justice," said New York City Councilmember Chi Osse. "I applaud Attorney General James for securing these funds and look forward to them going toward righting wrongs, saving lives, and building a stronger New York."

"As opioid deaths reach historic highs in New York City, we must take immediate action to prevent any more tragedies," said New York City Councilmember Keith Powers. "I'm proud to have sponsored legislation in the council protecting New Yorkers against overdoses, and this funding will build on that progress by providing high-quality opioid treatment,

recovery, and support services. I commend Attorney General James and Mayor Adams for prioritizing this issue and working to protect New Yorkers."

"I would like to thank our attorney general, Letitia James, for her continuous dedication to seeking well-deserved justice in our city," said New York City Councilmember Althea Stevens. "Justifying the malpractice of the opioid industry in our community is vital as it has negatively impacted New Yorkers for way too long. Ensuring that funds are secured for settlements is important as it is the first step to holding the opioid industry accountable and points us in the right direction for the future of our city."

"Opioids have ravaged our country and taken too many lives," said New York City Councilmember Marjorie Velazquez. "I commend the efforts of the Attorney General Letitia James in holding opioid manufacturers and distributors accountable for their role in perpetuating this epidemic, and Mayor Adams for utilizing this funding to support our communities and help those who suffer from addiction to heal."

In March 2019, Attorney General James filed the nation's most extensive lawsuit to hold accountable the various manufacturers and distributors responsible for the opioid epidemic. The manufacturers named in the complaint included Purdue Pharma and its affiliates, as well as members of the Sackler Family (owners of Purdue) and trusts they control; Janssen Pharmaceuticals and its affiliates (including its parent company Johnson & Johnson); Mallinckrodt LLC and its affiliates; Endo Health Solutions and its affiliates; and Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.

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AM Jessica González-Rojas Launches Bill to Ban Single-Use Plastic Water Bottles in New York Port Authority Facilities

The legislation prohibits vendors in port authority facilities in New York from selling single-use plastic water bottles that hold twenty-one ounces of water or less. It also requires port authority facilities in New York to install water fountains within a year of the bill's passage.

New York has started to move away from single-use plastics in recent years, as seen in the state bans on plastic bags and plastic toiletry bottles in hotels. To keep the momentum going, Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas introduced a bill this week, A9932/Prevent Plastics in the Port Authority of NY (PPPANY), that would prohibit the sale of single-use plastic water bottles under twenty-one ounces in the state's port authority facilities. The bill would also require those facilities to install water fountains within one year of the effective date of the new provision. Specifically, the Assemblymember's new bill amends the laws of 1921 relating to the port authorities of New York and New Jersey with the addition of the following subparagraph:

"Establish a policy requiring all transportation facilities, terminal facilities, and all other facilities of the port authority located in the state of New York to prohibit the sale of single-use plastic water bottles that hold twenty-one ounces of water or less and install water fountains within one year of the effective date of this subparagraph."

According to the Container Recycling Institute (CRI), "each day in the US more than 60 million plastic water bottles are thrown away. Most end up in landfills or incinerators, and millions litter America's streets, parks, and waterways." Americans and New Yorkers are some of the biggest contributors to the ongoing crisis of climate change.

The Assemblymember introduced this bill in honor of Earth Day, 2022.

Mayor Eric Adams' \$99.7 billion budget

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sites and literacy programs over the next three years, along with \$11.2 million for bilingual education programs. He is also seeking a \$33 million investment in a career pathways program beginning next school year that would "focus on high-growth sectors like health care and technology."

8. TRANSPORTATION, STREETS AND PARKS

"This budget includes more than \$900 million to create safer, greener, and cleaner streets across the city and to make sure they are

"New York cannot wait to take action to address the climate crisis. Reducing our use of single-use plastics, which pollute our land, air, and water, and require the production of fossil fuels, will have a positive impact on the environment. In honor of Earth Week, I urge my colleagues in the Assembly to support the bill and call on us to move it to the floor for a vote. I look forward to continuing to work with my constituent advocates and colleagues in Albany for a plastic-free future in New York," said Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas, a member of the Environmental Conservation Committee.

