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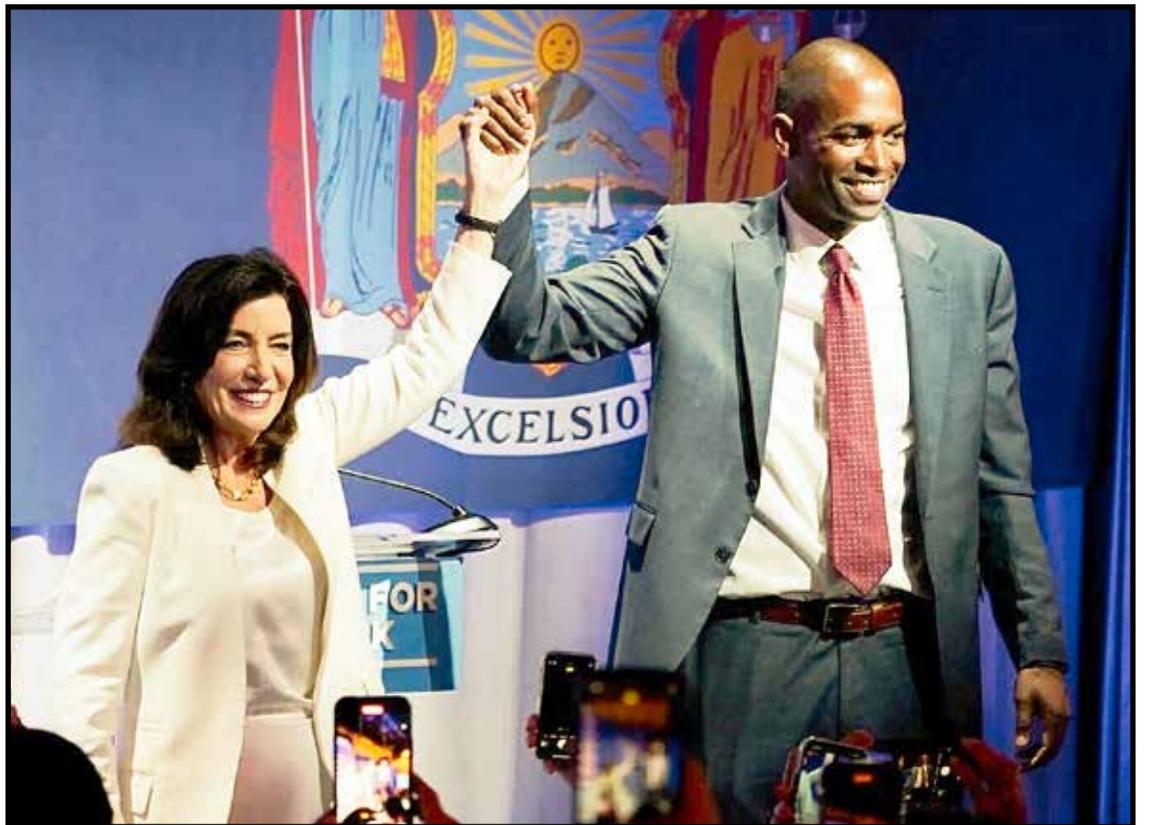
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City Completes Emergency Contract to Stabilize Shore Road in Douglaston

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The NYC Department of Design and Construction (DDC) Commissioner Thomas Foley and NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) Queens Borough Commissioner Nicole Garcia joined State Senator John C. Liu, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr., Assembly Member Edward C. Braunstein, Council Member Vickie Paladino and Douglaston Manor Association President Pia Thompson to announce the completion of a \$4.9 million project to stabilize Shore Road from West Drive to Bayview Avenue in the Douglaston neighborhood of Queens. The project, which was delivered \$700,000 under budget, was funded by DOT and managed by DDC.

Shore Road runs along the coastal perimeter of Little Neck Bay in Northern Queens and the nor'easter of spring 2018 left the street from West Drive to Bayview Avenue in imminent danger. The embankment and timber walls that supported the street along with the pathway used by workers to help maintain the embankment partially collapsed and was vulnerable to further inclement weather.

Work to stabilize the roadway began in June 2021 and included the installation of steel sheets and 40-foot-deepsoldier piles to support the roadway. Approximately 700 cubic yards of gabion baskets were installed at various elevations to support the embankment and roadway. The 2,550-square-foot walkway along the lower portion of the embankment was restored to continue to allow access to workers to maintain the embankment. More than 900 square feet of roadway along the embankment was also restored.

The project was designed by DDC's in-house design team along with Hazen and Sawyer, construction was completed by MFM Contracting Corp. and engineering services were provided by EnTech Engineering, PC.

"The design here using gabion baskets filled with stone was developed in-house at DDC and is an efficient yet aesthetically pleasing solution to the stabilization problem on Shore Road," said DDC Commissioner Thomas Foley. "DDC is engaged in coastal protection projects throughout the City and is prepared to employ a variety of strategies to guard shoreline areas."

"I'd like to thank my DOT colleagues, DDC and all the elected officials who helped make this critical resiliency project a reality in a timely manner," said DOT Commissioner Nicole Garcia. "The nor'easter significantly damaged the embankment, requiring vital repairs we can all celebrate today."

"The damage caused by the 2018 nor'easter left Shore Road in Douglaston a perilous state that required urgent repair," said Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. "Thankfully, the DDC and DOT were more than up to the task of completing the necessary repairs quickly and under budget, and in an aesthetically pleasing manner as well. I commend all those who worked on this project for their dedication to stabilizing this important roadway and to protecting our vulnerable shorelines."

"The Shore Road waterfront is a hidden gem in Douglaston, widely enjoyed at all times of the year by both residents and visitors wishing to take in sweeping vistas of Little Neck Bay," said State Senator John C. Liu. "When the 2018 nor'easter threatened to destabilize the entire region, we knew immediate resiliency actions needed to take place. Throughout the pandemic, when construction slowed across the city, my office worked closely with DDC, DOT and the City Comptroller to expedite this emergency contract and make sure it remained a priority to the administration, and we're elated that the finished project came in on time and under budget. The restored walkway is

a wonderful addition to our community that offers both a place for recreation and upgraded infrastructure that will protect against climate change well into the future. Special thanks to former Council Member Paul Vallone and former Douglas Manor Association president Mike Gannon for their herculean efforts to make this project happen."

"Little Neck Bay is an integral part of Douglaston's rich character and charm. However, the neighborhood's close proximity to the body of water presents certain challenges when it comes to natural wear and tear on its shorelines," said Assembly Member Edward Braunstein. "The Shore Road project has provided needed stabilization and support and will help keep the coastal roadway and the surrounding embankment structurally sound in the years to come. I thank DDC and DOT for their hard work as we celebrate the project's completion with the Douglaston community."

"It is vital that we maintain the integrity of our coastal communities and protect our shorelines, while also maintaining the beauty and history of Douglaston," said Council Member Vickie Paladino. "I commend the work of NYC DDC and DOT for the major accomplishment of this project to have been completed swiftly, especially under budget. This is a very exciting time for the Douglaston community."

"The members of our community would like to thank DOT for quickly seeing the need for the stabilization of Shore Road after the nor'easter of 2018 and DDC for their sound and aesthetically pleasing solution," said Douglas Manor Association President Pia Thompson. "Shore Road is an important part of the fabric of our community. It was designed in 1906 as our promenade, a place where we can take a leisurely walk and meet neighbors or just reconnect with nature. We also thank our elected officials for their support throughout the project."

Meng Brings Head of The FCC to Queens

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Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel, hosted by U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens), visited Queens yesterday afternoon for a roundtable discussion to highlight the success of New York City schools and libraries recently receiving federal funding to increase internet access for students, particularly the many children who lacked an internet connection at home, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meng helped create the program that provides this money, known as the Emergency Connectivity Fund, and she helped secure more than \$7.1 billion for it. The funding was included in the American Rescue Plan, the COVID-19 relief package that was passed by Congressional Democrats and signed into law by President Biden in March 2021.

In June 2021, Meng encouraged Queens-New York City schools to seek funding when the application period opened. And in the fall of 2021, schools and libraries across the nation – including in Queens and throughout New York City – began receiving the money, which has paid for Wi-Fi hotspots, modems, routers, internet service and internet-enabled devices.

During the roundtable, which took place at P.S. 154Q in Fresh Meadows, several Queens students in high school and junior high school talked about the importance of having access to the internet for their schoolwork, and highlighted the impact and problems that a lack of access has caused.

"In Congress, I have been proud to champion the vital issue of improving internet access and combatting the homework gap, and I was thrilled to welcome Chairwoman Rosenworcel to my con-

gressional district for an important discussion on this crucial topic," said Congresswoman Meng. "She and I have worked closely together on this issue, even before she rose to the top spot at the FCC, and this continues to be a top priority for her and her agency. Internet connectivity is part of our daily lives. But millions of kids have lived in homes without any internet connection, and that has created an unacceptable obstacle to education in our country and throughout New York. From remote learning during the coronavirus crisis to completing schoolwork and assignments, access to the internet is essential for today's students to succeed in their studies. As the mother of two school-aged boys, I am passionate about this issue, and know firsthand how crucial it is. Fortunately, we have seen the Emergency Connectivity Fund

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QBP Richards on Supreme Court's Decision to Overturn Roe V. Wade

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. stated the following in response to the shameful and deadly Supreme Court ruling to callously overturn the landmark 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision, officially eliminating the Constitutional right to abortion services federally guaranteed to Americans since 1973.

