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Rabbi Blesofsky expressed that this past Saturday was a rare instance that he worked on Shabbat. Photo by Iryna Shkurhan

New York City is home to one of the largest Jewish communities in the world, with a population of 1.6 million totaling greater than the Jewish population in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem combined; and, each borough has its enclaves where that concentration is felt and seen.

In the Borough of Queens along Vleigh Place in Kew Gardens Hills is where residents and elected officials turned out for a vigil at the Kew Gardens Library in honor of the lives lost in the

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Gov. Hochul Presents Proclamation to The Petrosino Association in America



At the 2023 Columbus Day Parade NYS Gov. Kathy Hochul presents the Lt. Det Joseph Petrosino Association in America President Robert Fonti, Chairman James C Lisa and Board Member and President of the Italian American Museum Dr. Joseph Scelsa a Proclamation supporting Columbus Day.

Gov. Hochul Joins Striking Autoworkers on Picket Line in Rockland County



New York Governor Kathy Hochul joined striking autoworkers on the picket line at the Chrysler Parts Depot in Rockland County. See story on page 2.

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A Proclamation on Columbus Day, 2023

Today, we celebrate all the Italian Americans, whose courage and character reflect and help define our Nation.

In 1891, 11 Italian Americans were murdered in one of the largest mass lynchings in our Nation's history. In the wake of this horrific attack, President Benjamin Harrison established Columbus Day in 1892. For so many people across our country, that first Columbus Day was a way to honor the lives that had been lost and to celebrate the hope, possibilities, and ingenuity Italian Americans have contributed to our country since before the birth of our republic.

More than a century later, we mark Columbus Day with that purpose celebrating the heritage of Italian Americans, whose hands helped build our Nation and whose hearts have always carried faith in the American Dream. For many Italian Americans, the story of Christopher Columbus' voyage from the Spanish port of Palos de la Frontera on behalf of Queen Isabella I and King Ferdinand II — remains a source of pride. It reflects the stories of trips across the Atlantic that so many Italian Americans grew up hearing at the dinner table, whether tales of ancestors who set sail on wooden boats across rough waters to begin new lives on our shores or grandparents who immigrated here with little more than hope in their hearts. These are stories of people leaving everything they knew and loved behind for the promise of opportunity in the United States.

Today, we honor those stories told around the dinner table and celebrate what these hopeful Italian American newcomers brought to our Nation. Italian Americans are educators, service members, doctors, engineers, artists, Government officials, and leaders and innovators in every field. The Italian American community is also a source of strength for our Nation's enduring relationship with Italy — an essential NATO ally and partner in the European Union. Together, we are working to address the challenges of our time, especially supporting the people of Ukraine in defense of their freedom.

America was founded on an idea: that we are all created equal, endowed by our creator with certain inalienable rights, and deserve to be treated equally throughout our lives. Though we have never fully lived up to that idea, our aspirations have never let us walk away from it either. Today, we honor all the Italian Americans who never walked away from our fundamental creed and who, for generations, have helped realize the full promise of our Nation.

In commemoration of Christopher Columbus' historic voyage 531 years ago, the Congress, by joint resolution of April 30, 1934, and modified in 1968 (36 U.S.C. 107), as amended, has requested the President proclaim the second Monday of October of each year as "Columbus Day."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR., President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim October 9, 2023, as Columbus Day. I direct that the flag of the United States be displayed on all public buildings on the appointed day in honor of our diverse history and all who have contributed to shaping this Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.

Gov. Hochul Joins Striking Autoworkers on Picket Line in Rockland County

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The United Auto Workers strike is now in its third week.

"Every once in a while you have to stand up and do what's right," Hochul said Wednesday.

Weeks into the strike, union members at the Chrysler parts center in Tappan are grateful for any support they can get.

Local 3039 President Jeffrey Purcell shared some words with Hochul and said her gesture meant a lot to the members.

He said the move provided a morale boost to picketers along Route 303 as he fights for a pension.

"I'm a single father of three, I have two daughters and a son, I've been here for 14 years, I have 16 more years before I can retire," Purcell said. "When I retire I want to be able to live the American life like anyone else."

The governor's appearance follows President Joe Biden's stop on the picket lines in Michigan a week ago and comes as Detroit's big three auto makers are furloughing or laying off thousands

of non-union employees as the standoff with union members continues.

"I encourage the leaders of the auto companies to stay at the table, get back to the table, roll up their sleeves and get the job done," Hochul said.

Hochul pledged unwavering union support in the face of potential economic damage from the strike, which was music to the ears of striking workers.

The union is asking for 36% raises in general pay over four years - a top-scale assembly plant worker gets about \$32 an hour now. In addition, the UAW has demanded an end to varying tiers of wages for factory jobs; a 32-hour week with 40 hours of pay; the restoration of traditional defined-benefit pensions for new hires who now receive only 401(k)-style retirement plans; and a return of cost-of-living pay raises, among other benefits.

Perhaps most important to the union is that it be allowed to represent workers at 10 electric vehicle battery factories, most of which are being built by joint

ventures between automakers and South Korean battery makers. The union wants those plants to receive top UAW wages. In part that's because workers who now make components for internal combustion engines will need a place to work as the industry transitions to EVs.

Currently, UAW workers hired after 2007 don't receive defined-benefit pensions. Their health benefits are also less generous. For years, the union gave up general pay raises and lost cost-of-living wage increases to help the companies control costs. Though top-scale assembly workers earn \$32.32 an hour, temporary workers start at just under \$17. Still, full-time workers have received profit-sharing checks ranging this year from \$9,716 at Ford to \$14,760 at Stellantis.

Over the past decade, the Detroit Three have emerged as robust profit-makers. They've collectively posted net income of \$164 billion, \$20 billion of it this year. The CEOs of all three major automakers earn multiple millions in annual compensation.

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terrorist attack in Israel. The vigil was held in partnership with the Queens Jewish Community Council and the Jewish Community Relations Council.

All in attendance were filled with raw emotions in support of Israel and the following elected officials gave speeches: Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-Queens, Nas-

sau), Rep. Grace Meng (D-Flushing), Councilman Jim Gennaro (D-Fresh Meadows), Councilwoman Lynn Schulman (D-Forest Hills), state Sen. Toby Stavisky (D-Flushing) and Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz, among others.

Michael Nussbaum, president of the Queens Jewish Community Council, began his speech by acknowledging the magnitude of

the tragedy, equating the event to Israel's equivalent of 9/11. His voice was thick with emotion throughout, and Richards quietly supported Nussbaum with a hand on his shoulder.

Nussbaum quelled any idea that the attacks were spontaneous, declaring that they were planned. "This was planned years before.

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Meng Urges State Department to Help Get Her Constituents Out of Israel And Back Home to Queens

With most flights canceled or sold out due to the attacks, many of the Congresswoman's constituents are unable to book their return to NYC; Meng sends letter to Secretary of State Blinken

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY), a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations, today called on the State Department to help get her constituents out of Israel and back home to Queens. With most flights canceled or sold out due to the attacks, many of the Congresswoman's constituents who are in Israel are unable to book their return to New York City, and this morning, she sent a letter to Secre-

tary of State Antony Blinken urging him to do all he can to ensure their safe arrival home.

"Since Hamas' indiscriminate attack on Israel Saturday morning, my office has received harrowing reports from constituents who remain in Israel and are seeking to return to the United States as soon as possible," Meng wrote. "I write to express my sincere concern for their wellbeing and safety. While I appreciate the steps the Biden administration is taking to provide additional security assistance to Israel, I urge the State Department to use all resources at its disposal to help those Americans that remain in Israel return to the United States. As you are

aware, airlines have cancelled most flights out of Ben Gurion Airport, and some have suspended operations in the region. As the number of casualties continues to rise, my constituents who remain in Israel fear for their lives. At this harrowing moment in Israel's history, it is more important than ever that every American who is looking to return home have the opportunity to do so."

In her letter, Meng asked the Secretary for updates on ensuring that commercial flights remain accessible to all Americans who remain in Israel, and to consider other options for evacuation including chartered flights or military aircraft.

Statement From Chairman Jay S. Jacobs Condemning The Attacks on Israel

"The New York State Democratic Committee strongly condemns the attacks orchestrated by Hamas on Israel. The unexpected rocket barrage and infiltration of Israeli towns near the Gaza Strip during a significant Jewish holiday are inexcusable.

New York Democrats stand united to unequivocally denounce this act of terrorism against the Jewish people and their homeland. I applaud Governor Hochul for her unwavering support of Israel and the affirmation of the special bond

of New York with Israel.

As President Biden said in a statement issued this morning, our relationship with Israel is "iron-clad". We stand with the people of Israel and all those who have lost loved ones."

Meng Issues Statement on Attack on Israel

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY), a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations, this morning issued the following statement on the attack on Israel.

"The unprovoked attack on Israel is outrageous and unacceptable and

I condemn this heinous assault on our friend and ally.

This underscores how U.S. security assistance to Israel is more important than ever, and I stand with Israel at this very difficult time.

Many of my constituents, especially those with friends and loved

ones in Israel, are reeling from this attack, and my office stands ready to assist those in my district who need assistance.

I send my deepest condolences to all in Israel who have been impacted and will continue to monitor the situation closely."

Gillibrand Statement on Terrorist Attacks Against Israel

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand issued the following statement regarding the unprovoked terrorist attack launched today by Hamas against Israel:

"I strongly condemn the unprovoked terrorist attack launched today by Hamas against Israel, including against

civilians. I am horrified by the onslaught of rocket fire and the infiltration of armed terrorists into Israeli neighborhoods and by reports of killings, injuries and kidnappings. I stand shoulder to shoulder with the Israeli people in this moment of tragedy. Throughout my career, I have worked with my

colleagues to deliver hundreds of millions of dollars for Israel's defensive systems and that work will be more critical than ever. The bond between our countries is unwavering and unbreakable and the U.S. stands ready and will remain in close contact with our Israeli partners."

