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## Suozzi: "Local Journalism is Essential to a Thriving Democracy"

*Cosponsors Local Journalism Sustainability Act, bipartisan legislation that represents a lifeline for struggling community newspapers*

Congressman Tom Suozzi (D – Long Island, Queens) has announced that the Local Journalism Sustainability Act has been included in the House Ways and Means Committee's budget reconciliation mark up. The bipartisan legislation, of which Suozzi was an original cosponsor when it was reintroduced in the House in July, would help bolster local media outlets with temporary tax credits for publishers employing and hiring local journalists.

"We must do everything we can to save local papers like the Queens Times and the dozens of other community newspapers across our region that have faced economic struggles due to the pandemic. Local journalism is essential to a thriving democracy and I am fighting to ensure this legislation is passed as part of the budget reconciliation," said Suozzi.

Under the tax bill that was released by the House Ways and Means Committee, local publishers would get annual tax credits of up to \$25,000 for each journalist they employ, which could then be put toward their employers' share of Medicare payroll taxes. The value of the credit would fall to \$15,000 after the law has been in effect for a year. Eligible publishers include print or digital local newspapers that serve the needs of a regional or local community and who employ no more than 750 employees. These tax credits will help staunch layoffs that have been gutting newsrooms while new organizations retool to better compete online.

## Columbus Heritage Coalition & I AM PAC Supports Eric Adams For Mayor of NYC



Pictured above at the Columbus Heritage Coalition fund raiser for NYC Mayoral Candidate Eric Adams, supported by the Italian American PAC (I AM PAC), held at the Columbus Citizens Foundation NYC is (l to r) Italian American Museum Founder and I AM PAC Board Member Cav. Joseph V. Scelsa, I AM PAC President James C. Lisa, I AM PAC Ambassador Congressman Tom Suozzi, NYC Mayoral Candidate Eric Adams, I AM PAC VP Robert Fonti, I AM PAC Board Member Joseph Monticciolo and Console Generale d'Italia a NY Fabrizio Di Michele. Angelo Vivolo President of the Columbus Heritage Coalition (not pictured) orchestrated the fund raiser supported by the Italian American PA. I AM PAC is the first ethnic group to endorse Mayoral Candidate Eric Adams in the primary and is preparing to endorse him for the General election. Photo by Vinny LeVien.

## Covid-19 Has Killed as Many Americans as the 1918 Spanish Flu Pandemic



The covid-19 pandemic has killed over 676,000 Americans, surpassing the estimated U.S. deaths from the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic. And despite rising vaccination rates, it looks like covid-19 is going to kill a lot more Americans before this thing is over.

The U.S. reported 208,713 new cases of covid-19 on Monday, with 2,262 new deaths from the disease, startling numbers being driven largely by unvaccinated

Americans who are helping spread the highly contagious Delta variant of the virus.

As NPR points out, the U.S. population was roughly one-third in 1918 what it is today, meaning that a larger percentage of the population was wiped out by Spanish Flu. But covid-19 is far from over and still has plenty of time to kill more people.

The Spanish Flu pandemic,

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## Assemblyman David Weprin Applauds As Less is More Parole Reform Act is Signed Into Law by Gov. Hochul



Pictured is Assemblyman David Weprin stands with his colleague in government as Governor Kathy Hochul signs Less is More, a bill he co-sponsored in the NYS Assembly, into law. See story on page 2



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# Assemblyman David Weprin Applauds As Less is More Parole Reform Act is Signed Into Law by Gov. Hochul

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Governor Kathy Hochul signed the Less Is More Parole Reform Act into New York State law. NYS Assemblyman and Correction Committee Chair David Weprin championed the bill for years in the state legislature before this historic moment. It is sponsored by Assemblymember Pharra Souffrant Forrest and in the Senate, by former state senator and now Lt. Governor Brian Benjamin. The bill passed out of the Assembly and the State Senate in June. Less Is More is one of the nation's most progressive parole reform laws. The law will restrict the practice of immediately re-incarcerating individuals for non-criminal or minor technical violations of parole. After Illinois, no other state in the nation re-incarcerates more people for technical parole violations than New York. Moreover, re-incarceration for technical parole violations disproportionately affects communities of color. The Less Is More Parole Reform Act is a matter of racial and social justice.

The signing of Less Is More into law could not have come at a more urgent time. The COVID-19 pandemic was allowed to spread rampantly throughout NYC prison systems. Violence, overcrowding, unsafe and unsanitary conditions in correctional facilities like Rikers have created an atmosphere of despair which has contributed

to the deaths of incarcerated individuals over the past year. The Less Is More law will keep people from re-entering overcrowded and dangerous correctional facilities. It will end the disruptive and unhelpful practice of separating family members from their loved ones because of a technical parole violation.

"For far too long, people who are on parole have lived in fear that a technical violation, like being late for curfew, would send them back to prison. We all know that life happens. Anyone who lives in New York is aware that subways and buses can run late and cause a missed deadline. A non-criminal technical parole violation should not be a reason for families to be separated from their loved ones," said Assemblyman David Weprin. "The Less Is More Act will help end the punitive practice of re-incarcerating individuals and allow them the chance to reintegrate into their communities. As Chair of the Committee on Correction, I worked on this bill for many years. I am proud to witness this much needed signing today. I thank the sponsors of the bill, legislative leadership, the Governor, and the advocates for all of their tireless work on this bill."

"For too long, our parole system has been in crisis, snatching away the opportunity for healing and growth and instead seeking punishment as the first solution to every problem. Today's signing of

Less is More will fundamentally change that, ameliorating the crisis of our jails and prisons by centering community integration and support rather than punishment. I am enormously grateful to Governor Hochul, our fearless advocates, and our brilliant legislative leadership for making this great win possible," said Assemblymember Pharra Souffrant Forrest.

"It's a new day in New York! The Less is More: Community Supervision Revocation Reform Act is the most transformative parole reform legislation ever passed in the nation. No longer will New York have the distinction of re-incarcerating more people for non-criminal technical violations than any other state. Instead, our parole system will reward successes rather than punishing struggles. This is a victory for racial justice and a victory for economic justice. More than 300 groups across the state and dozens of public officials across the political spectrum sent a resounding message that, when it comes to parole, less is more. We are grateful to Governor Hochul for signing the legislation and to Lt. Governor Benjamin for carrying the bill in the Senate prior to accepting his new position, as well as to Assemblymember Souffrant Forrest and to Assemblymember David Weprin. Unchained looks forward to its swift implementation," said Derek Singletary, Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director of Unchained.

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which circled the globe roughly four times in 1918 and 1919, killed an estimated 675,000 Americans before it fizzled out. An estimated 100,000 more Americans are expected to die between now and the end of 2021, based on modeling from the University of Washington, meaning the U.S. death toll will likely be around 776,000 by January 1, 2022.

The U.S. started with a tremendous lead on the rest of the world early in 2021 with one of the best vaccination rates, along with the UK and Israel. But American vaccinations against covid-19 have largely leveled, with other countries around the world pulling ahead in recent months.

The U.S. had the 18th best covid-19 vaccination rate in the world back in July but fell to 40th place as of last week. Just 55.36% of Americans have been fully vaccinated, according to Johns Hopkins University.

The U.S. South has the worst vaccination rates in the country, with states like Alabama suffering



In this Oct. 19, 1918 file photo provide by the U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command a sign is posted at the Naval Aircraft Factory in Philadelphia that indicates, the Spanish Influenza was then extremely active. (Photo: U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command, AP)

some of the worst death rates as a percentage of population in recent months. Alabama reported 1,920 new cases of covid-19 on Monday alone and has a seven-day rolling average of 76 deaths each day. Only 41.63% of Alabama's population is fully vaccinated.

More people in Alabama died than were born in 2020, all thanks to the covid-19 pandemic,

a grim figure that's a first in the state's recorded history. The state recorded 64,714 deaths from all causes in 2020, and 57,641 births, according to NPR.

But there wasn't a vaccine for most of 2020. There's a freely available vaccine to fight the covid-19 pandemic and if you haven't gotten it yet, you really should. We don't have any excuses anymore.

# Consumer Alert: The Department of State and Division of Consumer Protection Warn of Fraudulent Letter Scheme Impersonating the Secretary of State

Scammers Create Fictitious Certificates Claiming to be from the Secretary of State

The New York State Department of State and the Division

of Consumer Protection today warned New Yorkers of a fraudulent letter scheme. These illegitimate letters have the heading "Executive Letter of Guarantee" and claim that recipients are due to receive a large payment, suppos-

edly being held by the Department of State, to settle debts relating to the sale of timeshares.

The letters, which include a fraudulent signature from New

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## QBP Donovan Richards to Host Immigrant Resource Fair in Elmhurst

Saturday, September 25 from 10AM-3PM at St. James Episcopal Church

Deepening his steadfast commitment to ensure immigration services are widely and easily accessible for the more than 1 million immigrants who call The World's Borough home, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. will host an Immigrant Resource Fair on Saturday, September 25 from 10AM to 3PM at St. James Episcopal Church, located at 84-07 Broadway in Elmhurst.

"We could not be prouder to bring our administration's first Immigrant Resource Fair to Elmhurst, one of our borough's most diverse neighborhoods, to meet families in need of resources directly where they live," said Borough President RICHARDS. "With a wide range of community-based organizations on-hand offering critical services, including Excluded Workers Fund application assistance, we encourage anyone seeking the immigration-related resources they deserve to join us on September 25. We are here for you."

Participants at Borough President Richards' Immigrant Resource Fair include representatives from numerous community-based organizations and the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, who will be able to connect Queens residents with the important information and services they need.

Application assistance for those interested in applying for the New York State Excluded Workers Fund — a one-time payment program for immigrant residents who lost income during the COVID-19 pandemic but were ineligible for various federal unemployment and pandemic relief benefits — will be available. Residents can pre-register to receive that assistance by clicking here, and those interested in applying are asked to bring any and all appropriate documents. Personal information will be kept confidential and will be used solely for eligibility determination purposes.