"From African Americans in Dred Scott v. Sandford and Plessy v. Ferguson to Asian Americans in Korematsu v. United States, the Supreme Court has a disgusting history of declaring that entire demographics do not have the right to determine their own destinies. Today, the Court has written another dystopian chapter in our nation's history by ripping away the fundamental right to body autonomy for all Americans with the ability to become pregnant — an evil and hateful decision that

will forever be viewed through the prisms of shame and scorn," said Borough President RICHARDS. "The United States is a darker and more dangerous nation this morning, as millions of people across this country — especially LGBTQIA+ Americans, people of color and lower-income individuals — will be forced to either risk their lives to seek unsafe abortions or carry an unwanted or unviable pregnancy to term. Decades of progress and countless lives will be lost because of this decision, while the futures of millions more will be forever altered, but Queens will not let such a racist and sexist step backward in our fight for justice deter us.

"Here in New York, abortion remains legal, and we must leave no stone unturned to not just expand access to abortion services for New Yorkers, but to better

support our abortion care providers and make our state a true sanctuary for those from outside our borders seeking a procedure. As we've seen today on the federal level and in Republican-led states over the last few years, however, the consequences of electing leaders openly hostile to abortion rights are absolutely devastating," Borough President RICHARDS added. "We must elect unapologetic proponents of abortion care to represent us on all levels of government, and we must demand with a deafening roar that the protections provided through Roe v. Wade for 49 years be immediately codified into federal law, no matter what. Under no circumstance will Queens and the hundreds of millions of Americans who believe in body autonomy stay silent — it's time to organize and mobilize like never before."

Statement From Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz on The Supreme Court's Decision to Overturn Roe V. Wade

A mere day after SCOTUS decided to put the lives of New Yorkers at risk by striking down our long-standing restrictions on guns, the majority of Supreme Court Justices have now decided to put the lives of millions of women across the entire nation at risk by

overturning Roe v. Wade. This decision is beyond frustrating, and moreover, reckless. Throughout my entire career in public service, I have fought to preserve a woman's right to choose, a woman's right to make her own decisions when it comes to her healthcare. Today's

decision casts a dark shadow over our nation as dozens of states will likely immediately ban access to safe and legal abortions. I take some solace in the fact that New York State has and will remain a safe haven for women in need of essential reproductive care.

Meng Denounces Supreme Court Decision Overturning Roe V. Wade

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) issued the following statement blasting the Supreme Court for overturning Roe v. Wade.

"The decision to strike down Roe v. Wade is outrageous, unacceptable and unconscionable, and it's an all-out assault on reproductive freedom. We must make sure our voices of disapproval and disgust continue to be heard.

Over the past few weeks, we have seen millions across the nation express their opposition to this life-altering ruling. People have gathered to protest in front of the Supreme Court, and have made their voices heard online and in their local communities. We have made so much progress in the 49 years since the historic ruling was issued but this awful decision

kicks it all to the curb. I'm pleased that my home state of New York has enacted protections for those in need of reproductive care and I call on other states to follow suit. Despite the Supreme Court's ruling, our efforts cannot end here. We must continue fighting for reproductive rights for all. Making decisions about our bodies is a human right!"

Attorney General James Issues Statement on U.S. Supreme Court Decision on Roe v. Wade

New York Attorney General Letitia James issued the following statement in response to the United States Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, striking down the fundamental federal right to abortion:

"Today's ruling is a vicious, dangerous, and deliberate attack on

our most basic freedom as humans. Every single person in this country should have the right to make their own decisions about their own bodies. But make no mistake: We will not go back to the inhumane and restrictive pre-Roe era. Regardless of the situation at the national level, New York will always be a safe

haven for anyone seeking an abortion. I will work tirelessly to ensure that low-income New Yorkers and people from hostile states have access to the care they need and deserve. I will always fight to protect our right to make decisions about our own bodies and expand access to this critical and lifesaving care."

Assemblyman Braunstein Issues Statement on Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization Ruling

"The U.S. Supreme Court ruling to end constitutional protections for abortion is a dangerous step backward that jeopardizes the health and safety of millions of Americans. A woman's right to choose is fundamental, and access to safe and legal abortion

is supported by the majority of the American people. The partisan decision to overturn 50 years of precedent is unconscionable.

Here in New York State, we've prepared for this day. In 2019, the New York State Legislature codified Roe v. Wade into state law by passing the Reproductive

Health Act, ensuring access to safe and legal abortion. In the wake of the Supreme Court's devastating ruling, I remain committed to fighting to protect a woman's right to bodily autonomy and reproductive healthcare. New York will continue to lead."

Statement by NYC Council Majority Whip Selvena N. Brooks-Powers on Recent Fatal Vehicular Incident Involving Grandmother in Bedford-Stuyvesant

"I'm devastated to learn of another senseless fatal hit-and-run accident that took the life of a 67-year-old grandmother and injured four innocent New

Yorkers; including her 8 year-old-grandchild. Pedestrians deserve to feel safe on New York City's streets. I am committed to working with my

colleagues in the NYC Council and our city agency partners to develop innovative policies and legislation that will ensure greater safety."

Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan's Statement on Abortion Rights

I am totally committed to working with each and every person in our district to create a new majority to protect a person's rights to reproductive choice, family privacy, and safe healthcare. As a NY State Assemblywoman since 1985, I am proud that I fought to codify access to safe and legal abortion into law. I am old enough to remember what happens to women and their families without access to abortion service - women dead from desperate unsafe procedures. We have had victories in protecting reproductive health and rights throughout my career but I have always been aware that, although 80% of our fellow Americans

support a person's right to an abortion, women's rights are continually under attack. Today, we marshal our resources, and fight back. I will never stop fighting for a person's right to be in charge of their own reproductive health. Abortion is legal in New York and it is clear that we stand as an example for all Americans on how to fight for and codify abortion rights. Please contact me to see how we can work together. This is a devastating court decision directed at hurting women and their families. My hand is outstretched to offer support, strength and comfort to all women and communities at this time.

Velázquez on SCOTUS Overturning of Roe V. Wade

Rep. Nydia M. Velázquez (D-NY) released the following statement on the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe vs. Wade:

"For nearly fifty years, the right to a safe abortion has been protected at the federal level, granting women the autonomy to make their own health care decisions. Today's Supreme Court ruling degrades women and all those who seek abortion access to second-class citizens. This decision does not reflect the will or realities of the American people but of a far-right extremist agenda that has been given a platform by the GOP on the highest court in our land.

"In a shocking and insulting sequence of rulings, this Supreme Court has essentially deemed guns

as more worthy of constitutional protections than the majority of Americans. By leaving abortion access up to the states, there will be a great divide in the ability of Americans to get care depending on where they live, and existing structural inequities will only deepen across the board for woman and working families. It is imperative that states like New York protect and expand access to abortion.

"This cannot be the end of the road on this issue. In Congress, the Democratic House has passed legislation to codify abortion access into law and the Senate must follow suit. To the American people: now is the time to organize and to make your voices heard at the ballot box."

Statement From Speaker Adams And Women's Caucus on U.S. Supreme Court's Ruling Overturning Roe v. Wade

"It is infuriating that this Supreme Court, made up of a majority of white men, has made the outrageous decision to disregard decades of established law and our right to self-determination. The Supreme Court seems to believe that guns have more rights than women to determine what is best for their bodies. Access to safe abortions and reproductive healthcare is an essential human right that must be safeguarded. This ruling will harm and endanger the lives of millions of

women, trans, and gender non-conforming individuals across the country. New York has taken actions to strengthen access to safe reproductive care, and our city will take additional steps to remain a welcoming place for all people who seek abortion care. It is incumbent on the U.S. Senate to take immediate action that ensures reproductive rights are protected across the United States by passing federal legislation. We will fight back using every lever of power within our control."

Statement From Speaker Adams And Immigration Committee Chair Shahana Hanif on New York State Supreme Court Ruling on Municipal Voting Law For Non-Citizens

Council Speaker Adrienne Adams and Immigration Committee Chair Shahana Hanif released the following statement after a Richmond County judge ruled against the city's recently passed municipal voting law. In December 2021, the Council passed legislation to give non-United States citizens living in New York City the right to vote in local elections.

"We are disappointed by today's ruling. The Council passed Local Law 11 to enfranchise nearly one

million voters, many Black and brown New Yorkers, who live here, pay taxes, and contribute to our city. By providing city residents with a voice in their local government representation, we provide them with an equal stake in the long-term success of our city. Now more than ever, when our rights are being threatened, we need more civic and community engagement, not less. We are reviewing the ruling and exploring options for moving forward."

QBP Richards on Supreme Court's Decision to Overturn New York State Gun Law

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. stated the following in response to the disturbing Supreme Court ruling to overturn longstanding New York State law that limits the distribution of unrestricted firearms licenses to those who are able to demonstrate proper cause and a legally recognized reason to publicly carry a weapon.

"Today's ruling is equal parts dangerous, delusional and a dereliction of government's sacred duty to keep its residents safe. For years in states across this country, far-right radicals who fetishize firearms and worship at the altar of weaponry have prioritized the profits of gun manufacturers — and the campaign contributions

they make in return — over public safety. With this cult-like obsession with firearms now forced upon New York by the Supreme Court's conservative majority, we are less safe today than we were yesterday," said Borough President RICHARDS. "Thankfully, shootings in New York City have declined this year compared to 2021 and my office will continue to work closely with the NYPD and our Crisis Management System to drive shootings down further. But with heightened rates of gun violence post-pandemic and with mass shootings claiming the lives of innocent students, shoppers and others across America with sickening frequency, flooding our

streets with even more firearms will lead to even more funerals and families torn apart.