Statement by Council Member James F. Gennaro on The War Being Waged on Israel by Hamas

Israel is once again in a war forced upon it through a brutal and murderous massacre perpetrated by brutal aggressors, this time by Hamas. Israel has encountered this before, and it has emerged bloodied but victorious. It will be victorious in this war, and in the next war, whenever that will be.

We pray for the dead and the injured and their families at this time of unspeakable loss, and for the safe return of all those taken hostage.

Here in New York City – the city with more Jews than any city on earth – we have a sacred obligation to stand with Israel and the Jewish people and join our voices in a chorus of righteousness and rectitude so powerful that the sin of anti-Jewish violence and antisemitism will find no safe harbor or sympathy anywhere in the world, and those that perpetrate war against Israel will face swift and certain annihilation.

For this is not just about us and

the worldwide Jewish community of today, or the state of Israel of today – it is about generations yet unborn whom we will never know.

What price will they pay for being Jewish?

How free will they be to live in the glory of Yiddishkeit and pass it down through the generations?

And what will be the fate of the state of Israel?

This is what is at stake – the fate of the Jewish homeland and the Jewish diaspora throughout the world.

There are many around the world who have made peace with the insidious hate and violence directed at Jews, and with terrorism and warfare directed at Israel. To those we say -- we unconditionally reject individuals, institutions, organizations, and nations who have made peace with hate.

Our allegiance is to God and country, our country is the United States, and according to all Americans of good will who

revere the god of Abraham, we recognize Israel as the spiritual homeland of the Jews. That means something so powerful that it cannot be expressed in words, and if we could find words to express it, those whose allegiance is to hatred would never understand it.

So let our words, and our passion, and our unwavering support of Israel go forth from New York City, and may it touch and illuminate the hearts of those oblivious to the cancer of anti-Semitic hatred and violence and inspire them to join us in our righteous mission. This is our long-term hope; this is our prayer.

But at this moment, there is a war against Hamas that needs to be won, and a clear message that needs to be sent through the destruction of the aggressors to deter future aggression. We unwaveringly support Israel in its righteous imperative to do all that is necessary to defend itself and swiftly win this war.

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You can't do what they did overnight. They can't do what they did in a couple of weeks. This was planned."

A common theme of the vigil was the idea that the attacks are not a political issue.

"I think it's worth saying that it is important that we understand that there is no time or space for politics right now," Meng said, resulting in some cheers of approval. "From the left to the right, anywhere in between, to the extremes, there is no time for politics. ... We are here today to say that Israel has the right to defend itself and its people against any and all threats."

She also assured the crowd that her office, among others, is trying to locate Americans in Israel to bring them home.

Meng expressed her thanks to the NYPD, which stationed officers outside of synagogues and other areas of concern around the city after the news of the attacks broke.

Katz repeated Meng's words about the issue being apolitical, adding, "This is about the fact that we deserve, in Israel, the right to defend ourselves, and make sure that the world hears us loud and clear."

City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams (D-Jamaica) said, "Yes, we remember the victims who have been killed, injured and harmed. And we indeed pray together for the safety of Israelis and

Palestinians. We pray for peace for all, because everyone deserves to live with dignity and security. We stand with you today."

She also assured the crowd that representatives from the Queens congressional delegation "will go to Washington tomorrow right here from Queens to stand up for the right thing on the floor of Congress."

"I stand here before you representing 20 Chabad centers throughout the length and breadth of Queens," said Rabbi Yossi Blesofsky of the Chabad of Northeast Queens, whose words elicited tears from people in the audience. "And we stand together. Condemning the atrocities that took place over the last few days is something we are all in agreement about. The utter savagery, the barbarity, the cruelty, the diabolical evil, that was unleashed against innocent civilians, men, women and children in their homes, on the holiest day is something that is beyond."

He added, "... This is not about Israel and Hamas. This is about good and evil. This is about lights against darkness."

Tsach Saar, deputy and acting consul general of Israel in New York, said, "I prepared a speech, but I think that I'll speak from my heart. From my broken heart. Because my homeland is burning. My homeland is bleeding. And my homeland is one of the closest allies of the United States. ... The pictures, the horrible pictures speak for themselves."

MTA Access-A-Ride Debuts Van Featuring New Wheelchair Securement System



The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) showed one of the newest vans to join the Access-A-Ride fleet, the Ford E-450. The 20 vans are painted New York State blue and gold with one test van featuring the "Q-Strait One All-in-One Wheelchair Securement Station."

The new wheelchair securement system currently being tested includes improved visual design and prominent yellow markers allow drivers to quickly and safely strap in wheelchairs and prevent them from moving. Rubberized hooks and buckles and rugged surface texture provide maximum durability. Fifteen vans with this feature are expected to join the fleet this year.

"We are constantly looking for ways to improve the Access-A-Ride experience while

prioritizing safety," said MTA Chief Accessibility Officer and Senior Advisor Quemuel Arroyo. "I'm excited for customers to experience the convenience of the wheelchair securement system as more vans join our fleet later this year."

"Access-A-Ride continues to make major progress in customer satisfaction, and these vans will ensure a smoother and safer securement process" said MTA Vice President of Paratransit Chris Pangilinan. "Paratransit is the lifeblood for many New Yorkers, including myself, enabling all of us to access all of the great opportunities that the city has to offer."

These vans feature seven seats with three wheelchair positions and four stationary seats and one flip seat. The 20 vans are in use throughout the city.

Statement From Speaker Adams on Attacks in Israel And Impact of Continued Violence in The Region

As Speaker Adrienne Adams participated in a Queens vigil today for the victims of attacks in Israel by Hamas and to call for lasting peace in the region, she released the following statement:

"My heart is heavy with sadness after the tragic and devastating attacks on Israel by Hamas over the weekend, and the continued violence inflicted on all civilians, women, and

children – Israeli, Palestinian, and those of other nationalities. We must acknowledge the real fear and pain that many New Yorkers are feeling, especially those with family and friends in the region, as they watch these events unfold from afar. Violence tears families and communities apart, leaving behind pain and trauma that future generations will inherit. Escalating

violence threatens to bring even more death and destruction upon civilians, and in this moment, it is critical that we recognize our shared humanity and collective desire for peace. Our way forward must be to insist that peace is possible and work together towards solutions that ensure the safety of all people, because everyone deserves to live safely, with dignity and security."

Statement From Attorney General James And Bipartisan Coalition of 13 Attorneys General on The Attacks on Israel

New York Attorney General Letitia James and a bipartisan group of 13 attorneys general from Arizona, California, Delaware, Illinois, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia released the following joint statement on the current situation in Israel and the attacks launched by Hamas:

"We are aghast and outraged at the wanton, calculated attacks on civilians going about their daily lives. The carnage, perpetrated by Hamas and its supporters, has directly led to the loss of hundreds of innocent lives and horrific kidnappings. We grieve with our Israeli siblings and with the loved ones of all those innocent lives lost in Israel and Gaza because of this surprise attack. The

targeting of civilians by Hamas as well as the thousands of rockets it has fired indiscriminately at civilian targets are acts that cannot be tolerated or rationalized. Violence and terror are not the ways to achieve a lasting and meaningful peace in this conflict. Only the rule of law, mutual respect and understanding can help all sides realize true security, freedom, justice, and peace."

Statement by New York State Senator James Sanders Jr. on The War Between Hamas And Israel

Senator James Sanders Jr. made the following statement:

"In spite of temporary victories, violence never brings permanent peace."

Quote from MLK, Jr.

"It is now day three of the Hamas attack on Israel that began on October 7, 2023. During these raids, innocent civilians have been killed and captured. I condemn the killing of innocent civilians on both sides and call for the immediate release of all civilian hostages by Hamas. Prisoners should be treated humanely. All war crimes must end, including the killing of civilians and collective punishment on communities.

International Law must be upheld. There should be a negotiated peace with safety and security guarantees for both sides. Even before negotiations take place, international agencies such as the United Nations, International Red Cross, Magen David Adom, International Red Crescent, and other NGOs should be allowed to safely provide humanitarian aid such as medicine, food, shelter, and other necessities in Israel and the Gaza Strip.

Many people tell me now is not the time for peace, when the cries for retribution are at an all-time high. But this is the exact moment when those who believe in equity and fairness must raise the

unpopular, but just, call for peace. It is hard to call for peace when the innocent are being slaughtered and group punishment seems to be the law of the land. And that's exactly when those who stand for peace must stand the tallest and shout the loudest. While we must stop the killing now, we should also work to provide a lasting peace, which is why I support a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Peace is the only way."

To quote Martin Luther King, Jr.:

"We must concentrate not merely on the negative expulsion of war, but on the positive affirmation of peace."

Meng And Malliotakis Urge State Department to Help Bring Back Americans Seeking to Return From Israel

Department to use all resources possible to help Americans leave; letter signed by nearly 150 Members of Congress

With most commercial flights canceled due to the attacks, many Americans are unable to book trips back to the U.S.

U.S. Reps. Grace Meng (D-NY) and Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY) led a bipartisan letter to Secretary of State Antony Blinken urging the State Department to use all tools at its disposal help get Americans out of Israel and back home to the United States.

The letter, which is signed by a total of 146 Members of Congress (including Meng and Malliotakis), asks for charter flights and military aircrafts to be considered

as options to help evacuate U.S. citizens.

With airlines cancelling most commercial flights out of Israel due to the unprecedented, heinous attack by Hamas, many Americans who are in the country are unable to book a return trip home.