"We applaud New York State Assembly Member Jessica Gonzalez Rojas for introducing and championing Assembly Bill 09932, which is a significant step towards moving NYS off of plastics. Given the high volume of people that travel through NYS Port Authority facilities on a daily basis, this legislation would make a significant difference in reducing plastic pollution. Data shows that plastics, which are made from fossil fuels and which accumulate in the environment, have a negative impact on waterways, human health, and animal health. We appeal to other NYS legislators to support and pass this sensible and important bill," said Arif Ullah of Queens Climate Project.

"We fully support Assembly Bill 09932 and believe that the sale of plastics should be drastically reduced. We want to thank Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas for her championing of the bill, and believe that New York will set a nationwide precedent in climate justice. As youth, we want a plastic-free future. Our generation does not need nor want to be dependent on single-use plastics. We want everyone to remember to put people over plastics and profit," said The Veggie Nuggets, a group of Queens-based student climate activists.

more accessible to seniors and those living with disabilities," Adams said. The money would be used to build additional bus and delivery lanes, he said.

In addition, Adams proposed a \$500 million investment in parks and open spaces, including the planting of 20,000 new trees and increased trash pickup. Adams also pointed to ongoing transportation projects, including a \$75 million investment to expand the MTA's "Fair Fares" program for discounted rides and 1,000 intersection improvement projects.

Gillibrand Statement on VA Adding ...

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Go2 Foundation for Lung Cancer, Dixon Center, National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP), Military Veterans Advocacy, Veterans for Common Sense, Sgt. Sul-

livan Circle, VoteVets, Stronghold Freedom Foundation, Grunt Style, Cease Fire Campaign, Veteran Warriors Inc., National Association County Veterans Service Officers, FealGood Foundation, Blinded Veterans Association.

Council Member Linda Lee Calls For Investments in Off-Street Parking to Address Overnight Commercial Truck Parking on The New York City Council Transportation & Infrastructure Hearing

New York City Council Member Linda Lee (D-Oakland Gardens) recently questioned NYC DOT representatives for information regarding their efforts to address the illegal overnight commercial vehicle parking that has plagued residential neighborhoods in New York City. Council Member Lee encouraged the New York City Department of Transportation to explore options for overnight off-street truck parking for truckers, including using federal infrastructure dollars to expand parking options in the City.

“A lot of colleagues of mine are struggling with the commercial truck parking issue which has been prevalent in Queens, and I know the Bronx as well,” said Council Member Linda Lee. “It’s been something that the State and City have been trying to address through legislation and higher fines for some of the commercial truck drivers, but also there are no places for them to park. I know a lot of us are hearing from our constituents about this because it is also causing litter and other issues related to commercial truck parking.”

Across NYC, particularly in outer boroughs like Eastern Queens, commercial trucks are known to illegally park in residential neighborhoods and along highways, causing safety and quality of life issues for residents. Truckers are limited in the number of hours they can drive per day, and are required to

make mandatory rest stops if they exceed those hours. Existing parking lots near JFK and other shipping hubs are currently at full capacity and unable to accommodate the demand for parking, with many having waitlists for a berth.

Trucking across NYC has increased in recent years due to the rise in e-commerce, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, while commercial parking has remained limited. Due to the lack of off-street truck parking, many companies and owner-operators see the fines for illegally parking as a cost of doing business. Enforcement of illegal parking through booting and towing operations have also proven insufficient due to the overwhelming number of trucks involved and the limited towing and storage space available to the City. In the New York State Legislature, there are currently two active bills (S3258/A9735 and S3259/A3817) that aim to stiffen penalties for trucks left unattended overnight.

At the hearing, the New York City Department of Transportation replied that they are working with the New York City Economic Development Corporation to expand sites for overnight commercial truck parking, but lacked specifics.

