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### AG James Urges New Yorkers Deceived by Crypto Platforms to Report Concerns to OAG

*AG James Encourages Workers in the Crypto Industry Who May Have Witnessed Misconduct to File a Whistleblower Complaint*

New York Attorney General Letitia James today issued an investor alert urging any New Yorker deceived or affected by the cryptocurrency crash to contact her office. Many high-profile cryptocurrency businesses have frozen customer withdrawals, announced mass layoffs, or filed for bankruptcy, while investors have been left in financial ruin. As part of the Office of the Attorney General's (OAG) ongoing investigative work, OAG is interested in hearing from New York investors who have been locked out of their accounts, who are unable to access their investments, or who have been deceived about their cryptocurrency investments. New Yorkers who have been affected by this conduct are strongly encouraged to report these issues to OAG. Attorney General James also encourages workers in the cryptocurrency industry who may have witnessed misconduct or fraud to file a whistleblower complaint with her office, which can be done anonymously.

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## NYC Mayor Eric Adams Endorses Elizabeth Crowley in Queens State Senate Bid



NYC Mayor Eric Adams has endorsed Liz Crowley for her run for a hotly-contested Queens Senate seat. See story on page 2

## Council Member James F. Gennaro, NYPD Honor The-Late Det. Raymond Abear at Co-Naming Ceremony



The Intersection of 164th Place and Goethals Avenue Was Co-Named "Detective Raymond Abear Way" in Honor of Det. Abear, Who Passed Away After Contracting COVID on the Job

On Saturday, July 30, Council Member James F. Gennaro and the New York City Police Department (NYPD) hosted a street co-naming ceremony honoring the life of Det. Raymond Abear. Gennaro was joined by DEA President Paul DiGiacomo; DI Vicki McDermott, Executive Officer, Special

Victims Division; Lt. Christopher Lippolis, Commanding Officer, Queens Special Victims Squad; and members of the family at the street co-naming ceremony in which the intersection of 164th Place and Goethals Avenue was

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## Mayor Eric Adams "Switches on 24/7 Speed Cameras"



NYC Mayor Eric Adams expanded the city's speed camera program. See story on page 2.

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# AG James Urges New Yorkers Deceived by Crypto Platforms to Report Concerns to OAG

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“The recent turbulence and significant losses in the cryptocurrency market are concerning,” said Attorney General James. “Investors were promised large returns on cryptocurrencies, but instead lost their hard-earned money. I urge any New Yorker who believes they were deceived by crypto platforms to contact my office, and I encourage workers in crypto companies who may have witnessed misconduct to file a whistleblower complaint.”

In the last few months, investors have lost hundreds of billions of dollars in cryptocurrency markets. New Yorkers who have been affected by the dramatic devaluations of the Terra and Luna virtual currencies and the account freezes on cryptocurrency staking or earning programs, such

as Anchor, Celsius, Voyager, and Stablecoins, are strongly encouraged to contact OAG’s Investor Protection Bureau. In addition, any New Yorker who believes they are a victim of fraudulent or deceptive conduct should also share their experiences with OAG.

If you are worried that you or someone you know has been a victim of investment fraud, contact OAG’s Investor Protection Bureau online or email investor.complaints@ag.ny.gov. If you have worked in the crypto industry and believe you may have knowledge of wrongdoing, contact OAG’s Investor Protection Bureau, email investor.complaints@ag.ny.gov, or file a complaint using the online whistleblower portal.

This investor alert continues Attorney General James’ efforts to regulate the cryptocurrency industry and protect New York

investors. In June, Attorney General James warned New Yorkers of the dangerous risks of investing in cryptocurrencies after the market reached record lows. Also in June, Attorney General James reached a nearly \$1 million settlement with crypto platform BlockFi Lending LLC for offering unregistered securities. Earlier this year, Attorney General James issued a taxpayer notice to virtual currency investors and their tax advisors to accurately declare and pay taxes on their virtual investments. In October 2021, Attorney General James directed unregistered crypto lending platforms to cease operations for not fulfilling their legal obligations. In March 2021, Attorney General James warned New Yorkers of the risks of cryptocurrency investments and reminded investment platforms of their legal obligations.

# NYC Mayor Eric Adams Endorses Elizabeth Crowley in Queens State Senate Bid

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Liz Crowley, a former Democratic City Council member, is a candidate for the NYS Senate Seat in the 59th State Senate District, which covers parts of western Queens, northern Brooklyn and Manhattan’s East Side.

“Elizabeth Crowley has a proven record of getting results for New Yorkers,” Adams said. “She has the leadership experience and knows how to govern during difficult times. As a City Council member, she fought many fights for women and vulnerable New Yorkers.”

Crowley, who’s considered to be a moderate like Adams, is locked in a tight primary race with several opponents. They include Kristen Gonzalez, an organizer

for the Democratic Socialists of America; Mike Corbett, vice chairman of the New York State Democratic Party; and progressive activist Nomiki Konst.

During her time with the City Council, Crowley was one of several lawmakers who in 2017 launched 21 in ‘21, an effort to elect more women to the legislative body. The group was ultimately a success, helping to elevate several women to the Council, which now has a female majority.

So far, Crowley, who grew up in Elmhurst, has also racked up endorsements from Council Speaker Adrienne Adams, Rep. Gregory Meeks and the Queens Democratic Party, as well as unions such as the United Federation of Teachers.

But Gonzalez, who was also raised in Elmhurst and is viewed by many to be Crowley’s closest competitor, has garnered some high-profile endorsements as well. She’s backed by Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Nydia Velazquez, Comptroller Brad Lander and Councilwoman Tiffany Caban, as well as other progressive stalwarts on the state and local levels.

“I am grateful for the support of Mayor Eric Adams,” Crowley said. His clear commitment to improving the lives of everyday New Yorkers is evident in his hands-on approach to governing our city. I look forward to fighting together on the pressing issues that matter most to New York’s working families including affordable housing and public safety.”

# Mayor Eric Adams “Switches on 24/7 Speed Cameras”

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NYC Mayor Eric Adams flipped a ceremonial switch to mark the expansion of the city’s speed camera program that will help keep New Yorkers safe around the clock. Now in place the city’s 2,000 speed cameras in 750 school zones citywide will operate 24/7 for the first time. Throughout July, the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT), the New York City Police Department (NYPD), the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC), the New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS), and other agencies and offices in the city’s Vision Zero Task Force led a multimedia, multilingual public awareness campaign to inform drivers of the coming change and remind them to drive safely and responsibly. Speed cameras and automated traffic enforcement are proven tools that prevent dangerous behavior and crashes,

reducing speeding by 72 percent on average.

Mayor Adams said, “Traffic safety is public safety, and today marks the start of a new chapter for traffic safety in our city. We must ensure that everyone can share the street space safely, and 24/7 speed cameras will protect our city and save lives.”

The city’s 2,000 automated speed cameras were previously authorized by the state to operate only on weekdays, between 6:00 AM and 10:00 PM – missing the 59 percent of traffic fatalities that occurred when the cameras were previously required to be turned off. A state law supported by the Adams administration and signed in June by New York Governor Kathy Hochul now allows the cameras to operate 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Nearly one-third of on-street traffic fatalities occur in camera zones at times when cameras were previously not permitted to operate.

The expansion of the speed

camera program marks another major action of the Adams administration to keep New York City’s streets safe. Already this year, Mayor Adams has made a historic commitment to invest more than \$900 million in critical street safety initiatives; laid out a plan to redesign 1,000 intersections across the city to protect pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers; and launched a \$4 million campaign targeting speeding and reckless driving.

NYPD Chief of Transportation Kim Royster said, “NYPD is committed to driving down fatalities. By extending the hours of speed cameras in our communities is another layer of enforcement that will hold reckless drivers accountable and protect our most vulnerable road users. We support this technology and will work with our Vision Zero partners to educate the public. The message is clear: Slow down. Everyone should drive safely because traffic safety is public safety.”

## Mayor Adams Announces Emergency Procurement Declaration To Rapidly Procure Shelter, Services For Asylum Seekers



**Emergency Procurement Declaration Will Allow City to Rapidly Contract With Shelter and Service Providers**

**City in Discussions With Federal Government to Seek Reimbursements for Emergency Costs**

New York City Mayor Eric Adams announced an emergency procurement declaration to rapidly procure shelter and other services for people seeking asylum in New York City.

“New York is a city of immigrants, and we will always welcome newcomers with open arms. Over the past two months, we have seen a significant increase in the number of asylum seekers arriving in our city’s shelter system,”

said Mayor Adams. “To fulfill our city’s legal and moral mandate to provide quality shelter to anyone experiencing homelessness, and to ensure we are providing appropriate services to asylum seekers, we are immediately issuing an emergency procurement declaration to rapidly procure additional shelter and services to serve these individuals and families. We are working across city agencies and with not-for-profit partners to ensure these individuals have access to a range of services, including legal support, health care, and education. We can no longer wait — and this declaration will allow the city to procure sorely needed additional resources as quickly as possible. We are deeply committed to providing shelter and support to everyone who needs it, and we cannot do this work alone. We will continue to work with federal and state partners to procure additional financial resources immediately.”

“New York’s commitment to providing shelter is an essential part of what makes our city a welcoming safe haven,” said New York City Comptroller Brad Land-

er. “We will work closely with the administration to appropriately expedite contracts and ensure New York City can deliver the shelter and services that families seeking asylum here urgently need.”

Approximately 4,000 asylum seekers have entered the New York City shelter system since late May — the primary driver of the approximately 10 percent increase in the New York City Department of Homeless Services’ census. Additionally, on average, the city’s shelter system is currently receiving over 100 additional asylum seekers looking for some form of housing per day. To protect individuals from federal detention or deportation, and because the city provides shelter to all who need it — regardless of immigration status — the city does not track individuals’ immigration status on intake forms. Accordingly, this is a conservative estimate based on comprehensive interviews of people entering the city shelter system. An influx of approximately 4,000 individuals requires a significant number of new shelter sites to ensure appropriate capacity.