A NYC Health + Hospitals mobile COVID-19 vaccination unit will also be stationed outside the Resource fair, while a mobile IDNYC unit be on-site to provide enrollment services for Queens residents in need of identification. Other City agencies include the NYC Commission on Human Rights, the NYC Department of Consumer and Worker Protection and the NYC Emergency Management.

The Immigrant Resource Fair comes four months after Borough President Richards launched a first-of-its-kind Immigrant Welcome Center at Queens Borough Hall and just two weeks after the Borough President announced a partnership with Community Mediation Services and CUNY Citizenship Now! to provide weekly in-person services at the Center for the more than 1 million immigrants who call Queens home.

Open on weekdays from 9AM to 5PM, the Immigrant Welcome Center can be contacted via phone at 718-286-0644 and via email at [welcomed@queensbp.org](mailto:welcomed@queensbp.org). In-person visits are by appointment only. Additional information about

Borough President Richards' Immigrant Welcome Center can be found at the Center's dedicated webpage [www.queensbp.org/immigrantwelcomecenter](http://www.queensbp.org/immigrantwelcomecenter), complete with a community calendar and links to a wide array of resources.

"In partnership with Health + Hospitals, IDNYC, the Commission on Human Rights, and the Department of Consumer and Worker Protection, the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA) continues to directly engage with and uplift our diverse immigrant communities, bringing resources and program accessibility to the residents of Queens," said Mayors Office of Immigrant Affairs Commissioner RAQUEL BATISTA. "MOIA is proud to partner with the Queens Borough President's office on this immigrant resource fair, and encourages all New Yorkers to attend."

"Our City is a city of immigrants and our agency actively works to ensure all immigrant New Yorkers are aware of their rights as workers and consumers in New York City," said NYC Department of Consumer and Worker Protection Commissioner PETER A. HATCH. "We are happy to join Queens Borough President Richards to share important City resources and show that our City is committed to supporting and protecting its diverse communities."

"As the daughter of immigrants, I know firsthand the important role that immigrant communities play here in the World's Borough," said Congresswoman GRACE MENG. "Immigrants make enormous contributions to Queens. They contribute to our economy and enhance our neighborhoods. We must make sure that immigrants from our borough have access to the services they need, and this upcoming resource fair will help ensure that they can find the resources they need. Thanks to Borough President Richards for spearheading this important event."

"If New York City is the ultimate city of immigrants, The World's Borough its physical manifestation, with over 160 languages spoken in Queens," said State Senator JESSICA RAMOS. "Too many of our neighbors were shut out of meaningful relief due to their documentation status, but help is finally here. Come to the Immigrant Resource Fair at St. James Episcopal Church on Saturday from 10AM-3PM to apply for the Excluded Workers Fund, get connected to immigration-related support and other resources available to all New Yorkers who call our city home."

"I am thrilled to be a sponsor of the Immigrant Resource Fair hosted by Borough President Richards and his team," said Assemblymember CATALINA CRUZ. "Our immigrant neighbors deserve the opportunity to not only to survive, but to thrive, in our great borough. Borough President Richards has reaffirmed his commitment to the success and diversity of Queens, and I am honored to be a part of this

inaugural event."

"Queens is the home to people from over 200 counties all over the world. We must support each other and that's what this borough-wide Immigration Resource Fair will do" said Assemblymember JESSICA GONZALEZ-ROJAS. "I'm so proud to co-sponsor this event along with my colleagues in government, city agencies, and community-based organizations to provide information on and referral to services for our communities, including Emergency Rental Assistance, the Excluded Workers Fund and more. We are always stronger when united so I hope our neighbors will come out and join us on September 25."

"We are looking forward to providing multilingual assistance to residents of Elmhurst and surrounding communities during the Queens Borough President's upcoming Resource Fair," said Asian Americans for Equality Managing Director of Community Services EMILY RIOS. "It's especially crucial that low-income immigrant community members have the necessary tools to apply for the state's Excluded Workers Fund and Emergency Rental Assistance Program, and AAFE will be prepared to facilitate these applications. We thank Borough President Richards for his dedication to immigrant community services in Queens."

"The pandemic has caused a massive increase in domestic violence cases, while unemployment also causes tension at home, leading to more child abuse cases. Moreover, families with mental health patients are deeply affected as well," said Garden of Hope Executive Director YUAN-FEN KRISTEN CHI. "Garden of Hope's bilingual team understands the Chinese immigrant's experience, culture, and heritage and is trained in cultural competency. All services are free."

Queens continues to be the city's hub for immigrants from all walks of life, and the Immigrant Resource Fair will bring much-needed resources for immigrant families to their communities," said Hispanic Federation Vice President for Program Strategy and Impact JESSICA GUZMAN. "Hispanic Federation is proud to work alongside Queens Borough President Donovan Richards to expand access to resources such as the Excluded Worker's Fund, vaccines, IDNYC, and much more to our Queens community."

"Street Vendor Project is proud to partner with Borough President Richards to serve our immigrant community in the Immigrant Resource Fair in Elmhurst. Our community members need to be connected to the resources available to them including the Excluded Workers Fund that our essential excluded workers fought for and desperately need now," said Street Vendor Project at the Urban Justice Center Managing Director MOHAMED ATTIA. "We hope our neighbors in Queens join us that day and learn about the ser-

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## Building Service Workers, 32BJ Pres. Bragg And Gov. Hochul Celebrate New Prevailing Wage Standards For 2000+ NYC Workers

*New law will require luxury apartment buildings receiving tax abatements to pay prevailing wage*

Governor Kathy Hochul joined porters, doormen and other building service workers to celebrate a new law that will raise wages to the industry standard for over 2,000 frontline workers, at Columbus Circle in Manhattan on Friday.

The Governor was joined by Lieutenant Governor Brian Benjamin, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Assemblymember Carmen de la Rosa (AD-72, Inwood), and 32BJ President Kyle Bragg, as well as other building service workers who are members of SEIU 32BJ.

The new law requires large luxury cooperative and condominium apartment buildings that receive the Cooperative & Condominium Tax Abatement to pay building service workers the prevailing wage.

"Building service workers made tremendous sacrifices on the pandemic frontlines to keep this city safe during its darkest moments, and they deserve fair wages and benefits for themselves and their families," said Governor Kathy Hochul. "I am proud to help put more money into the pockets of these hard working New Yorkers as we work together to get our economy back on track."

Under the new law, affected workers, many of whom currently make around minimum wage, will receive robust healthcare benefits and see their wage rate rise to \$26.45/hour or more, the rates received by the more than 35,000 porters, supers and doormen who are 32BJ members.

"This is a new day for more than 2,000 workers in New York City who will finally see wage justice," said SEIU 32BJ President Kyle Bragg. "32BJ members have fought hard for decades to ensure that building service jobs are good jobs that benefit the community, and workers in these luxury buildings were left behind for far too long. We thank Governor Kathy Hochul, as well as Lieutenant

Governor Brian Benjamin and Assemblymember Carmen de la Rosa, for championing this important legislation."

The bill, S.6350/A.7434, was sponsored in the state legislature by then-Senator Brian Benjamin and Assemblymember Carmen de la Rosa. Brian Benjamin was sworn in as New York's Lieutenant Governor earlier this month.

"I was proud to stand with these workers as a sponsor of this legislation, and even prouder to see it become a reality in my new role," said Lieutenant Governor Brian Benjamin. "Workers' families should also benefit when large luxury apartment buildings receive tax abatements. These essential workers, like many others, deserve fair wages and benefits, and to be treated with respect."

"Tax abatements and other benefits received by large luxury apartment buildings should not be used to undermine the industry standard," said Assemblymember Carmen de la Rosa. "I am proud to stand by essential workers and fight to finally put an end to this injustice."

32BJ members have been campaigning to pass S.6350/A.7434 for three years in an effort to bring parity for building service workers who were left behind in an industry that is known for good paying jobs and benefits.

"When you're living paycheck to paycheck, it feels as if you're living your whole life just to pay the bills," said Edil Martes, a porter at a condominium in Manhattan. "Finally making the prevailing wage in New York City will give me and my family some breathing room. Having affordable healthcare will allow me to see the doctor to make sure I am in good health."

The new prevailing wage requirement applies to high-end buildings with 30 or more units and a per unit average assessed value (AAV) ranging from \$60,000 to \$100,000, and all buildings with an AAV above \$100,000. The average sale price for buildings with this AAV range from \$800,000 to \$1,200,000 or more.

## Senator Gillibrand Calls on Biden Administration to Prioritize Opening of U.S.-Canada Land Border to Vaccinated Canadians

Announcement Comes as Biden Administration Eases Travel Restrictions for Non-Essential Travel for The EU, UK, And Parts Of Asia; Reopening Land Border To Vaccinated Canadians Should Be Top Priority

Late last week, Senator Gillibrand called on the Biden administration to allow vaccinated Canadians to travel to the U.S. for non-essential travel through all ports of entry. The land border closure has placed severe economic strains on the supply chains of New York businesses, hospitals, and medical equipment providers that rely on travel across the north-

ern border to stay afloat and produce essential goods and services. Cross-border families, including those of service members at Fort Drum, are separated by this policy unless they can afford air travel. The closure and loss of Canadian business costs the U.S. economy \$1.5 billion each month and \$665-855 million annually in Erie County alone. Gillibrand, along with several of her Democratic colleagues, asked President Biden to lift travel restrictions, create a public plan to reopen land ports of entry to vaccinated Canadians, and appoint an interagency lead to

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## Four CUNY Colleges Ranked Among Country's Best by Forbes

**Baruch, Hunter, City and Queens Colleges Among the Top 25 Percent of Institutions Rated by Forbes and Among the Top 2 to 6 Percent of All U.S. Four-Year Colleges**

Four colleges of The City University of New York have been named among "America's Top Colleges" by Forbes in the magazine's 2021 ranking of 600 top public and private four-year institutions.

"We take great pride in CUNY's role in helping generations of New Yorkers, regardless of means or background, to succeed and fulfill the American Dream," said Chancellor Félix V. Matos Rodríguez. "These rankings are yet another affirmation of CUNY's singular quality and affordability and its extraordinary power as an engine of social mobility."