Council Member Linda Lee represents the 23rd Council District in Eastern Queens and serves as Chair of the New York City Council’s Committee on Mental Health, Addictions, and Disabilities, the co-Chair of

the Queens Delegation, and the Vice Chair of the Black, Latino, and Asian Caucus. She was elected to the Council in November 2021, becoming the first Korean-American ever elected to the City Council, and the first woman and person of color to hold the seat.

Prior to taking office, Linda was the President/CEO of Korean Community Services (KCS) of Metropolitan New York, Inc., New York’s first community-based social service organization focused on the Korean community. KCS’ mission is to be a bridge for Korean immigrants and the wider Asian community to fully integrate into society and overcome any economic, health and social barriers to becoming independent and thriving members of the community. KCS serves over 1,300 members daily through culturally competent programs in the areas of Aging, Education, Immigration, Workforce Development, Public Health, and Mental Health. KCS has been on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic helping members receive unemployment benefits, PPP loans, COVID tests, and vaccinations. Under Linda’s leadership, the Obama White House named KCS as a Champion of Change in 2014 for its work around the Affordable Care Act. Linda also spearheaded the creation of the only State-licensed Article 31 Mental Health Clinic serving the Korean-American community operating in New York.

Attorney General James And Mayor Adams Fight Opioid Crisis With First of \$256 Million in Payments For New York City

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and its affiliates. The distributors named in the complaint were McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health Inc., Amerisource Bergen Drug Corporation, and Rochester Drug Cooperative Inc.

In December 2021, Attorney General James scored a court victory against Teva Pharmaceuticals USA after a jury found the company and its affiliates liable for violating New Yorkers’ rights. A subsequent trial will now be held to determine how much Teva and others will be required to pay, which will be added to the up to \$1.5 billion Attorney General James has already secured for the state of New York from different opioid manufacturers and distributors.

In September 2021, Attorney General James secured \$50 million from Endo for New York state and Nassau and Suffolk counties to

combat the opioid crisis and removed the opioid manufacturer from New York’s ongoing opioid trial.

In July 2021, Attorney General James secured a settlement with McKesson, Cardinal Health, and Amerisource Bergen that will deliver up to \$1 billion to New York state to combat the opioid epidemic.

In June 2021, Attorney General James announced a settlement that will deliver \$230 to New York and end Johnson & Johnson’s sale of opioids nationwide.

The cases against Mallinckrodt, Purdue Pharma, and Rochester Drug Cooperative are now moving separately through U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

This matter was handled by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy, Senior Advisor and Special Counsel M. Umair Khan, Director of Legal Initiatives Erica Gilles, and Assistant

Attorneys General Carol Hunt and Noah Popp. The settlement was also brought about by the work led by Senior Enforcement Counsel John Oleske and Special Counsel Monica Hanna, as well as Assistant Attorneys General Conor Duffy, Diane Johnston, Leo O’Toole, Jeremy Pfetsch, Larry Reina, Michael Reisman, Lois Saldana, and Louis Testa; Project Attorneys Wil Handley, Stephanie Torre, and Eve Woodin; Paralegals Ketty Dautruche and Christine Reynolds; Legal Assistant David Payne; Director of Research and Analytics Jonathan Werberg; Data Scientist Gautam Sisodia; Data Analyst Anushua Choudhury; Information Technology Specialists Hewson Chen and Paige Podolny; E-Discovery Document Review Specialist Kristin Petrella; and former Counsel for Opioids and Impact Litigation David Nachman.

Statement by NYC Council Majority Whip Selvena N. Brooks-Powers on the Tentative 32BJ SEIU Doorman Deal

“As the daughter of a union member, livable wages and healthcare protections signal to workers they are respected and valued,” said NYC Council Majority Whip Selvena N.

Brooks-Powers. “I applaud President Bragg and 32BJ SEIU for their commitment to recognizing their members’ vital contributions, especially during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic,

to ensure residential building workers’ livelihoods are protected. Union members sacrificed a lot during the pandemic, and this contract codifies long overdue protections.”