## Council Member James F. Gennaro, NYPD Honor The-Late Det. Raymond Abear at Co-Naming Ceremony

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co-named “Detective Raymond Abear Way” after the 20-year Department veteran. Council Member Gennaro authored the City Council bill to co-name the street, and the bill passed earlier this month.

Beginning in early 2020, thousands of law enforcement officers and other first responders throughout the country began to contract COVID-19 during the worldwide pandemic. Due to the nature of their job, law enforcement officers were required to work and interact with the community, even as most of the country was self-quarantined. As a result, hundreds of officers died from COVID-related illnesses and other complications. Among them was Detective Raymond Abear — a lifelong Queens native. Detective Abear died on April 13, 2020, from complications as the result of contracting COVID-19 in a presumed exposure while on duty. He had served with the New York City Police Department for 20 years and was assigned to the Queens Special Victims Squad. He is survived by his wife, Catherine, and their two children, Jackson (4) and Stella (2).

“When most of us had the luxury to work from home, Det. Raymond Abear was out on the frontlines. He dedicated his life working to protect New Yorkers and keep our streets safe,” said

Council Member James F. Gennaro. “It is my hope that anytime someone comes down 164th Place and Goethals Avenue they are reminded of the great legacy Det. Raymond Abear leaves behind. It is an honor to be here today, alongside the Abear family and members of the NYPD to pay tribute to a local hero.”

“My husband, Detective Raymond Abear, was a devoted family man, a well-respected NYPD Detective and for most of his life, lived here, in Queens,” said Catherine Abear. “Ray dedicated his life to making this city and especially this community, where we were raising our two children, a safer place. Ray is a hero — to our community, our city and, most especially, to our family. This street co-naming will ensure his legacy lives on and when our children walk by, they will know how much Ray meant to the NYPD, our Queens community, and New York City.”

“Detective Raymond Abear was unwavering in his commitment to New Yorkers during the height of the pandemic,” said DEA President, Paul DiGiacomo. “He continued his tireless crime-fighting work on the frontlines until his life was cut short due to the deadly virus. While we cannot repay the debt owed to Raymond and his seven fellow Detectives, who died from COVID-19 — this street renaming will help ensure we never forget.”

## Con Edison Crews Mobilized For August Heat Wave

**Company Reminds Customers to Stay Safe and Use Energy Wisely**

With temperatures predicted to rise into the 90s again this week, Con Edison crews are prepared to respond to any service problems that may occur.

Heat, humidity and increased demand for electricity to power air conditioners can cause cables to overheat and lead to outages. The coming days could also bring thunderstorms, which can affect the overhead delivery system and cause outages.

Energy-Saving Tips - New Yorkers can stay cool and save all summer by following these money-saving conservation tips:

- If you are running your air conditioner, close off unoccupied rooms. If you are using the AC in your living room and nobody is in the bedrooms, close the doors to those rooms;
- Set your air conditioner to the highest comfortable temperature. Every degree you lower the thermostat increases costs;
- To reduce heat and moisture in your home, run appliances such as ovens, washing machines, dryers and dishwashers in the early morning or late at night when it’s cooler outside;
- When the AC is running, close doors to keep cool air in and hot air out;
- Keep shades, blinds and curtains closed. About 40 percent of unwanted heat comes through windows;

## Senator James Sanders Jr. Has Energy And Banking Bills Signed Into Law by Governor Hochul



Senator James Sanders Jr. recently had two of his bills signed into law by the Governor, one was regarding energy, and the other concerning banks.

Bill S4479-A authorizes the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority to prepare a report on the establishment

of a New York renewable energy laboratory.

“New York State is committed to expanding and advancing energy efficiency and renewable energy projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce out of state dependency on fossil fuels, promote public health and create new jobs,” Senator Sanders said. “This bill will report on the feasibility of establishing a renewable energy laboratory to help achieve the ambitious goal’s of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.”

Bill S9152 extends the effectiveness of certain provisions relating to participation in the Banking Development District Program.

“This program, which was created in 1997, enables municipalities to offer certain incentives in order

to encourage the establishment of bank branches in underserved areas,” Senator Sanders said. “Under the program, a municipality and a banking institution may jointly apply to designate a “Banking Development District.”

By establishing a branch in such a district, the bank would be eligible at local and state option to receive municipal and state deposits at reduced rates, and to receive a partial exemption on municipal property taxes. About 40 Bank Development Districts have been established, with several of these being created by savings banks. The creation of local bank offices should help provide needed banking services and easier access to capital, thereby fostering economic activity and development in these areas.

## Rep. Maloney Introduces Package of Bills to Combat Workplace Harassment

Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY), reintroduced two pieces of legislation to combat workplace harassment, including sexual harassment: the Ending Secrecy About Workplace Harassment Act and the No Tax Deductions for Workplace Harasser Buyouts Act.

The No Tax Deductions for Workplace Harasser Buyouts Act prohibits companies from using buyouts paid to perpetrators of workplace harassment as a tax deduction. The Ending Secrecy About Workplace Harassment Act requires companies to submit an annual report that specifies the total number of settlements with employees involving workplace harassment and the number of such settlements by protected category, which includes race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, genetic information, or

any combination of such factors. The two bills, first introduced in December 2017, are designed to end the corporate culture of secrecy surrounding workplace harassment settlements and to no longer allow companies to treat Bill O’Reilly-like severances as an ordinary cost of doing business. If passed, companies will have stronger incentives to prevent workplace harassment, including sexual harassment, from happening in the first place.

“Workplace harassment should no longer be an issue that is whispered about behind closed doors. It is long past time to pass legislation to create permanent incentives for employers to foster safe work environments,” said Rep. Maloney. “For far too long, corporations have allowed harassment to permeate company culture and have used the money paid to

perpetrators of harassment as a tax deduction. These bills are important steps toward helping make sure employers do the right thing and protect people from harassment in the workplace.”

“A workplace is only truly safe when workers are free from harassment, including sexual harassment, on the job,” said AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler. “No one should be subjected to unwanted behavior or abuse at work, but far too many people still live in fear or struggle to do their jobs because of harassment and retaliation for speaking out. Sexual harassment is discrimination, and it negatively impacts a person’s ability to advance or excel at work. These bills hold employers accountable for creating a safer, more transparent work environment, implement-

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## Lung Cancer is The Leading Cause of Cancer Deaths in New York State

Yet Survey Reveals that Most Americans are Not Concerned About Getting the Disease

**American Lung Association releases data that examines Americans' knowledge about lung cancer on World Lung Cancer Day**

Here in New York and across the nation, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths, however survey data released today show that only 40% of Americans are concerned that they might get lung cancer and only about one in five have talked to their doctor about their risk for the disease. Today on World Lung Cancer Day, the American Lung Association's LUNG FORCE initiative released the 2022 Lung Health Barometer, a national survey that examines awareness, attitudes and beliefs about lung cancer.

Here in New York, it is estimated that 14,050 people will be diagnosed with lung cancer in 2022, and 6,660 people will die from the disease. But there is hope. The lung cancer survival rate has risen substantially, and awareness of this deadly disease has steadily increased. Greater awareness of lung cancer is key

to securing research funding, encouraging lung cancer screening, reducing stigma around this disease, and ultimately, saving lives.

"One of the most impactful things we can do in New York is to raise awareness about lifesaving lung cancer screening. Currently, only 6.2% of residents at high risk for lung cancer have received a low-dose CT scan lung cancer screening," said Trevor Summerfield, Director of Advocacy at the Lung Association in New York. "Lung cancer screening is key to early diagnosis, and early diagnosis saves lives."

While awareness about lung cancer screening is still low, there has been significant work done recently to increase eligibility. Last year, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force expanded the guidelines for screening to include individuals ages 50 to 80 years who have a 20 pack-year smoking history and currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years. This nearly doubled the number of individuals eligible for screening and has the potential to save significantly more lives than

previous guidelines. Learn more about lung cancer screening at [SavedbytheScan.org](http://SavedbytheScan.org).

The 2022 Lung Health Barometer surveyed 4,000 Americans nationwide about lung cancer. Key findings show that:

- Only about one in four respondents (26%) were aware that the lung cancer survival rate increased by over 30% in the past ten years.
- 73% of adults have not spoken with their doctor about their risk for lung cancer and only 40% are concerned they might get the disease.
- Only 29% of Americans know that lung cancer is the leading cancer killer in the U.S.
- Nearly 70% of respondents were not familiar with the availability of lung cancer screening for early detection of the disease.

This is the seventh year of the Lung Health Barometer, which is conducted by the Lung Association's LUNG FORCE initiative. LUNG FORCE unites those impacted by lung cancer and their caregivers across the country to stand together against lung cancer.

## Queens Community House Programs Connect With More NYC Youth through SYEP

This summer marked another season kickoff of Queens Community House's (QCH) Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). Several programs from QCH, one of the borough's largest social service organizations, are currently participating as worksites to help New York City youth explore different interests and career pathways, develop productive workplace habits, and engage in learning experiences that strengthen their social, civic, and leadership skills.

In February 2022, New York City Mayor Eric Adams announced that SYEP would be expanding this year to include 100,000 young people. Adams said the summer jobs program will help address public safety while introducing teens and young adults to new career opportunities.