The correspondence follows a letter that Meng sent to Blinken yesterday urging him to assist constituents with returning to Queens.

"So many Americans in Israel continue to fear for their safety and want to return home immediately," said Rep. Meng. "As we support our ally Israel with the necessary security assistance it needs in the coming days and weeks, we must also do everything possible to bring Americans back to the U.S. who are looking

to do so. I urge the State Department to make their safe and swift return a top priority. I await Secretary Blinken's response to our letter."

"If other countries like Poland have military planes on the ground and conducting evacuations, there's no reason why the U.S. is not doing the same," said Rep. Malliotakis. "We need immediate action from President Biden, the U.S. Department of State and Department of Defense to take swift action to get commercial, charter and military planes on the ground to get Americans home as quickly as possible."

Meng serves as a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations which funds the Department of State.

Assemblyman Braunstein Announces Northeast Queens Student Halloween Essay & Drawing Contest



Assemblyman Edward C. Braunstein (D-Bayside) is happy to announce his annual Halloween Essay & Drawing Contest, open to students in grades two through five who live or go to school in Assembly District 26. District-wide prizes will be awarded to the winner in each grade and New York State Assembly Certificates of Merit will be awarded to all

students who participate.

The essay or drawing should have a Halloween theme, such as an account of the student's favorite trick or treating experience.

"This October, I'm inviting Northeast Queens students to get into the Halloween spirit and submit a spooky essay or drawing to my office's annual contest," said Assemblyman Edward Braunstein. "With Halloween just around the corner, I look forward to reviewing your creative entries as we prepare to celebrate the holiday."

If a student is interested in participating, they are asked to please print their full name, grade, and school on their entry. Essays and drawings may be submitted to Assemblyman Braunstein's office by mail or drop-off to 213-33 39th Avenue, Suite 238, Bayside, NY 11361, or email to braunsteine@nyassembly.gov. Entries may be of any size or format. The contest deadline is Friday, November 3, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Assemblyman Braunstein's office at 718-357-3588.

Statement on MTA's 20-Year Needs Assessment by NYC Council Committee Chair Selvena N. Brooks-Powers

"A comprehensive review of our public transit system is critical for the long-term future of our city. I am reviewing the MTA's 20-Year Needs Assessment in anticipation of the 2025-2029 capital plan due for release next year. This assessment highlights outstanding issues with our aging infrastructure and draws attention to where future resources need to be allocated - including in outer-borough neighborhoods and transit deserts that

deserve better access to reliable transit. New York City has not expanded the subway system in the outer boroughs in far too long, and the lack of reliable public transit options disproportionately burdens these communities. Expanding our transportation infrastructure to better serve the outer boroughs is a top priority, and I will continue this work to ensure these efforts are reflected in the MTA's capital plan."

Assemblyman David Weprin Responds to Deadly Terrorist Attacks Against Israel

"The vicious, coordinated attacks and killings perpetrated against Israelis this Saturday are beyond reprehensible. Hamas terrorists targeted innocent civilians with rockets and gunfire, resulting in over 700 deaths and violating both a sacred day of rest and the holy observance of Simchat Torah. The victims and survivors are in our hearts.

I proudly stand alongside my colleagues in government - including New York Governor Kathy Hochul and US Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer - to condemn these terrorist atrocities and express my steadfast solidarity with the people of Israel. I am in awe of the bravery, determination, and resilience of Israel's citizens and defense forces. We must follow their example and never submit

to hate and antisemitism.

Furthermore, I am appalled to see the support for this terrorist violence that some have recently expressed. This attack is the largest mass murder of Jewish civilians since the dark days of World War II, and we must denounce it for what it is: an antisemitic pogrom.

In a time when we see increasing rates of hatred toward Jews in the United States, I denounce any person or organization that would use this tragedy as a platform to spread hate. Antisemitism has no place on the world stage or in New York, and we will not tolerate those who spread it. My thoughts are with the people of Israel, and I pray that this war will end at once and that the perpetrators of these crimes are swiftly brought to justice."



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ARIES
 (Mar. 21 - April 20)
 Follow your desires. Don't be afraid to ask for assistance. Confusion is clear and you'll need some sound advice. Rest and relaxation is needed. Your lucky numbers are 4,6,9.

TAURUS
 (Apr. 21 - May 21)
 Good results will come through business trips. You will attract new potential business clients, you've been a little down and a lift is coming. Your lucky numbers are 2,9,7.

GEMINI
 (May 22 - June 21)
 You have good ideas for home improvement projects. Don't spend too much. Do not yield to children or relatives when they don't deserve it. Your lucky numbers are 5,4,2.

CANCER
 (June 22 - July 22)
 Problems on your job are likely. Quiet restful day just catching up on reading will be your best bet. Travel will be fun but costly. Your lucky numbers are 1,5,4.

LEO
 (July 23 - Aug. 22)
 Look into a real estate investment. Look for professional guidance in making the right investment. Do not let in-laws upset you. Your lucky numbers are 8,3,2.

VIRGO
 (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)
 Be forceful and vibrant and you will get your way. Take care of any dealings with local official agencies. Be inquisitive ask a lot of questions. Your lucky numbers are 6,9,1.

LIBRA
 (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
 Be cautious when dealing with foreigners. Partnerships will be successful. Avoid any gossip and be careful that you aren't misinterpreted. Your lucky numbers are 1,9,7.

SCORPIO
 (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
 You will be emotional about personal mistakes you have made in life. Don't evade issues or twist the truth around. Your lucky numbers are 4,8,7.

SAGITTARIUS
 (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
 Relationships have not been the best for you lately. Acknowledge your lover's needs. Don't count on your friends to do things. Your lucky numbers are 2,4,6.

CAPRICORN
 (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
 Enjoy the company of others and be a good listener. Your energetic personality will make you the center of attention at social gatherings. Your lucky numbers are 3,6,5.

AQUARIUS
 (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
 Don't be so irritable with family members. Think before you make any major decisions regarding your professional direction. Watch your investments. Your lucky numbers are 8,1,9.

PISCES
 (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)
 Change will be required to make your life more pleasant. Think about making favorable changes in your career. Your investments are looking better. Your lucky numbers are 6,8,4.

Did You Know?

- The tallest mammal is the giraffe
- Warthogs can reach speeds of 48km/h (29mph)
- Warthogs live for 15 years
- When baby polar bear cubs are born they cannot see or hear for their first month
- 2 out of 5 people marry their first love
- 30% of people refuse to sit on a public toilet seats
- 45% of people use mouthwash everyday
- Less than 20% of shark attacks are fatal
- People in Iceland read more books per capita than any other country
- The average shower temperature is 38C (101F)
- Raindrops are not tear shaped (they more resemble the shape of a tiny hamburger bun)
- The algae found in the world's oceans produces nearly 50% of the world's oxygen
- The game of Tug-of-war was an Olympic sport from 1900-1920
- There are 2,598,960 possible hands in a 5 card poker game
- Nintendo first produced playing cards
- The word denim comes from 'de Nimes' or from Nimes which is a town in France
- There are over 600 windows on the Empire State Building

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Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles

"Sudoku"

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"Crossword Puzzle"

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"Try And Find"

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- ACROSS**
- Discourage
 - Waits
 - Wear away
 - Decorated
 - Immerse
 - Sleepily
 - Scarlet
 - Senior
 - Greek god of flocks
 - Ear-related
 - Anagram of "Nose"
 - Ready
 - Bristle
 - Devastation
 - Male offspring
 - Biblical garden
 - Goat hair fabric
 - French for "Red"
 - Most expensive
 - Young seal
 - Hotel
 - Mid-month days
 - Retain
 - Statistic (abbrev.)
 - Succeeding
 - Cans
 - Tibia
 - Reflected sound
 - Consumed
 - Shrill cry
 - Hearing organ
 - Breathes
 - Without difficulty
 - Went in
 - Pilot a car
 - Affirmatives
 - Implant

- DOWN**
- Cut out
 - Having profound knowledge
 - 2000 pounds
 - Border
 - Bobbin
 - Devoid of vegetation
 - Graven images
 - Motherless calf
 - Unit of energy
 - Sharpshooting
 - Pass by
 - Physics unit
 - Nonpoetic writing
 - Acts of friendliness
 - Uncertainty
 - Calls off
 - Mundane
 - Coarse file
 - Mayday
 - Let out
 - Not new
 - Fatuous
 - Bleach
 - Frankness
 - Mislead
 - Breathed out
 - Tale
 - Tatters
 - Empty weight
 - Landslide detritus
 - Knights
 - Yield
 - Do damage to
 - Urine
 - Brother or sister

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MTA Celebrates Breast Cancer Awareness Month With Pink Ribbon Distribution And Public Information Campaign

30,000 Pink Ribbons Distributed to Employees Across MTA Network

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has announced customer-facing employees will be wearing pink ribbons for the month of October in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. New York City Transit (NYCT) distributed 24,750 ribbons to bus operators, subway agents, cleaners, conductors and operators with an additional 4,000 pink ribbons distributed to Long Island Rail Road and Metro-North Railroad customer-facing employees. Bridges and Tunnels were sent 875 ribbons while Staten Island Railway employees also received an additional 375 ribbons to wear for a grand total of 30,000 ribbons across the MTA network. Pink ribbons serve as a reminder to the public about the dangers of breast cancer and importance of seeking out routine screenings, encouraging survivors and loved ones to share their experiences, and are an important way to show support for people in treatment.

"This is personal for me, my mother was a breast cancer survivor, and she lived almost 50 years after her bout of breast cancer, so part of what we're trying to accomplish is to urge everybody – listen to your doctor, go through the preventative steps that you can do," said MTA Chair and CEO Janno Lieber. "We're here to raise awareness and also to express support for those among us who have or will struggle with this incredible



challenge."