Selfhelp Maspeth Older Adult Center Reopens After Two-Year Covid Lockdown

We’re Back!

The Selfhelp Maspeth Older Adult Center at 69-61 Grand Avenue in Queens has reopened its doors after two years of Covid lockdown. Although continuing to provide wellness-checks, virtual classes, and access to free breakfast and lunch to its members during that time, Selfhelp is now happily welcoming its members back into its facilities to enjoy not only breakfast and lunch, but also its many on-site educational and social activities, weekly sing-

alongs led by professional artists, along with special events and holiday parties.

The Selfhelp Maspeth Older Adult Center is one of five Selfhelp older adult centers in Queens offering adults over 60 not only a wide variety of activities, but also help with referrals to community resources, quality of life and entitlement services, and assistance with applications for benefits.

Beginning with breakfast at 8:30 a.m. every weekday morning Monday through Friday, the Selfhelp Mas-

peth Older Adult Center provides a full schedule of activities and services. For information on how to become a member of the Selfhelp Maspeth Older Adult Center, please call 718-429-3636, visit online at Program Selfhelp Maspeth Neighborhood Senior Center: (ny.gov), or in person at 69-61 Grand Avenue—right across from the Queens Public Library.

For questions or more information, contact: Maria Dixon, Selfhelp Program Director @ 718-429-3636, mdixon@selfhelp.net

Biden-Harris Administration, US Department of Labor Award More Than \$90M to Grow Clean Energy Workforce With Education, Training For Young Adults

YouthBuild grants to support projects in 28 states, Puerto Rico

The grants included an award of \$1,259,199 to Queens Community House, Inc. in Jamaica.

The U.S. Department of Labor today announced the award of nearly \$90.4 million in YouthBuild grants to prepare young adults not enrolled in school or participating in the labor market for jobs in construction and other in-demand industries through apprenticeship and other career pathways, especially jobs that support clean energy technologies.

Following its Nov. 23, 2021 announcement of available funding, the department awarded 68 grants – ranging from \$700,000 to \$1.5 million – to organizations in 28 states and

Puerto Rico to deliver job training and employment services. Participants will engage in classroom learning that will prepare them for work-based learning opportunities building and rehabilitating affordable housing for low-income or homeless families in their communities.

Participants will split their time between workplace training and the classroom, where they will earn a high school diploma or equivalent degree to prepare for post-secondary opportunities.

Administered by the department’s Employment and Training Administration, the latest YouthBuild grants complement the Biden-Harris administration’s workforce priorities to advance equitable career pathway opportunities, quality jobs and climate sustainability by supporting programs that

provide construction skills focused on green building techniques, including understanding sustainable building materials, solar panel installation, weatherization processes and the use of Energy Star appliances. These announcements will also further the President Biden’s Justice40 Initiative that commits to delivering at least 40 percent of the benefits from federal climate and clean energy investments to disadvantaged communities.

For the first time, the YouthBuild funding opportunity announcement included criteria that awarded bonus points for applicants that demonstrated their ability to provide training in green construction techniques, training the next generation of workers for resilience and clean energy careers of the future.

Rep. Nydia Velázquez Announces New Transportation, Climate Investments Headed to New York Under Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Rep. Nydia Velázquez has announced that New York will receive \$257,806,980 in funding under the historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to provide New Yorkers with more transportation options, ease congestion in local communities and reduce carbon pollution across the state.

“The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is delivering historic investments in cleaner, more conve-

nient transportation options for New Yorkers,” said Velázquez. “This much needed funding will slash commute times, lower costs for working families, combat harmful carbon pollution and support good-paying, union jobs. I’m proud to have voted for this legislation, and I will continue partnering with our state and local leaders to put these game-changing investments to work.”