Baruch College makes the Forbes list of America's Top Colleges at 64th, Hunter College at 129th, City College of New York at 140th and Queens College at 143rd. The Forbes rankings place these four CUNY senior colleges among the top 25% of the 600 rated by the magazine. Applied to the nearly 2,700 four-year, degree-granting institutions throughout the United States from which the magazine selected its pool of 600, Forbes' rankings would place these four CUNY colleges in the nation's top 2% to 6%.

Seeking to incorporate better

data on student outcomes, Forbes adopted a new rating methodology this year that was created in partnership with higher education consultant Michael Itzkowitz, "the architect of the federal government's College Scorecard." For its previous lists, Forbes drew graduates' salary data primarily from PayScale, a database that collects self-reported salary information and counts only a slice of the nation's graduates. This year, Forbes put more weight on the much larger College Scorecard dataset. The new methodology also employs a price-to-earnings premium that reflects the average number of years it takes students to pay their college costs.

The magazine's full listing of America's Top Colleges is here.

US News & Princeton Review Rankings

CUNY colleges also received high marks in two other recent lists. According to U.S. News & World Report's latest rankings released recently, six CUNY senior colleges are among the top 20 public universities in the northern United States. The magazine also named eight CUNY colleges among the best for social mobility, and cited eight schools for their strong ethnic diversity.

The Princeton Review recently also listed three CUNY colleges among the country's Top 50 Best Value public schools — Baruch (15), Hunter (34) and Brooklyn (35). Additionally, CCNY, Ba-

ruch, Brooklyn and Hunter were among the best Northeastern colleges in the U.S., while Baruch was also cited for having the 19th best alumni network in the nation among public universities.

The City University of New York is the nation's largest urban public university, a transformative engine of social mobility that is a critical component of the lifeblood of New York City. Founded in 1847 as the nation's first free public institution of higher education, CUNY today has seven community colleges, 11 senior colleges and seven graduate or professional institutions spread across New York City's five boroughs, serving over 260,000 undergraduate and graduate students and awarding 55,000 degrees each year. CUNY's mix of quality and affordability propels almost six times as many low-income students into the middle class and beyond as all the Ivy League colleges combined. More than 80 percent of the University's graduates stay in New York, contributing to all aspects of the city's economic, civic and cultural life and diversifying the city's workforce in every sector. CUNY's graduates and faculty have received many prestigious honors, including 13 Nobel Prizes and 26 MacArthur "Genius" Grants. The University's historic mission continues to this day: provide a first-rate public education to all students, regardless of means or background.

## Queens Theatre And Camille A. Brown & Dancers Present Every Body Move Workshops: Black Girl Spectrum

**Socially distanced Free Dance Workshops at the Queens Theatre this Fall Saturdays – Now through December 11, 2021**

Queens Theatre, in partnership with the acclaimed Camille A. Brown & Dancers (CABD), welcomes girls and teens for a fun 12-part, socially distanced series of Free dance workshops. CABD's Every Body Move program fosters and nurtures everyone's innate creativity through social dance workshops, which joyfully celebrate the rich legacy and history of African American and African diaspora-based movement traditions found in social dance.

Black Girl Spectrum (BGS) dance workshops teach a variety of social dance moves from Afro-Caribbean social dances (i.e. Soca, from Trinidad-Tobago), Afro-Haitian dances (Nago, Contredanse), Afro-Latin dance

(Salsa), an amalgam of West African dances, and contemporary Hip Hop. Participants are encouraged to personalize these moves, improvising and making them their own. Together as a group, the participants will build their own brief dance inspired by their favorite social dance moves.

BGS workshops aim to nurture Black, Brown and girls of color brilliance through social dance workshops that spur creativity and self-expression, promote health, well-being and body positivity and nurture pride in the rich and diverse history of New York City's girls and teens of color.

Girls (ages 7-12) and Teens (ages 13-17) can reserve their spot for their appropriate age group at Queens Theatre's website. Participants may register for and join classes at any time during the series. However, space is extremely limited. Once capacity is reached, registrants will be placed

on a waiting list.

The workshops take place Saturdays, September 18–December 11, 2021 \*

Group 1 (ages 7-12) will meet from 10am to 11am

Group 2 (ages 13-17) will meet from 12pm to 1pm

Dates: Sept. 18, 25; Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Nov. 6, 13, 20; Dec. 4, 11

These workshops will be IN PERSON in the Nebula, the fabulous lobby of Queens Theatre at 14 United Nations Avenue South Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

All Covid-19 safety protocols will be observed for all sessions. Proof of vaccination is required for all participants 12 years of age and over. Please see Queens Theatre's website for more details.

Black Girl Spectrum is supported by the Tides Foundation, with additional support by the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs and the Harkness Foundation for Dance.

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vices available to them."

"Womankind is excited to continue our partnership with Borough President Richards Jr, the borough president's office, and other important organizations in the Queens com-

munity to bring invaluable resources to survivors of gender-based violence at the Immigrant Resource Fair on September 25," said Womankind Associate Director of Community Programs SASHA-ANN FRAZER. "We hope to work together with all parts of this community to innovate

towards collective well-being, restoration, and social justice. Thank you to Borough President Richards and the Immigrant Welcome Center for centering and meeting the needs of all the immigrant communities and all survivors of gender-based violence."



(Sept. 24 to Sept. 30)

There's a lot of acting going on in Queens these days. A film festival, various plays and readings, and even a burlesque fashion show are among the options. There's also a chance to learn rug-knotting and get the story behind a famous sculpture.

- Sept. 24, Festival of Cinema NYC, Oct. 3. This fifth annual, 10-day event features more than 120 screenings – including many premieres -- and networking with at least 85 filmmakers. Narrative, horror, comedy, documentary, animation. Regal UA Midway, 108-22 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills.

- Sept. 24, Lebanese Dance and Music, Sept. 25. Choreographer Basam Abou Diab performs along with live music by Richard Khuzami on percussion and Maurice Chedid on oud. Both shows at 8 pm. Green Space, 37-24 24th St., Long Island City.

- Sept. 24, The Unsung Hero, 8 pm. This play depicts the man who helped found the Irish Volunteers and led the group into battle when duty called for the Easter Rising in Ireland in 1916. New York Irish Center, 10-40 Jackson Ave., Long Island City.

- Sept. 24, On Deck: New Play Reading Series, Sept. 25. Free readings of "The District" at 7 pm on both nights. In the legal red light district that existed in New Orleans prior to World War I, Creole madam "Duchess" Kitty Dewitt and her bordello residents offer a peek into a world of gin, jazz, and sex. Astoria Performing Arts Center, 44-02 23rd St.

- Sept. 24, Monsters, Inc., 7:30 pm. The Movie Nights at the Garden outdoor series continues with this animated film about Mike and Sulley, who go on an adventure to bring Boo home. Monster craft activities before the screening. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing.

- Sept. 25, Voluptas Rose Lingerie, 9 pm. A burlesque fashion show for a luxury lingerie brand that designs for women of all sizes. Launched last year, the show is the brand's first IRL reveal of its debut collection. Doors open at 7 pm. The Lingerie Shoppe aka Astoria's Secret, 28-53 Steinway St.

- Sept. 26, Center of Attention, 3:30 pm. Mariko Aoyagi leads a conversation on Isamu Noguchi's basalt sculpture "Brilliance (1982)." The Noguchi Museum, 9-01 33rd Rd., Long Island City.

- Sept. 26, Heroes + Villains, 4 pm. Queens Symphony Orchestra performs themes from Indiana Jones and Star Wars in addition to the William Tell Overture. George Seuffert Bandshell, Forest Park.

- Sept. 26, Tapestry/Rug-Knotting Workshop, 4 pm. As part of Wild Flowers: an Exhibit of Clay & Fiber, Amy Supton leads a free workshop, guiding participants as they weave a 3" x 5" textile ornaments using tapestry and rug-knotting techniques. The Garage Art Center, 26-01 Corporal Kennedy St., Bayside.

- Sept. 28, Cuba In Crisis: A Look at the Country's State of Unrest, 7 pm. The Festival of Cinema NY and Americas Media Initiative present a special night with an animated short, "Esperanza Vs. the US Embargo of Cuba (Part 1)," followed by a documentary, "The Singular Story of Unlucky Juan," and a moderated discussion with Cuban filmmakers Roberto Monticello and Isabel Alfonso, Cuban economist Ricardo Torres, and Cuban political analyst Harold Cárdenas. Regal UA Midway, 108-22 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills.

- Sept. 28, Off The Page: A Conversation with Nicole Dennis-Benn and Rajiv Mohabir, 7 pm. Visiting Queens College professor Nicole Dennis-Benn and MFA Alum Rajiv Mohabir chat about creative writing during a virtual Kupferberg Center for the Arts event moderated by Queens College professor and author Vanessa Pérez-Rosario.

- Sept. 29, The Write Off, 7 pm. A reading of a play that follows aggrieved filmmaker George Lee, who embarks on a risky stock deal in a desperate attempt to reverse his fortunes. When a statewide blackout thwarts his plans and unexpected visitors arrive seeking shelter, what was supposed to be a celebratory evening descends into comic chaos as George tries to conceal his financial and other misdeeds. New York Irish Center, 10-40 Jackson Ave., Long Island City.

- Sept. 30, On Deck: New Play Reading Series, Oct. 2. Free readings of "The Bridge of San Luis Rey" on Sept. 30 at 7 pm and Oct. 2 at 4 pm. A 1927 moral fable of tragedy and redemption in 1700s Peru is incorporated into a story about a mid-air collision of two commercial jetliners over New York in 1960. Astoria Performing Arts Center, 44-02 23rd St.



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**ARIES**  
 (March 21 - April 20)  
 Your intellectual charm will win hearts and bring opportunities that you least expect. You can get ahead if you work diligently behind the scenes. Your lucky numbers are 5,8,4.

**TAURUS**  
 (April 21 - May 21)  
 Don't let others saddle you with guilt that isn't warranted. Travel will promote new romantic encounters and additional cultural knowledge. Your lucky numbers are 2,7,4.

