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## NY State Pension Fund Purchases \$20 Million in State of Israel Bonds

The New York State Common Retirement Fund has purchased an additional \$20 million in Israel bonds offered by Development Corporation for Israel, New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli announced today. The purchase brings the state pension fund's holdings in Israel bonds to \$267.8 million.

"New York state's pension fund buys Israel bonds because we have confidence in the spirit of innovation and tenacity of Israeli people and in the strength of our investments there," DiNapoli said. "In addition to providing a steady return for our pension fund's members, Israel bonds help support one of our nation's strongest allies. I am heartened that so many other public funds have stepped forward to purchase bonds and support Israel, the only democratic government in the region, during these tragic and challenging days."

New York joined Pennsylvania, Florida, Illinois, Texas, Ohio and other public U.S. funds in purchasing \$150 million in Israel bonds in recent days.

"The extent to which New York has supported Israel is incredible, aligning with the immediate response across many U.S. states during this crucial period for the Jewish state," said Israel Bonds President and CEO Dani Naveh. "At a time when Israel is under at-tack, these investments

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## In Watershed Moment, First Lady Jill Biden Welcomes Italian American Leaders to The White House

First Lady Jill Biden hosted a delegation of leaders from the Italian American community who are reshaping the scope and vision of the Italian American culture, from the local level to the international stage at the White House to highlight a bellwether of cultural progress that has taken shape within the community.

Dr. Biden, the nation's first-ever Italian American First Lady, met with Basil M. Russo — president of the Conference of Presidents of Major Italian American Organizations (COPOMIAO) — and his peers to recognize the sacrifices and celebrate the contributions Italian Americans have made to our country.



First Lady Jill Biden hosted a delegation of leaders from the Italian American community

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## Remarks by First Lady Jill Biden at an Italian American Heritage Month Reception at The White House



Dr. Joseph Scelsa, President and Founder of the Italian American Museum in NYC's Little Italy also represented the Lt. Det. Joseph Petrosino Association in America as he thanked First Lady Jill Biden for hosting the first Italian Heritage and Culture Month celebration at the White House. See story on page 2.

## Lt. Det. Joseph Petrosino Association in America 2023 Annual Awards Dinner



The Lt. Det. Joseph Petrosino Association in America President Robert Fonti and Chairman James C. Lisa received a Proclamation from NYS Governor Kathy Hochul at the Petrosino Association Annual Awards Dinner stating her support of the Petrosino Association. See story on page 2.

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represent the most powerful and direct way to stand with the State of Israel and its people.”

Israel Bonds have provided New York state's pension fund with an attractive yield over the years. The bonds purchased by the fund have a 10-year maturity with a coupon of 5.96%, which equals a spread of +138 basis points versus the 10-Year Treasury at the time of purchase.

The state pension fund has purchased Israel Bonds since the 1990s. As of October 2023, the state pension fund's Israeli bond holdings total value is ap-

proximately \$267.8 million. Israel Bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of the state of Israel.

“The message from the people of New York to the people of Israel is that you are re-markable-resilient and so strong. Continue to stand strong and you will never stand alone and we will always be standing with you.” said Howard L. Goldstein, US and International chairman of the board of directors for State of Israel Bonds. “The Empire State has continually demonstrated that it strongly stands with the Jewish State today and for-ever. Israel bonds has proven time and time again that it is a crucial

component of Isra-el's financial wellbeing.”

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# Remarks by First Lady Jill Biden at an Italian American Heritage Month Reception at The White House

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First Lady Jill Biden at the East Room in The White House addressed members and leaders from many Italian American Organizations during Italian Heritage and Culture Month. This is the first time that Italian Americans Leaders were invited to the White House during Italian Heritage and Culture Month and the recognition President Joseph R Biden made in a Proclamation recognizing Columbus Day.

The following are the remarks that were made by First Lady Jill Biden:

Hello, everyone, and welcome to the White House!

Ambassador Zappia, we're honored to have you with us this evening. And we're grateful for Italy's continued partnership on the world stage and in supporting Ukraine against Putin's unprovoked war.

Every family has its own mythology – stories we tell again and again, stories that help illuminate the forces that shaped us and the values that continue to define us.

When my father's grandparents Gaetano and Conchetta Giacoppa came to America, they became Gaetano and Conchetta Jacobs. They left behind everything they knew to chase the hope of this country's unlimited promise.

It wasn't always easy, but they had faith that if they worked hard, they could create a good life in America.

And even though their names changed, the values they brought across the Atlantic stayed the same: Loyalty. Generosity. Kindness. Faith.

I brought those values with me

to the White House. And it's my honor to serve as the first Italian American First Lady.

I grew up in a Philly suburb, and on weekends we would go to my father's family home in Hammonton, New Jersey.

Those weekends were filled with the smell of burnt Italian bread toast, the musical way my grandmom cursed at my grandpop in Italian when he left rockfish on the counters and back porch after his fishing trips, and the sauce would be bubbling over on the stove. The comfort of a well-worn sofa. The loving and frequent embraces from my grandmom when just for a moment, everything felt right in the world.

Maybe some of you grew up like that too. Surrounded by family and love and laughter. Maybe your house was the one your friends always wanted to go to, because everyone felt welcome there.

I wanted to bring a little bit of that feeling to all of you tonight. Because you deserve nothing less than what our grandmoms would have created.

But our heritage is much more than our hospitality and food, isn't it?

It's the Sicilians who were dragged from their cells and killed in New Orleans by an angry mob. It's "Italians need not apply." It's people like my dad who were never quite accepted by my mom's family because he was Italian.

It's a history of those who led movements, who wrote our laws and penned our poetry. Of men and women who were courageous, even when they were most afraid. Of people who worked hard and fought to give their children the best future they could – who

helped build the middle class here in the United States.

Children like Speaker Pelosi. Nancy, you've spent your entire career living out the values that our ancestors passed on to us. You fight for our future each day, making our country better one law after another, one historic first after the next. Thank you for being with us.

And those values also live on in all the members of Congress, elected officials, and community leaders joining us who represent this community and their constituents tirelessly. Thank you for being here.

My husband, President Biden, is working to build on what this community has accomplished – and help us, and all communities, keep reaching for that bright future our ancestors were searching for.

That's why he's growing our economy from the middle out and the bottom up – so families like mine growing up, and maybe like yours too, can carve out a good life.

Because everyone deserves that chance.

Our ancestors' determination did not end when they came to this country. It did not end when their names were rewritten by history. It did not end when they found a nation that, at the time, was not as happy to see them as they were to see it. It lives on in all of us.

So, as you move through these halls this evening, I hope you feel wrapped in the warmth of home, that you feel the power of your ancestors' legacies, that you rejoice in being with one another, eat good food and end with a little something sweet.

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# Lt. Det. Joseph Petrosino Association in America 2023 Annual Awards Dinner

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NYS Governor Kathy Hochul took time from her busy schedule to join a packed house, at Russo's on the Bay, at The Lt. Det. Joseph Petrosino Association in America Award Dinner

Ceremony not only to congratulate the 2023 Award recipients but to take the opportunity to tell all that as long as she is Governor of New York State the Italian American Community will always have her support and that there will always be a Columbus

Day under her administration. Gov. Hochul also said that she supports all women and men in law endorsement especially NY State Troopers and the NYPD and will always have their backs. She received a rounding applause from all.



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“Our heritage is much more than our hospitality and food, isn’t it? It’s the Sicilians who were dragged from their cells and killed in New Orleans by an angry mob, it’s ‘Italians Need Not Apply,’ it’s people like my dad who was never quite accepted by my mom’s family because he was Italian. It’s a history of those who led movements, who wrote our laws and penned our poetry; of men and women who were courageous, even when they were most afraid,” the First Lady said in her address to the delegation. The historic meeting comes in the

wake of a growing and influential slate of initiatives spearheaded by COPOMIAO, including the launch of a visionary film platform with Hollywood’s The Russo Brothers in 2024, the creation of a nationwide young leaders fellowship, cementing strategic and commercial ties with Italian and Vatican leaders overseas, and the grass roots preservation of Italian American history.

“When I was appointed president of COPOMIAO in 2020, Italian American leadership was fragmented and ready for a new direction,” said Basil Russo. “In three years, we have united hundreds of

Italian American organizations, collectively amassed over a million social media followers, partnered with Hollywood leaders, appeared on Capitol Hill and collaborated with Italian dignitaries. All our efforts have culminated into this watershed meeting with the First Lady, which is the first-ever delegation to be invited to the White House in celebration of Italian American Heritage Month.”