The investments total more than \$6.4 billion across the country and are administered under the Federal Highway Administration’s Carbon Reduction Program, a new initiative established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. As working families grapple with Putin’s Price Hike at the pump, this funding will allow New York to deliver

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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 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

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 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

52-14 FLUSHING AVENUE, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/15/2022. 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, 52-14 Flushing Avenue, Maspeth, NY 11378. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 4/21,28,5/5,12,19&26/2022

Notice of Formation of AHAVAH LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/06/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 126-15 Inwood Street, Jamaica, NY 11436. Purpose: any lawful activities. 4/21,28,5/5,12,19&26/2022

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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

Notice of Formation of MIYOKIS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/29/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1865 211th Street, Apt 6F, Bayside, NY 11360. Purpose: any lawful activities. 4/21,28,5/5,12,19&26/2022

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

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

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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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

WLP REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/22/22. 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, 40-54 Warren Street, Elmhurst, NY 11373. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 4/28,5/5,12,19,26&6/2/2022



CM Linda Lee Announces District-Wide Litter Cleanup

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walk around the neighborhood and see heaps of trash piled on the side of the road and litter on the side of the road. I'm encouraging community members, local businesses, and anyone else to take part in beautifying our neighborhood by identifying locations for cleanup to my office. Thanks to the hard work of DSNY and ACE, we will continue to keep our district free of litter and maintain the beauty Eastern Queens!"

As part of the ongoing effort, the Department of Sanitation will target sites of illegal dumping while ACE will focus on roadside cleanup and litter pickup.

Notice of Formation of TIFABULOUS.WIGZ LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/29/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 140-49 Latham Lane, Jamaica, NY 11434. Purpose: any lawful activities. 4/21,28,5/5,12,19&26/2022

Anthony Residence LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/18/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Boris Babakhanov, 185-08 Union Tpke., Ste. 106, Fersh Meadows, NY 11366. General Purpose. 4/28,5/5,12,19,26&6/2/2022

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Huge Construction LLC filed w/ SSNY on 3/11/22. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 61-27 186th St., Fresh Meadows, NY 11365. Purpose: any lawful. 4/21,28,5/5,12,19&26/2022

Notice of Formation of 48-30 45 WOODSIDE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/02/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2534 N Kimberly Drive, Silver City, NM 88061. Purpose: any lawful activities. 4/28,5/5,12,19,26&6/2/2022

FAHAD & FARHAN TRANSPORTATION LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/14/2022. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 86-35 QUEENS BLVD, APT 5U, ELMHURST, NY, 11373. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 4/28,5/5,12,19,26&6/2/2022



Rep. Nydia Velázquez Announces New Transportation, Climate Investments Headed to New York Under Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

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more transportation alternatives and reduce commute times. These funds can be invested in a range of eligible projects, including:

- Public transit services
- Electric vehicle charging infrastructure

- Traffic flow improvements
- Congestion management technology
- Pedestrian and cycle trails

"By strengthening New York's clean transportation infrastructure, this funding will help reduce our reliance on foreign energy and protect working families from rising costs," said Velazquez. "As these investments reach New York communities, I will continue to remain focused on fighting to lower costs, grow paychecks, and creating jobs for working families."

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Queens Family Justice Center



The Queens Family Justice Center, under the leadership of the Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence, provides invaluable services to survivors of domestic and gender-based violence. Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz recently joined the Center's Executive Director, Susan Jacob, to tout the work of her team for a feature

article by the Queens Daily Eagle. QDA Katz said "Our offices work hand in hand to provide victims with safety planning, shelter assistance, and community resources." Call our domestic violence helpline at 718-286-4410 if you need help, no matter the day or time. We are committed to helping survivors find a path to safety and healing.

NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens 'LiveOnNY' Organ Donation Celebration



Holding the Donate Life Banner from left to right: Eslanda Dasher, Chief of Staff, NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens; U.S. Representative Grace Meng, Sixth Congressional District; Neil J. Moore, Chief Executive Officer, NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens; Yolayna Young, Liaison, LiveOnNY organization; Dr. Jean Fleischman, Director of Quality Assurance-Performance Improvement, NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens.