Some of the QCH SYEP worksites include Queens Connect, a youth workforce program that trains and prepares out of school youth for successful careers in the food service and manufacturing sector, as well as YouthBuild, a youth workforce program that has helped young adults obtain construction skills training and attain their High School Equivalency (HSE). "It's incredible to see how eager and engaged the youth are with our programs for SYEP. We've been hearing how much the youth have been enjoying and learning, whether they are discovering new cooking methods with Chef Instructor Rob at Queens Connect, or gaining hands-on construction experience at YouthBuild. The past few years have been a challenging time for young people looking for opportunities to



grow, so we need to reinforce the importance of helping the youth develop social, civic and leadership skills to prepare them for the future, and SYEP is a great way to do that" —Alexandria Sumpter-Delves, Division Director of Youth Workforce of QCH

For the first time in many years, QCH's Generation Q program has taken on a cohort of SYEP youth. Generation Q is an LGBTQ+ youth program of QCH that provides a friendly, affirming environment with a wide variety of educational and recreational opportunities, as well as social and emotional support. "Our intention was to create an SYEP track that would be affirming for and intentionally curated for LGBTQ+ and allied youth. We are offering 4 tracks: lobbying and political activism, internal programming, external content creation and a facilitation and training track. Each of these tracks provide a glimpse into the

work that we do allowing for the youth to make meaningful contributions to Generation Q as well as provide them with meaningful, transferrable skills." —Lindsey Duel, Generation Q Program Director

Queens Community House (QCH) is a multi-service settlement house committed to serving the diverse neighborhoods of Queens. QCH serves more than 26,000 children, youth, adults, and older adults every year. Our mission is to provide individuals and families with the tools to enrich their lives and build healthy, inclusive communities. Through a broad network of programs operating out of 40 sites in 15 neighborhoods, we offer Queens residents a needed support system at every stage of life, helping them to develop the knowledge, confidence, and skills to change their lives for the better and become active participants in their larger community.

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ing stronger policies that root out harmful behavior and fostering a culture that supports all working people.

"Workplace harassment should have no place on the job, but lack of transparency and accountability allows workplace abuses, including sexual harassment, to thrive. We commend Representative Maloney for introducing measures that shine a light on workplace harassment, encourage prevention, and promote safety and dignity at work," Gaylynn Burroughs, Director of Workplace Equality at the National Women's Law Center (NWLC).

"Women have fewer rights today than they did 50 years ago, and workplace harassment and discrimination are still rampant within U.S. workplace culture. We're grateful for Chairwoman Maloney's leadership on the No Tax Deductions for Workplace Harassment Act and the Ending Secrecy About Workplace Harassment Act. These pieces of legislation will give victims of workplace harassment the ability to fight back against their harassers and also hopefully protect others from going through that same experience," said Zakiya Thomas, President and CEO of the ERA Coalition and Fund for Women's Equality. "The United States does not yet fully protect against sex discrimination under the law, but with advocates like the Chairwoman, we're getting closer every day."

Endorsing Organizations: A Better Balance, AFL-CIO, American Association of University of Women, Center for Law and Social Policy, Clearinghouse on Women's Issues, Downtown Women for Change, Economic Policy Institute, Equal Rights Advocates, ERA Coalition, Feminist Majority Foundation, Justice for Migrant Women, Legal Momentum, National Alliance to End Sexual Violence, National Council of Jewish Women, National Employment Law Project, National Employment Lawyers Association, National Partnership for Women & Families, National Women's Law Center, National Organization for Women, Public Citizen, The Purple Campaign, Women Employed, and Workplace Fairness.

Original Co-Sponsors of the Ending Secrecy About Workplace Harassment Act: Andre

Carson (D-IN), Jesus G. "Chuy" Garcia (D-IL), Jimmy Gomez (D-CA), Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ), Jahana Hayes (D-CT), Mondaire Jones (D-NY), Stephen F. Lynch (D-MA), Gwen Moore (D-WI), Jerrold Nadler (D-NY), Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), Mark Pocan (D-WI), Katie Porter (D-CA), Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA), Adam Smith (D-WA), Mark Takano (D-CA), Dina Titus (D-NV), and Nydia Velazquez (D-NY).

Original Co-Sponsors of the No Tax Deductions for Workplace Harasser Buyouts Act: Andre Carson (D-IN), Gerry Connolly (D-VA), Jesus G. "Chuy" Garcia (D-IL), Jimmy Gomez (D-CA), Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ), Jahana Hayes (D-CT), Mondaire Jones (D-NY), Stephen F. Lynch (D-MA), Jerrold Nadler (D-NY), Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), Mark Pocan (D-WI), Katie Porter (D-CA), Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA), Adam Smith (D-WA), Mark Takano (D-CA), Dina Titus (D-NV), and Nydia Velazquez (D-NY).

Background - The Ending Secrecy About Workplace Harassment Act requires companies to submit annually a report that specifies the total number of settlements with employees involving workplace harassment and the number of such settlements based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including pregnancy, sexual orientation, or gender identity), age (40 or older), disability, genetic information (including family medical history), or any combination of such factors.

Additional provisions retaliation against any employee who report any violation of the requirement; require an annual report to Congress from EEOC on the workplace harassment data it has collected, the enforcement actions EEOC has taken in response to the complaints received, and a summary of mechanisms the EEOC can take to increase public transparency of the data without sacrificing the identities of the victims; and the commission of a Government Accountability Office study with recommendations on improving transparency about sexual harassment in the workplace.

The No Tax Deductions for Workplace Harasser Buyouts Act prohibits companies from using buyouts paid to perpetrators of workplace harassment as a tax deduction.

## Con Edison Crews Mobilized For August Heat Wave

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unmarked vehicles but they carry Con Edison identification.

Report an Outage - Con Edison sends text messages to customers in areas expected to be most impacted, reminding them to be prepared and to report an outage by replying OUT to the text. Customers can sign up for text alerts at [coned.com/text](http://coned.com/text).

Customers can also report outages and check service restoration status at [conEd.com/reportoutage](http://conEd.com/reportoutage),

with Con Edison's mobile app for iOS or Android devices, or by calling 1-800-75-CONED (1-800-752-6633).

The company also sends e-mails to customers to communicate energy-saving tips and information on reporting outages.

Customers who report outages will receive updates from Con Edison with their estimated restoration times as they become available. Information on outages

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**ARIES**  
 (March 21 - April 20)  
 Unexpected events may upset your routine. Take care of any paperwork concerning old bills or tax returns. Your lucky numbers are 3,9,6.

**TAURUS**  
 (April 21 - May 21)  
 Don't do business dealings with family or close friends. Don't allow personal problems to conflict with professional duties. Your lucky numbers are 3,2,9.

**GEMINI**  
 (May 22 - June 21)  
 Driving too fast or double parking will result in difficulties with the law. You have a unique way of doing things. Your lucky numbers are 5,8,4.

**CANCER**  
 (June 22 - July 22)  
 Try making changes in your living quarters. New romantic partners will evolve through business meetings. Your lucky numbers are 1,9,4.

**LEO**  
 (July 23 - Aug 22)  
 Extend an invitation to friends to have a dinner party. You can make career moves that will bring you a much higher income. Your lucky numbers are 6,3,2.

**VIRGO**  
 (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)  
 You will want to decorate your house. Travel should be considered. Try to be patient and understanding. Your lucky numbers are 5,4,8.

**LIBRA**  
 (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)  
 Your outgoing nature will win hearts. Do something special for them. Be sure to take care of the needs of your family first. Your lucky numbers are 6,4,9.

**SCORPIO**  
 (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)  
 Residential moves will be hectic and may be unsatisfactory. If you've been really busy, try to spend time with loved ones. Your lucky numbers are 4,9,3.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
 (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)  
 Plan to do things with youngsters. Opportunities to make advancements through good business sense are evident. Your lucky numbers are 6,3,9.

**CAPRICORN**  
 (Dec 22 - Jan. 20)  
 Try to tie up loose ends this week. Avoid any erratic behavior or it could cause isolation at home. Your lucky numbers are 7,5,3.

**AQUARIUS**  
 (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)  
 You may feel that someone at work is holding you back. Partnerships may be strained, watch for empty promises. Your lucky numbers are 2,5,9.

**PISCES**  
 (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)  
 Don't jump into investments too quickly. Take time to help children with projects that may be too hard for them. Your lucky numbers are 8,5,3.

**Did You Know?**

- 45% of people use mouthwash daily
  - On average 22% of all restaurant meals include potato chips
  - The most popular toothbrush color is blue
  - The US produces 19% of the world's trash
  - 59% of people say that their average looking
  - 53% of women don't leave home without makeup on
  - 44% of people have broken a bone
  - 9% of people skip breakfast daily
  - Chocolate manufacturers use 40% of the world's almonds
  - 90% people depend on alarm clocks to wake up
  - 21% of people don't make their bed in the morning
  - 85% of women wear the wrong bra size
  - The number 1 reason why people purchase a mobile phone is for safety
  - Per person France consumes the most cheese
  - The Earth experiences over 50,000 earthquakes a year
  - 75% of people wouldn't give up their spouse for a night for a \$1,000,000
  - M\*A\*S\*H stood for 'Mobile Army Surgical Hospital'
  - The first James Bond movie was called 'Dr. No'
- Did you know 'fan' is short for 'fanatic'

**Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles**

**"Sudoku"**

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**"Crossword Puzzle"**

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**"Try And Find"**

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**SUDOKU**

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**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

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- ACROSS**
- Guest inviters
  - Tumble
  - Riot spray
  - Love intensely
  - Double-reed woodwind
  - Black, in poetry
  - Pertaining to the sun
  - Hot rum drink
  - Pew area
  - Proclaim
  - Any thing
  - Motel employee
  - 90
  - Tilled
  - North northeast
  - Canine
  - Type of fruit
  - Yield
  - Daughter of a sibling
  - Childhood disease
  - Demolish
  - British penny
  - Self-satisfied
  - Small island
  - Half of a pair
  - Air hero
  - Adjusts
  - Trophies and such
  - Not first
  - Found on most beaches
  - Blabbering
  - Falafel bread
  - Designed for flight
  - Audio communication device
  - Smooth or level
  - Twosome
  - Expend
  - Bird home
  - Ages
  - SSS
- DOWN**
- Metal fastener
  - Scent
  - Alone
  - Streetcar
  - Type of body fluid
  - Blurriness
  - Worn down
  - Plunder
  - Fable
  - Brain fever
  - Diminish
  - Desire
  - Foe
  - Spear
  - Charged particles
  - Bulge
  - Curved molding
  - Distinctive flair
  - Lacking in harmony
  - Teachers
  - Celtic language
  - Farm newborn
  - Visual organs
  - Extend credit
  - Cast out
  - Protozoal infection
  - Get away
  - Poplar variety
  - Relinquish
  - Initial wagers
  - Brusque
  - Listen
  - Blows
  - Mid-month days
  - One less than 10
  - Deities

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**HOP TO THE HIP-HOP**

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**B-Boy**      **DJ'ing**      **Ice Cube**      **Nelly**  
**Beats**      **Dr. Dre**      **Ja Rule**      **Outkast**  
**Break-dance**      **Eminem**      **MC'ing**      **P, Daddy**  
**Busta Rhymes**      **Fubu**      **Missy Elliot**      **Run D.M.C.**  
**Def Jam**      **The Fugees**      **Mystikal**      **Wu-Tang Clan**



# Queens Together Joins Forces With Queens Economic Development Corporation

*Partnership Launches Major Effort to Support the Borough's Food Scene*

**It's a match made in Nonprofit Heaven.**

Queens Together, an agency that provides free-of-charge advocacy for restaurants while also feeding underserved communities, officially joined forces with the Queens Economic Development Corporation on Monday, Aug. 1.