"Here in Queens, we will not accept a world where our sidewalks and subways are teeming with triggers ready to be pulled," Borough President RICHARDS added. "We're grateful for the package of gun violence prevention measures signed into law earlier this month. But with this Supreme Court decision in hand, the state Legislature must immediately reconvene and pass legislation to further prevent guns from reaching our young people and to keep vulnerable, high-trafficked locations free of firearms. It's time to act before any more lives are lost."

Attorney General James Vows to Protect New Yorkers in Wake of Supreme Court Ruling

New York Attorney General Letitia James has released the following statement after the U.S. Supreme Court issued a ruling in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*, overturning New York's century-old proper cause requirement in its concealed carry gun licensing law, a common-sense law that has allowed New York to fulfill its responsibility to establish its own gun licensing laws and protect residents:

"Today's decision by the Supreme Court to strike down New York's proper cause requirement to carry a concealed weapon is incredibly disappointing. For more than a century, this law has protected New Yorkers from harm by ensuring that there are reasonable and appropriate regulations for guns in public spaces.

"The Supreme Court made its

decision, but the fight to protect American families from gun violence will march on. In the days to come, my office will be taking action to address the potential harm that this ruling may cause, and we will continue to defend the constitutionality of our state's laws, as we've always done. We will work with the Governor and Legislature to amend our licensing statute that will continue to protect New Yorkers. I want to reassure all New Yorkers that our robust gun protection laws remain intact and we will be working with our partners in government to further strengthen them.

"Make no mistake: This decision will not deter us from standing up to the gun lobby and their repeated efforts to endanger New Yorkers. I vow to use the full force of my office to protect New Yorkers and American families."

Since 1913, New York law has required individuals to obtain a license to be able to carry a handgun outside their home. In March 2019, the New York State Rifle & Pistol Association (NYSRPA) and two individuals, who had been denied a license, sued New York state in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York, claiming that New York's concealed carry law infringed upon their Second Amendment rights. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) successfully defended the law, and the lawsuit was dismissed in March 2018 and then again affirmed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. The plaintiffs then petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to review the case, which Solicitor General Barbara D. Underwood argued on behalf of the state of New York in November 2021.

Statement From Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz on The Supreme Court's Decision in New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Inc. V. Bruen

The Supreme Court's ruling in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Inc. v. Bruen* significantly hinders our ongoing efforts to keep New Yorkers safe from gun violence. I am extremely disappointed in this decision by the highest court

which creates undue burden on the commonsense gun laws in this State. We remain committed to working with our law enforcement partners, legislative leaders, community members, faith-based institutions, violence interrupters, and youth development or-

ganizations on comprehensive solutions to end the epidemic of gun violence plaguing our communities. Despite today's setback, we will meet this national challenge together in order to ensure the safety and well-being of every New Yorker.

Assemblyman Edward Braunstein Issues Statement on SCOTUS Concealed Carry Ruling

"As our state and our nation are still reeling from mass shootings in Buffalo and Uvalde, the Supreme Court decision to strike down New York State's concealed

carry law is indefensible. Earlier this month, the State Legislature responded to the gun violence epidemic and strengthened gun laws to protect New York State

families. I am prepared to work with my colleagues to advance additional common sense gun safety legislation that will help keep New Yorkers safe."

Meng Blasts Supreme Court Decision Striking Down New York's Concealed Carry Law

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) today issued the following statement blasting the Supreme Court for striking down New York's law on carrying concealed weapons.

"I condemn this decision by the conservative majority Supreme Court which strikes down New York's concealed carry law. It is a horrible ruling that will

have disastrous consequences for public safety. It will permit people to legally carry hidden guns on our city's streets without having to provide any excuse as to why they need a gun. This will make New York less safe and put our communities at greater risk of more gun violence. Our government should be doing everything possible to reduce

gun violence, not unleashing more guns in our neighborhoods, especially as we work to combat the rise in shootings and massacres. Gun violence is an epidemic and it cannot be ignored. Innocent lives have been lost, families have been destroyed, and communities have been devastated. This decision only stands to make matters worse."

Gillibrand Statement on Supreme Court Easing State Concealed Carry Restrictions

Ruling Will Allow More Loaded Handguns to be Carried and Concealed in Public Spaces

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand issued the following statement on the Supreme Court's ruling on state concealed carry permitting laws:

"Today's Supreme Court ruling, which guts state concealed carry permitting laws, is not just irresponsible, it is downright dangerous. Our nation is in the middle of a gun violence epidemic and instead of working to protect our communities, this court has made it even easier for potentially dangerous people to carry concealed handguns in public spaces.

Studies overwhelmingly show

that looser restrictions on who can carry a concealed firearm in public are associated with higher rates of violent crime and homicide. So it is no surprise that law enforcement officers as well as the majority of Americans and gun owners agree, limiting concealed carry permitting laws is a recipe for disaster.

We need to act and we need to act now. And Congress must move swiftly to pass comprehensive gun safety legislation and ensure only those who are trained and trustworthy are allowed to carry loaded firearms.

It's time we did what it takes to stop the rise of gun violence. The lives of our friends, our law enforcement officers, and our children are at stake."

Maloney Statement on NY State Concealed Carry SCOTUS Decision

In light of the Supreme Court's decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Inc. v. Bruen*, Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY) released the following statement:

"This decision adds fuel to the fire of the gun violence epidemic, which has already devastated countless lives and communities across the country. Not only is the majority ruling out of touch with

the American people, it is also out of touch with any reasonable interpretation of the Constitution. New York City, State, and the entire country will be less safe as a result of untrained individuals bringing concealed weapons into public spaces, putting everyday people in the line of fire. There is no saving grace for a Court that puts ideology over the lives of Americans — it must be reformed."

Schumer Floor Remarks on Senate Passage of The Safer Communities Act

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) today spoke on the Senate floor regarding Senate passage of historic, bipartisan gun safety legislation. Below are Senator Schumer's remarks.

Tonight, the United States Senate is doing something many believed was impossible even a few weeks ago: we are passing the first significant gun safety bill in nearly 30 years.

The gun safety bill we are passing tonight can be described with three adjectives: bipartisan, commonsense, lifesaving.

As the author of the Brady Bill from 1994—the last [major] legislative effort to fight gun violence in Congress—I'm pleased that this moment has finally come, and that we're finally taking meaningful action to keep our communities safe. I hope it paves the way for future action on guns in Congress & at all levels of government.

As I said, this is not a cure-all for all the ways gun violence affects our nation, but it is a long-overdue step in the right direction. Passing this gun safety bill is truly significant and it is going to save lives. It was so, so significant that we let the process work instead of just having one vote which would divide us and not accomplish anything. And I hope that portends doing it again, on guns and on other issues as well.

I want to thank my colleagues for their incredible work. This was a great moment here on a very, very difficult issue. I want to thank Senators Murphy and Sinema; Senators Cornyn and Tillis, who showed amazing courage, and all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for working together to break this logjam. The American people have waited long enough. Let's finally take action to pass this lifesaving gun safety bill.

Riders Alliance Statement on MTA Congestion Pricing Progress

Riders Alliance Policy & Communications Director Danny Pearlstein said:

"New Yorkers are beyond ready for congestion pricing. We can't wait for modern, reliable and accessible subways. There's not a moment to lose for faster buses

and emergency vehicles, less air pollution and fewer carbon emissions and deadly collisions.

"Congestion pricing is essential to New York's future. Federal and state leaders must maintain focus and do what it takes to speed up congestion pricing and deliver its vast benefits to all New Yorkers."



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 You will find good deals on a shopping spree. Be careful not to make promises that you can't fulfill. Listen to the advice given by others. Your lucky numbers are 5,1,6.

TAURUS
 (April 21 - May 21)
 Relax and enjoy what you've done. Plan your day carefully. Focus on forming business relationships. Your lucky numbers are 3,2,9.

GEMINI
 (May 22 - June 21)
 Go with the flow and don't be concerned about others. Opportunities for new friendships will develop if you get out to local dances. Your lucky numbers are 8,3,2.

CANCER
 (June 22 - July 22)
 Talk to others and express your intentions. Think twice before you criticize. Don't turn away any advice about work habits. Your lucky numbers are 2,3,9.

LEO
 (July 23 - August 22)
 Travel for business will be very beneficial. You'll have amazing ideas. Try not to allow others to burden you with additional responsibilities. Your lucky numbers are 5,7,2.

VIRGO
 (August 23 - September 23)
 You may meet new and exciting friends who will provide mental stimulation. Compromise if you wish to have any fun at all. Investment will start looking better. Your lucky numbers are 5,3,9.

LIBRA
 (September 24 - October 23)
 Do what you can to help others but don't neglect your own family. You need to keep everyone appraised about any hidden matters. Your lucky numbers are 9,1,5.

SCORPIO
 (October 24 - November 22)
 Don't over spend on entertainment or you could find yourself short of funds at the end of the month. Be cautious who you deal with financially. Your lucky numbers are 7,3,2.

SAGITTARIUS
 (November 23 - December 21)
 Don't let your emotions interfere with your business decisions. Don't be too quick to judge. Take time to do something nice for yourself. Your lucky numbers are 4,3,2.

CAPRICORN
 (December 22 - January 20)
 Focus and concentrate on yourself and your future. Lack of cash might be partly to blame for the problems at home. Your lucky numbers are 1,8,9.