Russo and his colleagues began their collaboration with the Biden administration last year, by working to develop the 2022 and 2023 Columbus Day Presidential Proclamations.

## Ahead of 1 Year Anniversary of Mayor Adams Unveiling of Willets Point Transformation, NYCEDC & Development Partners Begins Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) For Phase 2 Development

*New Neighborhood to be Built on 23-acres of Land that Will Include Largest All-Affordable Housing Project in a Generation, New Public School, 40,000 Square Feet of New Public Open Space and the City’s First Soccer-Specific Stadium*

*Willets Point Transformation Will Add Over \$6 Billion to City’s Economy and Create 16,000 Jobs with Priority and Training for Local Residents*

New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) announced the beginning of the Uniform Land Use Review Process “ULURP” for the Willets Point Phase 2 development that was announced last fall by Mayor Adams. The next phase of development will bring 1,400 units of 100% affordable housing, a new public school, 40,000 square feet of new public open space, retail space, a 250-key hotel and the City’s first soccer-specific stadium that will be privately financed.

“Today, we take a major step closer to creating 2,500 affordable homes — New York City’s largest fully affordable housing project in decades — while simultaneously creating 16,000 good-paying jobs to provide a true pathway to the middle class, right in the heart of Queens,” said New York City Mayor Eric Adams. “With this plan, our administration is seizing a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create a brand-new neighborhood — a Willets Point that offers opportunity for working people and all New Yorkers. As we begin the land use review process, we look forward to building on our extensive engagement by continuing conversations with community members and building a true ‘City of Yes.’”

“The Willets Point Transformation is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to finally deliver on a promise that has been in decades of discussion. Our administration’s dedicated efforts to deliver 2,500 affordable homes, a world-class soccer stadium, open space, and local retail to Willets Point reaches another milestone today as the Phase 2 begins the ULURP process,” said Deputy Mayor for Economic and Workforce Development

Maria Torres-Springer. “We are excited to work with the community, Borough President, local councilmember, and development partners through the city’s public review process.”

“NYCEDC is excited to begin the ULURP process for the transformational Willets Point development and looks forward to working alongside our development partners, Council Member Francisco Moya, Queens Community Board 7, and Queens Borough President Donovan Richards throughout this review process,” said NYCEDC President & CEO Andrew Kimball. “We’ve made substantial progress in the environmental remediation and generational investments in infrastructure that will serve Willets Point and all of Queens and are looking forward to breaking ground on the first phase of 2,500 units of affordable housing before the end of the year — one year ahead of schedule.”

The first 1,100 units of housing of the total 2,500 units within the Willets Point Transformation, has already completed the ULURP process and is expected to break ground by the end of 2023.

The Willets Point Transformation is a generational project that will bring significant long-term economic opportunity to a community that has long been underserved. The project is expected to generate \$6.1 billion in economic impact over the next 30 years, creating 1,550 permanent jobs and 14,200 construction jobs. Phase 2 will deliver 1,400 of the 2,500 total affordable homes as well as a new 650-seat standalone public school, new public open space, and significant infrastructure investment. The City and development partner QDG have undertaken significant remediation of the formerly contaminated soil on the Willets Point site, allowing construction of the first affordable homes to begin in 2023, one year ahead of the original timeline.

With the creation of a new soccer stadium, Willets Point will become the city’s premier sports hub, with the New York Mets’ Citi Field and U.S. Tennis Association Billie Jean King National Tennis Center both also within walking distance of the MTA’s Mets-Willets Point subway and LIRR station.

“We are one step closer to finalizing a project that has it all. This is a once-in-a-generation project that prioritizes housing in a city that is currently facing a severe housing crisis. It’s not just about providing homes but also about creating stable job opportunities, helping alleviate the burden of our neighboring schools which are overcapacity, enhancing open spaces, and establishing a state-of-the-art privately funded soccer stadium, which will act as the economic engine driving this entire vision. I eagerly anticipate continued collaboration with Mayor Eric Adams, development partners, Community Board 7 and all other stakeholders, as well as our dedicated community leaders and members, whose support is essential for a project that simply makes sense,” said Council Member Francisco Moya.

“We are excited to see (15) years of everyone’s hard work come to fruition. A vibrant new community of 2,500 affordable housing units with a new elementary school, a soccer stadium and a hotel will rise from the remediated ashes of the former Willets Point junkyards. In addition, we look for the City’s support to increase public safety in Community Board 7 Queens.” Chuck Apelian - Vice Chairman Community Board 7 Queens.

“The potential at Willets Point cannot be overstated, and I’m looking forward to continuing to work with all our partners to ensure this transcendent project delivers for everyone involved and everyone it will touch in the future,” said Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. “As this project continues through the land use process, we must all be steadfast in scoring goals not just for those who will eventually call Willets Point home, but also for the surrounding immigrant-heavy communities of Corona and Flushing through capitalizing on local economic development and empowerment opportunities that this effort will generate.”

“This is another important step for a transformational project that will bring the most significant development of affordable housing

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## New York Department of State’s Division of Consumer Protection Offers Fire Safety Tips During Fire Prevention Month

*New Yorkers are Encouraged to Review and Practice Fire Safety as the Coming Winter Months are the Peak Time for Fire-Related Incidents*

The New York Department of State’s Division of Consumer Protection is providing New Yorkers with fire safety tips. October is Fire Prevention Month, which is a good time for New Yorkers to review and practice fire safety as the coming winter months are the peak time for fire-related incidents. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reported 343,100 home structure fires in the United States in 2021. According to NFPA, the top five causes of home fires and casualties include cooking, heating equipment, electrical distribution and lighting equipment, intentional fire setting and smoking materials, with cooking remaining the leading cause from 2016 to 2020.

“As temperatures start to drop, households are turning on their home heating equipment, taking out portable heaters and cooking more meals at home in an effort to stay warm,” said New York State Secretary of State Robert J. Rodriguez. “I encourage all New Yorkers to exercise caution and use these simple fire safety tips provided by our Consumer Protection team to prevent future fire-related incidents.”

“As we enter the colder months when we typically see an increase in home fires, now is the time to implement some simple fire prevention steps to help ensure your safety and your families,” said State Fire Administrator James Cable. “Have your chimney cleaned, your home heating equipment inspected, keep all portable heating equipment away from flammable materials, and never leave cooking unattended.”

**Cooking Safety Tips:**

- Never leave cooking unattended. Always “stand by your pan” and avoid being distracted while cooking.
- Make sure you have a fire extinguisher nearby and know how to use it.
- Keep your smoke alarm connected while cooking.
- If you are simmering, baking or roasting food, check on it regularly and use a timer or your virtual assistant to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire such as oven mitts, wooden utensils, towels, or food packaging away from your stove top.
- Once a child is able to, let them help in the kitchen. It’s a great way to learn about cooking safety. Make sure to have a “kid-free zone” of at least 3 feet around the stove.

**Winter Home Heating & Fire Safety Tips:**

- Only use fireplaces, wood stoves or other combustion heaters if they are properly vented to the outside and do not leak flue gas into the indoor air space. If planning to use a wood stove, fireplace or space heater, follow

the manufacturer’s instructions. Do not burn paper in a fireplace.

- Ensure adequate ventilation if using a kerosene, propane or other fuel heater. Also, use only the specific type of fuel a heater is designed to use—don’t substitute with another source.

- Space heaters should be kept at least three feet away from beds, clothes, curtains and other flammable materials. Never cover a space heater or place on top of furniture or near water. Space heaters should not be left unattended when used near children. If a space heater has a damaged electrical cord or produces sparks, stop use immediately.

- Extension cords should not be overloaded or run where they can become a tripping hazard. Never run extension cords under carpets or rugs. Avoid using extension cords with a space heater.

- Prepare for emergencies. Keep a multipurpose, dry-chemical fire extinguisher near the area to be heated.

- If there is a power failure at home, use battery-powered flashlights or lanterns instead of candles, if possible. If you must use candles, use extreme caution. Never leave lit candles unattended, and do not burn them on or near anything that can catch fire. Extinguish candles when you leave the room and before sleeping.