"The MTA is proud to take part in Breast Cancer Awareness Month which is all about building a supportive community and encouraging people to learn more about the disease," said MTA Acting Chief Customer Officer Shanifah Rieara. "Many members of the MTA have been affected by breast cancer and by wearing these ribbons their colleagues are showing they care."

"Thousands of Long Island Rail Road and Metro-North riders will see employees' pink ribbons, amplifying the reach of Breast Cancer Awareness Month," said LIRR Interim President and Metro-North Railroad President Catherine Rinaldi. "I'm thrilled the railroads are taking part in a campaign that not only spreads awareness to the public but also encourages employees to show their support for all those affected by breast cancer."

"Now the millions of people

who take the subway every day will see these pink ribbon reminders all month long and be encouraged to take action and learn more," said NYC Transit Senior Vice President of Subways Demetrius Crichlow. "We are proud to stand in allyship with those still battling breast cancer and those who survived. It's wonderful to see so many New York City Transit employees doing their part to raise awareness and show their support for this important cause."

"It is very important that you get checked – if you think it's something just have it looked at, because the alternative is that you're not going to be here with your family and they would rather you here," said LIRR Lead Transportation Manager Charmaine Fraser. "Thankfully with my colleagues in the Rules Office, that's where I work, they were very helpful to make sure that I was OK because

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Meng Announces \$1 Million in Federal Funds For Wastewater Epidemiology Training Program at Queens College



The project, in partnership with Queensborough and LaGuardia Community Colleges, to take place at Queens College WETLAB which the Congresswoman secured funding for last year; WETLAB works to detect dangerous pathogens in local wastewater that has included COVID-19, Influenza, Polio and Monkeypox

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens), New York's senior member of the House Appropriations Committee – which funds the activities of the federal government – announced today that Queens College has been awarded \$1 million in federal funding to help prepare students for careers in wastewater epidemiology, an emerging technology that can provide an early warning and insight into future pandemics.

The money will be used for the school to recruit minority science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) students at Queensborough and LaGuardia Community Colleges for an educational and research training program established around wastewater-based epidemiology.

The initiative will take place at Queens College's Wastewater Epidemiology Training Laboratory (WETLAB) which works to detect dangerous pathogens in wastewater including coronaviruses, influenza, polio and monkeypox. Last year, Meng secured nearly \$2 million for the WETLAB, which has also partnered NYC Health + Hospitals to test city wastewater for COVID and the flu. In addition, the WETLAB monitored wastewater at New York City wastewater treatment plants and provided its data to the NYC Departments of Environmental Protection and Health and Mental Hygiene.

"I am proud to have obtained crucial federal funding for Queens College's WETLAB, and thrilled about this new effort to help students from underrepresented communities learn about this important and emerging field, and prepare for careers in it," said Congresswoman Meng. "I look forward to this program launching soon, and continuing to see the

WETLAB provide critical data that impacts public health in our borough and city."

"The Queens College WETLAB is grateful for Rep. Meng's support, which helped us acquire funding to provide pathways to high-paying jobs for talented New York City college students while protecting the health and wellbeing of New York City residents," said Queens College Virologist John Dennehy, who conceived and directs the Queens College WETLAB.

"We are deeply grateful to Congresswoman Grace Meng whose exemplary vision has helped the college remain on the forefront of virus detection in New York City," said Queens College President Frank Wu. "Professor Dennehy has established himself as a leading expert on testing for COVID using innovative methods. His outstanding work will also benefit even more students who are underrepresented in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields, so that they might join the ranks of scientists whose work can ultimately benefit all of society. This new grant supports the best of our efforts at Queens College as reflected in our motto—We Learn so That We May Serve."

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Winter Apparel Donation



With cold weather approaching, it's important we help keep Queens families warm. Community Partnerships division recently delivered donated winter apparel to several non-profit organizations, including Bangladeshi Humanitarian and Leadership Outreach, to ensure that the items reach those in need.

Hispanic Heritage Celebration



QDA Melinda Katz hosted a Hispanic Heritage Month celebration last week that paid tribute to the many contributions of Hispanic Americans to Queens.

QDA Katz extended her congratulations to the night's honorees:

Fresco's Grand Cantina restaurant in Astoria; immigration attorney Luis Gomez Alfaro of Leleu & Associates LLC; Senior Assistant District Attorney Richard LaRosa; and Administrative Manager Clara Ortiz from my office.



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Governor Hochul Delivers Remarks at “New York Stands With Israel” Vigil and Rally



Governor Hochul: “I stand here to tell you that New Yorkers will never tolerate evil. Whether it’s committed here in our homeland or in Israel, we will never, ever tolerate evil. In such moments of darkness and in cruelty, yes, we are called upon to

pray for peace. But justice first.” Hochul: “[A]s Governor of the State of New York, I am so proud to govern a state that has the largest Jewish population in the world outside of Israel. I’m proud of that. You’re proud of that. We are all

proud of that. And I’ll continue to fight antisemitism every place it rears its ugly head. We will defeat evil right here in New York. Let’s win this, everyone. Let’s stick together. New York stands with Israel.”

Council Member Julie Won Announces Comprehensive Community Planning For District 26

On Tuesday, October 10, Council Member Julie Won was joined by Speaker Adrienne Adams, Deputy Mayor Maria Torres-Springer, Assemblymember Steven Raga, a representative from Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez’s office, the Department of City Planning, labor unions, and community partners to announce the launch of two holistic community planning processes across District 26. These planning processes will take a holistic look at Long Island City and the heart of District 26 and engage the community through transparent, comprehensive planning frameworks that will develop the vision and goals of the community. The mission is to maximize engagement from a diverse set of residents, community groups, and small businesses to deliver community-driven land use changes for these neighborhoods. The Long Island City Neighborhood Study will culminate with a rezoning, to be voted upon by the City Council.



For years, the city’s land use approach to Western Queens has been project-by-project, focused on individual sites and plans rather than a neighborhood-wide approach. This process will allow residents to proactively share their vision for new housing, jobs, and investments in their neighborhood, such as public transit, affordable housing, open space, and sewer infrastructure.

Council Member Won announced that comprehensive community planning will focus on two separate focus areas in District 26:

1. One Long Island City - The Long Island City Neighborhood Study will be led by the New York City Department of City Planning (DCP), with funding from the Adams administration. The study area extends from the East River and Gantry Plaza State Park at the southwest, north to include Queensbridge Houses, the Long Island City Industrial Business Zone, and east to Court Square and 23rd Street. This planning process will aim to unite these disparate areas to create a vision for one holistic Long Island City neighborhood. The study will examine ways to create new

housing, economic growth, transit connectivity, and open space, concluding with a neighborhood plan including zoning changes. The study will include proposed land use changes to guide new development in the neighborhood, as well as proposals for capital investments, programs, and services.

2. Heart of District 26 - The Northern Boulevard and Roosevelt Avenue Study encompasses multiple neighborhoods of Astoria, Sunnyside, and Woodside. The Northern Blvd study area stretches from Queens Blvd to the BQE. The Roosevelt Ave study area stretches from Queens Blvd to the BQE. Outreach and engagement for this study will be led by Hester Street and is funded by City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams. The study area does not include or involve Sunnyside Yards. This comprehensive, community-first approach to neighborhood planning will develop a blueprint for the neighborhoods’ collective future and demand for investment along these two central corridors.

Both Neighborhood Studies seek to achieve the following preliminary goals:

- Conduct a transparent, accessible and equitable planning process engaging diverse community members with language access and various modes of outreach.
- Create new housing opportunities, including affordable housing.
- Create and shape open green spaces with active and passive recreation to serve existing and

future residents.

- Increase access to jobs and foster economic growth while expanding workforce development among businesses, institutions, and NYCHA residents.
- Enhance connectivity and multi-modal transportation options on key corridors to connect residents to job opportunities, amenities, and other modes of transportation.
- Improve infrastructure and reduce exposure to climate risk.
- Other goals will be added as further identified by community members throughout the study.*

Over the course of the next year, these planning processes will offer the local community an opportunity to proactively identify improvements in amenities, parks, schools, public transportation, and public infrastructure that they would like to see in their neighborhoods. Comprehensive community planning puts residents’ voices first instead of waiting for developers to make decisions about their neighborhoods. Outreach will include working groups, public meetings, surveys, and other forms of community outreach. Each process will begin with a public town hall in early November:

Heart of District 26 - November 2nd, 2023 at 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Legal Outreach 36-14 35th St, Queens, NY 11106 One Long Island City - November 6th, 2023 at 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Culture Lab 5-25 46th Ave, Queens, NY 11101 (doors at 6:00).

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IT'S IN QUEENS

It's In Queens! (Oct. 13 to Oct. 19)

It's a week of long-running programs with a film festival, restaurant crawl, dance extravaganza, pumpkin patch, magic shows, art openings, and even a real estate summit.

- Oct. 13, Zuhari: Discovering The Hidden, Oct. 29. Colombian magician Alberto De Herrera shocks, amazes, and defies logic. Schedule: Fridays at 8 pm; Saturdays at 3 pm and 8 pm; and Sundays at 4 pm. Thalia Spanish Theater, 41-17 Greenpoint Ave., Sunnyside.

- Oct. 13, Picasso at the Lapin Agile, Oct. 22. City Gate Productions presents Steve Martin's absurdist comedy about Albert Einstein bumping into Pablo Picasso in a French bar in 1904. A few regulars add their spice to the plot. The 8 pm shows are on Oct. 13, Oct. 14, Oct. 20, and Oct. 21. The 3 pm shows are on Oct. 15 and Oct. 22. The Secret Theatre, 38-02 61st St., Woodside.