AQUARIUS
 (January 21 - February 19)
 You will benefit through hidden assets and property investments. Don't expect long romantic encounters. Your lucky numbers are 1,8,4.

PISCES
 (February 20 - March 20)
 Older family members may try to put unreasonable demands on you. Don't let other peoples problems saddle you with guilt. Your lucky numbers are 1,7,3.

Did You Know?

- 'underground' is the only word that begins and ends with the letters 'und'
- a woodpeckers tongue can wrap around its head twice
- snakes can't blink
- ants don't like baby powder (talcum powder)
- employees are more likely to book holidays off work on a Monday than any other week day
- the ball on top of a flag pole is called the truck
- a rat can tread water for 3 days
- bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers were all all invented by women
- there is no rice in rice paper
- dolphins can kills sharks by ramming them with their snout
- sharks can sense a drop of blood from 4km (2.5miles) away
- bottle nosed whales can dive to a depth of 915 metres (3,000feet) in 2 minutes
- the only continent without reptiles or snakes is Antarctica
- Australia has the largest sheep population
- greyhounds can reach speeds of up to 67kph (42mph)
- you can tell the sex of a horse by its teeth (most males have 40, females 36)
- sharks never stop moving even when they sleep or rest
- greyhounds can see better than any other dog breed
- most cows produce more milk when they listen to music

Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles

"Sudoku"

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"Crossword Puzzle"

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"Try And Find"

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TRY AND FIND

"ORDER IN THE COURT!"

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| 16. Exploded star | 6. Foyers |
| 17. Genus of heath | 7. Roof |
| 18. Novice | 8. Tropical root |
| 19. Twofold | 9. Like foam rubber |
| 20. Picnic dessert | 10. The criminal class |
| 22. Prefix meaning "Within" | 11. Noise |
| 23. Fern clusters | 12. Avoid |
| 24. Yard of a house | 13. Beauty parlor |
| 26. Deposited | 21. Slogan |
| 30. 2000 pounds | 25. Designed for flight |
| 31. Type of tree | 26. Places for experiments |
| 32. Dugout shelter | 27. With competence |
| 33. Clothing | 28. Metal used in steel |
| 35. French for "Red" | 29. Unplug |
| 39. Flower | 34. Sarcastic humorists |
| 41. Decorated | 36. Sloth |
| 43. Harmony | 37. Lady's escort |
| 44. Bristle | 38. Countercurrent |
| 46. Territory | 40. Carpet type |
| 47. Paddle | 42. Challenges |
| 49. Soviet space station | 45. Distinguished |
| 50. Responsibility | 48. Write-up |
| 51. Mooch | 51. Unit of postage |
| 54. Angers | 52. Aplomb |
| 56. Ripped | 53. Command |
| 57. Penalty | 55. Gloss |
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Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar Hosts Celebration For Woodhaven's Birthday

Passes Historic Resolution Commemorating The Day

On Saturday, Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar (D-AD 38) introduced her historic resolution commemorating Woodhaven's Birthday to the Woodhaven community.

The Assemblywoman created and passed the first-of-its-kind resolution in Albany, with the State Assembly passing it unanimously, marking the first time New York State recognizes Woodhaven's founding and unique history.

Saturday's celebration started when the Assemblywoman and her staff entered a Woodhaven Residents' Block Association meeting surprising attendees with balloons, cake, and everything needed for a fabulous celebration.

This was no ordinary birthday: it was a 187th birthday.

Assemblywoman Rajkumar was there to celebrate Woodhaven's birthday, which falls on July 1. To commemorate the occasion, she brought with her huge golden balloons in the shape of the number 187, as well as a cake from Woodhaven's own Pan Ugo Bakery bearing the message, "Happy Birthday Woodhaven!"

The Assemblywoman's office distributed printed and stamped copies of the special resolution to all attendees.

The resolution recounts the history, great people, and notable



Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar at Woodhaven residents block association celebrating woodhaven 187 birthday

sights of Woodhaven. This includes Woodhaven's treasure of Forest Park, its storied carousel, and tales of legend Mae West. Woodhaven has emerged as an Art Haven, as home to the Woodhaven Art Circle and concerts at Forest Park, sponsored by the Assemblywoman. The neighborhood boasts a storied history of successive migrations, beginning as Native American territory and later a settlement by the Dutch, before John R. Pitkin purchased the land to form Woodhaven in 1835. Today, there are historic small businesses, such as Neil's Tavern, the oldest bar in New York City, and Schmidt's Candy,

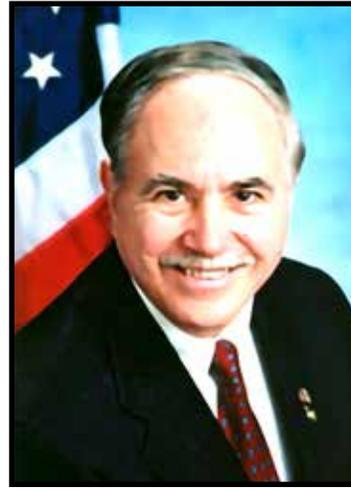
which has provided the finest confectioneries since 1925.

Attendees were filled with pride and hope for the future of Woodhaven, as the neighborhood continues on its journey of growth and development. They thanked Assemblywoman Rajkumar for her resolution and surprise party, which will now be an annual Woodhaven event.

"In my 56 years of living in Woodhaven, I have never seen our neighborhood honored like this," said Eric Ackermann. "Our history, our culture, and our businesses are getting their moment

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Assemblyman William Colton is Enraged With The DOE's Lottery High School Admissions Process



Assemblyman William Colton (D - Gravesend, Bensonhurst, Bath Beach, and Dyker Heights) is enraged with the DOE's lottery high school admissions process.

"In 2020 when the prior City Administration and the DOE Chancellor had announced extensive changes to the middle and high school application process, we knew that it was going to be a problem, but not to the extent where students putting their 12 choices on the application would find all 12 would be rejected! Instead, students were placed in low-performing schools or into schools that have nothing to do with their interest," Colton stated.

"Children that are members of the National Junior Honor Society, or the ones that have high achieve-

ments report cards, or a straight "A" students were not screened accurately and were placed into schools that have low academic performance. The DOE's lottery high school admission process has destroyed many students' dreams. Parents had complained that there was limited or no information on the admission process. The system was implemented to ensure equality, but we see the opposite, where kids that worked hard all those years to achieve their dreams have encountered fewer or no opportunities. The City Administration has failed them," Colton continued.

"This, together with the recent cuts to individual school budgets, has created an alarming crisis at the very time when the state has given historic increases of \$600 million in aid to NYC schools funds. It is unacceptable. I am very disturbed by complaints from countless parents and students about the high school admissions policies. My office has been attempting to assist families who have come to us with complaints and the DOE responses have been unacceptable. Therefore, I am calling on all the parents to unite and protest these outrageous policies which are hurting so many vulnerable children. It should be the student's decision on a school selection, not the City Administration or the DOE. Together we can win this fight," Colton added.

Best Wishes for a Happy and Safe Fourth of July



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Queens Chamber Members Gather For Meet And Greet With Newly Appointed Department of Buildings Commissioner, Eric Ulrich

Ulrich touched on the department's efforts to modernize, streamline and re-imagine the DOB before taking Q&A from attendees

On Wednesday, June 22, over 125 business and community leaders gathered in the auditorium of the Bulova Corporate Center for a meet and greet with the newly appointed Commissioner of the Department of Buildings (DOB), Eric Ulrich.

The event was hosted by the Queens Chamber of Commerce. Attendees heard opening remarks from Tom Grech, President and CEO of the Queens Chamber of Commerce, who introduced Ulrich. Ulrich, a former City Council Member who has been at the helm of DOB for 48 days, spoke to the audience about his plans for the agency, and took questions from attendees on topics ranging from safety issues to zoning to violations.

"I'd like to thank the Queens Chamber of Commerce for the opportunity to come and speak with all of you today," said Eric Ulrich, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Buildings. "The DOB is a pillar of the



city's economy and is one of the most important agencies in the City of New York. My goal is to improve efficiency and customer service, so that we can get the city back on track. We will ensure that our construction sites are safe so that we can get people back to work and start building again."

"Throughout his twelve years in the City Council, Eric Ulrich was a staunch advocate for small businesses, and demonstrated a commonsense approach to governing," said Tom Grech, President and CEO of the Queens Chamber of Commerce. "These skills make him the right person

to lead the Department of Buildings at this critical time. We appreciate Eric joining us today to discuss his plans to streamline the agency and get stuff done for New Yorkers."

About the Queens Chamber of Commerce - The Queens Chamber of Commerce is the oldest and largest business association in Queens, representing more than 1,400 businesses and more than 150,000 Queens-based employees. Its mission is to foster connections, educate for success, develop/implement programs and advocate for members' interests. www.queenschamber.org

LPC Designates Two Historic Districts in Cambria Heights

With their Tudor and Storybook-style design, the historic districts' row houses are among the architectural highlights of the Cambria Heights neighborhood and southeastern Queens.

The New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) designated the Cambria Heights-222nd Street Historic District and Cambria Heights-227th Historic District in Queens. With their Tudor and Storybook-style design, the historic districts' row houses are among the architectural highlights of the Cambria Heights neighborhood and southeastern Queens.

"For decades upon decades, the opportunity to own a home and build wealth was denied to Black families, immigrant families, and other families of color in this country. By designating these historic districts, we are stating clearly that those opportunities must be available to everyone in



From left to right, the Cambria Heights-222nd Street Historic District and the Cambria Heights-227th Historic District

our city and our country," said New York City Mayor Eric Adams. "These homes are significant not only because of their appearance but also because of what they represent to the communities who

felt that in Cambria Heights and Southeast Queens, the American Dream was within reach. This is what our city and my administra-

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Wishing everyone a happy and safe 4th of July as we proudly celebrate and cherish our patriotism and independence.