**Alarms:**

- Have a smoke alarm on every level of your home, inside each sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Interconnect the alarms so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Install smoke alarms and alert devices to help family members who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Alert devices, such as strobe lights, flash when the smoke alarm sounds.

- Pillow or bed shakers may be useful to wake a person who is sleeping.
- Test your alarms at least once a month. Press each test button to make sure it is working.

**Safety Plans:**

- Plan and practice your home fire safety plan, including two exits from each room. Share the plan with all family members and guests.
- Have a plan specifically for children, older adults and people with disabilities. They may need more assistance than others in the household.
- Remove clutter to prevent trips and falls and allow for a quick escape.
- Make sure your home has bright lighting in stairways to prevent falls.
- Install handrails along the full length of both sides of the stairs.
- If there is a fire, get outside quickly and stay outside. Then call 9-1-1.
- If you can’t get outside, call 9-1-1 and let the fire department know. Wave a light-colored cloth or a flashlight from the window.

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to New York City in decades," said Jeff Blau, CEO, Related Companies; and Jeff Wilpon, representing Sterling Equities. "Under Mayor Adams leadership, and together with our partners at NYCFC and NYCEDC, we're committed to creating the model neighborhood at Willets Point featuring thousands of units of affordable housing and the world's game in the world's borough."

"For ten years, NYCFC proudly invested in our great City with a focus on soccer and community. Today marks the continuation of the conversation with the community and elected officials to approve our building a privately-funded soccer stadium with 100% union labor alongside our development partner QDG, who will anchor this new community by delivering 2,5000 units of 100 percent affordable housing," said NYCFC Vice Chairman, Marty Edelman. "Queens and New York City need and deserve this transformational new community in Willets Point. We promised our growing fan base we would build their home in the five boroughs, and with their continued enthusiastic support, we continue our journey to have that home as part of this unprecedented new housing community."

"Phase 2 of the Willets Point development will be crucial in moving forward plans to build New York's soccer teams and fans a world-class stadium, all while creating family-sustaining union careers through project labor agreements that will support economic growth in the surrounding community," said Gary LaBarbera, President of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York. "It is encouraging to see that crucial steps are being taken to get this initiative off the ground. Our city's hard-working tradesmen and tradeswomen look forward to skillfully and efficiently driving this project forward, all while pursuing an accessible path to the middle class."

"The revitalization of Willets Point represents an incredible opportunity for Queens and our entire city," said Tom Grech, President and CEO of the Queens Chamber of Commerce. "This project will bring much-needed affordable housing, retail space, park space, a state-of-the-art soccer stadium, along with a school and a hotel. We applaud Mayor Adams and everyone at NYCEDC for their commitment to this important project that will create jobs and catalyze economic activity that supports local businesses."

The New York City Charter requires certain actions that are reviewed by the City Planning Commission to undergo a Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP). ULURP is a standardized procedure whereby applications affecting the land use of the city are publicly reviewed. The Charter also mandates time frames within which application review must take place. Key participants in the ULURP process are the Department of City Planning (DCP) and the City Planning Commission, Community Boards, the Borough Presidents, the Borough Boards, the City Council and the Mayor.

About NYCEDC - New York City Economic Development Corporation is a mission-driven, nonprofit organization that works for a vibrant, inclusive, and globally competitive economy for all New Yorkers. We take a comprehensive approach, through four main strategies: strengthen confidence in NYC as a great place to do business; grow innovative sectors with a focus on equity, build neighborhoods as places to live, learn, work, and play; and deliver sustainable infrastructure for communities and the city's future economy. To learn more about what we do, visit us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram.

## Historic Queens School Celebrates 100 Years

Divine Mercy Catholic Academy, located in the Ozone Park neighborhood of Queens, celebrated its 100 years of Catholic education in the parish on Saturday, October 14.

A mass will be celebrated at 11:30 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish followed by a Gala at 1:00 p.m. at Villa Russo on 101st Avenue in Richmond Hill.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish realized the need to educate it's children. In 1908, a small temporary school was opened in the basement of a building on 88th Street. It was staffed by six sisters of the Daughters of Wisdom: Sisters Helen, Emile, Joseph S., Joseph H., Alexander and Anne. This building was the scene of three successive graduations, the first of which, was held in 1921.

At the gala, the school will honor a group of prominent alumni, including:

- The Honorable Augustus C. Agate, Nativity Class of 1957, Retired New York State Supreme Justice
  - John Ragano, Esq., Nativity Class of 1959, prominent local attorney
  - Joseph J. Ferrara, Esq., St. Stans Class of 1971, prominent concrete business owner
  - Gerard Romski, Esq., St. Stans Class of 1971, chief counsel for Arverne by the Sea
  - Michael Zabrocki, St. Stans Class of 1973, Christian artist, singer-songwriter and liturgical musician
  - Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr., Esq., Nativity Class of 1978, State Senator representing the 15th NYS Senatorial District
  - Monika Kulawik-Kurzatowski, DMD, St. Stans Class of 2000, Doctor of Medicine in Dentistry
- In addition, Frank Russo, entrepreneur and prominent caterer, will be granted an honorary diploma.

## New York Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection Offers Fire Safety Tips During Fire Prevention Month

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- Avoid smoke if you can. If you must escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke.

About the New York State Division of Consumer Protection - The New York State Division of Consumer Protection provides resources and education materials to consumers on product safety, as well as voluntary mediation services between consumers and

businesses. The Consumer Assistance Helpline 1-800-697-1220 is available Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm, excluding State Holidays, and consumer complaints can be filed at any time at [www.dos.ny.gov/consumer-protection](http://www.dos.ny.gov/consumer-protection).

For more consumer protection tips, follow the Division on social media at Twitter: @NYSConsumer and Facebook: [www.facebook.com/nysconsumer](http://www.facebook.com/nysconsumer).

## Pheffer Amato Brings Flood Assistance to Community

New York State Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato (D-South Queens) has secured flood barriers for constituents of the 23rd Assembly District. The Assemblywoman's Office has been helping residents across the Rockaway Peninsula, and in neighborhoods of Howard Beach and Ozone Park, file flood damage reports with New York City which stemmed from the recent storms.

The Assemblywoman was able to arrange the giveaway of inflatable barriers that range in size and can be used to prevent water from entering a property. This was done through a partnership

with NYC DEP (Department of Environmental Protection). "The question isn't whether we're getting another storm like Sandy, but when," said Pheffer Amato. "As we are approaching the 11 year anniversary of Hurricane Sandy, we are reminded that we must stay prepared. Residing in a community which is in a recognized flood-zone means that there is always a risk of flooding. As our City, State, and Federal agencies are continuing to work on resiliency projects, these flood barriers can provide some temporary relief. The safety of my constituents has always and will always be my number one priority."

Pheffer Amato has also introduced legislation, A.2824, which would provide for non-discriminatory, equitable flood insurance options for New York State residents. She is also the co-sponsor of bill A.132 which would establish the Office of Flood Mitigation to facilitate and enhance flood mitigation efforts, and bill A.3782 which provides low or no-interest loans to individual property owners for hazard mitigation or resilience projects.

Those interested in getting a flood barrier must call the Assemblywoman's office at 718-945-9550 to RSVP and live within the bounds of the 23rd Assembly District.

## Statement From Council Deputy Speaker Diana Ayala on Administration's 60-Day Shelter Stay Limit For Migrant Families

"The announcement that Mayor Adams' administration will enact a policy forcing migrant families to leave shelters after 60 days and place them in congregate settings is irresponsible and demonstrates poor planning. It risks creating chaos, disrupting the ability for children to successfully attend their schools, situating them in unsafe conditions and at worst, leaving families to sleep in the city's streets. It is yet another troubling sign that the Mayor is either incapable or unwilling to effectively manage these challenges in collaboration with the city's stakeholders.

"The administration's shelter limit policy was originally presented as a means to accommodate

families by applying it to only single adults without children. Instead of collaborating with the countless stakeholders to develop a solution that enables our city to effectively manage with compassion, this policy would represent the mayor again opting for a unilateral approach that disregards the well-being of individuals, and specifically children. Such a policy would seem to be geared towards harming people rather than aiding them, further destabilizing children and families.

"The rationale behind any such policy must be questioned, and requires not only further details but a more thoughtful and humane approach. What is the rationale behind this policy change? What does

'semi-congregate' actually mean, and what steps will be taken to prioritize the safety of children placed in these settings? What measures will the administration take to address the potential disruption that it will cause for children who are already enrolled in our schools?