QT Executive Director Jonathan Forcash described the new partnership as a "win-win" situation. QT will benefit from QEDC Executive Seth Bornstein's years of nonprofit management experience, while QEDC will gain a department focused on the small business food industry and community-based relief efforts.

"This is a great opportunity to help local restaurants, especially the smaller ones that are the backbones of their neighborhoods," stated Bornstein. "We're excited to work with Queens Together and promote dining in our unique, authentic borough."

Forgash, a chef who ran Star Struck Catering for more than 20 years, co-founded QT in March 2020, when New York City was shutting down due to COVID. Working with QEDC, the new organization raised money to hire local eateries to prepare thousands of ready-to-go meals for frontline health care professionals and neighbors facing hunger issues. Since then, QT has provided meals, groceries, and fresh produce to more than 275,000 individuals through food pantries and community-based alliances.

At the same time, Forcash built a de facto trade association that supports restaurants and other retail food operations with resources, promotion, and community engagement. One of his goals is to create a powerful voice, made up of member businesses from across the borough that will fight for the diverse community's rights and needs.



**Queens Together Executive Director Jonathan Forcash (middle, blue shirt, beard) and Queens Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Seth Bornstein (third from right, with protective mask) stand with stakeholders after providing meals to health care professionals at the frontline of the Covid pandemic.**

For example, QT organized the East River International Food Festival in Long Island City on Sunday, May 22. Several thousand foodies enjoyed tastings from a few dozen restaurants at Sound River Studios that day. The agency also provided promotion and judges to the Grace Jamaica Jerk Festival New York in Roy Wilkins Park on Sunday, July 31. The next big event is the grand opening of a Fogo de Chão Brazilian steakhouse in Elmhurst in early August.

In the near future, expect the enhanced QEDC to present educational programming, jobs training, fun filled food events, curated resources, and advocacy for food businesses. If need be, this super group has a vast network of food makers, volunteers, and community groups that could help city, state, and federal agencies respond to future crises (i.e. extreme weather events) in the county.

Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, Borough President Donovan Richards, City Council Member Julie Won, former City Council Member Costa Constantinides, and the New York Community

Trust have allocated funds to QT. (Council Member Won even volunteered during distribution sessions before her election.)

"The Queens Economic Development Council and Queens Together have been two powerful forces for good that have helped lead the way in our efforts to spur Queens to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and be more prosperous than it ever was before," stated Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. "By joining forces, these two outstanding organizations will do an even better job of advocating for 'The World's Borough' and all of its small businesses. I look forward to working with these new partners to further bolster our borough's burgeoning restaurant industry and the entire Queens economy."

"We now have one strong voice to represent, empower, and support the diverse food industry of our amazing borough," Forcash stated. "We're going to deliver resources, promotion and community engagement. Everything a business needs for success. And please don't forget: Queens Together is free to join and there are no membership fees."

# Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar Presents \$22,500 Check to W.O.R.K.S. Little League

**Honors Dedicated Volunteer Coaches**

On Saturday, Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar (D-AD 38) joined W.O.R.K.S Little League for its 2022 Awards Luncheon at the Deshi Senior Center in Ozone Park. At the event, she presented the league with a check for \$22,500, a historic amount in state funds she secured for the league. The funding will go toward the league's Challenger Division, a venue for children with special needs to play baseball. The Assemblywoman also presented proclamations to Laura Latham and Jash Boodrham, two remarkable women who are volunteer coaches for the Challenger Division.

Founded in 1958, W.O.R.K.S Little League serves children in Woodhaven, Ozone Park, Richmond Hill, Kew Gardens, and



South Ozone Park. The league operates four divisions for children ages 4 through 18. Its Challenger Division was the first of its kind in New York City.

"Because of Assemblywoman Rajkumar, we will provide chil-

dren of all needs with a supportive environment to live their dream of being a baseball star," said league President Walter Chalusant, Jr. "In our league, we

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# Council Member Julie Won Launches Free Home Wifi For NYCHA Residents



Council Member Julie Won hosted a registration for NYCHA residents to sign up for free home Wifi through the Federal Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) at Woodside Houses Friends & Family Day.

Approximately 300 residents attended the event as well as elected officials Congresswoman Nydia Velásquez, New York City Comptroller Brad Lander, New York City Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, and Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, to celebrate the launch.

The ACP provides a subsidy for high-speed internet to many qualifying New Yorkers. Subscribers will be able to get free internet through this program or apply the subsidy savings to their existing bill. Under ACP, individuals — including those who have an income at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines or any member of the household, those enrolled in public housing, Medicaid, SNAP, National School Lunch, veterans pensions — are

eligible for this service.

Council Member Julie Won has kept her campaign promise within her first year in office to work to provide free home WiFi for District 26 NYCHA residents. Next, Julie Won's council office will be hosting free home WiFi ACP registration events at Queensbridge Houses (8/20/22) and Ravenswood Houses (8/27/22). In addition to the registration events, Julie Won's council office has partnered with local nonprofit partners to continue registrations for the rest of the year to ensure all residents can receive the ACP wifi subsidy. For Woodside Houses residents, Sunnyside Community Services will continue to be available for sign-ups for the ACP at their community center located in Woodside Houses for the rest of the year.

1.5 million New Yorkers currently lack at-home internet access because they simply cannot afford it. Closing the digital

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## Meng Works to Help With New Stop Signs Outside Bais Yaakov Academy in Kew Gardens

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) announced that she is pleased to have partnered with Community Board 9 and Councilwoman Lynn Schulman in working to help Bais Yaakov Academy of Queens secure two new stop signs outside of its building in Kew Gardens.

Previously, there were two stop signs on corners of 125th Street which runs in front of the school. Now, with the addition of two stop signs on the adjacent 85th Avenue, the intersection at the school has become a four-way stop.

“Hundreds of students attend this school and they, school staff and local pedestrians should not be put in harm’s way when crossing,” said Congresswoman Meng. “These stop signs will help make the area safer, and I thank the Bais Yaakov Academy of Queens for working to improve safety outside its facility.”

“Bais Yaakov Academy of Queens is very grateful to Congresswoman Grace Meng, her community liaison Rabbi Daniel Pollack, Councilwoman Lynn Schulman, Community Board 9 and Captain Jeremy Kivlin of the 102nd Precinct for all of their efforts on behalf of our school,” said Rabbi Mordechai Ginsparg, the school’s Principal. “I enjoyed working together with them and I can truly see the care and concern they have for the safety of our students, parents and faculty.”

Bais Yaakov Academy of Queens serves the borough’s



Pictured in front of one of the new stop signs are Bais Yaakov Academy Principal Rabbi Mordechai Ginsparg, Meng Community Liaison Rabbi Daniel Pollack and new Commanding Officer of the 102nd Precinct Captain Jeremy Kivlin.

Jewish community. It is a school for girls in kindergarten through eighth grade and approximately 800 students are enrolled.

## NYC Council Speaker Adrienne Adams Endorses Elizabeth Crowley for NY State Senate

New York City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams announced her support for Elizabeth Crowley in her race for the new 59th State Senate District.

“Elizabeth Crowley has been a tireless fighter for the people of New York. As a former colleague I’ve seen her work firsthand. As an advocate to elect the first majority female council, she’s helped to create more change in New York City. I’m confident she’ll do so for New York State once in the Senate,” stated Speaker Adrienne Adams.

Crowley remarked: “It is an honor to be endorsement by Speaker Adrienne Adams, a true trailblazer and advocate for working families. Speaker Adams is prioritizing policies that have helped countless working families from fighting for affordable housing, to protect women’s rights, I look forward to continuing to work together to build a safer more livable city.”

Two dozen major unions have announced their support for the former New York City Council Member, including the United Federation of Teachers, Communication Workers of America and the Doctors Council. She has also won the endorsements of the environmental advocacy group League of Conservation Voters,



the Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club of Queens (LGDCQ), and Elenore’s Legacy. Crowley continues to gain momentum and was backed this week by her former opponent Francois Oliva.

The new 59th District is made

up of Queens, Brooklyn and Manhattan including Astoria, LIC, Stuytown, Gramercy, Kips Bay, Murray Hill, Tudor City, Greenpoint and Williamsburg. The Democratic Primary is August 23rd.

## Illegal Waste Hauling



Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz joined Mayor Eric Adams, the NYC Business Integrity Commission (BIC) and the Inspector General for The Port Authority in announcing arrests related to unlawful waste hauling activity at JFK Airport.

The regulation of our city’s

commercial waste hauling industry prevents corruption and criminality from seeping into a vital service market. Those who attempt to skirt the law by operating without registering with the BIC, or operating despite a denial of a registration application, will face criminal charges for compromising public safety.

## Planet Fitness Celebrates Grand Opening of New “Judgement Free” Club in Forest Hills, Queens



From L to R: Jessica Manfredi, Regional Manager; Jennifer Lentini, Area Manager; Michael Carlier, Director of Constituent Services for Assemblymember Andrew Hevesi; Heather Beers-Dimitriadis, Chair, Queens Community Board 6; Carlos Lopez, General Manager; Queens State Senator Joseph Addabbo; Lynn Schulman, Council Member for City Council District 29 and Health Committee Chair; Frank Gulluscio, District Manager, Queens Community Board 6; Ebony Young, Queens Deputy Borough President; Jennifer Ruiz, Area Manager.