**GEMINI**  
 (May 22 - June 21)  
 You will be able to borrow money in order to invest. Your ideas may be good, but they aren't necessarily right for everyone. Your lucky numbers are 6,5,3.

**CANCER**  
 (June 22 - July 22)  
 Unexpected bills will be impossible for you to pay. You can make financial deals that will bring you extra cash. Your lucky numbers are 1,8,9.

**LEO**  
 (July 23 - August 22)  
 New innovative technology will make your job easier. Money could slip through your fingers. Don't believe everything you hear. Your lucky numbers are 5,7,4.

**VIRGO**  
 (August 23 - September 23)  
 Concentrate on getting the job done and steer clear of office politics and gossip. Use your better judgment before you sign up for a costly venture. Your lucky numbers are 8,4,3.

**LIBRA**  
 (September 24 - October 23)  
 Do your research before taking on new ventures. Look into some form of physical recreation. You need to make changes to your investments this week. Your lucky numbers are 2,9,8.

**SCORPIO**  
 (October 24 - November 22)  
 Don't let an incident at work play on your mind. Try not to get every one involved; it will not help bring you closer together. Your lucky numbers are 6,8,9.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
 (November 23 - December 21)  
 Risky ventures may turn in your favor. Travel and educational pursuits may help alleviate the stress you have been feeling. Your lucky numbers are 4,9,6.

**CAPRICORN**  
 (December 22 - January 20)  
 Don't upset elders in your family who don't understand your present situation. Don't confide in anyone for the time being. Your lucky numbers are 5,7,4.

**AQUARIUS**  
 (January 21 - February 19)  
 Help an older member with a problem that faces them. Go after your goals and don't be afraid to ask for assistance. You'll need to exercise control. Your lucky numbers are 2,7,5.

**PISCES**  
 (February 20 - March 20)  
 Communications with loved ones may be strained. Channel your efforts into getting rid of bad habits. watch you stock investments closely. Your lucky numbers are 1,2,7.

**Did You Know?**

- The word 'lethologica' describes the state of not being able to remember the word you want
- Everyday, more money is printed for Monopoly sets than for the U.S. Treasury
- Wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times
- 55% of all movies are rated R
- There are 2 chickens for every person
- 80% of burglaries are committed by people aged 13-21
- Half of all crimes are committed by people under the age of 18
- Half of all crimes are committed by people under the age of 18
- Shakespeare invented the words 'assassination' and 'bump'
- There are a million ants for every person on Earth
- Over 100 people choke to death on ballpoint pens each year
- New born babies have 350 bones (by age 5 the amount of bones merges to 206)
- There is no proof as to who built the Taj Mahal
- The sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick' is said to be the toughest tongue twister
- That in the 17th century the value of pi was known to 35 decimal places (today to 1.2411 trillion)
- Tiger Woods' real first name is Eldrick
- You use 72 different muscles while speaking

**Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles**

**"Sudoku"**

2	7	9	3	6	4	5	8	1
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**"Crossword Puzzle"**

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**"Try And Find"**

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**TRY AND FIND**

**GAS STATION SEARCH**

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- ACROSS**
- Shredded cabbage
  - Pear variety
  - An exact duplicate
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  - Car
  - Practical
  - Engorged
  - Common refrigerant
  - Flamingo or heron
  - Opposed to war
  - Respiratory disease
  - A reversion to the state
  - Tin
  - Consumer Price Index
  - Traverse
  - And so forth
  - Not fat
  - Fortitude
  - Secret meeting
  - Lease
  - Large luxurious car
  - Tiny
  - Conceive
  - An uncle
  - Muzzle
  - Flyer
  - Harriers
  - Defrauds
  - Exotic jelly flavor
  - Not together
  - Related to the skin
  - King
  - Demolish
  - Send forth
  - Slender
  - Killed
  - Alone

- DOWN**
- Put away
  - Magma
  - Cut down
  - Newspaper picture
  - Bleat
  - Production
  - Water vapor
  - Dreams up
  - A sweet quick bread
  - Courtyards
  - Fastens
  - Coagulate
  - Female chicken
  - Anagram of "Sneer"
  - Quiescence
  - Eastbound
  - American symbol
  - A firm open-weave fabric
  - Illegal activity
  - Swindle
  - Kind of bean
  - \_\_\_ alia
  - Center of a storm
  - Cherishes
  - Storytellers
  - Sad song
  - A framework of steel bars
  - A type of ordinance
  - Employed
  - Flower part
  - Disgorge
  - Welt
  - Ammunition
  - A gain or acquisition (archaic)
  - Countertenor
  - Arrive (abbrev.)
  - Morning moistur

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## Visual Artist Clare Stokolosa Recognized by City Artists Corps For Healing, Hopeful Art Created When NYC Paused

*Clare Stokolosa Exhibited Uplifting Series of Paintings at The Collective Paper Factory in Long Island City as Part of Award*

Visual Artist Clare Stokolosa was recognized by the City Artist Corps for the #StayAtHome paintings she created during the pause in New York City. Clare brought her Colorful Creations paintings to the Long Island City neighborhood of Queens at the Collective Paper Factory on Saturday, September 18, 2021 and the work is now displayed on her website [ClareStokolosa.com](http://ClareStokolosa.com).

Clare won the award for paintings of still-life compositions of healthy fresh food, colorful, and interesting organic shapes that she created at home and documented in daily videos.

"The pause in 2020 led me to a new beginning as an artist. New York shut down in March.



Photo by Mark Goldberg, AVS Production

My art studio closed. Now what? I carved a little studio space in my apartment where I continue to paint, capturing my thoughts and process on video. While self-isolating I shared my paintings in a series called #StayAtHome on social media and on my YouTube

channel CS Art Clare Stokolosa. Healthy fresh food, colorful, interesting organic shapes are my subject matter. Subscribe and Enjoy!"

Follow Clare on social media @ClareStokolosa. See the grant at #CityArtistCorps.

## Sunnyside Community Services Distributed 20,000 Packages of Food During Pandemic

### Food Pantry Scheduled to Continue Through December

As the pandemic raged throughout Queens, many residents who lost jobs and income struggled to provide enough food for their families. Sunnyside Community Services (SCS), a local community organization based in Sunnyside, began weekly food distribution to help meet the need. From April 2020 to September 1, 2021, Sunnyside Community Services distributed a combined total of close to 20,000 packages of food in two locations: their main location in Sunnyside, Queens and at Woodside Houses in Woodside, Queens.

"The strain of this pandemic on the communities we serve cannot be overstated," said Judy Zangwill, Executive Director of SCS. "People lost their jobs and income, and some also lost friends and loved ones. I'm proud that Sunnyside Community Services

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## MTA New York City Transit All-Electric Bus Pulled by Strongman Setting Guinness World Records Title

Canadian Strongman Kevin Fast Smashes His Previous Record 40-Foot, All-Electric MTA Bus Pulled Live on "Live with Kelly and Ryan"

A Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) bus weighing 33,440 pounds was successfully pulled 16 feet by 58-year-old Canadian Strongman Kevin Fast on national television on Monday, Sept. 20, an achievement that broke a Guinness World Records title. The feat was aired live on nationally-syndicated talk show "Live with Kelly and Ryan" outside their studios on W. 67th St. between Columbus Av. and Central Park West during Monday's broadcast. Fast pulled the 40-foot long all-electric MTA New York City Transit Bus along W. 67th St. by sitting down on the pavement and using his upper body to pull the bus towards him. The old record for the pull achieved by Fast



in Sept. 2017 was 24,427 pounds. Guinness World Records Judge Michael Empric oversaw the pull and made the final determination that the record was broken.

"We are happy to partner with

'Live with Kelly and Ryan' and Kevin Fast by providing one of our all-electric buses for his successful record-breaking attempt,"

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## Senator Sanders Hosts Senior Bowling in Recognition of Senior Appreciation Month



Seniors from all over the district filled the lanes at Bowl 360 and enjoyed the bowling fun. They were joined in this photo by Senator Sanders' District Manager, Lisa George, second from left.

In recognition of Senior Appreciation Month, Senator James Sanders Jr. (D-Rochdale Village, Far Rockaway) hosted a free senior bowling event on September 20, 2021 at Bowl 360 in Ozone Park, which was attended by dozens of seniors from across his district.

"It was a great joy for me to host a free senior bowling event for the elders in our community. It warms my heart to see them so active and vibrant and enjoying themselves," Sanders said. "This

is one of the best parts of my job. Everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you to Danny and Shelly Mohabir, the owners of Bowl 360, for sponsoring the event."

For some attendees, it was their first time bowling, and they were excited about the experience, while other more seasoned bowlers enjoyed the thrill of the competition.

Participants had to provide proof of complete COVID-19 vaccination and mask wearing and social distancing were observed.

## Attorney General James Releases Statement on Visit to Rikers Island



Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz, and Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, along with a delegation of state legislators who were present, including: Assemblymembers Brian Barnwell, Latoya Joyner, Al Taylor, and Clyde Vanel:

"Today, I visited Rikers Island with District Attorneys Clark, Katz, and Gonzalez, and I was deeply disturbed by what we saw. For years, Rikers has been plagued by dysfunction, neglect, and violence, and it's clear we've

New York Attorney General Letitia James released the following statement after touring Rikers Island jail complex with Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark,

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## Dromm Co-Names Street in Elmhurst After Polish War Heroes

NYC Council Member Daniel Dromm, in partnership with Elmhurst History & Cemeteries Preservation Society celebrated the Street Co-Naming of Janta-Polczyńska Polish Heroes Way, which highlights the historic home and contributions of Polish War Heroes Walentyna Janta-Polczyńska and her husband Aleksander Janta Polczyński. The Elmhurst community has been actively petitioning the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission to landmark their home as a historic cultural site since 2020.