"Our city and its reputation will be threatened if this policy is advanced in the dysfunctional way it has been announced. I urge the administration to pursue more sound management in consideration for human life and the best interests of our city. The image of New York presented to the world should not be one that is callous and ineffective, when our city is a beacon of compassion, resilience, and empathy."

## Local Nonprofit Hosts 5k To Support College Readiness Programs




Dozens of New Yorkers braved the rain this Saturday and laced up for Global Kids Annual 5K Run/Walk at Flushing Meadows-Corona Park in support of New York City youth.

This year's event raised vital funds for the organization's College and Career Readiness program, which provides high school students with the skills

and opportunities they need to achieve success in college and beyond. The program offers students one-on-one counseling sessions, college exploration workshops, goal setting sessions, career days at corporate and government offices, panels with professionals, resume building workshops, college tours and more. Photo by Antonie Debrill.





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**HOROSCOPE**   
 For the Week of ... 10/19/23 - 10/25/23

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**ARIES**  
 (Mar 21 - April 20)  
 Be aware of deception when it comes to your work associates. Don't say too much to colleagues. Your investing talent will prove to be lucrative. Your lucky numbers are 2,4,9.

**TAURUS**  
 (Apr 21 - May 21)  
 Romance will be in your favor this week. Do not give your heart to someone who may not live up to your standards. Your lucky numbers are 3,2,1.

**GEMINI**  
 (May 22 - June 21)  
 Avoid over spending this week. Make plans to attend group discussions or get together with friends who you admire. Check your investments. Your lucky numbers are 6,8,4.

**CANCER**  
 (June 22 - July 22)  
 Take that long needed vacation with your mate. Work on legitimate financial deals that may enable you to bring in some extra cash. Your lucky numbers are 9,3,2.

**LEO**  
 (July 23 - Aug 22)  
 You can make a very rewarding profit if you deal with the right individuals. It's time to reevaluate your investments. Romance appears good. Your lucky numbers are 8,4,9.

**VIRGO**  
 (Aug 23 - Sept 23)  
 Opportunities to make advancements through good business sense are evident. You can make money but not through hare-brained schemes or gambling. Your lucky numbers are 5,3,9.

**LIBRA**  
 (Sept 24 - Oct 23)  
 Control your emotions and things will flow smoother. Secret affairs may only cause complications in your life. Your lucky numbers are 7,3,5.

**SCORPIO**  
 (Oct 24 - Nov 22)  
 Romantic opportunities will be plentiful if you get out and mingle. Be careful not to come on too strongly. Your mate could get on your nerves. Your lucky numbers are 5,7,3.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
 (Nov 23 - Dec 21)  
 Don't confront employers or present your ideas this week. You can make changes to your home that will please all the family members. Your lucky numbers are 3,2,5.

**CAPRICORN**  
 (Dec 22 - Jan 20)  
 You can easily impress others with your generous nature. Make changes to your living quarters that will please other members of your family. Your lucky numbers are 3,9,1.

**AQUARIUS**  
 (Jan 21 - Feb 19)  
 You can get the attention of individuals but it might not be the time to get them to help or to back your ideas. Your emotional stability may influence others. Your lucky numbers are 2,6,9.

**PISCES**  
 (Feb 20 - Mar 20)  
 Try to expand your circle of friends by getting involved in unusual activities. Do the necessary chores and then do things that please you. Your lucky numbers are 9,1,7.

**Did You Know?**

- A woodpecker can peck 20 times a second
- Catfish have over 100,000 taste buds
- The world's smallest mammal is the bumblebee bat of Thailand
- England's Stonehenge is over 5,000 years old
- The Eiffel Tower is over 300m (984 ft) tall
- The Eiffel Tower is repainted every 7 years
- The Statue of Liberty weighs over 225 tons
- There are 132 rooms in the US White House
- Banana plants are the largest plants without a woody stem (they belong to the same family as lilies, orchids and palms)
- Bananas are a good source of vitamin C, potassium and fiber
- Bananas contain no fat, cholesterol or sodium
- Over 96% of American households purchase bananas at least once a month
- Mosquitoes dislike citronella because it irritates their feet
- Mosquitoes prefer children to adults and blondes to brunettes
- No two spider webs are the same
- There are over 900,000 known species of insects
- Worker ants may live for 7 years and the queen up to 15
- Franklin Mars invented the Snickers Bar in 1930

**Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles**

**"Sudoku"**

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

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**"Try And Find"**

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**TRY AND FIND**

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Itsy-Bitsy	Minor-League	Petty	Tiny
Little	Minute	Puny	Trifling
Measly	Paltry	Rinky-Dink	Trivial

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**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

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- ACROSS**
- Speaks
  - Cigarfish
  - Beak
  - Liquid bodily waste
  - Sit for a photo
  - Creative work
  - Hearsay
  - Nonclerical
  - Anagram of "Sent"
  - Fiendish
  - Coastal raptor
  - Accompanying
  - Perpetually
  - River to the North Sea
  - Consumed
  - Court
  - Froth
  - Bird home
  - Veracity
  - Refrain
  - European country
  - Besmirch
  - Pare
  - Suggestion
  - Bird's beak
  - Antiquity
  - Cheers
  - Quarrel
  - Frosts, as a cake
  - Ancient Dead Sea kingdom
  - Surface assimilation
  - Vermin
  - Infinitesimal amount
  - Huge
  - Diving bird
  - Tallow source
  - Ready for anything
  - French for "State"
  - Makes a mistake
  - Affirmatives
- DOWN**
- Feces
  - African sheep
  - Capital of Peru
  - Circular rounded projection
  - Goat antelope
  - Log choppers
  - Instructors
  - Largest continent
  - Render unable to scratch
  - Remarkable
  - Drama set to classical music
  - Not cloudy
  - S S S
  - Tropical vine
  - Parcels of land
  - F F F
  - Weaving machine
  - Naked
  - Long artificial mound of earth
  - Formal wear for men
  - Murres
  - Small
  - Bowlers or stetsons
  - A Great Lake
  - Not over
  - Rump
  - Cook in liquid
  - Young lady
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### MTA Completes Re-NEW-ation at Junction Boulevard 7 Reaching 50 Subway Stations Systemwide



**Re-NEW-ation Program Now Permanently Funded for At Least 50 Stations Annually 11 More Stations to be Re-NEW-ated by End of 2023**

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) today announced New York City Transit (NYCT) completed structural and aesthetic renovations at Junction Boulevard station on the in

Corona, Queens, delivering on its commitment to complete 50 Station Re-NEW-ations by the end of 2023. The Station Re-NEW-ation program will now be a permanent program within NYCT Department of Subways which will rehabilitate, clean, and enhance 50 stations across the subway system annually.

At Junction Boulevard, transit workers completely rebuilt three

degraded stairways from street level to the station mezzanine, in addition to securing stairway treads, welding new safety grips, and repainting stairway columns throughout the station. Iconic subway globes located at the entrances of the station were also replaced. Additional station improvement included removing

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### Pheffer Amato's Animal Supply Drive Fetches Fortune For Furry Friends

New York State Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato (D-South Queens) had her office filled to the brim with animal supplies donated by residents throughout the community. For weeks on end, the Assemblywoman's office was a revolving door of residents from the Peninsula, along with Broad Channel, Howard Beach and Ozone Park who dropped off supplies. Donations from the community ranged from food, to toys, collars, water bowls, along with blankets and sheets.

The Assemblywoman dropped off a portion of the accumulated animal donations to the Animal Care Center (ACC), which included over 150 pounds of food and over 250 sheets and towels. The ACC was overwhelmed by the generosity of the community as they expressed how they will use the supplies to feed and comfort the furry friends waiting to find their furr-ever homes. The remaining supplies of 100's



of blankets and sheets, food and toys went to several local animal shelters in South Queens and the Rockaway Peninsula

"This is a community that loves its animals and that was shown through this amazing level of

generosity," said Assemblywoman Pheffer Amato. "Everyone who came here to drop off supplies shared their own story about their furry friend because in this

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### Council Member James F. Gennaro, Local Leaders, Honor the-Late Uma SenGupta at Co-Naming Ceremony

On Sunday, October 15, Council Member James F. Gennaro hosted a street co-naming ceremony honoring the life of Uma SenGupta. Gennaro was joined by Attorney General Letitia James; Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, State Sen. John Liu; State Sen. Leroy Comrie; Assembly Member David Weprin; and members of the SenGupta family at the street co-naming ceremony in which the intersection of 152nd Street and Union Turnpike was co-named "Uma SenGupta Way" after the community leader. Council Member Gennaro authored the City Council bill to co-name the



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### Meng Issues Statement on Attack of Queens Resident Wearing Turban



The NYPD Hate Crimes Unit is investigating the assault

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY) issued the following statement on the attack of a Queens Sikh

resident. The assault is being investigated as a hate crime by the NYPD Hate Crimes Unit.