Planet Fitness, one of the largest and fastest-growing franchisors and operators of fitness centers, celebrated the grand opening of its newest New York location in Forest Hills, Queens.

The new club, located at 107-02 Queens Boulevard, offers state of the art cardio machines and strength equipment, 30-Minute Express Circuit, numerous flat screen televisions, fully equipped Black Card® Spa, and more. The 16,000-square-foot facility is open and staffed 24 hours a day from Monday to Friday and 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

As part of the club’s grand opening promotion, members can join through Wednesday, Aug. 10 for just \$1 down and then \$10 a month.

“No matter your fitness level, our new Planet Fitness club has something for everyone,” said James Innocenti, Chief Operating Officer of PF Supreme LLC, a Planet Fitness franchise. “We are excited to bring this new, clean, state-of-the-art facility to the Forest Hills community.”

The new Planet Fitness location recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony to cel-

ebate the addition, and was attended by Queens State Senator Joseph Addabbo; Lynn Schulman, Council Member for City Council District 29 and Health Committee Chair; Ebony Young, Queens Deputy Borough President; John Perricone, Special Assistant for Economic Development, Queens Borough President’s Office; Heather Beers-Dimitriadis, Chair, Queens Community Board 6; and Frank Gulluscio, District Manager, Queens Community Board 6.

“After getting an exclusive tour of the club before it opened, what a great sight it was to see all of the Queens residents who have already signed up getting a workout in and the employees working at the newly created jobs during the grand opening celebration,” said Queens state Sen. Joseph Addabbo Jr. “We need more businesses like Planet Fitness that will benefit an individual’s mental and physical health, as well as much needed social interaction, especially while we battle another wave of COVID. I wish Planet Fitness great success and look forward to them opening even more clubs in Queens.”

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# IT'S IN QUEENS

(Aug. 5 to Aug. 11)

The Dog Days of Summer are in Queens. The world's most diverse borough responds with veterinarians, of course, as well as frogs, green eggs and ham, Brad Pitt, LL Cool J, drums, wildflowers, and homemade hats.

- Aug. 5, Festival of Cinema NYC, Aug. 14. More than 120 independent films show during this sixth annual festival. This year's lineup consists of 38 blocks in such genres as Comedy, Documentary, Drama, Fantasy, Sci-fi, and Thriller. Plus, at least 90 filmmakers are expected to participate in Q&A sessions. Two Forest Hills locations: Regal UA Midway, 108-22 Queens Blvd.; and Queens Library Branch, 108-19 71st Ave.

- Aug. 5, Seussical The Musical, Aug. 14. The JC Players presents this fun play based on Dr. Seuss characters and storylines. Shows: Aug. 5, Aug. 6, and Aug. 13 at 8 pm; and Aug. 7 and Aug. 14 at 3 pm. Glendale-Maspeth United Methodist Church, 66-14 Central Ave.

- Aug. 5, See It Big: 70mm!, Sept. 4. With a higher resolution and more light hitting the frame, 70mm film offers a bigger, brighter image than 35mm. It also offers richer sound with more space on the soundtrack. This year's program includes "Brainstorm," "Licorice Pizza," "Once Upon a Time... in Hollywood," "Sleeping Beauty," "Tron," and "Top Gun." Sumner M. Redstone Theater, Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.

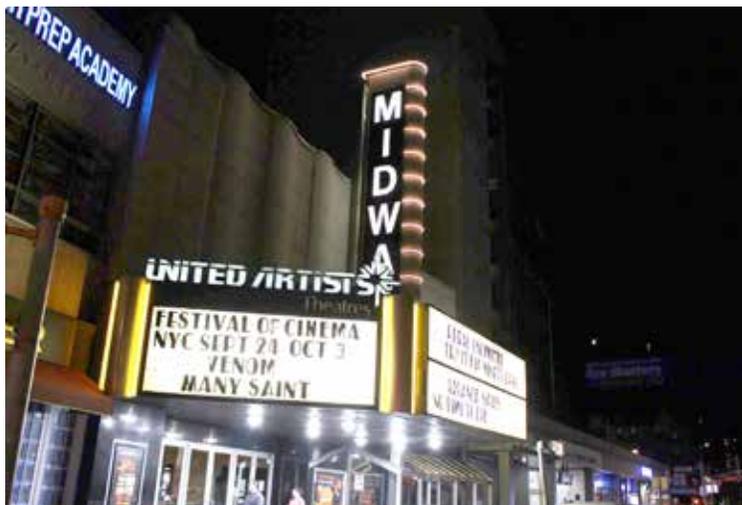
- Aug. 5, Desperado Ridge, 8 pm. A live concert with a rocking Eagles tribute band. Resorts World New York City, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.

- Aug. 5, 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., Long Island City.

- Aug. 6, Rock The Bells Festival, 11 am. Queens native LL Cool J is an organizer and one of several big-name performers in this concert, which is considered to be a love letter to Hip Hop. Other heavy hitters include Ice Cube, Roxanne Shanté, Lil' Kim, Cam'ron, Fat Joe & Remy Ma, Jadakiss, and Scarface. Forest Hills Stadium, One Tennis Pl., Forest Hills Gardens.

- Aug. 6, Bankra Caribbean Culture Festival, noon. Eight hours of live music, a drum circle, island baskets, masks, dance, crafts, and storytelling with a West Indian base. York Performing Arts Center, 94-45 Guy R. Brewer Blvd.

- Aug. 6, CinemaLIC: Skyfall, about 8 pm. Now in its eighth year, CinemaLIC shows the 2012 James Bond movie Skyfall with Midtown Manhattan in the background. Rooftop Films



**Festival of Cinema**

uses a 30-foot inflatable screen with enhanced video projection. Hunters Point Park South, vicinity of Center Boulevard and 51st Avenue, Long Island City.

- Aug. 6, The Adventures of Pericles, 7:30 pm. The Woodside-based Hip to Hip Theatre Company presents this Shakespeare gem. Gantry Plaza State Park, 4-09 47th Rd., Long Island City.

- Aug. 6, I Want to Be a Vet, 11 am. Children learn aspects of veterinary care during this drop-off event. Alley Pond Environmental Center, 224-65 76th Ave., Oakland Gardens.

- Aug. 6, Jamaica Bay Community Cleanup + Kayak Paddle, 11 am. RISE Rockaway organizes this stewardship event and provides a limited number of kayaks. Dubos Point, Beach 65th Street and Decosta Avenue, Arverne.

- Aug. 6, Musiquita, 4 pm. A family-friendly, bilingual (Spanish/English) concert dedicated to the following musicians who are permanent residents: Detlef Hansen (1870-1955), Cello; Krzysztof Postawa (1957-2018), Pianist; Maurice Van Praag (1886-1953), French Horn; Jean-Robert Damas (1952-2018), Saxophone; James McCarroll (1814-1892), Flute; and Bela Gustav Benci (1923-1942), Drums. Maple Grove Cemetery, 127-15 Kew Gardens Rd.

- Aug. 6, Princess and the Frog, 7:30 pm. Fortune telling, a cooking demo, and an outdoor screening of this family-friendly film about Tiana who plans to open the finest restaurant in New Orleans. Then she meets Prince Naveen, who's been turned into an amphibian by evil Dr. Facilier. The pair hops through the Bayous to seek the help of a powerful voodoo priestess. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing.

- Aug. 6, Refugee, 8 pm. This six-musician band pays tribute to Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers. Resorts World New York City, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.

- Aug. 6, Dance Party NYC, noon. Five hours of free dance workshops and performances. Jamaica Performing Arts Center,

153-10 Jamaica Ave.

- Aug. 7, Much Ado About Nothing, 5 pm. The Woodside-based Hip to Hip Theatre Company presents this classic Shakespeare play. Socrates Sculpture Park, 32-01 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City.

- Aug. 7, Summer Open Studios, 2 pm. The public is invited to learn about the practice of artists-in-residence Gabo Camnitzer, Tecumseh Ceaser, Mo Kong, Julian Louis Phillips, and Alex Strada + Tali Keren. Queens Museum, NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- Aug. 7, Indian Violin with Drums, 6 pm. Trina Basu and Arun Ramamurthy play Indian violin with Dan Kurfirst on drums. Travers Park, 35th Avenue and 78th Street, Jackson Heights.

- Aug. 9, Live at the Gantries, 7 pm. Cuba-born Gerardo Contino, who leads several high-energy Cuban, Salsa, and Jazz Big Band groups, performs as part of an ongoing Kupferberg Center for the Arts series. Gantry Plaza State Park, 4-09 47th Rd., Long Island City.

- Aug. 9, Summer Hats for Nature Walks, 1:30 pm. Keep a cool head by making a decorated hat to wear while exploring the garden. Voelker Orth Museum, 149-19 38th Ave., Flushing.

- Aug. 10, Wild Edibles Walk, 6 pm. Plant expert Marie Viljoen, who wrote Forage, Harvest, Feast: A Wild-Inspired Cuisine, leads this educational trek. Queens County Farm Museum, 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy., Glen Oaks.

- Aug. 10, Monthly Jazz Jam, 7 pm. On the second Wednesday of the month, musicians hone skills and jam with peers and the house band. Don't play? Don't worry! Listen! Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

- Aug. 10, Rever(b)sions Lab, 6 pm. The Lewis Latimer House Museum streams this virtual exploration of poetry and the concepts of knowledge through research by looking at Black and African Diaspora thinkers, writers, poets, and artists, as well as themes from STEM. Participants respond through poetry or performance.

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## Velázquez Leads 21 Members of Congress in Letter to The Secretary of Agriculture on The Need to Include Plant-Based Meals For School Lunches

Rep. Nydia M. Velázquez (D-NY) led twenty-one Members of Congress in sending a letter to the Secretary of Agriculture urging the incorporation of plant-based meals into school lunches. Recently, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced \$100 million to create a new Healthy Food Incentive Fund, to support the work of school food authorities to innovate and accelerate their efforts to improve nutritional quality of school meals to children.