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Gov. Hochul Wins Democratic Nomination For NY Governor; Republicans Pick Zeldin



Rep Lee Zeldin

Governor Kathy Hochul, the incumbent Democrat, beat out Rep. Tom Suozzi (D-N.Y.) and Jumaane Williams, the city public advocate, with 64.9% of the vote which was reported about a half an hour after polls closed at 9 p.m. Queens voters helped elect Governor Kathy Hochul get one step closer to her first full term in office. She will be the first woman to be elected NYS Governor if she wins in November.

Republican candidate Lee Zeldin is headed to the November general election to square off

against Hochul after receiving the majority of the vote of his opponents Rob Astorino, Andrew Giuliani and Harry Wilson.

Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado, Hochul's running mate will be facing Zeldin's running mate, Alison Esposito the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor.

The following were successful in their Queens Assembly races: Assembly Members David Weprin, Andrew Hevisi, Alicia Hyndman, Vivian Cook, Clyde Vanel, Jefferson Aubry and Ron Kim.

QBP Richards on Court Ruling Striking Down Noncitizen Municipal Voting Law



Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. stated the following in response to today's ruling by New York State Supreme Court Justice Ralph Porzio of Staten Island striking down New York City's recently passed law

to afford noncitizens the ability to vote in municipal elections, beginning next year.

"Well over 1 million Queens residents were born somewhere other than the United States, but many of these hard-working taxpayers have been senselessly barred from having a say in who represents them in city government. Today's ruling is yet another attempt to further disenfranchise our immigrant neighbors and erase years of tireless advocacy to ensure our government is fully representative of the people it serves," said Borough President Richards. "Our city is a stronger, fairer place when our immigrant communities are brought into the political process, allowing our diverse neighborhoods to fully exercise their power. I fully support any appeal of this ruling to a higher court."



IT'S IN QUEENS

(July 1 to July 7)

Shall we see a movie? Or how about many free movies outside under the stars? Puppets, concerts, and water fun are also outdoors in Queens this week. (There are a few indoor shows and events, too.)

- July 1, Gongoozler, 6:30 pm. Marco Barrera exhibits an incomplete archive of water from different NYC locations. The artist has created a publication that indexes the samples and presents his research on the history of city water. "Gongoozler" is a British term for a canal fanatic. Plus, the Canal Street Research Association leads a walking tour through LIC with an emphasis on buried waters. SculptureCenter Courtyard, 44-19 Purves St., Long Island City.

- July 1, Crimes of the Future, July 9. Screenings of David Cronenberg's last film, which is set at a time when the human species is adapting to a synthetic environment, and the body is undergoing transformations and mutations. A performance artist showcases the metamorphosis of his organs in avant-garde performances. Schedule: July 1 at 3 pm and 6:45 pm; July 2 at 1 pm, 3:15 pm, and 5:30 pm; July 3 at 3:45 pm; and July 9 at 4:15 pm. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.

- July 1, Men in Black, 7:30 pm. As part of an ongoing series, a screening of "Men in Black" partners with origami sunglass-making. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing.

- July 1, Radio Riot, 8 pm. This group features powerful male and female lead vocals. They cover everything from 1940s Swing to today's hottest Dance music. Resorts World New York City, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.

- July 1, Free First Friday, 11 am. On the first Friday of every month, admission is free. However, visits must be scheduled in advance due to COVID. The Noguchi Museum, 9-01 33rd Rd., LIC.

- July 1, Spider-Man: No Way Home, dusk. A free outdoor screening of a film during which Peter Parker's identity as Spider-Man is revealed. In a way, he likes it, but problems follow. The Unisphere, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- July 2, Botanical Illustration, 1 pm. Participants learn about – and make – botanical illustrations as per the 19th century style and learn about botany. King Manor Museum, 150-03 Jamaica Ave.

- July 2, Philadelphia Freedom, 8 pm. This tribute band performs hits by Elton John. With unlimited energy, Doug Delescavage perfectly transforms into Elton John as he was in his twenties. Resorts World New York City, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.

- July 3, Jackson Heights Orchestra, 6 pm. This local ensemble plays Classical music as part of an ongoing weekly series. Travers Park, vicinity of 35th Avenue and 78th Street, Jackson Heights.

- July 4, Music in the Garden, 1



RW Elton-John



RW Radio Riot



Rubix Kube

pm. The Evan Sherman Big Band performs in the garden as part of an annual birthday party for Satchmo. Louis Armstrong House Museum, 34-56 107th St., Corona.

- July 5, Taikoza, 1 pm. This group creates a new sound using the thunderous rhythms of Taiko drums and bamboo flutes. ("Taiko" means "big drums" in Japanese.) This exciting group draws from Japan's rich tradition of music and performance to create a highly visual performance. Alley Pond Park, 76th Avenue and Springfield Boulevard.

- July 6, Art Lab in the Park, Aug. 17. This program offers creative activities and play time for children of families visiting La Jornada and Queens Museum Cultural Food Pantry. The drop-in sessions feature interactive building stations, playful materials, and challenges that expose people of all ages to diverse works of architecture, construction, design, and engineering. The program runs from 1 pm to 4 pm on July 6, July 20, Aug. 3, and Aug. 17. Queens Museum, NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- July 6, Puppet Time Variety Show, 11 am. This family-friendly variety show features songs from past Swedish Cottage Marionette Theatre performances including, "Pippi," "Peter Pan," and "The

Duck." The Unisphere, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- July 6, Sing 2, 8 pm. A free, outdoor screening of a music-packed family film. The Unisphere, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- July 7, Liminal Figures, 7:30 pm. Queens-based artist Sol León performs "Cruising," which is based mainly on improvisation through electronics and some acoustic elements. It's a conversation between the people on stage and every single one in the audience. A graphic score projects during the performance, and a Q&A follows. Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning, 161-4 Jamaica Ave.

- July 7, Rubix Kube: The Eighties Strike Back, 7 pm. This tribute band is like the radical lovechild of a Rock concert and a Broadway musical. Imagine Madonna, Michael Jackson, Cher, Prince, Devo, Bon Jovi, Boy George, Paula Abdul, and Guns N' Roses on the same stage. (Rain date: July 11 at 7 pm.) Juniper Valley Park, vicinity of 80th Street and Juniper Boulevard South, Middle Village.

- July 7, Encanto, 8:30 pm. A free outdoor screening of this film about a Colombian teenage girl who has to face the frustration of being the only member of her family without magical powers. Corona Plaza, 103rd Street and 41st Avenue.

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Con Edison Smart Meters Give Customers The Power of Information



Customers Save Money and the Environment Benefits

As Con Edison closes in on completion of its smart meter installation program, the technology is transforming the way customers monitor their usage, helping them save money, and contributing to a cleaner environment.

The meters give the company and its customers the power of information to make smarter energy decisions. And helping customers make smarter energy decisions is one of the reasons why in 2017 the company began installing more than 4.8 million smart meters, the largest capital project in Con Edison's history. The \$1.285 billion investment places gas and electric meters at homes and businesses throughout the region.

The meters also provide Con Edison with information on customer outages, allowing crews to begin restoring service more

quickly.

Smarter Grid with Lower Emissions - Smart meter technology enables Con Edison to operate the grid more efficiently. Operating at ideal voltage levels reduces the amount of power flowing on the grid and the amount of fuel generators use to make the electricity, cutting down on emissions. It also means savings on customers' bills.

The company estimates that its smart meter voltage optimization initiative avoids the same quantity of carbon emissions that 56,000 vehicles produce in a year.

Customer-Friendly Features - Smart meters provide customers with near-real-time information on their energy usage with the My Account feature on the Con Edison website, providing insights that can help in managing costs and making wise energy decisions.

Customers can also get customized energy efficiency program enrollment opportunities and recommendations to control their energy costs.

Residential customers can participate in Con Edison's award-winning Smart Usage Program to earn incentives for reducing energy usage at times when the demand for power is high, usually on hot summer days.

Easier to Do Business - Meter readings are transmitted wirelessly and greatly reduce the need for estimated meter reads. Service to most customers can be activated

or transferred remotely.

Safer Natural Gas - Customers served by a Con Edison gas meter get the benefit of a natural gas detector, a first-of-its-kind device developed by Con Edison and its partners. The detectors send alerts over the company's wireless network, notifying the company about potentially hazardous gas leaks in real time. For more information click here.

Faster Restorations and Curtailing Outages - Con Edison uses smart meters to verify outage status and deploy crews more efficiently. The company estimates that this capability has reduced the unnecessary deployment of crews more than 40,800 times since 2018.

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Attorney General James Recovers \$1.25 Million for Consumers Affected by Carnival Cruise Line's Data Breach

Poor Security Practices at Carnival Cruise Line Exposed Personal Information of Thousands of New Yorkers and Consumers Nationwide

New York Will Receive \$44,000 From Multistate Settlement With Cruise Line

Attorney General James along with 45 attorneys general has recovered \$1.25 million from Carnival Cruise Line (Carnival) for compromising the personal information of thousands of employees and consumers because of poor internal security practices. A 2019 data breach exposed the personal information of 180,000 Carnival employees and customers nationwide, including 6,575 New Yorkers. Carnival will pay New York \$44,092.12 in penalties.