"Over the past few days, we have seen a devastating up-tick in discrimination and violence against religious minorities that have now hit our home here in Queens. I was horrified to learn that one of our young residents, who was going about their day on a MTA bus, was a victim of a verbal and physical assault that left them bleeding.

This is unacceptable. We will not stand for such vile hate and bigotry here in Queens, nor anywhere in our country.

I wish the victim a speedy recovery and hope that the NYPD Hate Crimes Unit is quickly able to find the alleged perpetrator."

### Security Briefing on Terror Attacks in Israel



In the wake of the horrific acts of terror against Israel, the Queens District Attorneys office last week partnered with Council Member Lynn Schulman, the NYPD and community leaders to host a securi-

ty briefing on the ongoing conflict and discuss measures being taken to keep our city safe.

As we stand united with Israel, and pray for peace, we will continue working to ensure your safety.

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## Council Member Julie Won Secures \$300,000 in Funding For P.S./I.S. 78Q For After School & Arts Programs, And Technology Upgrades

*After-school programs are offered to students in partnership with Variety Boys and Girls Club*

Council Member Won, was joined by Variety Boys and Girls Club of Queens, Principal Louis Pavone, and staff and students from P.S./I.S. 78Q to announce \$300,000 in funding to create a new after school program for all students, fund enriching arts programming, and provide technology upgrades. Council Member Won secured \$205,000 in City Council funding for recess and after-school programs that will provide homework help, performing arts instruction, and physical education in partnership with Variety Boys and Girls Club. The Council Member also secured \$75,000 for technology upgrades, and \$20,000 in funding for Cultural After School Adventures (CASA) programming through Queens Botanical Society.

P.S./I.S. 78 is the number one rated school in District 26 based on official state assessments. Test scores show that students meet or exceed grade-level expectations across multiple subjects. The school has seen an increase



in enrollment from low-income students living in Hunters Point's affordable housing. This partnership between Council Member Won and Variety Boys and Girls Club will ensure that every student, regardless of income, will be able to access quality theater, arts, and sports programs after school.

"As a working mom, I am thrilled to bring a brand new after school program to P.S./I.S. 78 to ensure all of our students

and families have access to care when the school day ends," said Council Member Julie Won. "For years, parents at P.S./I.S. 78 have had to fundraise to support after school programming for their children, and many did not have access to these programs at all. In partnership with Variety Boys and Girls Club, parents can have peace of mind that their children

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## Meng Thanks State Department And President Biden For Arranging Charter Flights to Help Americans Seeking to Leave Israel



*Announcement comes following the Congresswoman's call for the agency to assist U.S. citizens with departing the country; fights slated to begin today*

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY), a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations, today thanked the State Department and President Biden for agreeing to arrange

charter flights to help U.S. citizens leave Israel.

Since the unprecedented, heinous attack by Hamas, Meng has spearheaded two letters to Secretary of State Antony Blinken asking him to use all resources at the Department's disposal to help Americans seeking to return from Israel, including the use of charter flights.

Meng sent the first letter on Monday. The second letter, a bipartisan letter co-lead with Rep. Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY) and signed by nearly 150 Members of Congress, was sent on Tuesday.

"I am pleased that the Department of State has agreed to arrange charter flights to help Americans in Israel," said Meng. "Since the outset of this brutal and unprovoked assault by Hamas, constituents have been reaching out to my office seeking assistance to leave the country since the airlines have cancelled most com-

mercial flights out of Israel. This is a good first step and I appreciate the administration's responsiveness to my calls for this additional support for U.S. citizens in Israel. Thank you to President Biden and Secretary of State Blinken."

Those requiring departure assistance should fill out the State Department's crisis intake form if they haven't done so already, a link to which is included here. Flights are slated to begin today. Those seeking to be in touch with the U.S. Embassy in Israel can fill out the form as well or call 1-833-890-9595 or 1-606-641-0131.

U.S. citizens in Israel can also enroll in the State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) for ongoing updates. The latest security alerts can be viewed here.

Meng's office continues to be available to assist constituents with any questions and concerns they might have.

## Queens College Memorializes Hero Alumnus

On Thursday, October 5, a plaque memorializing Queens College alumnus Mohammed Salman Hamdani '01—an EMT and medical school applicant killed on September 11, 2001, in the collapse of the World Trade Center's north tower—was unveiled on campus. Following reports that the 23-year-old Hamdani never arrived at his job at a Rockefeller University lab, suspicions arose in some media that he could have been involved in the attacks. Speculation ended when his remains were recovered



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**It's In Queens!**  
(Oct. 20 to Oct. 26)

Rego Park turns 100. Queens Center turns 50. And cat comedy makes a hilarious debut. It's another jam-packed week in the borough. Get ready for artisan cheese, scary stories, historic houses, live Jazz, drag queens and Fefu y sus amigas.

- Oct. 20, Open House NY, Oct. 22. More than 300 landmarks open their doors to the public over three days. Thirty-three Queens sites are participating via exhibitions, guided walks, and self-guided tours.

- Oct. 21, Ella Bric Celebrates Louis Armstrong, 5 pm. Live Jazz with traditional influences from around the world in the intimacy of the new Jazz Room. Please arrive 15 minutes early. Louis Armstrong House Museum, 34-56 107th St., Corona.

- Oct. 21, From Our Minds: Richie Hawtin, Barbosa, Machina & More, 10 pm. This event highlights the next generation of techno talent and electronic dance music. Knockdown Center, 52-19 Flushing Ave., Maspeth.
- Oct. 21, Fiftieth Anniversary, 11 am. Seven hours of free events around the shopping center. A trivia game show, fashion sketches, personalized tote bags, roller skate dancers, etc. Queens Center, 90-15 Queens Blvd., Elmhurst.

- Oct. 21, Explore Rego Park on its 100th Anniversary, 11 am. Historic Districts Council Executive Director Frampton Tolbert and local preservationist Michael Perlman partner on a tour of Rego Park. Participants walk along Queens Boulevard and learn about housing, demographics, history, architecture, and early residents.

- Oct. 21, Fall Bird Walks, 9:30 am. Spot and identify creatures of flight with experts from NYC Audubon. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing.

- Oct. 21, Lovecraft at the Manor, 1 pm. Author and historian David J. Goodwin discusses his forthcoming book on horror writer H. P. Lovecraft and his NYC years. (Lovecraft visited King Manor in 1925, describing it as "one of the major discoveries" of his "New-York explorations.") After the presentation, Goodwin and resident horror historian Abigail Waldron talk about television episodes and films inspired by Lovecraft's fiction. King Manor, 150-03 Jamaica Ave.

- Oct. 22, Whey Eau-de-Vie Launch Party, 5 pm. A special tasting to celebrate the arrival of whey eau-de-vie from La Famille Mignerone, an award-winning artisan cheesemaker in Baie-Saint-Paul, Québec. M. Wells, 43-15 Crescent St., Long Island City.

- Oct. 22, Uptown!, 3 pm. The men of Uptown present top-tier vocals and invigorating choreography in a unique and modern



**QT Drag**

show that gets crowds on their feet for a blend of Motown and contemporary hits. Queensborough Performing Arts Center, 222-05 56th Ave., Bayside.

- Oct. 22, RITE, 1 pm. Valerie Green/Dance Entropy offers a six-man dance on humankind's internal struggle with self-image and societal pressure and the vulnerable journey from Form to Clarity. The event is dedicated to permanent resident Rev. Calvin Otis Butts III (1949-2022), senior pastor at Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem and president of SUNY Old Westbury. Maple Grove Cemetery, 127-15 Kew Gardens Rd.

- Oct. 22, Halloween Family Fun Day, 11 am. Pumpkin Patch, spooky stories, magic shows, square dance, costume contest, face-painting, crafts, games, demos. Bayside LIRR Station, 41st Avenue and Bell Boulevard.