“Focusing on increasing healthy, plant-based options in schools through this new Healthy Food Incentive Fund will help to foster greater alignment between k-12 menus and the Dietary Guidelines,” wrote the lawmakers. “By designating \$10 million from the Health Food Incentive Fund for a pilot program to serve plant-based meals in school, USDA would fully reach the intended goals of the new incentive fund. In addition, as our student population becomes increasingly racially and culturally diverse, schools must accommodate student needs by providing sufficient plant-based options.”

In 2021, the Congresswoman Velázquez introduced the Healthy

Future Students and Earth Act which would create a voluntary grant program for school districts to help schools provide healthier, climate friendly, and culturally appropriate plant-based entrée options to students. This letter encourages Secretary Vilsack to allocate \$10 million from the new Healthy Food Incentive Fund to create a new plant-based school lunch grant and use the Congresswoman’s bill as a guide for implementation.

“By including plant-based school food in its new Healthy Food Incentive Fund, USDA can improve the nutritional quality of meals, mitigate climate change, and help ensure the many students who prefer or require plant-based options don’t go hungry at school,” said Chloe Waterman, senior program manager at Friends of the Earth. “We applaud Representative Velázquez for her commitment to ensuring every child has access to healthy, culturally appropriate, and sustainable meals at school.”

“EWG applauds Rep. Velázquez for her leadership in urging the USDA to expand and prioritize healthy plant-based food choices for students. Getting more of our protein from

plants can significantly reduce how much our choices contribute to the climate crisis,” said Geoff Horsfield Government Affairs Manager at Environmental Working Group.

“With the Healthy Food Incentive Fund, the USDA has an opportunity to protect our children and their future by moving toward a sustainable, healthy, and plant-forward food system,” said Eloisa Trinidad, executive director of Chilis on Wheels. “Expanding plant-based options will help ensure all children have access to healthy food they want to eat. We applaud Representative Velázquez for centering the communities most impacted by these issues in the fight against food insecurity.”

In addition to Velázquez, the letter was signed by Representatives: Nanette Barragán, Earl Blumenauer, Jamaal Bowman, Tony Cárdenas, Yvette Clarke, Emanuel Cleaver, Madeleine Dean, Adriano Espaillat, Raúl Grijalva, Alan Lowenthal, James McGovern, Grace Meng, Eleanor Holmes Norton, Jamie Raskin, Janice Schakowsky, Melanie Stansbury, Mark Takano, Rashida Tlaib, Frederica Wilson, Troy Carter, and Mondaire Jones.

## Statement From Speaker Adrienne Adams on Governor Hochul’s Declaration of State Disaster Emergency in Response to Monkeypox Outbreak

“New York City is the epicenter of the nation’s aggressive monkeypox outbreak, with positive cases rising every day at an alarming rate. It has become an increasingly urgent crisis that must be addressed with swift and thorough action by every level of

government. Eligible New Yorkers, especially those most at risk, must have equitable access to vaccinations, and vaccines must reach all communities throughout our city. I applaud Governor Hochul for recognizing the severity of this outbreak and for taking immediate

action that will allow localities to have the necessary resources to combat this virus. With the declaration of this State Disaster Emergency, New York is ensuring that our localities will have the support we need to overcome this outbreak.”

## Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar Presents \$22,500 Check to W.O.R.K.S. Little League

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foster citizenship, good character, and cooperation, and the Assemblywoman gives us the resources we need to do exactly that. This is only one of the many things I see her doing for us when she is out and about in South Queens. To put it in baseball terms, she is the MVP of serving the community.”

“This is such a beautiful proclamation,” said Latham, who is also a special education teacher. “My work for children with special needs is a reward in itself, but for Assemblywoman Rajkumar to honor me like this is its own joy. I love knowing that

the whole community appreciates my work.”

“I thank Assemblywoman Rajkumar for this honor,” said Boodrham. “As a coach, this award is my induction into the Hall of Fame. We are lucky to have a representative who recognizes the work that everyone does to help the community. More than this proclamation, I am just as thankful and appreciative the Assemblywoman is providing us funds so we can continue our work uplifting children with special needs.”

“I have personally witnessed how W.O.R.K.S. Little League changes the lives of special needs

children in my district, and have been honored to throw some pitches at their games,” said Assemblywoman Rajkumar. “I am so proud to have secured state funding for the league to continue its work, and to honor two inspiring coaches dedicated to teaching special needs kids baseball. As the Mets proved this week with their sweep of the Subway Series, the World’s Borough is home to the world’s best baseball. One cornerstone of our baseball scene is W.O.R.K.S. Little League, the World Champions of providing a safe, supportive environment for young people to grow, train, make friends, and just have fun.”

## Senator Gillibrand Issues Statement on U.S. Operation That Killed Al-Qaida Leader



Following the announcement of a U.S. operation that killed al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahiri, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, chair of the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Personnel and member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, issued the following statement:

“Ayman al-Zawahiri was one of the key plotters of 9/11. Thanks to President Biden, our intelligence community, and our military, we are one step closer to justice for those we lost during the 9/11 attacks, for their loved ones, and for the first responders who risked everything to protect innocent lives.”



The St. Anastasia Knights of Columbus Council #5911 in Douglaston has been awarded the 2021-2022 Star Council Award. This is the highest award given by the national organization of the Knights of Columbus. Below is the reason for the award.

Worthy Brother Bedell, Congratulations!

Council 5911 has earned the 2021-2022 Star Council Award, recognizing excellence in program activity, membership growth (120% of quota), insurance promotion, fraternal reporting, and Safe Environment compliance.

During this challenging year, your council adapted and continued to stand in the breach, serving your brothers, families, parishes, and communities. The Supreme Council is pleased to recognize these achievements and acknowl-

edge the hard work of you and your brother knights.

Your council’s award plaque will be shipped to your District Deputy for presentation. Production and delivery of awards is currently estimated at 10-12 weeks. Additionally, to help celebrate this accomplishment and promote your council, attached please find a bulletin announcement and press release for your use. These are great tools that will highlight your good works in the community.

There is still much to be done and we need your council to lead the way. Keep the momentum going and start planning now for another successful fraternal year! The new 2022-2023 Star Council requirements, which can be found at KofC.Org/Star, will help guide your council to excellence in the year to come.

Thank you and Vivat Jesus!

## Queens Native Participates in World’s Largest International Maritime Warfare Exercise

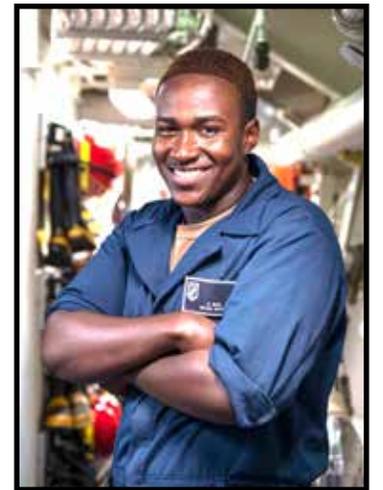
A 2021 New Visions High School graduate and native of Queens, New York, is serving in the U.S. Navy as part of the world’s largest international maritime warfare exercise, Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC).

Seaman Amadou Bah is an undesignated seaman aboard USS William P. Lawrence, currently operating out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

A Navy undesignated seaman is responsible for maintaining the ship and its life-saving equipment.

Today, Bah uses skills and values similar to those learned in Queens.

“My mother always taught me to work hard and keep pushing



even when I may be discouraged or encounter obstacles,” said Bah.

## Council Member Julie Won Launches Free Home Wifi For NYCHA Residents

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divide is essential to ensuring a just economic recovery. Nearly all government services — including vaccination scheduling and unemployment benefits — are accessible exclusively online. Our public schools are engaging in remote learning, which necessitates a high-speed internet connection. Job applications as well as many office jobs have made the leap to being fully remote. While these are all logical steps in order to contain the spread of COVID-19, our government has failed to provide the infrastructure necessary for equitable access.

Inequalities in housing are

now being exacerbated by the digital divide. Black New Yorkers are nearly twice as likely to go without internet access than their white neighbors, and more Hispanic families are without internet than any other ethnic group.

In the heavily working-class neighborhoods like Jackson Heights, Elmhurst, and Corona, 17 percent of households lack high-speed internet while over 90 percent of residents in Middle Village have access to broadband. In our home district (which includes Sunnyside, Woodside, Long Island City, and Dutch Kills) one in four residents go without high-speed internet.

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## President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Delivers up to \$293 Million to Help New York Improve Resilience of Transportation Infrastructure

**PROTECT Formula Program will help New York address the climate crisis**

In an ongoing effort to combat the effects of climate change and address the growing costs of extreme weather events negatively impacting communities, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) today announced new guidance and \$7.3 billion in formula funding to help states and communities better prepare for and respond to extreme weather events like wildfires, flooding, and extreme heat. This is a first-of-its-kind program, made possible by President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

"In every part of the country, climate change is impacting roads, bridges, and rail lines that Americans rely on--endangering homes, lives and livelihoods in the process," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. "Using funds from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, we're launching this unprecedented effort to help communities protect their transportation infrastructure from extreme weather and improve routes that first responders and firefighters need during disasters."

The new Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Formula Program funding is available to states over five years to make transportation infrastructure more resilient to future weather events and other natural disasters by focusing on resilience planning, making resilience improvements to existing transportation assets and evacuation routes, and addressing at-risk highway

infrastructure. In general, eligible projects include highway and transit projects, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and port facilities including those that help improve evacuations or disaster relief. States are encouraged to work with regional and local partner organizations to prioritize transportation and emergency response improvements, as well as address vulnerabilities.

New York will receive \$56 million in Fiscal Year 2022 funding and is eligible to receive up to \$293 million over five years to address climate change with a focus on resilience planning, resilience improvements to existing transportation assets and evacuation routes, and at-risk highway infrastructure.

"We see the effects of climate change and extreme weather play out across the country every week, with extreme temperatures and rainfall and resulting flooding and wildfires that damage and in some cases destroy roads, bridges and other transportation infrastructure," said Acting Federal Highway Administrator Stephanie Pollack. "The PROTECT Formula Program will help make transportation infrastructure more resilient to current and future weather events and at the same time make communities safer during these events."