- Oct. 13, Three Nights of Dance, Oct. 15. Dr. Evilletown and Christy Funsch/Funsch Dance perform at 8 pm on Oct. 13 and Oct. 14. Various artists offer new pieces and works-in-progress on Oct. 15 at 7 pm. Green Space, 37-24 24th St., Ste. 211, Long Island City.

- Oct. 14, Rirkrit Tiravanija: A Lot of People, noon. This eight-hour celebration showcases the artist's largest survey to date, featuring family-friendly art with ping-pong, pad thai (beginning at 12:30 p.m. until the food runs out), tea, and Turkish coffee. Visitors can take part in these interactive artworks, all on view together for the first time, alongside the full range of Tiravanija's work. MoMA PS1, 22-25 Jackson Ave., Long Island City.

- Oct. 14, Pumpkin Patch, 11 am to 4:30 pm. This event – which recurs on Oct. 15, Oct. 21, Oct. 22, Oct. 27, Oct. 28 -- provides harvest-themed activities and photo opportunities as well as pumpkins and gourds for sale. Queens Botanic Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing.

- Oct. 14, Edgar Poe-Inspired Harp Music, 4 pm. Thistle Jemison and her chamber trio Thistle (vocalist, harpist, composer and arranger) perform original songs inspired by Edgar Allan Poe. Maple Grove Cemetery, 83-15 Kew Gardens Rd.

- Oct. 14, Sunnyside Shorts International Film Festival, 7 pm. Watch feature films from California, Ecuador, Iran, NYC, and Russia. Sunnyside Reformed Church, 48-03 Skillman Ave.

- Oct. 14, Passion for Process: Fearless Art Making, 3 pm. Displaying artist Natalie Giugni leads this workshop with paper, paint, colored pencils, and pastels. The Garage Art Center, 26-01 Corporal Kennedy St., Bayside.

- Oct. 14, Halaloween: Comedy by the Muslim Otherhood, 7:30 pm. A collective of diverse comedians come together for a



ThaliaMago Alberto de Herrera

night of laughs. QED Astoria, 27-16 23rd Ave.

- Oct. 14, Civil War Living History, 10 am. Six hours of live history with Civil War re-enactors from the 67th New York Infantry, First Long Island. Bayside Historical Society, 208 Totten Ave., Bayside.

- Oct. 14, Don't Pass the Peppa Sauce, 6 pm. This West Indian sketch comedy show is part of a larger day with music, special guests, Caribbean jewelry, rum punch, and Island Pops of Crown Heights. Hoi Polloi, Tangram Hall, 133-36 37th Ave., Flushing.

- Oct. 14, The History of Queens in Seven Dishes, 2 pm. Queens writer Roxanne Scott and Aber Hoque organize storytelling about food, identity, grief, love, joy, and family by Queens writers of color. Local musicians Katrina Sortera and Robin Wong perform. Food and drinks provided. Lewis Latimer House Museum, 34-41 137th St., Flushing.

- Oct. 14, LaGuardia Community 5K Run, 8:30 am. A race through Long Island City with various age divisions. Proceeds support LaGuardia CARES, which connects community college students to resources for daily living expenses, including food, healthcare, rent, utilities, childcare, and emergency transportation. Boyce Technologies is the principal sponsor. Race begins at 47th Avenue and 29th Street at 9 am.

- Oct. 15, Sunnyside Restaurant Crawl, 2 pm. Back for a 13th year, this open-air crawl includes more than 40 local restaurants and breweries and a block party on 46th Street (between Queens Boulevard and Greenpoint Avenue) with live music, a local artists exhibition, and family friendly activities.

- Oct. 15, Chris Ruggiero: Magic Moments, 3 pm. Chris Ruggiero takes his audience on a journey through the Golden Age of Rock and Roll accompanied by a live

orchestra. Queensborough Performing Arts Center, 222-05 56th Ave., Bayside.

- Oct. 15, Hip-Hop & Halloween Family Day, noon. Six hours of family-friendly activities to celebrate 50 years of Hip-Hop and get in the mood for Halloween. Film, karaoke, face painting, video games, dance scenes, green-screens, plus. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.

- Oct. 15, Global Mashup, 1 pm. Martin Shamoopour, a soulful musician from Iran, and intrepid keyboardist Shoko Nagai do their thing and jam together. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

- Oct. 15, The Lightning Thief, 1 pm + 4 pm. TheaterWorksUSA presents a family-friendly play about Percy Jackson, who's about to be kicked out of boarding school...again. And that's the least of his troubles. He has 10 days to find and return Zeus's stolen property and bring peace to a warring Mount Olympus. ASL interpretation for 4 pm show. Queens Theater, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- Oct. 15, Healing Powers of Chemistry, 10 am. A day of chemistry demonstrations and hands-on STEM activities in partnership with the New York chapter of the American Chemical Society and PepsiCo. New York Hall of Science, 47-01 111th St., Corona.

- Oct. 15, Literary Sunday, 1 pm. Queens writers Trace Howard DePass, Jared Harel, and Safia Jama read from their latest works. Maple Grove Cemetery Victorian Administration Building, 83-15 Kew Gardens Rd.

- Oct. 17, LIC Summit, 8:30 am. LIC Partnership's annual half day summit features panel discussions and conversations on why LIC continues to be one of NYC's most dynamic neighborhoods. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.

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NYC Care And Mayor's Public Engagement Unit Partner to Connect NYC Care Members to Primary Care

In recognition of National Primary Care Week, NYC Health + Hospitals' NYC Care program and the Mayor's Public Engagement Unit (PEU) have partnered to ensure NYC Care members citywide are connected to primary care. NYC Care is a health care access program that provides comprehensive and low or no-cost healthcare services through NYC Health + Hospitals for New Yorkers who cannot afford or are ineligible for health insurance. The effort reminds NYC Care members of the importance of primary care, how to schedule a primary care appointment with NYC Health + Hospitals, and how to use the MyChart app to manage health benefits.

Thanks to Mayor Adams' leadership, the GetCoveredNYC team will reach out to approximately 30,000 NYC Care members who have not scheduled their first primary care appointment to answer frequently asked questions about the program, speak to the benefits of primary care, and connect them with a specialist from NYC Care's 24/7 hotline to complete the process of connecting them with a primary care provider. The outreach team can speak with members in English, Spanish, Chinese, Bengali, and French, and connect members who speak other languages to the NYC Care hotline, which provides interpretation in over two hundred languages.

The partnership between GetCoveredNYC and NYC Care is part of the Mayor's larger agenda to support a healthier New York City, including sweeping investments in mental health supports for New Yorkers of all ages, lifestyle medicine training for clinicians across the city, and new programs to bolster access to reproductive health care.

"NYC Care plays an important role in helping tens of thousands of New Yorkers access health care," said Anne Williams-Isom, Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services. "We encourage every person covered by the program to connect with a primary care provider to schedule a routine check-up today. Thank you to the teams at NYC Health + Hospitals and at the Public Engagement Unit for collaborating to connect with NYC Care enrollees to encourage them to access routine care services."

"NYC Care offers critical services to New Yorkers, from primary and specialty care to low-cost prescription medications available day or night," said Jonathan Jiménez, MD, MPH, Executive Director of NYC Care from NYC Health + Hospitals. "Thanks to our collaboration with our partner, the Mayor's Public Engagement Unit, we can ensure our members continue to take advantage of the services they are entitled to, regardless of immigration status or ability to pay. Primary care is the cornerstone of living your healthiest life, and we want every New Yorker to have their primary care doctor. If you are a new member or have not yet enrolled in the program, please call 646-692-2273 or visit NYCCare. NYC to make your first primary care appointment. If you're new to

NYC Health + Hospitals, we will offer you an appointment within two weeks!"

"It's not only complicated to enroll in health care programs; many New Yorkers are also struggling to navigate how to utilize their coverage. If New Yorkers aren't utilizing the coverage their plans provide, then they are not accessing the preventive health services they need to thrive," said the Public Engagement Unit's Executive Director, Adrienne Lever. "GetCoveredNYC is committed to connecting New Yorkers to both health coverage and care, and partnerships like this with NYC Care allow us to close gaps in health care access. Together, we're ensuring that New Yorkers with NYC Care know about their primary care options and utilize them."

"An essential part of public health, and to all New Yorkers living healthier, longer lives, is ensuring people have access to high-quality primary health care," said Health Commissioner Dr. Ashwin Vasan. "Bringing the skills of all parts of government together to help New Yorkers navigate the process of connecting with a provider is a game-changer. Too often access is the missing key and this important effort can open the door for thousands of city residents."

"Thanks to the partnership between NYC Care and the Mayor's Public Engagement Unit, more New Yorkers than ever who may not have visited a doctor in years can now access primary care and lead healthier lives," said Manuel Castro, Commissioner of the NYC Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs. "I am proud to live in a city that guarantees health care for all, regardless of immigration status or ability to pay, and I encourage both NYC Care members and non-members alike to visit NYC-Care.NYC to learn more about the program and schedule a primary care appointment."

"Our immigrant community depends on the care of so many, and NYC Care was created in partnership with our local government leadership, NYC Health + Hospitals, and many community-based organizations. Our partnership has helped thousands of immigrants access healthcare, and for that we all are better," said Jairo Guzmán, President of Mexican Coalition.

"The Center for the Integration and Advancement of New Americans, Inc. (CIANA), is delighted that NYC Care is partnering with the Mayor's Public Engagement Unit in a concerted effort to contact New Yorkers who may not have visited a primary care doctor to encourage them to schedule an appointment. CIANA is proud that NYC Care guarantees health care for all, regardless of immigration status or ability to pay, and we want to encourage all New Yorkers, particularly newly arrived immigrants without access to health care, to avail themselves of this opportunity to schedule and engage with a primary care doctor," said Emira Habiby Browne, Founder and CEO of the Center for the Integration and Advancement of New Americans.