"Carnival Cruise Line failed to securely dock and safeguard thousands of consumers' personal information," said Attorney General James. "In today's digital age, companies must shore up their data privacy measures to protect consumers from fraud. New Yorkers on vacation should not have to worry about their personal information being exposed. Today's agreement will require Carnival to turn the tide on its reckless data security practices."

In March 2020, Carnival publicly reported a data breach in which an unauthorized actor gained access to certain Carnival

employee email accounts. The breach included names, addresses, passport numbers, driver's license numbers, payment card information, health information, and a relatively small number of Social Security numbers.

Breach notifications sent to attorneys general offices stated that Carnival first became aware of suspicious email activity in late May of 2019 — approximately 10 months before Carnival reported the breach. A multistate investigation ensued, focusing on Carnival's email security practices and compliance with state breach notification statutes. "Unstructured" data breaches, like the Carnival breach, involve personal information stored via email and other disorganized platforms. Businesses lack visibility into this data, making breach notification more challenging and causing further risks for consumers with the delays.

Under today's settlement, Carnival has agreed to a series of provisions designed to strengthen its email security and breach response practices going forward, including:

- Implementing and maintaining a breach response and notification plan;
- Requiring email security training for employees, including dedicated phishing exercises;
- Instituting multi-factor authentication for remote email access;
- Requiring the use of strong, complex passwords, password

rotation, and secure password storage for password policies and procedures;

- Maintaining enhanced behavior analytics tools to log and monitor potential security events on the company's network; and,
- Undergoing an independent information security assessment, consistent with past data breach settlements.

New York joined the investigation and settlement with Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

This matter was handled by Deputy Bureau Chief Clark Russell of the Bureau of Internet and Technology, under the supervision of Bureau Chief Kim Berger. The Bureau of Internet and Technology is part of the Division of Economic Justice and led by Chief Deputy Attorney General Chris D'Angelo. The Division of Economic Justice is overseen by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar Hosts Celebration For Woodhaven's Birthday

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in the sun, and it's all because of Assemblywoman Rajkumar. Seeing everything that makes Woodhaven great in one document makes me prouder than ever to call the neighborhood my home."

"Assemblywoman Rajkumar is the first elected official from Woodhaven in a generation, and it shows," said Maribel Perez-McDaniel. "We have a true leader for Woodhaven, who lives here, has her district office here, and lets Albany know about the importance of our neighborhood. Just when I thought she was doing everything she could for Woodhaven, she surprises us with a birthday party for the neighborhood."

"This is such a beautiful resolution. I already have it on display at

home," said Daphney Paul. "Now if anyone asks me why I love Woodhaven so much, I can just show them this. Even better is that we will now celebrate Woodhaven every year, and I can't wait until we get to do it again. Thank you to Assemblywoman Rajkumar for this great celebration."

"I was proud to lead the State Assembly in honoring the place I call home," said Assemblywoman Rajkumar, "Woodhaven is one of the last remaining authentic neighborhoods in this city. The resolution highlights the landmarks, styles, businesses, people and artistry that makes ours one of the best communities in New York. I am proud to say that every year from now on we will celebrate Woodhaven's Birthday on July 1st. I look forward to Woodhaven's next 187 years!"

Meng Brings Head of The FCC to Queens

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begin to address this problem by providing internet access to millions of students, and its success has put us on the road towards closing the digital divide. Our kids are our future. We must make the needed investments to ensure the next generation's success which in turn ensures the future success of our nation."

The homework gap refers to students unable to complete their schoolwork due to the lack of access to the internet.

"Too many children across the country, including right here in Queens, are still struggling to keep up with their schoolwork because they lack internet access at home. That's unacceptable. The Homework Gap is one of the cruelest parts of the digital divide, but we have the power to fix it," said Chairwoman Rosenworcel. "Thanks to the support of leaders like Congresswoman Grace Meng, the FCC received funding to create the Emergency Connectivity Fund, which will now help millions of students nationwide with the broadband connections and devices they need for homework and more. We still have more work to do to make sure every kid across the country has the internet access they need, but

I'm more optimistic than ever that working together we can make this a reality."

In addition to securing the money for the Emergency Connectivity Fund, Meng has underscored the need for continued federal funding to ensure that students stay connected and don't lose their online access when the funding runs out, particularly with the new school year just a few months away. So, she has introduced the Securing Universal Communications Connectivity to Ensure Students Succeed (SUCCESS) Act to build on the success of the Emergency Connectivity Fund. The bill would extend the program by allocating \$8 billion a year over five years — for a total of \$40 billion — to continue providing Wi-Fi hotspots, modems, routers, internet service and internet-enabled devices to students. She has also asked congressional leaders to support her efforts for additional money.

Chairwoman Rosenworcel, who grew-up in nearby Connecticut and attended NYU law school in New York City, was confirmed as FCC Chair by the U.S. Senate in December after serving as the FCC's Acting Chairwoman. She is the first female Chair to permanently lead the agency in its almost 100-year history.

LPC Designates Two Historic Districts in Cambria Heights

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tion are about."

"The designation of these two historic districts, the first in Cambria Heights, was a priority for me and fits within LPC's equity framework, as we seek to increase designations in communities not well represented by landmarks, and to better tell the story of all New Yorkers," said Landmarks Preservation Commission Chair Sarah Carroll. "A predominantly African American and Afro-Caribbean community, Cambria Heights had no designated landmarks or districts. Both the 222nd Street and 227th Street Historic

Districts clearly stand out within their larger neighborhood for their striking architecture and their highly intact historic character."

Built in 1931, the districts contain remarkably intact rows of houses facing each other along two blocks in the Cambria Heights neighborhood. The Cambria Heights — 222nd Street Historic District contains 46 row houses between 115th Road and 116th Avenue and the Cambria Heights — 227th Street Historic District, five blocks away, contains 50 houses between 116th Avenue and Linden Boulevard.

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Council Member Lee Testifies to New York State Attorney General Letitia James on a Hearing to Address The Mental Health Crisis Affecting Our State

New York City Council Member Linda Lee testified to New York State Attorney General Letitia James as New York City Council Chair of the Committee on Mental Health, Disabilities, and Addictions. Council Member Lee was one of many panelists of community activists, health professionals, elected officials, to testify to Attorney General Letitia James to discuss challenges New Yorkers are facing in accessing services during the mental health crisis.

On the hearing Council Member Lee discussed ways to address the insufficiencies currently observed in New York State's mental healthcare network, including reversing the decades-long disinvestment in psychiatric bed supply, coordinating care between healthcare providers at all levels of government, addressing sub-par insurance reimbursement, and addressing the needs of the workforce.

"We're in the midst of a mental health crisis, and to be very clear this was always an issue before the pandemic," said Council Member Linda Lee, Chair of the Committee on Mental Health Disabilities and Addictions. "Years of disinvesting into the system has only exacerbated what we were seeing in the pandemic. Multiple studies have shown increases of two, to three times the reported pre-pandemic levels of depression, anxiety, and other mental health related illnesses. As high as these numbers may seem, these studies often discount non-English speaking communities and folks who are not reached through these surveys. Given the breadth and severity of this problem, we must work to address the various insufficiency we have observed in our mental healthcare system."

Council Member Lee highlighted the need to increase the State mental health system's capacity

by increasing the number of psychiatric beds currently available to improve the continuum of care for patients. Conditions of people suffering from serious mental illness are likely to be exacerbated if left untreated. Council Member Lee highlighted the need for the expansion of the number of beds to increase service to New Yorkers in need.

The second factor highlighted was having enhanced coordination between local, state, and federal as well as private and non-profit providers to ensure patients do not fall between the cracks. Programs and resources at the state and local level are often housed within different agencies. In order to reach more New Yorkers, Council Member Lee called for better coordination between these agencies to promote quality resources and expand service.

Addressing the low rates of insurance reimbursement was another factor that listed to improve the quality of mental healthcare. Medicaid reimbursement for mental healthcare often falls below the minimum threshold necessary for adequate treatment, with one study showing that New York Medicaid paid doctors only 44 percent of rates. New York City employee insurance has not updated its rates since they were set in 1983 in this outdated reimbursement system.

The final factor listed by Council Member Linda Lee relates to the mental healthcare workforce issue. Many providers are facing 40-50% turnover and 30% vacancies due to low number of qualified staff graduating to the field, and historic attrition due to low pay, stressful work, and relatively better conditions in the private sector. Investing funding into the social service sector to provide Cost of Living Adjustments (CO-

LAs) to ensure professionals are able to be paid and retained in this sector.

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.

Assemblymember Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas' Gender Inclusive Ballot Act is Signed Into Law During LGBTQ Pride Month

The Gender Inclusive Ballot Act (A7933/S6901), sponsored by New York State Assemblymember Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas and State Senator Zellnor Myrie was signed into law. The law will allow non-binary individuals and those who do not exclusively identify as male or female to be eligible to run for political party positions such as state committee member, assembly district leader, and county committee member. Boards of Election will be required to facilitate the law's requirements. Governor Hochul signed the law on the culminating day of Pride Month in New York State.