Walentyna and Aleksander worked their entire life to undermine oppressive regimes, be they fascist or Communist. They moved to Elmhurst (88-28 43rd Avenue) after their marriage in 1949. Their home was a gathering place for the Polish émigré elite, among them Czesław Miłosz, Jerzy Giedroyc, Jan Karski and Marek Hłasko and became a center for their humanitarian work. Overcoming enormous obstacles, they nevertheless persisted. Walentyna was a woman who fought Hitler, helped uncover the Holocaust, and then went on to support some of the greatest writers in world literature, including Nobel Prize winner Czesław Miłosz. Her husband Aleksander was a former Lieutenant of the Polish Armed forces, a worldwide writer and a poet who escaped imprisonment. Walentyna died in 2020 after 107 extraordinary years, the New York Times lauded her as a hero. Her life, including her home, undoubtedly played a pivotal role in New York, United States, and world history. Their home deserves to be preserved,



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landmarked, and should qualify to be calendared. At this moment the home is in danger. There is an approval process pending the demolition and construction by developers who wish to convert the historic grounds into a condominium building.

The event started with the Polish National Anthem and a

moment of silence for all the war heroes who paved the way to freedom.

The following elected officials and community members gave remarks: Council Member Robert Holden, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, Polish

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## Suozzi Hosts Offshore “Win, Win, Win” Wind Conference

*Suozzi: “Business, labor, and the environment can all win by making New York carbon free.”*

*New National AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler joins Suozzi, labor, wind industry, and environmental leaders in examining Long Island’s potential to become an offshore wind supply chain powerhouse*

As a committed environmentalist and pro-labor and business advocate, Congressman Tom Suozzi (D – Long Island, Queens) organized a conference with industry leaders from prominent wind energy companies, labor and environmental groups, and local manufacturers to create a “win, win, win” forum for Long Island’s wind supply future.

At the conference, which was held on Friday at LIU’s Tilles Center, keynote speaker, Liz Shuler, President of the AFL-CIO, and panelists discussed Long Island offshore wind projects, the state of the local supply chain, and what local manufacturers can do to prepare to enter the supply chain. Working together, all groups in attendance committed to finding paths forward to ensure Long Island emerges as the premier source of wind energy in the country.

As an environmental leader in Washington for offshore wind energy, Suozzi has routinely advocated for New York to lead



our nation in the development of offshore wind. In 2020 and 2021, Suozzi sent a letter to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior calling for the issuance of final Wind Energy Area (WEA) and subsequent lease auctions in the New York Bight. Fortunately, New York has already selected five offshore wind projects that will power over two million NYC and Long Island homes.

“Doing the hard work to bring business, labor and environmentalists together can make wind energy a ‘win, win, win’ for everyone! Long Island’s offshore wind resources are abundant and must be harnessed so that clean, affordable, and renewable power can be delivered to fight climate change, provide high-paying, high-skilled union jobs, and make money for New York businesses. We have convened top leaders

from our business, labor, and environmental communities to help us grow our wind future. Let’s get it done!” said Suozzi.

“The labor movement, government, industry leaders, and environmental groups have worked together to bring offshore wind to the Atlantic Coast. Our progress shows that the way to respond and adapt to the climate crisis is through a high-road strategy with good, union jobs. From raw materials to offshore wind turbines and their key components, as we continue to scale up offshore wind, we must ensure that we are creating union jobs in the United States,” said Liz Shuler, President, AFL-CIO.

“It’s great to be here on Long Island today to talk about the offshore wind industry and Equinor’s

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## Airport Security



Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz was joined by the Port Authority Chief Security Officer John Bilich in announcing that a defendant pleaded guilty to criminal possession of stolen property for his involvement in the May 2020 Kennedy Airport cargo heist. The defendant was caught holding \$2.5 million worth of Gucci and Chanel designer gear that was part of a brazen theft by a crew that used forged air cargo shipment receipts to gain access to an import/export cargo ware-

house on the airport grounds.

The safety and security of Queens County’s airports are a top priority for my Office. As a result of this investigation, working in conjunction with the Port Authority and the Transportation Security Administration, updated safety and security measures — including physical and technological barriers limiting access of unauthorized individuals — have been implemented throughout JFK’s air cargo facilities.

## Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas Reacts to Governor Kathy Hochul’s Signing of The Less is More Act



On Friday, September 17th, 2021, New York State Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas was pleased to learn that Governor Kathy Hochul has signed the Less is More Act. She thanked the bill’s prime sponsors, now Lieutenant Governor (former State Senator) Brian Benjamin and Assemblywoman Phara Souffrant Forrest, and Governor Kathy Hochul. This news comes after the Assemblymember’s visit on Monday to the Otis Bantum Correctional Center (OBCC) on Rikers Island, where she saw the deplorable conditions at Rikers firsthand and witnessed an attempted suicide.

The signing of the Less is More Act is an important step towards improving conditions at Rikers and addressing the criminalization of technical parole violations. The legislation would result in the issuance of a written notice of violation and a court date as opposed to someone being automatically incarcerated. Ad-

ditionally, the Assemblymember was pleased to learn that Governor Hochul authorized the release of 191 people who are incarcerated from Rikers Island.

All levels of government must act expediently to decarcerate Rikers. Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas plans to continue her fight with a focus on the following decarceration tools: the end of requiring cash bail by District Attorneys and prosecutors, releasing people by the Mayor using Correction Law Article 6-A, and the passing of the Elder Parole & Fair and Timely Parole bills this season.

“After an eye-opening and devastating visit to Rikers Island this week, I’m grateful Governor Hochul has signed the Less is More Act into law. It is also relieving to know that over one hundred ninety people who are incarcerated are being released immediately. And this is still only one step of several that my colleagues in government must take to decarcerate,” said Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas. “I reiterate that the Mayor should use correction law to release more people on the inside. I reiterate that the District Attorneys can release people on pre-trial detention and they should do so. This is a public health emergency. We are not past it yet so we must continue to act with urgency.”

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## Sunnyside Community Services Distributed 20,000 Packages of Food During Pandemic

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was able to help by providing food to so many.”

The temporary food pantry provided by SCS distributed approximately 20,000 packages of groceries or prepared meals, with approximately 12,000 packages of food distributed in Sunnyside, and 7,200 packages of food in Woodside, from April 2020 through September 1, 2021.

The food distribution was supported by a number of organizations, including Butter Beans, Campaign Against Hunger, Citibank, CityMeals on Wheels, Jean and Louis Dreyfus Foundation, Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP), Food Bank for New York City, Foodcellar Market, Fresh Direct, FWPA, GetFoodNYC Emergency Home Food Delivery, Growing Soul / USDA Food Program, Immigrant Services, LIC Relief, Mosaic Community Center, New Immigrant Community Empowerment (NICE), New York Community Trust, New York Immigration Coalition,

Operation Food USA, PepsiCo, Queens Borough President’s Office, Queens Together, Robin Hood Foundation, Stop and Shop, Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce, Sunnyside Shines, Sunnyside Woodside Mutual Aid, Sunshine Foundation, United Neighborhood Houses, and World Central Kitchen.

In addition, hundreds of individuals throughout the United States contributed to the food pantry with monetary donations, purchases through the organization’s Amazon Wish List, or by dropping off food items in person at the food pantry.

“One of the few bright spots throughout this pandemic has been the generosity of New Yorkers,” said Zangwill. “Businesses, organizations, government agencies, and individuals throughout the City pulled together to help the community. The kindness of our wonderful supporters helped thousands of families through some very hard times. We are grateful to each and every donor who contributed.”

The weekly food distribution offered by SCS continued through September 8. Starting in October, food will be distributed monthly through December for those who register. For more information,

email [info@scsny.org](mailto:info@scsny.org).

Sunnyside Community Services (SCS) is a community-based nonprofit centered on the belief that every person deserves meaningful support to achieve their aspirations – especially struggling families and individuals. SCS serves a diverse community of over 16,000 people of all ethnicities and income levels throughout Queens with programs that range from pre-K to college and career readiness, home care and home health aide training, Beacon and Cornerstone community centers for children and families, a vibrant senior center and full range of services for at-risk older adults including social adult day care for individuals with Alzheimer’s, and a city-wide program of supportive services for those who care for them. With programs designed to enrich lives and strengthen communities through services and engagement for individuals at all ages, beginning with those most in need, SCS has been lighting up lives with programs as diverse as the people they serve since 1974. For more information, visit [www.scsny.org](http://www.scsny.org) or email [info@scsny.org](mailto:info@scsny.org).

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## MTA New York City Transit All-Electric Bus Pulled by Strongman Setting Guinness World Records Title

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said New York City Transit Interim President Craig Cipriano. “Our heartfelt congratulations go out to him on his daring achievement. This new world record shines a spotlight on our efforts to be the greenest and most environmentally-conscious transit system in the greatest city in the world.”

“We are excited to be part of a historic Guinness World Records attempt to pull the heaviest vehicle by the upper body

and congratulate Kevin Fast on his exciting achievement,” said Acting President at the MTA Bus Company and Senior Vice President at New York City Transit’s Department of Buses Frank Annicaro. “Having one of our all-electric, clean energy buses pulled on a national stage gives us an exciting opportunity to showcase the MTA’s continued commitment to deliver a modern, sustainable, and reliable bus system that New Yorkers deserve, while protecting our environment.”

In total, MTA Buses run 5,872 buses on 327 routes, including 73

express routes and 20 Select Bus Service routes — representing the largest municipal fleet in the nation.

Fast, a native of Cobourg, Canada, has broken more than 30 world records including pulling a 208-ton airplane, a 63-ton truck and a 40-ton house. In addition to being a strongman, he has served his community as a pastor for 29 years and competes professionally in highland style games across North America. Fast donates any winnings or proceeds raised from his feats to local charities.

## Consumer Alert: The Department of State and Division of Consumer Protection Warn of Fraudulent Letter Scheme Impersonating the Secretary of State

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York Secretary of State Rossana Rosado and illicit use of the New York State seal, are not genuine and were not issued by the Secretary of State.

The following image is a sample of the letter sent:

The Department of State has referred the matter to the New York State Attorney General to investigate these fictitious certificates for possible criminal prosecution. Anyone who has received a similar letter should immediately report it to the New York Attorney General’s Office at the following address: Real Estate Enforcement Unit, NY State Office of the Attorney General, 28 Liberty Street, New

York, NY 10005.