- Oct. 22, Family Day, noon. Four hours of activities for all ages, including workshops, theater, and gallery tours. Queens Museum, NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- Oct. 23, Race Chaser Live, 8 pm. Drag superstars Alaska and Willam break out of the studio and onto the stage with a live version of their long-running podcast. They'll discuss their favorite show, "Drag Race," dive into some drag drama, and welcome a special guest or two -- all while looking stunning and glamorous. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- Oct. 24, You Cannot Define Me: The Black Man, Nov. 28. JCAL Reads returns for a six-week run with a focus on four contemporary, community-based Black male authors. Gatherings are on Tuesdays at 7 pm. Jamaica Performing Arts Center, 153-10 Jamaica Ave.

- Oct. 25, Poets of Queens, 7 pm. Local poets and guests

Jared Harel, Paolo Javier, Erika Meitner, and Laima Vince read original work. QED Astoria, 27-16 23rd Ave.

- Oct. 25, Jewelry Making Workshop, 1:30 pm. Artist Phyllis Ger teaches how to design and make jewelry with a range of materials and techniques. Voelker Orth Museum, 149-19 38th Ave., Flushing.

- Oct. 25, Fefu y Sus Amigas, Oct. 26. This classic play gets a modern, local twist with stories about seniors at Sunnyside Community Center. Both nights at 7 pm. Thalia Spanish Theatre, 41-17 Greenpoint Ave., Sunnyside.

- Oct. 26, Wendy Osserman Dance Company + Concetta Abbate, Oct. 29. Talents combine to present "LAMINARIA," a Folk Horror Suite written for 10 musicians who perform live with dancers. Shows are 8 pm from Thursday to Saturday with a 3 pm Sunday matinee. Stone Circle Theatre, 59-14 70th Ave., Ridgewood.

- Oct. 26, Catbaret! Meowloween!, 9 pm. An evening of cat-themed comedy, music, and purr-lesque. Gemma Smith is the host, and the lineup includes Matt Koff (Comedy), Susie Dahl (Burlesque), Rory Scholl (Comedy), Vivi Bruneau (Vocals), and Pussy Leigh (Burlesque). Plus, an audience costume contest with prizes. Free cat ears! QED Astoria, 27-16 23rd Ave.

- Oct. 26, Jamaica Mic Drop, 8 pm. This spoken word/open mic series includes comedy, poetry, and even Hip Hop. It's curated by Kevin Livingston, founder of 100 Suits, and partially funded by Con Edison. Jamaica Performing Arts Center, 153-10 Jamaica Ave.

- Oct. 26, Jewelry Making, 7 pm. The workshop is for anyone looking to make bracelets, necklaces, and earrings, or customize existing jewelry. Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning, 161-04 Jamaica Ave.

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## Council Member Julie Won Secures \$300,000 in Funding For P.S./I.S. 78Q For After School & Arts Programs, And Technology Upgrades

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are in a safe space that allows them to learn and grow. Thank you to Costa Constantinides and his team at Variety Boys and Girls Club for partnering to give scholars an outlet to foster their creativity, and a special thanks to Principal Louis Pavone, Assistant Principal Deana Rombone, and PTA President Kelly Craig for their advocacy.”

“We are very grateful to Council Member Won for her support of expanding our afterschool services to PS 78. Thanks to Council Member Won, the children of PS 78 will have access to STEM, arts, athletics and the myriad of programs Variety Boys and Girls Club of Queens provides on a daily basis. Our mission is to help

young people find their passion while providing them a safe space to do it. This funding and partnership with the PTA President Kelly Craig and Principal Pavone along with all of the staff at PS 78 will allow for this to happen,” said Costa Constantinides, CEO, Variety Boys and Girls Club of Queens.

“I want to thank Council Member Julie Won for providing funding to the Variety Boys and Girls Club and Costa Constantinides so that our school can partner with them and be able to provide a free after-school program for all of our children in grades K-5,” said P.S./I.S. 78Q Principal Louis Pavone. “The importance of after-school programming is essential for our families and for 18 years I have been advocating for all

public schools to receive funding so they can provide free after school for families. The city does not provide funding for non-title 1 schools for these programs, and I want to thank Council Member Won for seeing this need for our families as well.”

“Our entire school community is incredibly grateful to CM Julie Won for not only her continued support of our school, and all the schools in her District, but for her commitment to helping us build an after-school program that denies no child this imperative service that is in economic need. We are also grateful to the Variety Boys & Girls of Queens for their partnership in helping to bring this program to our school,” said Kelly Craig, President, P.S./I.S. 78Q PTA.

## Gillibrand Leads Group of Six Senators to Call For Replenishment of Iron Dome And For The U.S. to Stand Ready to Provide Additional Munitions to Israel as it Defends Itself

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, sent a letter with U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Mark Kelly (D-AZ), Jacky Rosen (D-NV) and Kyrsten Sinema (I-AZ) to President Biden urging him to take quick action to ensure Israel has the munitions it needs, including Iron Dome interceptors. The letter noted that the conflict could expand and that Israel may need additional munitions. The senators urged the Department of Defense to assess its stockpiles of munitions; to stand ready to coordinate ammunition transfers to Israel; and to submit to Congress requests for any necessary supplemental assistance packages.

“We are grateful your Administration has already granted all of Israel’s requests for military hardware and that you authorized

additional intelligence sharing with the Israeli military,” wrote the senators. “However, as Israel braces for a longer conflict, one that could expand to additional fronts, we urge the Administration to continue to cooperate with Israel on its military, intelligence, and humanitarian needs. Thus far, Israel has requested munitions and Iron Dome interceptors. It may soon need additional types of munitions, personal protective equipment, assistance to rebuild communities, and/or intelligence regarding Iranian cooperation with Hamas and its regional proxies.”

The letter continued, “We ask that the Department of Defense holistically assess its stockpiles of these defense articles—especially Iron Dome interceptors—so that it can quickly transfer these munitions to Israel, upon request. We further urge the Department of Defense to coordinate ammunition

transfers with allies, especially those that have joined American calls of support for Israel. Finally, we urge the Administration to quickly evaluate these stockpiles, allied commitments, and near-term Israeli needs and submit to Congress any necessary supplemental assistance packages so that Congress may act quickly to get Israel the support it needs during this crisis.”

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.

## MTA Completes Re-NEW-ation at Junction Boulevard 7 Reaching 50 Subway Stations Systemwide

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outdated signs, deep cleaning and replacing where necessary emergency lighting, installing new LED lights to brighten darkened areas providing customers with a sense of greater safety, securing loose floor tiles in trouble spots, repairing concrete tripping hazards on platforms, and scrubbing acid etched wall tiles and replacing tiles where needed. The entire station was also scraped, primed and repainted providing

customers with a brighter station environment.

“We pledged to customers to re-NEW-vate 50 stations by the end of 2023, and I am thrilled that we have delivered,” said NYC Transit President Richard Davey. “Faster, cleaner, and safer is New York City Transit’s North Star guiding everything we do to improve the customer experience. By re-NEW-vating 50 subway stations with more to come we are bringing tangible, visible enhancements to stations

used by hundreds of thousands of customers every day.”

“Every part of a customer’s journey is important including the physical aesthetics of stations, which must be kept to high standards,” said NYC Transit Senior Vice President of Subways Demetrius Crichlow. “The Station Re-NEW-ation Program will ensure that station maintenance remains a top priority and I’m proud of the great work the NYCT team has accomplished over these many weekends.”

## TAKE 5 Top-Prize Ticket Sold in EAST ELMHURST

The New York Lottery has announced one top-prize winning ticket was sold for the Oct 14 TAKE 5 EVENING drawing. The ticket was sold at:

• DL DELI GROCERY CORP located at 9111 31ST AVE in EAST ELMHURST, which sold

one prize-winning ticket worth \$36,320.50

TAKE 5 numbers are drawn from a field of one through 39. The drawing is televised twice daily at 2:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. A Lottery draw game prize of any amount may be claimed up to one

year from the date of the drawing.

About the New York Lottery - The New York Lottery continues to be North America’s largest and most profitable Lottery, contributing \$3.7 billion in fiscal year 2022-2023 to help support education in New York State.