The legislation was supported by LGBTQ organizations and political groups, including Equality New York and the Lambda Independent Democrats of Brooklyn, and advocates David Siffert and District Leader Emilia Decaudin. The bill will allow non-binary individuals to run for political party positions that were previously barred to them, correcting a longstanding injustice while still maintaining rules that provide for representational equity between

women and men. Quote:

"At a time in this country when the human rights of queer, transgender, gender non-conforming, and non-binary people are being rolled back, the nation is turning to states like New York for action and hope. That is why I'm thrilled that the Gender Inclusive Ballot Act is being signed into law today. As the rights of communities are being stripped away, my bill will help non-binary people build power in New York by being able to run for a political party office and meaningfully engage in elected positions. I want to thank all the advocates for fighting for this day to come. I'm grateful to Senator Myrie for his partnership on this, Speaker Heastie for helping us advance it, and Governor Hochul for signing it into law. Despite all the setbacks that are occurring, this move helps us progress forward, elevate our LGBTQIA community, and truly feel a strong sense of pride in our commitment to equity in New York," said Assemblymember Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas.

"A big thank you to Assemblymember Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas and State Senator Myrie and their teams for their leadership. This change creates space and opportunity for trans, gender non-conforming and non-binary people to run for local party office, and not be forced to falsely identify as male or female. New York state should be a place with a diverse and talented political leadership pipeline that encourages everyone, regardless of your gender identity, to participate in local politics. This law gets us one step closer to creating that kind of welcoming political environment," said District Leader Jesse Pierce.

"This bill honors the large non-binary and gender non-conforming community here in New York State. We are lucky to have a champion like Assemblymember Jessica Gonzalez Rojas in Albany ensuring we are updating outdated policies to become more inclusive to our LGBTQI New Yorkers. We thank Governor Hochul for sign-

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NYC Health + Hospitals Administers First Covid-19 Vaccines For Children Under Age 5

Dr. Hannah Jackson's 9-month-old daughter was among the first babies to receive the vaccine today at NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue

Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines available for children under age 5 at pediatric practices in all public hospitals

NYC Health + Hospitals patients can schedule an appointment directly with their pediatrician

Not a patient? Use the City's Vaccine Finder or call 877-VAX-4NYC (877-829-4692) to schedule an appointment

NYC Health + Hospitals has administered the first COVID-19 vaccines for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers, following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recommendation that children as young as 6 months be vaccinated against the virus. The city's public health care system will offer Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines for children under the age of 5, and as young as 6 months, in the pediatric practices at all its 11 hospitals.

"The next step towards a return to normalcy is around the corner for our youngest New Yorkers," said New York City Mayor Eric Adams. "I know how long parents and caretakers of our little ones have been waiting for the moment their youngest would have access to a COVID-19 vaccine, and I encourage everyone to get their child vaccinated now that this moment has arrived to keep our children safe and healthy."

"NYC Health + Hospitals has already administered more than 1.75 million COVID-19 vaccine doses and we are proud to now offer this vital protection against serious illness and death to our youngest New Yorkers," said NYC Health + Hospitals President and CEO Mitchell Katz, MD. "I encourage all parents to make an appointment with one of our pediatricians, because these vac-

cines will ensure their kids can safely enjoy daycare, preschool, summer camp, and other activities."

"We thought a lot about this, but in the end the decision for us was really easy," said NYC Health + Hospitals Assistant Vice President and Chief of Staff in the Office of Ambulatory Care Hannah Jackson, MD, MPH, whose 9-month-old daughter was among the first babies to receive the vaccine today at NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue. "The concern around side effects was so much lower than the ability to be able to protect her against severe disease and Long COVID especially."

NYC Health + Hospitals patients are encouraged to schedule an appointment for their child's vaccine by calling their pediatrician's practice directly. Anyone who is not a NYC Health + Hospitals patient can use the City's Vaccine Finder or call 877-VAX-4NYC (877-829-4692) to schedule an appointment at other locations.

The Pfizer-BioNTech primary series for babies and toddlers is three doses. The first two shots are given three to eight weeks apart. The third is given at least eight weeks after the second. The three-dose vaccine is one-tenth the dose of the adult Pfizer dose. Children will be closely monitored for 15 minutes after each dose in the event of a rare allergic reaction. Children may experience similar side effects of vaccination as adults, with usually mild effects lasting one to two days. A parent or guardian must provide consent for their child to be vaccinated.

The vaccines help children develop immunity and provides them with protection against severe illness and death from COVID-19. The more contagious variants that have been spreading have caused some children to get sick, be hospitalized, and die. The best way to protect children is to get them vaccinated as soon as possible. All children, including those who have already had COVID-19, should get vaccinated.

Art in The Parks: Check Out Public Artworks on Display This Summer

Summer is officially here, and NYC Parks' Art in the Parks program is ready with a variety of outdoor installations in parks across the five boroughs. Parks invites New Yorkers to check out the more than 40 temporary artworks on view while enjoying summertime in the city. These vibrant

installations include sculptures, large-scale murals, and interactive sound projects, exploring themes of nature, community, music, remembrance, and more.

The full list and a map of current exhibits can be found on Parks' Art in the Parks page. Here is the Queens highlights this season:

QUEENS - Sherwin Banfield, Going Back to The Meadows, A Tribute to LL Cool J and Performance at FMCP On view through November 23, 2022, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Queens

This sculptural sonic performance artwork is dedicated to Queens hip-hop legend LL Cool J, his hometown of Queens, NY, and historical performances at Flushing Meadows Corona Park. The sculpture includes a traditionally sculpted portrait bust of LL Cool J sitting atop a mirror polished stainless steel radio design and steel pedestal frame. The pedestal design includes references to LL's unique style and career accolades and Queens landmarks. The sculpture's audio speakers are solar powered, highlighting the use of green technology.

This exhibition and Haksul Lee's The Giving Tree are made possible by the Art in the Parks: Alliance for Flushing Meadows Corona Park Grant, which supports the creation of site-specific public artworks by Queens-based artists for two sites within Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

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Ober Sarf PT, OT PLLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/2. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Chaviva Sarf, 829 Empire Ave., Far Rockaway, NY 11691. Purpose: Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy. 6/2,9,16,23,30,7/7/2022

Notice of Formation of DIVERSITY SERVICES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/25/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 105-01 53rd Avenue, Apt 1F, Corona, NY 11368. Purpose: any lawful activities. 6/2,9,16,23,30,7/7/2022

Notice of Formation of TEKNIFI LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/14/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 17004 Pidgeon Meadow Rd., Fresh Meadows, NY 11365. Purpose: any lawful activities. 6/16,23,30,7/7,14&21/2022

Notice of Formation of 21 ST VENTURES, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/12/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 3366 Farrington Street, Suite 200, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: any lawful activities. 6/23,30,7/7,14,21&28/2022

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Notice of Formation of QUALITY INSPECTION SERVICES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/1. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 8424 Lefferts Blvd, Apt 4, Kew Gardens, NY 11415. Purpose: any lawful activities. 6/9,16,23,30,7/7&14/2022

BABA ESTATE 2 LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/2/2022. Office: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 71-05 Myrtle Ave., Glendale, NY 11385. Purpose: any lawful act. 5/26,6/2,9,16,23&30/2022

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Notice of Formation of 609 FIFTH PARTNERS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/26/22. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to RJ Capital Holdings, PO Box 660007, Fresh Meadows, NY 11366. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 6/16,23,30,7/7,14&21/2022

Notice of Formation of 3H Highland Ave LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/11/22. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 10 Yorktown Rd., Setauket, NY 11733. Purpose: any lawful activities. 6/16,23,30,7/7,14&21/2022

Notice of formation of R & R BROTHERS PROPERTIES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/29/2017. Office located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to 107-17 77TH STREET. OZONE PARK NY 11417. Purpose: Any lawful activity or purpose. 6/16,23,30,7/7,14&21/2022

JD Collectibles 11 LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 5/18/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 1745 125th St., South Ozone Park, NY 11420. General Purpose. 6/16,23,30,7/7,14&21/2022

Notice of Formation of MATTHEW WELT OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/10/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 45-02 Ditmars Blvd., Apt 340, Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: Occupational Therapy. 6/16,23,30,7/7,14&21/2022

Notice of Formation of KONDOR PRIMARY CARE PLLC Articles of Organization. filed with Secretary of State of NY. ("SSNY") on 04/29/2022. Office location in QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to: 142-10B Roosevelt Ave, STE P24, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: any lawful activity. 6/23,30,7/7,14,21&28/2022

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Prevail Physical Therapy, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 12/3/2021. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Nick Hondros, 2818 Ditmars Blvd., Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: Physical Therapy 6/9,16,23,30,7/7&14/2022

CMJ Lynbrook LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/24/2022. Office: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 139-19 109th Ave, Jamaica, NY 11435. Purpose: any lawful act 6/16,23,30,7/7,14&21/2022

Notice of Formation of CASTRO CANE, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/11/22. Office location: Queens County. Princ. office of LLC: 133 Beach 116th St., #3C, Rockaway Park, NY 11694. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Thomas Adorno Castro, 1032 Beach 20th St., Far Rockaway, NY 11691. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 5/26,6/2,9,16,23&30/2022

29-13 21st Avenue LLC filed w/ SSNY on 6/9/22. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 29-13 21st Ave., Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: any lawful. 6/30,7/7,14,21,28&8/4/2022

5761 HOLDING LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/26/22. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The LLC 25410 Northern Blvd Little Neck NY 11362. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 6/30,7/7,14,21,28&8/4/2022

127 HALE AVE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/26/22. 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, c/o Hunzah Ahmad, 1437 30th Road, Astoria, NY 11102, which also serves as the registered agent address. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 6/30,7/7,14,21,28&8/4/2022

Notice is hereby given that a license, serial number 1345752 for beer, wine and cider has been applied for by the undersigned* to sell beer, wine and cider at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 141-41 Northern Blvd., Flushing, NY 11354, County of Queens, for on premises consumption. *CHEN XI RESTAURANT NY INC D/B/A LING LONG XUAN RESTAURANT 6/30 & 7/7/2022