To help protect against these types of scams, the Division of Consumer Protection recommends the following tips:

- Exercise caution with all communications you receive, including those that appear to be from a trusted entity.
- Inspect the sender’s information to confirm the message was generated from a legitimate source – be suspicious if the reply to address is different from the sending address.
- Independently verify the entity’s contact information through an online search engine.
- Consider calling the sender at a known good number, not listed within the communication, to confirm they sent the communication.

The Division reminds New York-

ers that government entities will never partner with for profit businesses to solicit consumers hard earned dollars. The Department of State actively responds to the needs of the New Yorkers who engage its services, and will never send consumers solicitations for engagement in the mail.

The New York State Division of Consumer Protection serves to educate, assist and empower the State’s consumers. For more consumer protection information, call the DCP Helpline at 800-697-1220, Monday through Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm or visit the DCP website at <https://dos.ny.gov/consumer-protection>. The Division can also be reached via Twitter at @NYSConsumer or Facebook at [www.facebook.com/nysconsumer](http://www.facebook.com/nysconsumer)

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## Attorney General James Releases Statement . . . (Continued from page 6)

reached a breaking point. These conditions have led to an unprecedented and devastating number of deaths, and action is desperately needed. I am examining all of my office’s legal options

to immediately address this dire situation.”

Attorney General James has long advocated for substantive reforms to our jail and for-profit prison systems. As Public Advocate,

she fought for reforms at Rikers Island, including comprehensive changes to address the rampant sexual assault and violence against detainees, and called for the closure of the jail complex.

## Suozi Hosts Offshore “Win, Win, Win” Wind Conference

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commitment to New York. We are prioritizing a local supply chain for offshore wind and believe it is one of the most critical aspects to development of not only our projects, but the industry as a whole. Of course, a big component of this is working in partnership with local communities, suppliers, and labor unions and engaging them in future opportunities as we build and harness this supply chain, and forums like this one help everyone connect and work together toward shared renewable energy goals,” said Siri Espedal Kindem, President, Equinor Wind – US.

Among the speakers and panelists at Friday’s conference were: Liz Shuler, President, AFL-CIO; Siri Espedal Kindem, President, Equinor Wind – US; Amanda Schoen, US Public Affairs Specialist, Vestas Wind Systems; Grant Van Wyngaarden, Head of Procurement, Ørsted; Ross Gould, Vice President for Supply Chain Development, Business Network for Offshore Wind; Adrienne Esposito, Executive Director, Citizens Campaign for the Environment; Stephen Nolet, Senior Director, TPI Composites; Peter Lion, Senior Advisor, Offshore Wind NYSEDA; and Tom Montalbino, President, Roman Stone Construction.

Quotes from panelists during the event are found below:

“New York’s offshore wind program is helping to trailblaze the offshore wind industry in the United States. Not only is New York setting an example for other states to follow, but we are sending clear messages to businesses, manufacturers and suppliers that New York State is open for business and with that comes a tremendous opportunity for partnership and collaboration to stimulate the economy and create high-quality jobs for New Yorkers. Special thanks to Congressman Suozzi for hosting this event and supporting New York’s nation-leading offshore wind industry,” said Peter Lion, Senior Advisor, Offshore Wind, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSEDA)

“It’s not every day we have

the opportunity to grow a new industry from the ground up. Offshore wind offers Long Island and the entire United States an unparalleled opportunity to build a new workforce and supply chain in an exciting and growing field. Training this workforce will require close collaboration between government, industry, labor, nonprofits, and academia. We at Vestas are excited about New York’s clean energy future and thank Congressman Suozzi for his leadership as we continue this important dialogue,” said Amanda Schoen, US Public Affairs Specialist, Vestas

“Harnessing the power of wind energy is integral to combating climate change and revitalizing our economy. The expansion of the U.S. offshore wind industry, including within New York State, will create family sustaining jobs across the region. Thank you to Congressman Suozzi for his support of offshore wind,” said Grant van Wyngaarden, Deputy Head of Procurement, Ørsted Offshore.

“It is our goal to uphold the importance of the Davis-Bacon Act - to protect the wages of construction workers and to protect law-abiding contractors from being undercut by those who don’t correctly pay workers,” said Wage and Hour Division Northeast Regional Administrator Mark H. Watson Jr. “The Wage and Hour Division stands ready with its team of experienced, senior investigators prepared to enforce prevailing wage requirements on DBRA covered projects,” said Mark H. Watson Jr., Wage and Hour Division Northeast Regional Administrator.

“Offshore wind is a once-in-a-generation new industry that can grow local businesses, create well-paying jobs, and provide clean, renewable power to Long Island. Developing a local supply chain is essential to capitalizing on these economic benefits and ensuring we meet our clean energy goals. I thank Congressman Suozzi for his leadership on offshore wind and his commitment to building a local supply chain to bring this power to our homes,” said Liz Burdock, President and CEO, Business Network for Offshore Wind.

“TPI Composites, Inc. is the world’s largest independent manufacturer of wind turbine blades with a global footprint, and we are excited by the US based offshore wind opportunity to provide a significant component of this nation’s electrical power through this reliable clean source of energy. Today’s conference is bringing together a diverse set of essential players that will make up the supply-chain enabling this industry to flourish and bring high value jobs to the Northeast. We are grateful for Congressman Suozzi’s effort and the State of New York for making this event such a great success,” said Stephen Nolet, Senior Director, TPI Composites

“Communities across Long Island are recovering from mudslides, record rainfall, and flash flooding from the remnants of Ida. The time to act to fight against climate change is now. Offshore wind is a keystone tool needed to fight climate change and battle these devastating impacts. Successfully transitioning to renewable energy will take meaningful collaboration which means bringing together environmentalists, labor leaders, and industry to plan for a new green economy based on clean, renewable offshore wind. The leadership provided by Congressman Suozzi is essential in this critical battle,” said Adrienne Esposito, Executive Director, Citizens Campaign for the Environment.

“Thank you to Congressman Suozzi for inviting me to participate in this conference. As a local manufacturer, I am very excited about the endless possibilities to participate in the offshore wind energy projects being deployed in New York State waters. Not only will these projects transfer advanced European technology to US manufacturers, but they will create high paying jobs for the skilled labor force that will be needed to maintain these clean energy systems. Jobs that will attract the younger generation to live, work and stay on Long Island, and generate economic growth and wellbeing for future generations of Long Islanders,” said Tom Montalbino, President, Roman Stone Construction.

## Dromm Co-Names Street in Elmhurst After Polish War Heroes

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Holocaust Survivor and Former Educator at the Museum of Jewish Heritage Sally Frishberg, Chair of Community Board 4 Marialena Giampino, Elmhurst History and Preservation Society Jennifer Ochoa and James McMenamin, Preservation Consultant and New York University Adjunct Instructor Kelly Carroll, and School Principal of Aleksandra Janta-Polczyński Polish School of Lakewood Kasia Pawka, Local Community Activist Alfonso Quiroz.

Council Member Dromm said, “The Janta-Polczyńska home in Elmhurst is a pillar of my district and a symbol of the Polish immigrant contributions in Queens. The house stands as a monument to Polish citizens who fought against the scourge of fascism in Europe. I’m so proud to have named this street Polish Heroes way. We hope to preserve homes like this that are rooted in history.”

“Today’s street renaming is an important part of recognizing the historical importance of Elmhurst, Queens. This place is one the oldest established neighborhoods in New York City, with a history dating back to before the Revolutionary War, and it’s being swallowed up by unscrupulous developers,” Alfonso Quiroz, local community activist said. “The clock is ticking and time is of the essence. We can no longer sit back and watch these cultural gems disappear from our landscape.”

Preservation Consultant and Adjunct Instructor for New York University said, “The street naming celebrates real people who embodied service, sacrifice, leadership, and Walentyna’s non-traditional women’s role in a leadership position. Mrs. Janta’s education and bilingualism put her at the nexus of Polish intelligence during World War II. Because of her skillset, she transcribed Nazi atrocities for the world to see. In a world where women’s education is still not a right, her story is a story worth preserving and sharing. Our only hope is that the celebration today will propel the house to priority status for the Landmarks Preservation Commission to act and save it for future generations.”

This event is to remember our heroes and to acknowledge the members who keep fighting, contributing, and advocating for the historic landmarks in the borough of Queens. Council Member Dromm hopes that the legislation to preserve this historic space is considered so that it could be a standing monument in District 25.

New York City Council Member Daniel Dromm represents the 25th Council District, which includes Elmhurst and Jackson Heights. He chairs the Committee on Finance and serves on the following committees: Immigration; Education; Civil Service and Labor; Civil and Human Rights; and State and Federal Legislation. For more information, visit: [council.nyc.gov/daniel-dromm](http://council.nyc.gov/daniel-dromm).

## Senator Gillibrand Calls on Biden Administration to Prioritize Opening of U.S.-Canada Land Border to Vaccinated Canadians

spearhead coordination.

“New York and Canada have a valuable economic partnership that has been deeply affected by travel restrictions put in place to prioritize the health and safety of so many New Yorkers who live along the border. However, the circumstances have changed and it’s time to allow fully vaccinated Canadians to travel safely into the United States across the northern border,” said Senator Gillibrand. “Countless New Yorkers and medical providers depend on travel across the northern border to stay afloat. I am encouraged by President Biden’s announcement to ease travel restrictions in the EU, UK, and parts of Asia starting in November, and I encourage the administration to make reopening the Canadian land border a top priority.”

Since March of 2020, travel along the U.S.-Canadian border has been severely restricted by the

COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in significant disruptions to New York communities, businesses and families. In July, Gillibrand applauded Canada’s decision to reopen the border to fully vaccinated U.S. citizens, even as the U.S. government extended its ban on non-essential travel from Canada. Gillibrand has been a vocal advocate for safely reopening the U.S.-Canadian border. Since the onset of the pandemic, she has requested guidance from both the Biden and Trump administrations to understand how closures and quarantines would affect New York’s bordering communities and to ensure all necessary exemptions have been made in the interest of public health and safety.