In the last year, NYC Care and

GetCoveredNYC have collaborated on a number of health fairs, virtual webinars, and a health care week of action, to promote health care access and address health inequities citywide. Thanks in part to inter-agency partnership and efforts like this, enrollment in NYC Care increased 5.4% from 113,178 members in Fiscal Year 2022 to 119,234 in Fiscal Year 2023, and is up 352% from its first year in 2019. By reaching out to existing members directly, the teams will ensure NYC Care continues to maintain a strong primary care engagement rate.

In June, NYC Care released findings from a study demonstrating the program's success in connecting new members to primary and specialty care, which resulted in even higher engagement when looking at members who had two or more chronic diseases and spoke English as a second language (ESL). Overall, 76.9% of new NYC Care members returned to primary care for an additional visit in their first year, 80.7% received a referral outside of primary care, and 75.4% visited specialty care, bringing us even closer to our goal of a healthy and thriving city.

Primary care should be the first point of contact for all health care needs, and having a primary care doctor continues to be essential to a person's overall sense of health. NYC Care ensures that members access the care that they need before they get sick or must visit an emergency room. That means having a relationship with a doctor and an entire health care team, who will get to know the patient well enough to ask the right questions and catch issues before they become serious. A primary care doctor can:

- Diagnose and help manage chronic conditions, like asthma, diabetes and high blood pressure
- Educated and ensure the preventive services are offered, such as routine screenings and immunizations
- Refer to qualified specialists as needed
- Support in reaching personal wellness goals

A primary care doctor is the first step to living the healthiest life. The NYC Care Contact Center at 1-646-NYC-CARE (1-646-692-2273) can help identify a primary care provider when enrolled.

About NYC Care - NYC Care is a health care access program that provides comprehensive and low or no-cost healthcare services through NYC Health + Hospitals for New Yorkers who cannot afford or are ineligible for health insurance. NYC Care provides a membership card, 24/7 customer service, access to comprehensive and affordable healthcare services, like primary care, mental health services, and sexual and reproductive healthcare, low-cost medications, and member materials in multiple languages – regardless of your immigration status or ability to pay. Call 646-NYC-CARE (646-692-2273) or visit NYCCare. NYC to learn more and sign up today – privacy and confidentiality guaranteed.

Meng Announces \$1 Million in Federal Funds For Wastewater Epidemiology Training Program at Queens College

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"Queensborough Community College is excited to support our students with access to an academic program in wastewater-based epidemiology led by one of our dedicated faculty members," said Queensborough Community College President Christine Mangino. "The more we can offer programs to our students that align with current workforce needs, the better prepared they are for emerging careers."

"We're pleased to be partnering with Queens College and Queensborough Community College on the development of an important new wastewater-based epidemiology training program, which has the potential to become a first line of defense against future pandemics," said LaGuardia Community College President Kenneth Adams. "This program will offer an exciting new pathway to a career in health care for our students, who will help protect our communities through their work. We are grateful to Congresswoman Meng for her stalwart support, and for the National Science Foundation's generous funding."

"Clearly there is a lack of equity in the STEM fields for minority groups and women," said Coprincipal Investigator Dr. Monica Trujillo, a Microbiologist and Professor of Biological Sciences and Geology at Queensborough Community College. "Our mission is to level the playing field so that more students in this population will pursue STEM majors and then successfully transfer to four-year colleges to study in a field that has some of the highest average paying salaries. There is

real potential to change the current equation."

"Wastewater-based epidemiology assesses the presence or quantity of a chemical or biological signal in a pooled sample of sewage, taken from the sewer network or wastewater treatment plant, to gain information on various aspects of public health," said Coprincipal Investigator Dr. Olga Calderón, a Professor of Biology at LaGuardia Community College. "Concentrations of chemical or biological signals are measured to indicate drug or substance consumption patterns in a population or provide indicators of chemical exposures or illness. Other human biomarkers or biological signals such as viral RNA can indicate the level of disease or spread of pathogens within a population. Our program's goal is to generate interest in wastewater-based epidemiology as a career option, thus enhancing U.S. pandemic preparedness. It will have ripple effects in different areas of society, such as water management, healthcare, public recreation and health, regulatory policy, science education, economic mobility for graduates of the program and their families."

The program at Queens College will start recruiting trainees in January. The \$1 million is allocated by through the U.S. National Science Foundation, an independent federal agency established by Congress in that supports science and engineering throughout the United States.

Queens College is located in Flushing, Queensborough Community College is in Bayside and LaGuardia Community College is in Long Island City.

MTA Celebrates Breast Cancer Awareness Month With Pink Ribbon Distribution And Public Information

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I worked the entire time, took off only to go to the treatments, and rested when I needed to, and they made sure that that was good."

"I did 30 rounds of radiation unfortunately – all of this while still working just like Charmaine," said LIRR Maintenance of Equipment Gang Foreman Randy Harris. "I must say that none of this would have been possible without the support of my family, my friends, the Maintenance of Equipment Department, my managers, my fellow West Side Yard Gang Foremen, our manpower staff and all of the craft workers. I am so apprecia-

tive of every one of them. So my advice to both men and women is to check yourself monthly and to get screened because early detection is vital and for that I am thankful to be standing here today."

MTA Headquarters will be participating in a non-competitive walk later this month to raise awareness and build supportive communities. Another group of MTA Police Department employees will also be participating in the walk.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the MTA participated in Breast Cancer Awareness Month by handing out pink masks to riders.



NYC Council Speaker Adrienne Adams, Parks Committee Chair Shekar Krishnan, Unions, And Advocates Highlight Funding For Urban Park Rangers

New York City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams and Parks and Recreation Committee Chair Shekar Krishnan were joined by District Council 37, AF-SCME Local 983, and advocates to celebrate \$4.1 million in Fiscal Year 2024 funding for Urban Park Rangers. The Council secured \$8.7 million in restorations for key programs and nearly \$11.2 million in Council initiatives to support maintenance, operations, and programming in New York City's parks. This funding is a victory for New Yorkers, public parks, and the labor unions and environmental organizations that advocated for funding restorations for Urban Park Rangers.

"Urban Park Rangers are critical to the daily operation and success of our city's parks through environmental education, adventure programs, and other activities that benefit New Yorkers," said Speaker Adrienne Adams. "The Council is proud to have secured \$4.1 million in funding restorations to support park ranger positions and ensure even more park visitors can connect with the natural world around us. This crucial funding would not have been possible without the leadership of Parks and Recreation Committee Chair Shekar Krishnan, our partners in labor, and the fierce advocacy of the entire Play Fair Coalition. While it remains critical to invest in the recruitment and retention of Urban Park Rangers, I look forward to working with the Department of Parks and Recreation and all stakeholders to ensure parks workers and resources are safeguarded for the long term."

In its Fiscal Year 2024 Preliminary Budget Response, the Council recognized the important role of Urban Park Rangers and called for restoring and baselining \$4.1 million in the budget for 50 Park Rangers. Through budget negotiations, the Council successfully secured the funding to restore 50 positions in the FY24 adopted budget.

Urban Park Rangers have been an essential asset to New York City and its parks for more than 40 years, helping New Yorkers and visitors alike experience the city's 30,000 acres of parkland through environmental education programs, outdoor recreational activities,

conservation efforts, and more. Urban Park Rangers are instrumental in educating park patrons of all ages about sustainability, shaping future generations of conservationists and environmental advocates. They also serve as guides and resources for visitors navigating city parks and share vital knowledge and history of the land.

"As Chair of the Committee on Parks and Recreation, every year it is my number one priority to protect our Parks workers. Parks workers are the beating heart of our Parks system and ensure that New Yorkers have a safe, clean park to enjoy," said Council Member Shekar Krishnan, Chair of Committee on Parks and Recreation. "This year, the Council fought to ensure 50 Urban Park Ranger lines were restored for the current fiscal year along with NYC GreenThumb funding, funding for tree stump removal and other critical investments in our Parks system. This funding will ensure that our City continues to make sustained investments in the safety and well-being of our parks system, protecting our natural areas, playgrounds, and community gardens for all. I am proud to stand with the Speaker and numerous advocates to celebrate this year's Parks budget. And I will keep fighting to ensure that these investments continue and we reach the ultimate goal of 1% of the City's budget being allocated to the Parks department."

"I want to thank the Mayor and the City Council for working together to restore funding for 50 of our Urban Park Rangers, who are essential to maintaining the safety of our parks," said Henry Garrido, Executive Director of District Council 37. "They play a central role in educational programming, tours, and other public activities, making New York City's parks the best in the world. As I often say, a budget is a statement of values, and there is no better example of this than maintaining the jobs of these valuable workers."

"As a former Urban Park Ranger and a member and leader of Local 938 for over 20 years, I am extremely grateful for the restoration of this essential funding for 50 of our Urban Park Rangers," said Joe Puleo, President of Local 983. I would like to thank Speaker Adams, Parks Chair Krish-

nan, and the rest of the City Council for working to make this happen. It's a win for our union, our parks, and all New Yorkers."

"New Yorkers for Parks thanks Speaker Adams, Parks Chair Krishnan, and the entire City Council for their commitment in the urgent campaign for our city's parks, parks workers, and the millions of New Yorkers that rely on our city's parks," said Adams Ganser, Executive Director of New Yorkers for Parks. "Council-funded positions and initiatives are a critical part of working towards a goal of a fully resourced parks department. With the administration's proposed 15% cuts to the Parks Department, our parks will look to the council to lead the effort to push back and ensure that all New Yorkers have access to safe, clean and green parks."