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TEYANG LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/28/2022. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Lobsang Yeshi, 45-45 48th St, Apt 2G, Woodside, NY 11377. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 6/30,7/7,14,21,28&8/4/2022

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Notice of formation of Queens Village Dry Cleaners LLC. Art of Org filed with the Sec State NY on 5/10/2022. Located in Queens. SSNY has been designated for services of process. For any lawful purpose mail copy of process to LLC: 3612 34th Ave, Astoria, NY 11106. 6/30,7/7,14,21,28&8/4/2022



LPC Designates Two Historic Districts in Cambria Heights

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The 222nd and 227th Street Historic Districts comprise two remarkably cohesive and intact groups of Storybook-style row houses incorporating Tudor-style elements. The Storybook style is primarily associated with California, where it flourished as a small-house style in the 1920s and was influenced more by the fantasy architecture of fairytale illustrations and movie backdrops. Storybook features of the 227th Street houses include half timbering, diamond-pane windows and stucco with brick and stone accents, as well as whimsical red, blue, and green slate shingles. The 222nd Street houses feature Tudor-arched window openings, brightly colored terra-cotta roofs and windows, brick facades with random stone accents,

and whimsically decorated chimneys with patterned brick and stucco panels. The design of the row houses gives this street a “stage-set” quality consistent with the Storybook style, of a Hollywood backdrop or fairytale illustration come to life.

Initially, residents of both 222nd and 227th Streets were white middle-class families. Black families began moving to Cambria Heights by the 1950s, often overcoming opposition, even overt hostility, from some white residents and real estate brokers. By the 1980s, they were joined by immigrant families from Caribbean countries such as Jamaica, Haiti, Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana, and Barbados. Today, Cambria Heights remains one of several prosperous predominantly Black residential communities in Southeast-

ern Queens. Both districts are exceptionally well-preserved, retaining their characteristic stylistic features and continuous, landscaped front lawns, with a highly distinctive sense of place.

“This was a project that was started by my predecessor, Council Member I. Daneek Miller and I am excited to see it come to fruition and have another neighborhood in my community designated as a historic district,” said Council Member Nantasha Williams. “The 27th Council District is full of rich history and this neighborhood in Cambria Heights captures a unique architectural design not commonly found. I would like to thank and commend the Landmarks Preservation Commission for their work on increasing landmark designations in communities of color and their outreach on this project.”

Assemblymember Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas’ Gender Inclusive Ballot Act is Signed Into Law . . .

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ing it into law and advancing the rights of non-binary New Yorkers,” said Amanda Babine, Executive Director at Equality New York.

“I’m proud to live in a state with a sincere desire to include its citizens. This is just one small part of an ongoing process to allow everyone, literally everyone, to have a voice in shaping our state. It’s a long road, but it’s clear New York is traveling down it, and I am very grateful for those leading us forward, especially the bill’s sponsors,

Assemblymember Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas and State Senator Zellnor Myrie,” said David Siffert.

“The government has a responsibility to create more avenues of opportunities for all citizens to get involved in politics. The Gender Inclusive Ballot Act will now allow non-binary New Yorkers to not only have a clearer access point into local politics but demolishes the archaic gender rules in state and county committees,” said Nicholas Tamborra, Co-President of Lambda Independent Democrats of Brooklyn.

“For decades, non-binary New Yorkers have been legally excluded from the most fundamental form of political participation in our state. With the signing of the Gender Inclusive Ballot Act into law, that ends today. This is only one in many steps towards real, material equality for our TGNCNB community, and I look forward to continuing to work with Assemblymember González-Rojas, Senator Myrie, and everyone who made this bill possible, to make that full equality into a reality,” said District Leader Emilia Decaudin.

Dog Taken From a 75-Year-Old Hispanic Grandfather Who Does Not Speak English

On Saturday, June 25, 2022, at approx 1430 hours, a male/black on a scooter circled around to befriend a 75 year-old Hispanic senior that does not speak English. The perp asked to pet the dog, and when he realized that he could easily steal the dog, he drove off, almost running the grandfather down. A report has been filed with the 102 Police PCT, and a detective from PDU has been

assigned and is actively investigating this crime. We are in constant contact with the PCT and briefed daily.

The Ozone Park Residents Block Association had posted an explicit video, pictures of the perp, and the actual video of how and when he took the dog. We ask you to please review the video and pictures and report this horrendous act on all your media platforms. This perpetrator must be

caught. We must send a message to everyone that we will not just sit back while crime is out of control and innocent people are falling victims to these crimes.

This is unacceptable, and we will not just stand idly by. You can view the despicable video at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Ozoneparkvoice/permalink/5932683506758464> video to large to email.



Juneteenth Celebration With The NY Mets



The Community Partnerships Division within the Queens District Attorneys Office collaborated with the New York Mets Foundation to provide tickets to members of the NYPD Explorers and other

youth organizations in Queens. The kids had a great time attending a special game in commemoration of Juneteenth, where they got to meet the players and take photos with Mr. & Mrs. Met.

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Council Member Linda Lee's Compost Giveaway
in Partnership with
NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY)

Sunday, July 10th 2022
Alley Pond Park Parking Lot (In Front of the Park Bathrooms)
79-20 Winchester Blvd, Queens Village NY

Must Reserve by July 5th, 2022

Pick-up of reserved compost will take place between 10AM and 11 AM.

After 11AM compost will be distributed on a first come first serve basis!

ONE BAG PER HOUSEHOLD. ALL PARTIES MUST BE PRESENT FOR DISTRIBUTIONS

To reserve your compost, please contact my office.
Phone: 718-468-0137
District23@council.nyc.gov



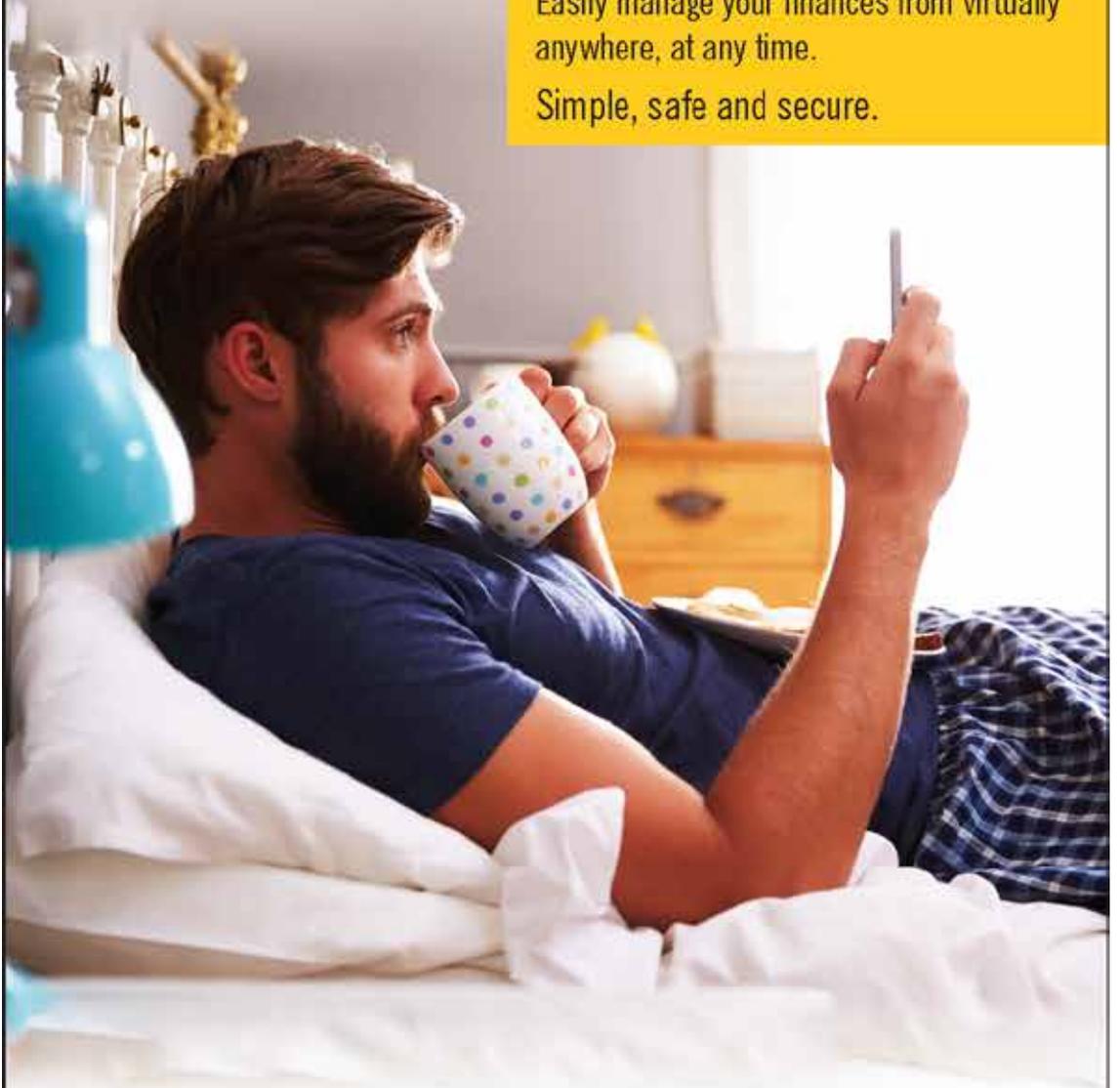

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