In addition to Senator Gillibrand, this letter was signed by Senators Shaheen (D-NH), Hassan (D-NH), King (I-ME), Tester (D-MT), Stabenow (D-MI), Peters (D-MI), and Klobuchar (D-MN).

## Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney Joins Reps. Lawrence, Connolly, and Lynch in Demanding Answers from Postmaster General DeJoy on USPS Service Standards Changes

Chairwoman of the Committee on Oversight and Reform Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY), and Representatives Brenda L. Lawrence (D-MI), Subcommittee on Government Operations Chairman Gerald E. Connolly (D-VA), and Subcommittee on National Security Chairman Stephen F. Lynch (D-MA), sent a letter to United States Postmaster General Louis DeJoy and United States Postal Service (USPS) Board of Governors Chairman Ron Bloom demanding answers on proposed service standard changes from the “Delivering for America” plan. The plan modifies existing service standards for First-Class Mail Letters and Flats from a current one-to-three-day service

standard within the continental United States to a one-to-five-day service standard. While Postal Service leadership advocates that this would uphold service performance, the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) issued an opinion stating that the Postal Service had not modeled the impact the changes would have on mail service. The service standard changes go into effect on October 1. To view the letter, click here.

“We write today to express our strong concerns with your decision to move forward with service standard changes associated with First-Class Mail and Periodicals. These changes will slow down mail service for millions of Americans and risk

further undermining the competitive position of the Postal Service,” the Members wrote in the letter. “On July 20, 2021, the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) issued an opinion raising grave doubts about whether these changes will allow the Postal Service to uphold its commitment to providing reliable mail service.”

The Members added, “The Postal Service is not an ordinary business, but an indispensable public service recognized by the Constitution as vital to the American people and to our democracy. As Postmaster General, it is your responsibility to fully consider the impact of your decision to modify service standards before it is implemented.”

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## MTA Announces Siu Ling Ko to Become First Female Head of Subway Car Maintenance



**Ko Is a 34-year Veteran of NYC Transit's Department of Subway Car Equipment**

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) announced that Siu Ling Ko has assumed the role of Vice President and Chief Mechanical Officer of Subway Car Equipment, the division of New York City Transit responsible for maintaining and overhauling the agency's fleet of subway cars and track maintenance vehicles. Ko, a 34-year veteran of NYC Transit's Subway Car Equipment division, is the first woman to hold this position.

In her role, Ko will provide executive oversight for the maintenance, repair, and overhaul of NYC Transit's fleet of 7,092 cars and for the 24/7 operations of the 13 maintenance, two overhaul and locomotive shops. Ko will also oversee Car Equipment's Scheduled Maintenance System

and maintenance material forecasts, all of which have contributed to improved reliability and mean distance between failures.

"I am honored to accept this role," said Ko. "Riders are returning to the subway system and our team is as prepared as ever to deliver world class subway service for millions of New Yorkers. I've spent more than 30 years with New York City Transit working to improve maintenance and reliability and I am excited to continue that work."

"Having started with Siu in the 1980s as junior engineers in Car Equipment, I know firsthand her wealth of experience and knowledge makes her uniquely qualified for this leadership role," said Craig Cipriano, NYC Transit Interim President. "Her decades of experience will help move us towards our goal of making subways faster and more reliable, and her appointment as the first woman to serve in the role of Chief Mechanical Officer furthers our commitment to diversify our leadership ranks and create opportunities for all."

"Having worked with Siu, I know her to be a strategic and innovative thinker, broadening the responsibility of what the organization

can achieve," said Demetrius Crichlow, Senior Vice President of Subways for MTA New York City Transit. "She knows first-hand the value of aspiring and working hard to achieve personal goals. She is rooted in Car Equipment and has worked to strengthen those around her through coaching, mentoring and professional development. She is adept at communicating and relating to all levels of the organization, allowing for more inclusive ideas and practices for meeting our goals."

Starting her career at NYC Transit as an Associate Engineering Technician, Ko has held multiple positions since. As the Assistant Chief Mechanical Officer, Quality Assurance and New Car Warranty, Ko provided direction on all maintenance, overhaul shop and new car procurement audits, all new car contract warranty programs and technology services that report key statistics on subway car performance, maintenance and repair.

Ko received her degree in electrical engineering from the New York University Polytechnic School of Engineering, (now called NYU Tandon School of Engineering), in Downtown Brooklyn.

## Congresswoman Maloney Commemorates Hispanic Heritage Month

Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY) released the following statement in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month 2021.

"The Latinx community contributes every day to the fabric of our nation as essential workers, business

owners, teachers, and so much more.

"This Hispanic Heritage Month, as we recognize the long and rich history of Latinx and Hispanic Americans, we should honor this history by fighting to fix our broken immigration system and work-

ing to make sure all communities have the support they need to continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. This month is an important reminder of the strength and values our nation draws from its immigrant roots and Hispanic communities."

## AG James Urges Biden Administration to Take Steps to Increase Competition at Airports, Lower Costs for Consumers

New York Attorney General Letitia James released the following statement after she sent letters to the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration, calling on the federal agencies to implement rules that would more fully utilize gate "slots" at airports in New York in an effort to increase the ability for more airlines to compete for customers:

"The DOT and the FAA must take action to increase competition at airports by

issuing new rules to address the slot mismanagement we've seen for far too long. Our nation's airports and, subsequently, its passengers, are being held captive by an antiquated system that benefits those largest airlines that want to squeeze out competition, reduce choices, and increase prices for flyers. Airport slots must be more fully utilized and put into the hands of airlines prepared to compete aggressively. Doing so will provide lower-cost airlines

with additional pathways to grow and bring greater competition to the region. Now is the time to act as so many Americans return to the skies but are seeing sky-high ticket prices.

"At the same time, we are glad that the U.S. Department of Justice and several states today took action to address concerns about competition in the market. We continue to evaluate our options and any appropriate steps to take in the future to protect New York consumers

## Better Buses: NYC DOT Announces Start of Work on Busways For Jamaica And Archer Avenues in Queens

Historic investment in Southeast Queens transit will speed commuters for 250,000 daily riders

The New York City Department of Transportation (NYC DOT) today announced that it will begin work this week to install Busways on Jamaica and Archer Avenues in Queens, as part of the Administration's Better Buses commitment to install new and improved bus lanes in 2021. The City expects to complete the installation this fall. Crews will begin removing roadway markings this evening.

"Keeping New Yorkers moving is essential to getting our friends and neighbors back to work as New York City's recovery continues, and these new Busways will speed the commutes of 250,000 daily riders through downtown Jamaica," said DOT Commissioner Hank Gutman. "We've seen how Busways have brought faster, more reliable service to commuters on corridors like 14th Street in Manhattan, Main Street in Flushing, and Jay Street in Brooklyn, and we look forward to the same

type of success on Jamaica and Archer Avenues."

The 2 miles of Busway coming to Jamaica and Archer Avenues will improve bus speeds in the busiest bus hub in New York City, where more than 45 NYCT, MTA Bus and NICE bus routes connect to the E, J, and Z subway lines and the Long Island Rail Road. Because of traffic congestion, buses along Archer Avenue currently have average speeds of 5.7 to 6.1 MPH during the afternoon rush, with speeds of only 4.7 to 4.9 MPH on Jamaica Avenue.

Archer and Jamaica Avenue Busway Pilots

On Archer Avenue, the eastbound busway will begin at 150th Street and extend to 160th Street, with the following elements:

- Double bus lanes eastbound from 150th St to 160th St, with no trucks in bus lanes
- No curbside access between 150th Street and 160th Street for any vehicle except buses
- Eastbound traffic restriction from 153rd St to 160th St (all Archer Avenue eastbound traffic must turn left on 153rd Street)

• Jersey barriers installed to prevent illegal vans from entering busway

• Busway regulations are proposed for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

• On Jamaica Avenue, the Busway pilot will begin at Sutphin Blvd and extend to 168th Street in both directions, with the following changes:

• Buses and commercial trucks will have local and thru access

• Passenger vehicles will be able to access most blocks, but would have to make the next right turn

• New parking, loading, and pedestrian space where curbside bus lanes are removed

• Busway regulations are proposed for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

DOT launched the community outreach process with a series of open houses to gather feedback on its proposals for the two corridors. The City went on to hold nearly 20 events with Community Advisory Boards and other local stakeholders in 2020 and 2021, extending the outreach period to address concerns from local elected officials.

## Flushing Town Hall's Mini-Global Mashups Series to Continue With "Balkan Romani Meets Ukraine" Concert on October 10

Flushing Town Hall's new concert series, Common Ground: Mini-Global Mashups, will present "Balkan Romani Meets Ukraine" on Sunday, October 10, featuring Eva Salina, Peter Stan, and Zhenya Lopatnik.

Each concert in the monthly series features a unique pairing of musicians of different practices and cultural identities, who will first perform in separate sets and then "mash up" together in collaboration. The small, intimate configura-

tions pair together distinct solo or duo artists to create entirely new sounds rooted in old traditions.

For the series' full schedule and to purchase tickets, visit: <https://www.flushingtownhall.org/mini-global-mashups>

## Senator Jessica Ramos Statement On Governor Hochul Labor Day Bill Package

"This Labor Day, we make history for New York's workers with two bills signed into law by Governor Hochul. Signing S2766 into law will address rampant wage theft in the construction industry—making it easier for construction workers to fight

back against unscrupulous contractors and subcontractors and win. Strengthening the benefits for New Yorkers in the Shared Work Program, via S4049, will allow employers to keep their workforces on the payroll longer while simultaneously allowing their employees to

supplement their reduced earnings with unemployment benefits. I thank the Governor for taking soonest action that will put more money in working families' pockets and look forward to continuing our work towards a fair and inclusive recovery."