Eligible resilience improvements can involve adapting existing transportation infrastructure or new construction to keep communities safe by bolstering infrastructure's ability to withstand extreme weather events and other physical hazards that are becoming more common and intense. Eligible project choices may include the use of natural or green infrastructure to buf-

fer future storm surges and provide flood protection, as well as aquatic ecosystem restoration. PROTECT projects can also help improve the resilience of transportation networks that serve traditionally underserved and underrepresented communities, particularly during natural disasters and evacuations.

PROTECT builds on other USDOT actions to address the climate crisis and that support the Biden Administration's whole-of-government approach to reducing greenhouse gas pollution by 2030. Other USDOT actions include a proposed rule for states and municipalities to track and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; the Carbon Reduction Program, which will provide \$6.4 billion in formula funding to states and local governments to develop carbon reduction strategies; and the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program, which will provide \$5 billion to states to build out a national electric vehicle charging network, an important step towards making electric vehicle charging accessible to all Americans.

For more information about the new PROTECT Formula Program and guidance released today, please see FHWA's website and fact sheet. The five-year funding table for total estimated PROTECT state-by-state funding for Fiscal Years 2022-2026 is available here. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law established both the PROTECT Formula and Discretionary Grant Programs. The guidance being released today focuses on the PROTECT Formula Program. A Notice of Funding Opportunity for the PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program will be released later this year

## New York State Department of Civil Service And Department of Motor Vehicles Announce Online Exam Now Open For Motor Vehicle Representatives

**Approximately 500 Motor Vehicle Representative Positions Anticipated Statewide Over Next Year**

**Applicants Can Begin Taking the Online Exam Now Through August 31, 2022**

The New York State Department of Civil Service (DCS) and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) announced that the online civil service exam period is now open for Motor Vehicle Representatives. The exam, which is being offered as an online exam for the first time, is used to fill positions across the DMV. Qualified candidates can take the exam online until 11:59 EST on Wednesday, August 31, 2022.

Department of Civil Service Commissioner Timothy R. Hogue said, "The Department of Civil Service is pleased to offer the Motor Vehicle Representative exam in an online format for the first time ever. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone looking to work directly with the public to start their career with the Department of Motor Vehicles and join the New York State workforce. Working for New York State not only offers the chance to serve the greater public, but also provides the opportunity to work with dedicated public servants, in addition to the great health benefits and compensation packages. I encourage all interested to take this online exam today."

New York State Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Mark J.F. Schroeder said, "This new online option will greatly benefit not only those ap-

plying to take the Motor Vehicle Representative exam, but our customers as well. It will facilitate DMV's efforts to attract qualified candidates and allow us to better serve the motoring public, especially our non-English speaking customers. And those seeking to enter public service will have a more-convenient path to a rewarding career in New York State government."

People interested in being considered for a Motor Vehicle Representative position within state government must first meet the minimum qualifications for the title, which requires a high school diploma or a high school equivalency diploma AND one year of customer service experience or 30 semester credit hours of college level courses. All people who meet the minimum qualifications must apply for the exam, then access the online exam and submit all examination materials by August 31, 2022. The online exam will require candidates to provide information about their training and experience with an online questionnaire that is completed and submitted by the candidate. Candidates should be prepared to provide information about their education and customer service-based employment history to be able to respond to the questions on the questionnaire accurately.

The exam will also be used to hire Motor Vehicle Representatives with proficiency in other languages to help provide service to all DMV customers including Chinese, Creole, Italian, Korean, Manual Communications (Sign Language),

Russian and Spanish. While the online exam is in English, those with proficiency in another language will be required to pass a language proficiency exam at the time of hire.

Motor Vehicle Representatives provide quality customer service, issue secure documents, and verify identities. Employees in this title have substantial contact with members of the public seeking services or information. Most positions are in various DMV field offices. Smaller numbers are assigned to DMV telephone call centers, plate facilities, and specialized main-office bureaus. The starting salary for Motor Vehicle Representative is \$37,507, plus an additional \$3,026 when working in the five boroughs of New York City, or Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland, or Westchester counties. The position also includes generous benefits including paid leave, health benefits, and retirement plans and telecommuting options may be available to employees in this title who meet certain criteria.

It is estimated that more than 500 Motor Vehicle Representative positions statewide will be filled over the next year.

To learn more about the NYS DMV, visit [dmv.ny.gov](http://dmv.ny.gov), or follow the DMV conversation online at Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

To learn more about working for the State of New York and how to take the next step in pursuing a rewarding career in public service, please visit the Department of Civil Service website and follow the Department on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

## Con Edison Crews Mobilized For August Heat Wave

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and restoration times is also available at the Con Edison outage map. Watch an outage map tutorial video here.

Energy Efficiency Programs - The company also urges customers to look into its energy efficiency programs. Customers can get incentives for making energy-saving upgrades to their lighting, HVAC and other equipment.

For this summer, Con Edison is offering residential customers a \$50 discount for buying an eligible smart thermostat and another \$85 for registering it with Con Edison's Bring Your Own Thermostat (BYOT) Program. Con Edison is also

offering residential customers a \$1,000 rebate to weatherize their home with new air sealing and proper insulation.

Con Edison is offering incentives for commercial and industrial customers. They include cash incentives for installing high-efficiency, ultra-low temperature freezers, lighting incentives, and instant rebates for new natural gas and electric food service equipment.

Small and medium-size businesses can get a free, no-obligation energy assessment of their facility. Con Edison will pay about 50 percent of the cost for qualified lighting, HVAC, refrigeration and gas upgrades. Con Edison is also

offering financing with rates as low as zero percent and no money down for eligible energy-efficiency upgrades.

Owners of multi-family buildings can also get energy efficiency incentives. Those include:

- Rebates for installing energy efficient gas and electric equipment in Affordable and Market Rate buildings;
- Additional bonus rebates for upgrading equipment in eligible Brooklyn and Queens neighborhoods.

Customers can follow Con Edison on Twitter or Facebook for general outage updates, safety tips and storm preparation information.

## Planet Fitness Celebrates Grand Opening of New "Judgement Free" Club in Forest Hills, Queens

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"It's so important for folks to have a place to come to get a basic workout in that's affordable," said Queens City Councilmember Lynn Schulman, who also serves as the chair of the Committee on Health. "This is a place where you can come and not feel intimidated and as an older person, I find that especially appealing. I want to thank Planet Fitness for your contributions to the community."

"Working out with everyone matters to me," said Ebony Young, Deputy Queens Borough Presi-

dent. "I want to be with my people. I want to be with the community, so that's why I have chosen to get my own Black Card® membership at Planet Fitness because this is our community!"

In celebration of the grand opening, Planet Fitness is donating \$1,000 to the Boys & Girls Club of Metro Queens. Together with the Boys & Girls Club of America, Planet Fitness aims to empower a generation to grow up contributing to a more judgement free planet - a place where everyone feels accepted and like they belong.

"We thank Planet Fitness for their generous donation

to our organization," said David Kupecky, Executive Director, Boys & Girls Club of Metro Queens. "At the Boys & Girls Club, we strive to provide a safe place for Queens youth to learn and grow, similar to the priorities of Planet Fitness. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Planet Fitness Supreme in their new location."

Planet Fitness prides itself on providing a high-quality experience at an exceptional value and being home of the Judgement Free Zone®, where members experience a hassle-free, non-intimidating environment.

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Notice of Formation of VACCARO 14-32 27TH AVE., LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/18/22. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Vito Vaccaro Jr., 29-34 Newtown Ave. 1A, Astoria, NY 11102. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 7/28,8/4,11,18,25&9/1/2022

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

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 of Formation of ROQUE MFG LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/28/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 117-15 142nd Place, Jamaica, NY 11436. Purpose: any lawful activities. 7/7,14,21,28,8/4&11/2022

Notice of Formation of HWU PROPERTY, LLC Articles of Organization. filed with Secretary of State of NY. ("SSNY") on 05/02/2022. 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: 133-38 41ST ROAD, SUITE CO1, FLUSHING, NY 11355. Purpose: any lawful activity. 7/21,28,8/4,11,18&25/2022

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS—SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF QUEENS – Branch Banking and Trust Company, Plaintiff, against SAIDUR RAHMAN, if living and if any be dead, and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees, and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated; New York State Department of Taxation and Finance; New York City Environmental Control Board; New York City Department of Finance Parking Violations Bureau; United States of America o/b/o Internal Revenue Service; John Doe #1 through #6, and Jane Doe #1 through #6, the last twelve names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein, Defendants-Index No. 712987/2019. Plaintiff Designates Queens County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that in the subject action is situated in Queens County. To the above named Defendants—YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); the United States of America may appear or answer within 60 days of service hereof; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That this Supplemental Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated February 1, 2021. NOTICE-YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME – If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will

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not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (Branch Banking and Trust Company) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Robert I. Caloras, J.S.C dated and filed February 1, 2021. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 25-05 87th Street, East Elmhurst, New York 11369 located at Block 1361 and Lot 72 Dated: June, 2022 Greenspoon Marder, Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Raspreet Bhatia, Esq., 590 Madison Avenue, Suite 1800 New York, NY 10022 (212) 524-5000. Please respond to Cypress Creek office: Trade Centre South 100 W. Cypress Creek Road, Suite 700, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 P: (888)-491-1120 F: (954) 343-6982. 7/14,21,28&8/4/2022

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST Gena V. Marcblle a/k/a Gena V. Marcelle, Stephen Emmanuel, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered December 17, 2021, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the Queens Supreme Court, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York on August 12, 2022 at 12:30PM, premises known as 20 1st Street, Rosedale a/k/a Jamaica, NY 11422. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 13921, LOT: 105. Approximate amount of judgment \$515,551.91 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #702822/2018. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the QUEENS County COVID-19 Protocols located on the Office of Court Administration (OCA) website (<https://ww2.nycourts.gov/Admin/oca.shtml>) and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. Arthur Terranova, Esq., Referee Frenkel Lambert Weiss Weisman & Gordon, LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 01-086881-F00 70838. 7/14,21,28&8/4/2022

47-24 41st Street, LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the New York Department of State on 6/16/2022. Office location: Queens County. Tatiana Morales is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and is directed to forward service of process to 47-20 41st Street, # 1R, Sunnyside, NY, 11104. Purpose: any lawful activity. 7/7,14,21,28,8/4&11/2022

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ADMINISTRATION CITATION File No. 2008-1968/A SURROGATE'S COURT – QUEENS COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent, TO JAMES PARRISH JOHN HUTCHINS TARAYA PARRISH VENICE SMITH PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF QUEENS COUNTY OSCAR PRIETO, ESQ.

HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, AND DISTRIBUTEES OF JESSIE PARRISH, DECEASED, IF LIVING, AND IF ANY OF THEM BE DEAD TO THEIR HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DISTRIBUTEES, LEGATEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, ASSIGNEES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST WHOSE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN AND CANNOT BE ASCERTAINED AFTER DUE DILIGENCE

An amended petition having been duly filed by Fay Servicing, LLC, as attorney-in-fact for U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of LSF9 Master Participation Trust, who is domiciled at 425 S. Financial Place, 20th Floor, Chicago, IL 60605.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd. Jamaica, New York, on the 15 day of September, 2022 Courtroom 62, at 9:30 A.M., why a decree should not be made in the estate of Jessie Parrish lately domiciled at 14544 Arlington Terrace, Jamaica, NY 11435, in the County of Queens New York, granting limited Letters of Administration upon the estate of the decedent to James Parrish, John Hitchens, Venice Smith, Taraya Parrish, distributees of decedent, and if they fail to qualify, then to the Public Administrator of Queens County, upon duly qualifying and if they are permitted to renounce, then to the nominee of the petitioner, Oscar Prieto, Esq., upon duly qualifying or to such other person as may be entitled thereto. (State any further relief requested)

To receive service of process on behalf of the Estate of Jessie Parrish relative to the Mortgage foreclosure action commenced in the Queens County Supreme Court on December 27, 2017 under Index No. 717941/2017, or any subsequent action, to foreclose the mortgage in the amount of \$260,000.00 dated April 1, 2005 and recorded April 26, 2005 in CRFN: 2005000242065 on real property located at 145-44 Arlington Terrace, Jamaica, NY 11435.

NOTICE: THIS CITATION IS SERVED UPON YOU AS REQUIRED BY LAW. AS A RESULT OF THE MEASURES ADOPTED BY

**LEGAL NOTICES**

THE COURT TO COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, PHYSICAL PRESENCE AT THE COURTHOUSE ON THE RETURN DATE IS LIMITED. THEREFORE, IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE RELIEF REQUESTED, YOU, OR AN ATTORNEY ON YOUR BEHALF, MUST CONTACT THE COURT PRIOR TO THIS DATE IN THE MANNER SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED NOTICE. IF YOU DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT AS SET FORTH IN THE NOTICE IT WILL BE FOUND YOU CONSENT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED.

HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate Janet Edwards Tucker Chief Clerk Dated, Attested and Sealed, July 11, 2022 (Seal) Attorney for Petitioner: Virginia Grapensteter, Esq.; Firm Name: Friedman Vartolo, LLP Address of Attorney: 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York, 10004 Telephone Number: (212) 471-5100; Email: [vgrapensteter@friedmanvartolo.com](mailto:vgrapensteter@friedmanvartolo.com) 7/21,27,8/4&11/2022

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

2620 REAL ESTATE GROUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/19/19. 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, 2620 30th Street, Astoria, NY 11102. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 7/14,21,28,8/4,11&18/2022

Notice of Formation of 88SHOP LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/25/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 22401 Fairbury Avenue, Queens Village, NY 11428. Purpose: any lawful activities. 7/21,28,8/4,11,18&25/2022

CRUGER MANAGEMENT LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/26/22. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 66-10 149 St., Apt. 2D, Flushing, NY 11367. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 8/4,11,18,25,9/1&8/2022

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Notice of formation of 10840 Roosevelt LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 07/18/2022. Office located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC 10840 Roosevelt Ave, Corona. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 7/28,8/4,11,18,25,&9/1/2022

Notice of Formation of NATIABAY LLC, Articles of Organization Filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/19/22. Office location: Queens, NY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 65-44 Saunders St. #A12, Rego Park, NY 11374. Any lawful purpose. 7/28,8/4,11,18,25,&9/1/2022

Notice of Formation of 208 OAKFIELD LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/20/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 34-09 24th Street, Astoria, NY 11106. Purpose: any lawful activities. 7/28,8/4,11,18,25&9/1/2022

Notice is hereby given that a license, number 1344559 for Liquor License has been applied for by the undersigned to sell, beer, wine, cider and liquor at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 69-02 Garfield Ave, Queens, NY 11377 for on premises consumption. 7/28&8/4/2022

Notice of Formation of Trip Hospitality New York LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/24/22. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Intertrust Group, 200 Bellevue Parkway, Ste. 210, Wilmington, DE 19809. Purpose: any lawful activity. 8/4,11,18,25,9/1&8/2022

2137 REEDS MILL LN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/28/22. 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, 170 Old Country Road, Suite 308, Mineola, NY 11501. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 8/4,11,18,25,9/1&8/2022

Notice of formation of OAKS 8 LLC Arts of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 08/01/2022. Office location: QUEENS. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy to 3621 32ND STREET, ASTORIA, NY, 11106, USA. Purpose: any lawful activity. 8/4,11,18,25,9/1&8/2022

# Family Pomonok Day



The Queens District Attorneys Office partnered with the Pomonok Residents Association for their annual Family Day in benefit of local tenants. Individuals and families enjoyed a day of free food, giveaways and entertainment, in addition to resources available through the QDA's Office.

**Disney Sing-Along Tribute Concert with The Little Mermaids**

**FREE Family Concert**  
 August 14, 2022 11:00AM  
 213-10 41st Avenue  
 Bayside, NY 11361  
 Near the Bayside LIRR Station  
 \*Bring Your Own Chairs!

Stop by for favorites from The Little Mermaid, The Lion King, Mary Poppins, Frozen and more! Join us for this enchanted singalong event, as the group performs (in costume) songs from your favorite Disney films!

**OPAC** Queensborough Performing Arts Center  
**VICKIE Paladino** new york city council

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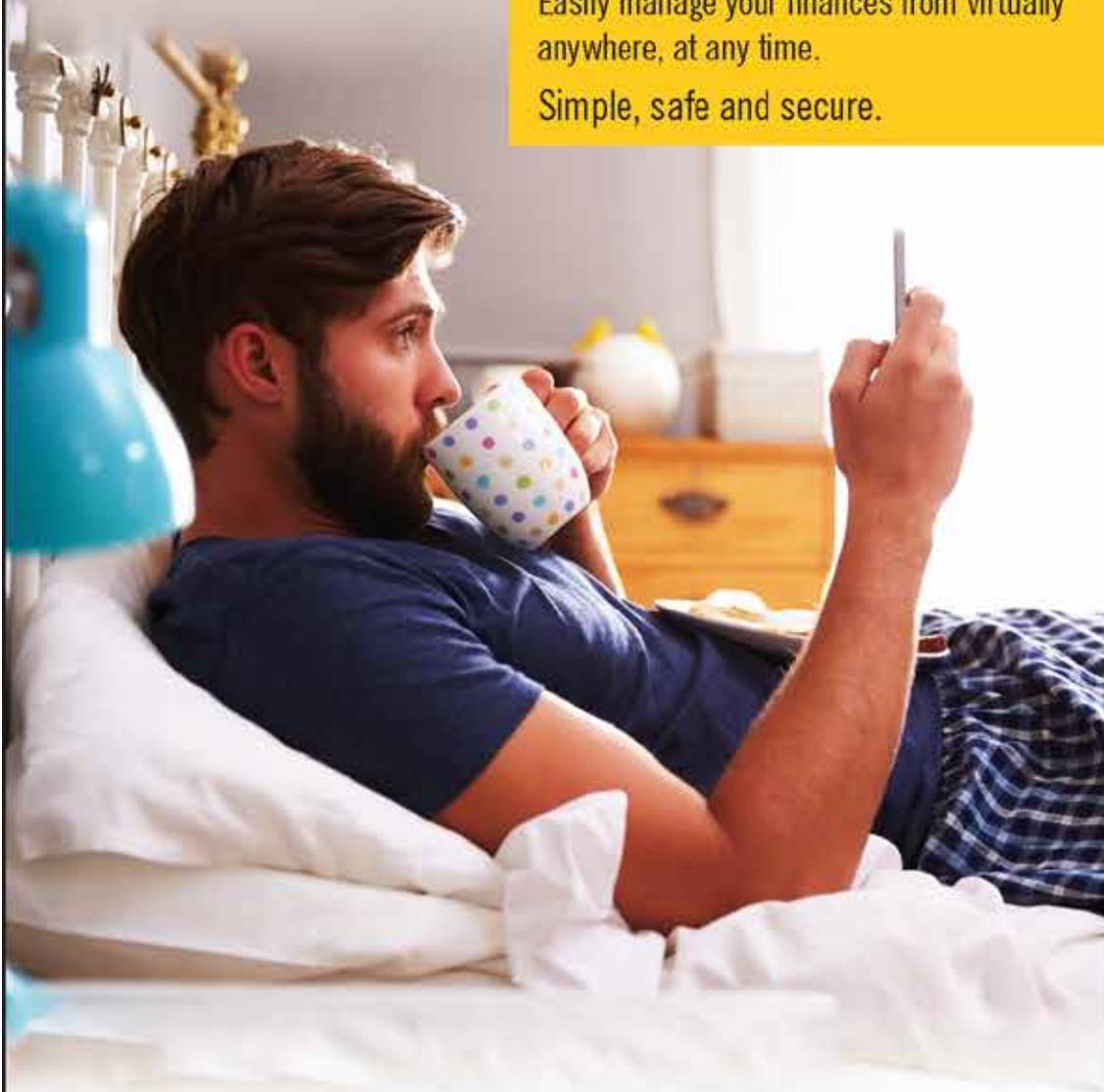
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