"The Nature Conservancy applauds Speaker Adams, Parks Committee Chair Shekar Krishnan, and their teams for securing resources for NYC Parks and the urban forest in this year's adopted budget. These funding commitments will make a true difference in the quality of life of New Yorkers," said Emily Nobel Maxwell, New York Cities Program Director for The Nature Conservancy. "We, alongside members of Forest for All NYC, stand ready to work with our elected leaders to sustain and expand the budget for this vital infrastructure that helps make our city more resilient, just, healthy and equitable for all."

"We commend City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams, Parks Committee Chair Shekar Krishnan, and the entire City Council for their allocation of over \$20 million to New York City Parks," said Alia Soomro, Deputy Director of New York City Policy for the New York League of Conservation Voters. "As a Play Fair for Parks co-founder, NYLCV believes this investment will provide a big boost to our Urban Park Rangers and restoration efforts and it serves as an important first step in restoring much needed funding after years of divestment so that New York City's beloved parks can continue to thrive and serve as vital spaces for education, recreation, and as green infrastructure critical to mitigating the impacts of extreme weather."

Biden-Harris Administration Sending New York \$2.76 Billion From The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law For Roads, Bridges & More

Third year of funding under President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides a total of \$61 Billion nationwide to New York and all 50 States, DC and Puerto Rico

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) today announced that it has allocated \$2.76 billion to New York in Fiscal Year 2024 apportionments for 12 formula programs to support investment in critical infrastructure, including roads, bridges and tunnels, carbon emission reduction, and safety improvements, as well as workforce development to support these investments, utilizing funding from the President's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The funds go directly to New York, providing transportation leaders within New York the flexibility to continue the important work of rebuilding roads and bridges and making their transportation system more efficient reflecting their state's particular needs.

"Long-needed major improvements are coming to America's network of roads, bridges, and highways," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. "Thanks to President Biden, we are proud to deliver funding to modernize roads and bridges across America--strengthening

our supply chains, creating good-paying jobs, and connecting Americans to every corner of this country."

- National Highway Performance Program \$1,188,176,789
- Surface Transportation Block Grant \$578,031,951
- Highway Safety Improvement Program \$128,378,542
- Railway-Highway Crossings Program \$6,355,031
- Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Program \$207,668,932
- Metropolitan Planning Program \$34,275,495
- National Highway Freight Program \$60,564,653
- Carbon Reduction Program \$51,541,182
- PROTECT Formula Program \$58,606,017
- National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program \$37,373,747
- Bridge Formula Program \$408,972,882

"These historic investments in American infrastructure give States the flexibility they need to determine how to allocate funds for a range of transportation projects such as improving safety for all road users, replacing aging bridges, and reducing carbon emissions," said Federal Highway Administrator Shailen Bhatt. "This funding will allow States to continue the important work of President Biden's

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that is making our infrastructure safer and more efficient for the millions of Americans who rely on it to get to school, work, and other important destinations every day."

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law makes the single largest dedicated investment in our transportation infrastructure since the construction of the Interstate Highway System in the 1950s and 1960s. The \$61 billion in funding for Fiscal Year 2024 is the third year of funding under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and represents an increase of \$17.6 billion in formula programs as compared to Fiscal Year 2021, the last fiscal year before the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law was implemented. This Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding is distributed annually by FHWA based on Congressionally mandated formulas.

This Apportionment Notice can be viewed at FHWA's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding web page, which organizes notices by fiscal year. FHWA has additional information for transportation agencies and others interested in grants and other discretionary funding opportunities as well as information on new and existing FHWA programs available under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law web page.

In NYC, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand Stands in Unity With NY Jewish Leaders Calling For Full Military Aid For Israel

Including Replenishing Iron Dome, And Evacuation Flights For New Yorkers; Leaders Condemn Ongoing Terrorist Attack By Hamas Against Israel

Gillibrand Leads Annual Bipartisan Senate Efforts To Fund U.S.-Israeli Cooperative Missile Defense Programs Like Iron Dome;

Gillibrand, Jewish Leaders, and Other Faith Leaders Call For Congress To Fully and Swiftly Support Israel's Requests For Military Aid Needed To Defend Itself And Civilians

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand stood in unity with prominent New York Jewish leaders to call for full military aid for Israel, including replenishing of the Iron Dome air defense system, evacuation flights out of Israel for American citizens, and enhanced security funding for synagogues. Senator Gillibrand was joined by the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, UJA-Federation of NY, Conference of Presidents of Major

American Jewish Organizations, The New York Board of Rabbis and other advocates and faith leaders.

"I strongly condemn the unprovoked terrorist attack launched by Hamas and stand shoulder to shoulder with the Israeli people. My heart goes out to the people of Israel whose lives have been torn apart by these savage acts of brutality. Throughout my career, I have worked with my colleagues in Congress to deliver hundreds of millions of dollars for Israel's defense systems, and now that work will be more critical than ever. Today, I'm calling for more funding and resources to replenish Israel's Iron Dome and for evacuation flights out of Israel to help Americans return home. I'm also calling on the Biden administration to swiftly deliver to Congress any supplemental funding requests to aid Israel. I'm

also fighting to increase funding for at-risk non-profit institutions, including synagogues, to make security enhancements that will allow New Yorkers to gather safely. This is a moment to come together in unity and show the world that we are unwavering in our stance against antisemitism and hate," said Senator Gillibrand, member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and Intelligence Committee.

"Hamas' unprecedented and heinous attack is outrageous and unacceptable, and we must all continue condemning this brutal and vicious assault on our friend and ally Israel. On Saturday night, I visited several synagogues in my district to be with our local Jewish community. Due to Shabbat and the Jewish holiday of Simchat Torah,

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Notice of Formation of ZEN CULTURE, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/24/2023. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 102-30 Queens Boulevard, Apartment 1B, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: any lawful activities. 9/7,14,21,28,10/5&12/2023

Notice of Formation of 229 B125 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/28/2023. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 229 B 125 Street, Rockaway Park, NY 11694. Purpose: any lawful activities. 9/14,21,28,10/5,12&19/2023

A Notice of Formation of 9712 AIJJ Realty LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/21/2023. Office location: Queens County. SSNY Designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 97-12 Northern Blvd, Flushing, NY 11368. Purpose: any lawful activity. 9/21,28,10/5,12,19&26/2023

DNA NETWORK, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/2/23. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Anastasia Duran 123 W 133 St Apt 5A NY, NY 10030. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 10/5,12,19,26,11/2&9/2023

Notice of Formation of PLUTO AND CO SHOP LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/02/2023. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 779 Wyckoff Ave, Apt 5D, Ridgewood, NY 11385. Purpose: any lawful activities. 10/5,12,19,26,11/2&9/2023

Blooming Bridge LLC. Filed with the SSNY on 9/28/23. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail a copy to: 48-19 41st St #3F, Sunnyside NY 11104. Purpose: Any lawful. 10/5,12,19,26,11/2&9/2023

Notice of Formation of 10818 QB LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/23/23. Office location: Queens County. Princ. office of LLC: c/o Cord Meyer Development LLC, 111-15 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills, NY 11375. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 9/28,10/5,12,19,26&11/2/2023

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Maxim Management LLC filed w/ SSNY on 9/15/23. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 35-35 149th St., #204, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: any lawful. 9/21,28,10/5,12,19&26/2023

Notice of formation of Precious Moments For All Occasions LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/03/2023. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 251-21 Jericho Turnpike #1071 Bellerose, NY 11426. Purpose: Any lawful activities. 9/7,14,21,28,10/5&12/2023

SYDNEY TILLMAN PR LLC filed articles of organization with the NY Secretary of State on 7/28/2023. Office: Queens County. NY Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NY Secretary of State shall mail copy of process to: 3516 80th St, Apt 42, Jackson Heights, NY 11372. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 9/21,28,10/5,12,19&26/2023

KARMAZING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/08/23. 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, 24-42 88th Street, East Elmhurst, NY 11369. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 9/14,21,28,10/5,12&19/2023

MAIA PALAGI DDS, PLLC, a Prof. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/30/2023. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The PLLC, 69-10 108 Street, Apt 7C, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: To Practice The Profession Of Registered Professional Nursing. 9/7,14,21,28,10/5&12/2023

Notice of Formation of KATZ GP, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/28/23. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 45-17 Marathon Parkway, Little Neck, NY 11362. Purpose: any lawful activity. 9/7,14,21,28,10/5&12/2023

Notice of Formation of ROSE CONES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/02/2023. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 15805 98TH St, Howard Beach, NY 11414. Purpose: any lawful activities. 10/5,12,19,26,11/2&9/2023

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SURROGATE'S COURT: QUEENS COUNTY PROBATE CITATION
File No.: 2017-3735/A
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
By the Grace of God Free and Independent,
To: To the heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of Antonina Fava, if living and, if any of them be dead, to the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignee and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. A petition having been duly filed by Karen Diomede-Alexander, who is domiciled at 1123 Howard Drive, Westbury, New York 11590;
YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd, Jamaica, New York on the 9th day of November, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. f that day, why a decree should not be made in the Estate of ANTONINA FAVA lately domiciled at 21-07 33rd Avenue, Astoria, New York 11106, in the County of Queens, State of New York, admitting to probate a Will dated June 25, 1955, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Antonina Fava, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters of Administration C.T.A. issue to Karen Diomede-Alexander and that such Will be admitted to private as an ancient will, with the testimony of the witness to said will, Thomas J. Peragine, and Theresa P. Peragine be dispensed with,
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Dated, Attested and Sealed September 29, 2023
HON. PETER J. KELLY
Surrogate
Janet Edward Tucker
Chief Clerk
Name of Attorney for Petitioner: Morris J. Schlaf, Esq., Sacco & Fillas, LLP
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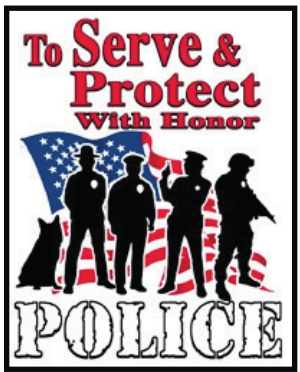
BEST KITCHENS NYC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/07/23. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 161-09 59th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11365. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 9/28,10/5,12,19,26&11/2/2023