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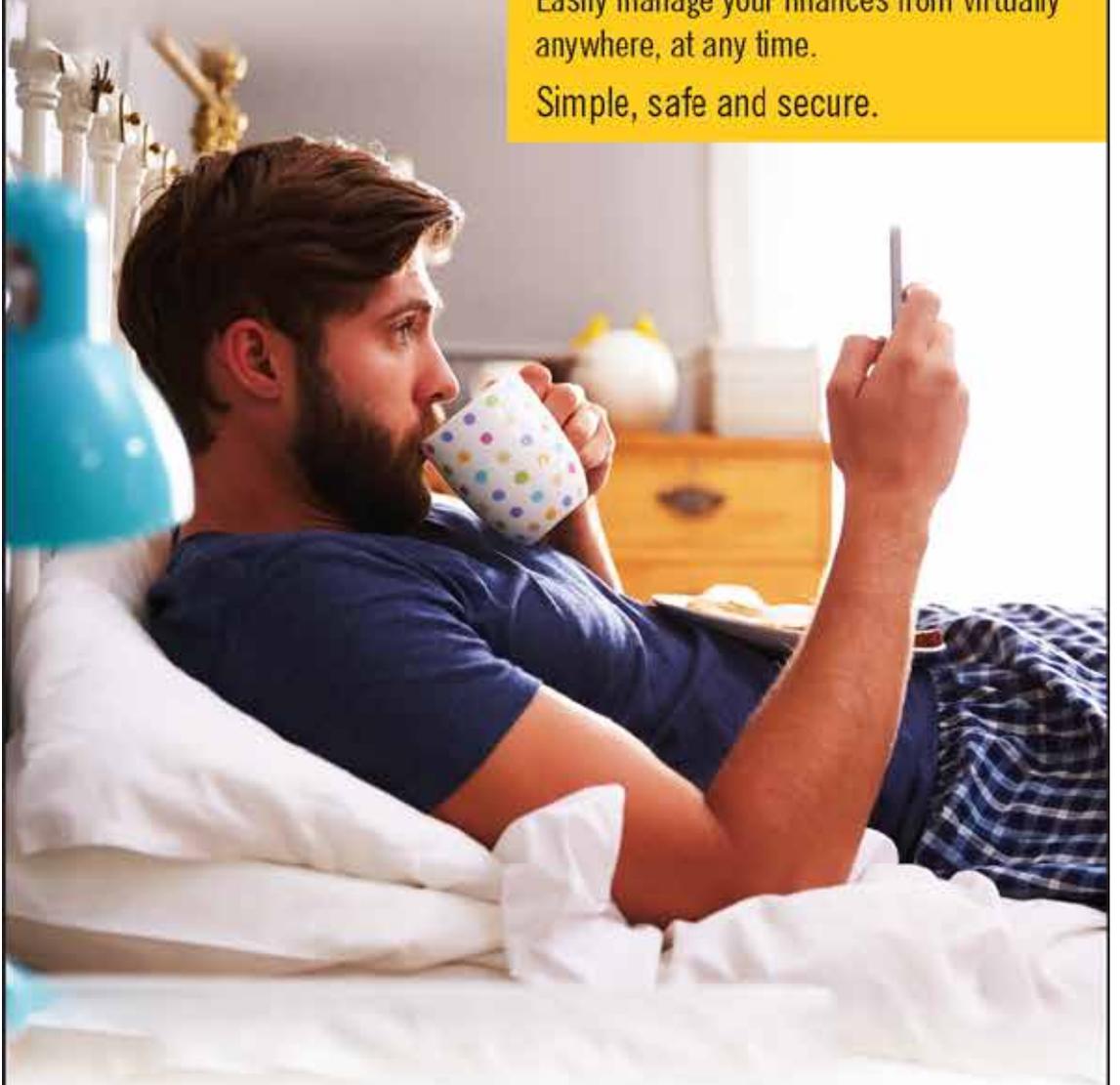
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