### LEGAL NOTICES

10859 43 LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/12/2021. Office: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Martha Coronel, 36-43 205th St, Bayside, NY 11360. Purpose: any lawful act. 9/23,30,10/7,14,21&28/2021

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CANE GROVE FARMERS LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/13/2021. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 10145 126 Street, Richmond Hill, NY 11419. Reg Agent: Bibi Zabeeda Surujbali, 10145 126 Street, Richmond Hill, NY 11419. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 9/23,30,10/7,14,21&28/2021

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114-84 177th Place, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 7/16/2021. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 116-70 233rd St., Cambria Heights, NY 11411. General Purpose. 9/2,9,16,23,30&10/7/2021

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Notice of Formation of TOMICH LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/6/21. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Michelle Ly, PO Box 750335, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: any lawful activity. 9/9,16,23,30,10/7&14/2021

Notice of Formation of ZHONG JI TRADING, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/26/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 12418 7th Avenue, College Point, NY 11356. Purpose: any lawful activity. 9/2,9,16,23,30&10/7/2021

Mazal Cary Road LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 8/10/2021. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Jason Oshins, Esq., 214-51 Jamaica, Ave., Queens Village, NY 11428. General Purpose. 9/2,9,16,23,30&10/7/2021

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NURIDE MOBILITY, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 7/9/21. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 33-24 Northern Blvd., 5th Fl., Long Island City, NY 11101, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 9/16,23,30,10/7,14&21/2021

Amy Gotzler Public Relations LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 7/29/2021. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 2905 21st Ave., 2C, Astoria, NY 11105. General Purpose. 8/26,9/2,9,16,23&30/2021

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413/414 Deerfoot Circle LLC, App of Auth. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/16/2021. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 2236 31st Dr., apt. 1B, Astoria, NY 11106. General Purpose. 9/2,9,16,23,30&10/7/2021

Notice of Formation of INNER ESSENCE ESSENTIALS, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/11/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 48-46 47th Street, #3A, Woodside, NY 11377. Purpose: any lawful activity. 8/26,9/2,9,16,23&30/2021

AYRES 86 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/18/21. 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, 6906 Grand Avenue, Maspeth, NY 11378. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 8/26,9/2,9,16,23&30/2021

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SALSAMANIA STUDIO LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/11/2021. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 23-17 Broadway, Cellar Level, Long Island City, NY 11106. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 8/19,26,9/2,9,16&23/2021

Fuel Physical Therapy & Chiropractic PLLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 5/28/2021. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 20409 10th Ave., Rockaway Point, NY 11697. Purpose: Physical Therapy and Chiropractic. 8/19,26,9/2,9,16&23/2021

Notice of Formation of BLUEDROPSNY LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/12/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 130-41 234th Street, #2, Rosedale, NY 11422. Purpose: any lawful activity. 8/19,26,9/2,9,16&23/2021

8715 Owners LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 6/29/2021. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Maria Comella, 164-11 86th St., Howard Beach, NY 11414. General Purpose. 8/19,26,9/2,9,16&23/2021

Notice of Formation of NYC GADGET LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/27/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 10124 75th Road, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: any lawful activity. 8/26,9/2,9,16,23&30/2021

19-88 77th Street LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 8/24/2021. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 76-02 21st Ave., East Elmhurst, NY 11370. General Purpose. 9/16,23,30,10/7,14&21/2021

Notice of Formation of TIBET BIG APPLE CLEANING SERVICE, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/21/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 49-11 108 Street, 1st Floor, Corona, NY 11368. Purpose: any lawful activity. 9/16,23,30,10/7,14&21/2021

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File No.: 2019-3506/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Elissa Ettinger, Lincoln Foster, Justin Foster, NYC Human Resources Administration, Attorney General of the State of New York

The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of Dorothy Difazio, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained

A copy of this citation and the accounting, as well as all amendments to it, if any, shall be served on the Guardian Ad Litem, Richard Gutierrez, Esq. Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of Dorothy Difazio, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of Chapin Home for the Aging, 165-01 Chapin Parkway, Jamaica, NY 11432, in the County of Queens, State of New York.

SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of Dorothy Difazio, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 4th day of November, 2021 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$11,348.42 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent

to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why the claim of NYC Human Resources Administration in the amount of \$83,988.28 should not be paid; and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship,

Dated, Attested and Sealed 2nd day of September, 2021 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County James Lim Becker Clerk of the Surrogate's Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 NOTICE: THIS CITATION IS SERVED UPON YOU AS REQUIRED BY LAW. AS A RESULT OF THE MEASURES ADOPTED BY 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. Accounting Citation 9/9,16,23&30/2021

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PAS14A LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 2/16/2017. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 41-33 St., Long Island City, NY 11101. General Purpose. 9/16,23,30,10/7,14&21/2021

RIIND BEAUTY LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 7/27/21. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 6725 Dartmouth St Apt 4N Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 9/16,23,30,10/7, 14&21/2021

AYESHA MANNAN D.O. PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/01/21. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 230-36 148th Avenue, Springfield Gardens, NY 11413. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Medicine. 9/16,23,30,10/7,14&21/2021

Mairead Flynn Rogan, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 8/27/2021. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 30-70 29th St., 1st Fl., Astoria, NY 11102. General Purpose. 9/16,23,30,10/7,14&21/2021

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Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County, on the 13th day of September, 2021, bearing Index Number NC-000534-21/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) DANIELA (Middle) ARELY (Last) MORATAYA; My present name is (First) DANIELA (Middle) ARELY (Last) MORATALLA (infant). The city and state of my present address are Corona, NY; My place of birth is QUEENS, NY; and, the month and year of my birth are July 2015. 9/23/2021.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County, on the 30th day of August, 2021, bearing Index Number NC-000484-21/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) ELLEE (Middle) LEIGH (Last) RALPH SANTOS; My present name is (First) ELLEE (Middle) LEIGH (Last) RALPH (infant). The city and state of my present address are Hollis, NY; My place of birth is QUEENS, NEW YORK; and, the month and year of my birth are January 2021. 9/23/2021.

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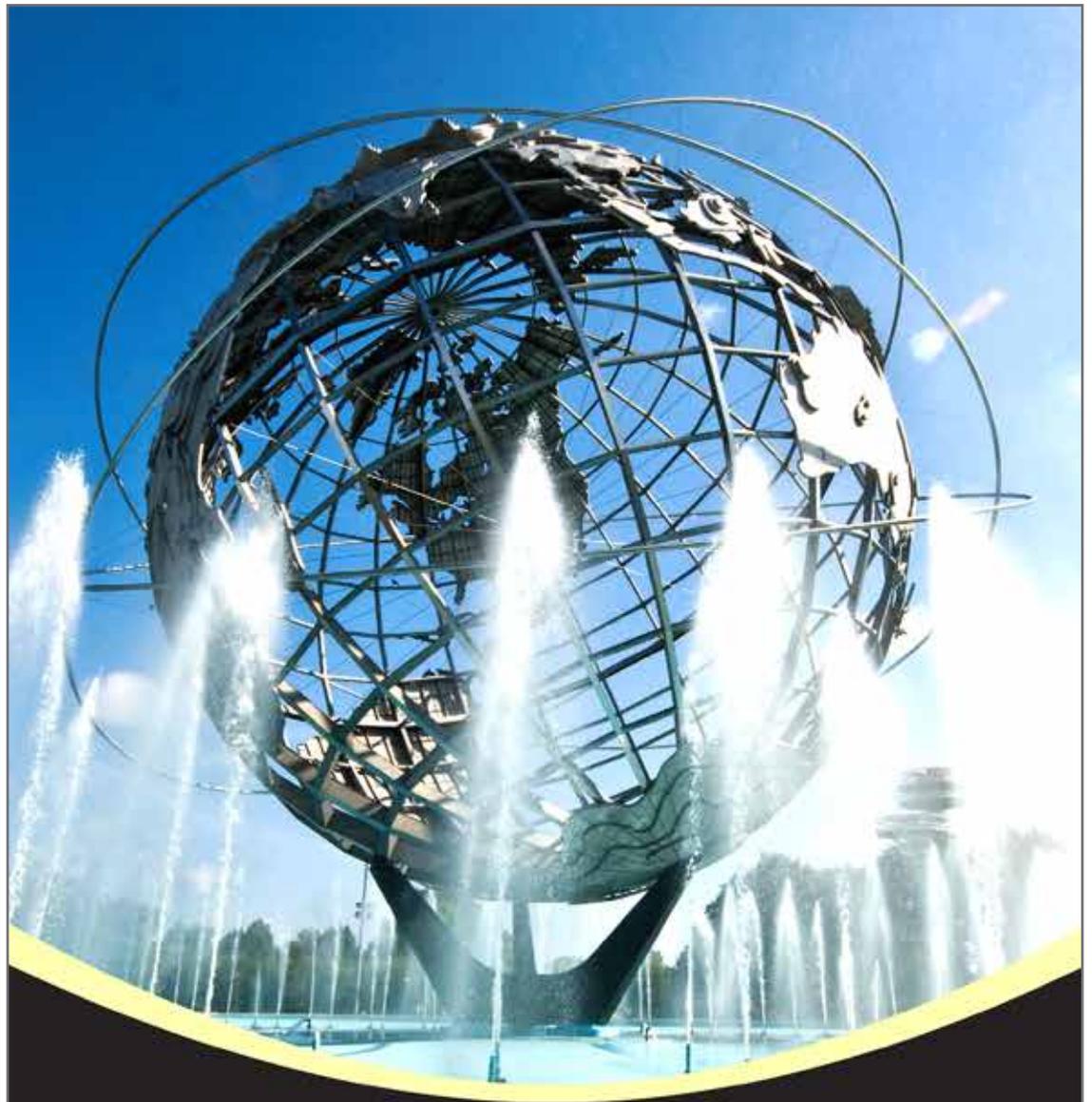
# Remembering 9/11



This year's 20th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks on our nation felt especially profound as we reflected on two decades that have passed since that tragic day.

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz was grateful for the opportunity to join several organizations throughout the borough to commemorate this day, honor the

lives we lost and continue to lose to 9/11-related illness, as well as to celebrate the strength and heroism that New Yorkers showed in the months that followed. We vow to never forget, and to make sure that the next generations remember the magnitude of what transpired in our City and our nation twenty years ago.



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