Notice of Formation of FRESH POND PARTNERS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/23/2023. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 72-33 65th Place, Glendale, NY 11385. Purpose: any lawful activity. 9/28,10/5,12,19,26&11/2/2023

Notice of Formation of GRAHAM'S FAY DA ON 82ND LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/5/23. 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, PO Box 902, Glen Head, NY 11545. Purpose: any lawful activity. 10/5,12,19,26,11/2&9/2023

Sweet Moment 37, LLC filed w/ SSNY on 8/21/23. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 47-15 33rd St., LIC, NY 11101. Purpose: any lawful. 9/14,21,28,10/5,12&19/2023

Notice of Formation of MARIE MONFORT LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/11/2023. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 30-98 44TH St, Apt 3R, Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: any lawful activities. 10/12,19,26,11/2,9&16/2023



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In NYC, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand Stands in Unity With NY Jewish Leaders Calling For Full Military Aid For Israel

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many did not know or knew very little about what happened. It was heartbreaking to break the news to them. Over the last several days, I have been leading efforts to help Americans return home from Israel since most commercial flights out of the country have been canceled. As we mourn and remember the victims of this unprovoked attack, we underscore our steadfast support for Israel, and continue to stand with our ally at this extremely difficult time," said Rep. Grace Meng (NY-6).

"Israel is experiencing one of its darkest moments in a generation," said U.S. Rep. Ritchie Torres (NY-15). "Thousands of innocent Israelis have been either murdered, wounded, abducted, raped, and otherwise terrorized at the hands of barbaric Hamas terrorists. October 7th was the largest mass murder of Jewish people in a single day since the Holocaust, and the psychological effect of what we're continuing to see unfold is reminiscent of our 9/11. As the leader of the free world, the United States has a moral obligation to provide Israel with whatever funding, humanitarian aid, and equipment it needs to rightly defend itself, just as America would, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring our unwavering and ironclad alliance with Israel to make sure our ally has the resources necessary for its survival."

"We thank Senator Gillibrand for her strong and unequivocal support for Israel in this unprecedented moment. Since learning of the barbaric attack on innocent Israeli civilians by Hamas, Senator Gillibrand

has used the full power of her office to help drive Congressional support for critical defense resources requested by Israel. We are deeply grateful to the Senator for her longstanding advocacy and leadership in support of Israel," said Eric S. Goldstein, CEO, UJA-Federation of New York.

"JCRC-NY greatly appreciates Senator Gillibrand's steadfast advocacy for Israel, both in times of relative peace and especially now. After days of horrific attacks on civilians by the Hamas terrorist organization, Israel needs the assistance of its ally, America, and its friends in the global community. We ask all other lawmakers to join Senator Gillibrand in urging Congress to ensure continued, unabated, support for Israel at this time," said Noam Gilboord, JCRCNY CEO.

Senator Gillibrand is also working on letters calling for quick action to replenish the Iron Dome air defense system and ensure Israel has the resources it needs to defend itself and calling for \$500 million in funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program to meet the needs of at-risk organizations, including synagogues, this fiscal year.

Senator Gillibrand has long led a bipartisan letter in support of U.S.-Israeli cooperative missile defense programs, which advance U.S. national security interests by supporting Israel's ability to defend itself against missile and rocket attacks. For several years, Senator Gillibrand has secured at least \$500 million annually for these important programs. In the Senate, Gillibrand has led the push for these programs dating back to at least 2012.

Message From NYC Mayor's Community Affairs

Dear fellow New Yorker,

Viva Italia! October is Italian-American Heritage Month. This week, Mayor Adams marched in the Columbus Day Parade and hosted an Italian Heritage Month celebration at Gracie Mansion. New York City's Italian community has contributed so much to the fabric of our great city.

On Indigenous Peoples' Day, we paused to reflect on the injustices visited against the Indigenous people upon whose ancestral land we live. This is a day to mend our broken history, embrace our native brothers

and sisters, and honor the extraordinary contributions of Indigenous people to our country.

New York City is home to the largest Jewish population in the world outside of Israel. City Hall stands side by side with Israel every day – but we do so with extra resolve after the last few days.

For the latest updates, please follow CAU on Twitter and Facebook, and be sure to check out the Mayor's "Week In Review"

All the best,
Fred Kreizman
Commissioner, Community Affairs Unit



Join Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz for a special

PET ADOPTION EVENT

To help rescue animals find their forever home

Cats and Dogs from Animal Care Centers of NYC will be available for adoption. Come meet your new best friend!

Saturday, October 21, 2023
 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
 Juniper Valley Park
 80th Street and Juniper Park Blvd
 Queens, NY 11379

Please direct any questions to Detective Investigator Dionisia Mikalef at (631) 764-0208



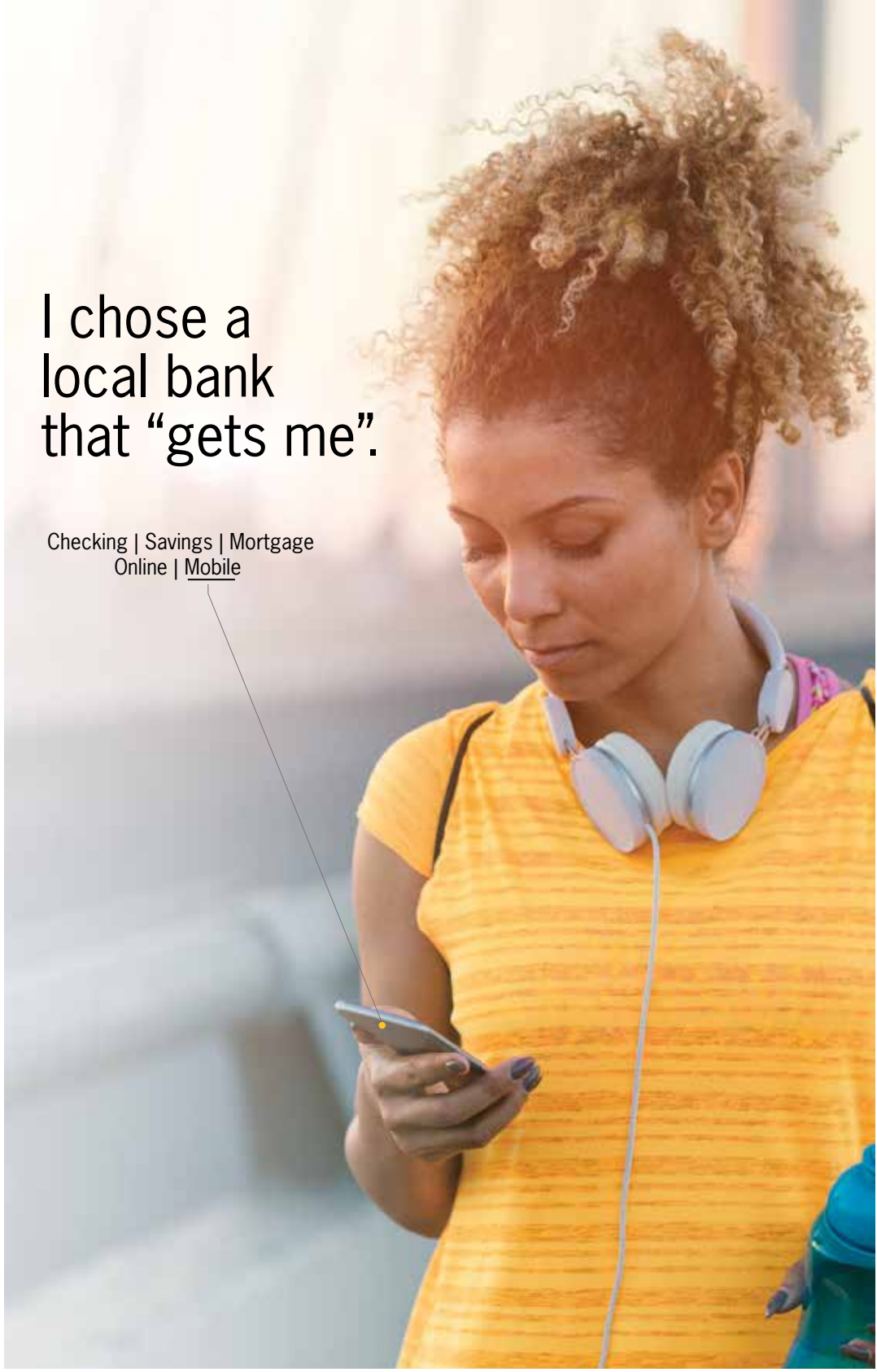
Halloween Essay & Drawing Contest
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Students in grades 2 through 5 who live or go to school within Assembly District 26 are welcome to participate! The essay or drawing should have a Halloween theme. For example, you may submit an essay about your favorite trick or treat experience, or a drawing related to Halloween.

If you are interested in participating, please print your full name, grade, and school information legibly on your entry. Essays and drawings can be submitted to Assemblyman Braunstein's office by mail, email or drop-off. Entries may be of any size or format.

District-wide prizes will be awarded to one student in each grade. New York State Assembly Certificates of Merit will be awarded to all students who participate. The contest deadline is Friday, November 3, 2023.






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