## Queens College Memorializes Hero Alumnus

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at Ground Zero in March 2002, proving that he lost his life trying to save others. Queens College Chemistry Professor William Hersh, who taught Hamdani; Zeshan Hamdani, Hamdani’s brother; Talat Hamdani, Hamdani’s mother; and Queens College President Frank H. Wu, left to right in the attached photo, were present for the unveiling, which took place on Cooperman Plaza adjacent to the college’s Benjamin S. Rosenthal Library. Credit Andy Poon, Queens College.

“It is a privilege to help Queens College honor one of our own,” said Wu. “Mohammed Salman Hamdani—Sal to his family and friends—was an all-American immigrant from Pakistan who

loved Star Wars movies, became an EMT, served as a New York Police Department cadet, and lost his life trying to save the lives of others. By heading downtown that day, instead of going to his job at a Rockefeller University lab, he showed extraordinary levels of selflessness and compassion.”

The plaque unveiling was followed by a screening of the 38-minute documentary American Jedi: The Salman Hamdani Story, an interfaith project by producers Nick Eyde, who is Christian, and longtime friend Mohammad Khalil, who is Muslim. Hoping to chronicle an event that had changed the United States, they focused on Hamdani’s story as a way of highlighting Muslim victims of September 11.

## Pheffer Amato’s Animal Supply Drive Fetches Fortune For Furry Friends

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district we treat our animals with love, and appreciate the work the rescues do. I am so grateful for our community’s engagement as we are able to show our love and support to animals,” said Pheffer Amato.

The ACC had reached out to the Assemblywoman due to her

well known love of animals as it was in desperate need of supplies. The Assemblywoman had also recently worked with the 100th Precinct to rescue a dog and several cats from a condemned house in Broad Channel. The Assemblywoman’s own rescue cat, Sugar, said “Meow” as she too appreciated the community’s donations and support.

## Council Member James F. Gennaro and New York Blood Center to Host Blood Drive on Monday, October 23 Amid National Blood Shortage

In response to the critical blood shortage facing the nation, Council Member James F. Gennaro, in partnership with the New York Blood Center, is organizing a community blood drive on Monday, October 23. The drive will take place in front of Council Member Gennaro’s office located at 180-32 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Blood drives like this one play a vital role in ensuring that hospitals and medical facilities have an adequate supply of blood to meet the needs of patients. The current national blood shortage has placed additional strain on healthcare systems, making community support all the more crucial.

“We are calling on our community members to come forward and donate blood during this time of great need,” said Council Member James F. Gennaro. “Your contribution can help save lives and make a positive impact on our community’s health and

well-being. I encourage all who are eligible to donate.”

The New York Blood Center, a renowned organization dedicated to serving the local community’s blood needs, will be overseeing the collection process. They adhere to the highest standards of safety and cleanliness to ensure a safe environment for donors.

Donors are encouraged to pre-register for the event to help streamline the process and ensure a steady supply of blood throughout the day. To register, please visit [https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/317265](https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/317265).

For more information on blood donation eligibility and guidelines, please visit the New York Blood Center’s website at <https://www.nybc.org/donate-blood/donor-eligibility/>.

New York Blood Center Enterprises (NYBCE) is one of the largest community-based, non-profit blood collection and distribution organizations in the United States.





## Record-Setting Powerball Jackpot Delivers \$66.1 Million For New York Schools

*New York's Lottery sales again skyrocketed as jackpot grew, generating millions of dollars in aid to education and commissions for New York Lottery retailers*

The second highest Powerball jackpot of \$1.765 billion, while won in California, delivered more than \$77.4 million combined for New York State public schools and Lottery retailers.

The Powerball jackpot of \$1.765 billion rolled 36 times before the winning ticket was drawn on October 11. In New York State, Powerball ticket sales totaled \$189 million during the run. All of New York Lottery's profits from sales are constitutionally dedicated to New York's K-12 public schools, totaling \$66.1 million. Com-

missions on Powerball sales paid to retailers across the state totaled \$11.3 million.

"Every dollar spent playing the New York Lottery benefits New York's schools and lottery retailers, many of which are small businesses," said Gaming Commission Chair Brian O'Dwyer. "While record-breaking jackpots rightfully generate excitement, the New York Lottery continues to provide both responsible entertainment for millions of players and a consistent revenue stream to better our state."

Multiple New Yorkers won prizes totaling \$14.2 million in prizes of \$50,000 or more during the Powerball roll up between July 22 and October 11:

- Seven \$1 million second prize winners
- One Powerplay second

prize winner of \$2 million

- Four Powerplay third prize winners of \$150,000
- Three Powerplay third prize winners of \$100,000
- 86 third prize winners of \$50,000

The New York Lottery continues to be North America's largest and most profitable Lottery, contributing \$3.7 billion in Lottery Aid to Education for FY2022-2023 to help support education in New York State.

The New York Lottery is committed to providing players with a range of fun, entertaining games in a socially responsible manner. Those seeking help can visit NYProblemGamblingHelp.org or call New York State's confidential HOPEline at 1-877-8-HOPENY (1-877-846-7369) or text HOPENY (467369). Standard text rates may apply.

## Attorney General James Leads Multistate Coalition to Urge Supreme Court to Reverse Lower Court's Ruling on Medication Abortion

*Coalition of 24 Attorneys General Argues that Lower Court's Ruling Halting FDA Actions to Improve Access to Mifepristone Could Cause Devastating Harms to Patients and Health Care Systems*

New York Attorney General Letitia James has led a multistate coalition of 24 attorneys general to protect access to medication abortion nationwide. The coalition of attorneys general filed an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court in support of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) and Danco Laboratories LLC's petitions to reverse the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit's ruling that reinstated certain medically unnecessary restrictions on the medication. Mifepristone is the only FDA-approved abortion medication, and the coalition argues that the Fifth Circuit's ruling has dangerous consequences on reproductive health care outcomes, particularly for low-income and underserved communities.

"The Fifth Circuit's decision to reinstate medically unnecessary restrictions on the FDA-approved drug mifepristone was dangerous and misguided," said Attorney General James. "The availability of medication abortion is critical to ensure safe reproductive health care for millions of Americans, particularly those in low-income, underserved, and rural communities. I am proud to lead this coalition of attorneys general to protect access to reproductive health care."

Attorney General James

and the coalition are urging the Supreme Court to grant the petitions to bring the case on medication abortion before the court. The coalition asks the Supreme Court to reverse the Fifth Circuit's poorly-reasoned decision that restricts how mifepristone can be prescribed and dispensed. The amicus brief highlights that the Fifth Circuit's decision ignores decades of high-quality evidence and clinical research that shows mifepristone is safe and effective.

The coalition notes that if the Fifth Circuit's decision is permitted to take effect, it could disrupt access to the most common method of abortion, harming countless individuals in need of abortion care or management of pregnancy loss, with widespread implications for the health care system. Among other things, the ruling could lead many individuals to undergo procedural abortion, push abortion procedures later in pregnancy, drive up risks, costs, and delays, and deprive many individuals of access to reproductive health care altogether. The coalition further argues that the ruling would create widespread confusion among providers, distributors, and pharmacies, and radically destabilize the regulatory process for drug approvals, stifling scientific innovation and imperiling the development and availability of thousands of drugs nationwide.

Joining Attorney General James in submitting today's amicus brief are the attorneys general of Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawai'i, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New

Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, and the District of Columbia.

Attorney General James has been a national leader in protecting access to reproductive healthcare, including medication abortion. In April, Attorney General James led the multistate coalition in this case in the district court and on appeal before the Fifth Circuit. She further led the coalition in the successful request that the Supreme Court intervene and stay the district court's decision, which would have invalidated the approval of mifepristone altogether. In March, Attorney General James, together with Governor Hochul, sent a letter to the CEOs of Walgreens (owner of Duane Reade), Rite Aid, and CVS to demand answers about the companies' plans to make the abortion medication mifepristone available in New York state. She has fought to preserve access to abortion care in medical emergencies, leading a series of briefs in support of the United States Department of Health and Human Services interpretation of the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA). Following the Supreme Court's decision to end *Roe v. Wade*, Attorney General James launched a pro bono legal hotline to provide legal support to patients and healthcare providers nationwide. Attorney General James has helped lead a coalition of attorneys general to defend abortion access in Idaho, Texas, Arizona, Indiana, and Mississippi.

## Council Member James F. Gennaro, Local Leaders, Honor the-Late Uma SenGupta at Co-Naming Ceremony

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street, and the bill passed earlier this year.

"Uma SenGupta was well known for her activism and decades of community service. She was a trailblazer in the political scene here in Queens and beyond," said Council Member James F. Gennaro. "It is my hope that anytime someone comes down 152nd Street and Union Turnpike they are reminded of the great legacy she leaves behind. It is an honor to be here today, alongside Uma SenGupta's family and friends to pay tribute to a local legend."

"Affectionately known as the 'Mother of the Community,' the late Mrs. Uma SenGupta was a pioneer for women, educators and underserved as well as emerging immigrant groups. Through the street sign, 'Uma SenGupta Way,' it is our hope that New Yorkers and visitors feel the warmth of a mother's words of encouragement, inspiring them to continue in my mother's legacy of community development, philanthropic service, and progress for society," said Dr. Sumita SenGupta, educator and community leader.

"I was proud to attend the street renaming to honor Uma SenGupta in Briarwood, Queens today," said Attorney General Letitia James. "Uma spent decades fighting for social, racial and economic justice. She embodied the very spirit of Queens, and now her legacy will not be forgotten."

"Uma SenGupta was larger than life, a trailblazer," said Queens Borough President Donovan Richards. "This is a small token of our appreciation in memory of her because she advocated for so many. It is so important that we honor heroes and 'sheroes' who come from all over the world...This is a great representation of that. This is a great honor for a wonderful leader."

"Uma SenGupta was larger than life - a living legend while she was here for us physically. She continues to be a legend and an inspiration," said State Sen. John Liu. "There are so many memories of her personally, as well as the community and political perspective. [SenGupta] guided us and continues to do so. Even till the very end

she was thinking of everybody else."

"I am honored to be here today to honor a true Queens trailblazer. Queens is a great, diverse community full of people that have come here from all over the world to have a quality of life [and] to be respected and understood and to be part of the fabric of society. Uma SenGupta was a trailblazer and made sure all of that happened for her community," said State Sen. Leroy Comrie. "She was always fighting for others. It was never about her individual needs - it was about the needs of her community."

"Dr. SenGupta was such a pioneer in Queens [and] New York City, being the first South Asian elected official," said Assembly Member David Weprin. "She will always be remembered as a pioneer. We know she's looking down from Heaven and giving out instructions. May her memory truly be a blessing."

Uma SenGupta was a true woman of substance and a pioneer who made history throughout her life. She came to New York over 60 years ago with her husband, the-late Suprabhat SenGupta and three children to build a new life that actualized the American dream, as well as built a strong foundation for the Indian American Community which espoused the great values of both India and America.

SenGupta, a lifelong educationist, founded in Flushing, Queens, New York, a Montessori School that provided high quality early childhood education for over 38 years. SenGupta was well known for her work in the community in which she diligently worked for Indian Americans to have a voice, access and equity. Her work as an educationist, activist and community leader received several recognitions, which led her to make history in January 2004, by becoming the first Indian American woman to be sworn in as the Democratic Party District Leader of the 25th Assembly District, Part B, in the borough of Queens.

In her various roles that supported the community, she became an iconic figure for social change, encouraging minorities, women and marginalized populations to become more

actively involved in the political process for effectuating positive change. She supported the activism of new immigrants, including many Asian, Caribbean, Latino and African American candidates to be elected to office in various positions in the justice system as well as local, state and federal governments.

Uma SenGupta was a life-long humanitarian who supported national and international causes that promoted quality education, health care, elder care, women's rights, equality, human rights, and environmental protection. She tirelessly advocated for clean quality water for all, more academically enriching and inclusive programs for children and families with a strong focus on overall improvement of the quality of life here in the United States as well as India. She was affectionally referred to as the "Mother of the Community." A grandmother of five and a great grandmother, she often introduced herself as not only the mother, but also the grandmother of the community. She was considered a heroine, as well as a trailblazer, for the community by working with lawmakers to pass legislation that stopped hate crimes against immigrants, especially for people who wore cultural or religious attire, such as Sikhs wearing a turban who had faced violence due to discrimination. She worked for more robust programs in education for school-year-aged children, healthcare for immigrants and immigrant seniors. She initiated a sustainable development project that provided fresh clean drinking water to several rural improvised villages within West Bengal, India. Through the "Give Me Water Project," SenGupta was a crucial force in positively improving the quality of life for all its inhabitants, as well as decreasing the mortality rates of children.

Uma SenGupta received over 64 national and international awards that recognized her tremendous efforts in working for the benefit of all communities. She passed the torch for local and global community service to her daughter, Dr. Sumita SenGupta, an educationist and community leader, to continue her legacy.

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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;  
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**Statement of George Gresham, President of 1199SEIU, on Mayor Adams' Limiting of Shelter to Migrants:**

"News that Mayor Adams plans to evict families from shelter after 60 days is deeply alarming and flies in the face of our city's longstanding commitment to provide shelter to all who need it. It is especially cruel and inhumane to do this as cold weather approaches. There is another way to respond to the current humanitarian crisis: working together with all levels of government and community-based organizations to assist both newcom-

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The Flaming Kielbasa LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 9/25/2023. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Diane Komito, 64-30 Cromwell Crescent, Rego Park, NY 11374. General Purpose. 10/19,26,11/2,9,16&23/2023

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Notice of Formation: Farrington Flushing Properties, LLC Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/6/2012. Office in Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Farrington Flushing Properties, LLC. 33-66 Farrington Street, Suite# 200, Flushing NY 11354, USA. Purpose: any lawful act. 10/19, 26,11/2,9,16&23/2023

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ers and others in need to exit the shelter system, find jobs and affordable housing, and get back on their feet. The resources currently being dedicated to this effort can be spent much more efficiently and effectively on both emergency aid and long-term solutions, and we join in the call for additional support, especially from our federal government."  
"1199SEIU vehemently opposes attempts to blame migrants for our city's so-

cial and economic problems—stoking xenophobia against families who have fled violence and persecution abroad and, like all of us, want nothing more than to support their families. In fact, migrants can and will be an economic boon in an era of workforce shortages, including in healthcare. As a fundamental human rights issue, we call on Mayor Adams to immediately withdraw this inhumane proposal."

**CUNY Waives Application Fee For High School Seniors Across New York State from Oct. 16-31**

**Waiver Is Part of Ongoing Initiative by Gov. Hochul to Provide Greater Access to Higher Education Across New York State**

The City University of New York today announced that it has waived its freshman application fees for all New York State public and private high school seniors starting today, October 16, through October 31. This initiative is in addition to the previously announced fee waiver in effect for high school seniors in New York City Public Schools for the entire month of October.  
October, dubbed CUNY Month, also features over 100 in-person and virtual events, including campus tours and information sessions for prospective students to learn about the more than 2,800 majors and programs offered at the University's 25 colleges.  
"As New Yorkers across the state decide if and

where they want to pursue a higher education this month, we want them to know there is a home for them at CUNY and we are waiving the application fee that may be a barrier for some of them exploring their college options," said CUNY Chancellor Félix V. Matos Rodríguez. "As a University known for facilitating socioeconomic mobility, we proudly join Gov. Hochul and our partners in government in this latest effort to close the equity gap in higher education."  
The action is also part of a recently announced initiative by Gov. Kathy Hochul to make it easier for high school students across New York State to apply to college and follows her proclamation of October 2023 as New York State College Application Month. As part of that effort, the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) is hosting more

than 70 virtual events providing information about the state's financial aid options.  
CUNY already waives the application fee for thousands of eligible city public school students each year, including those who are homeless or in foster care, are living in subsidized public housing or receiving public assistance.  
As part of the University's effort to inform New Yorkers about their post-secondary options, CUNY also this month launched a large-scale advertising campaign, "A Degree for Every Dream," which is visible on public transportation modes across the tri-state area and highlights the academic offerings and student support services available across the system's 25 colleges.  
Prospective students can learn more about CUNY's programs and apply online at [cuny.edu/learnmore](http://cuny.edu/learnmore).





### Korean Family Service Center Rally



Members of the Queens District Attorneys Office of Domestic Violence Bureau and QDA Melinda Katz joined the Korean American Family Service Center for their annual Silent March Against Domestic Violence to bring awareness to the issue.

The bureau investigates and prosecutes intimate partner violence, including harassment, assault, violations of orders of protection, as well as cases involving strangulation, stalking and attempted murder. I am committed to connecting victims with the services they need and eliminating the stigma attached to being a survivor.

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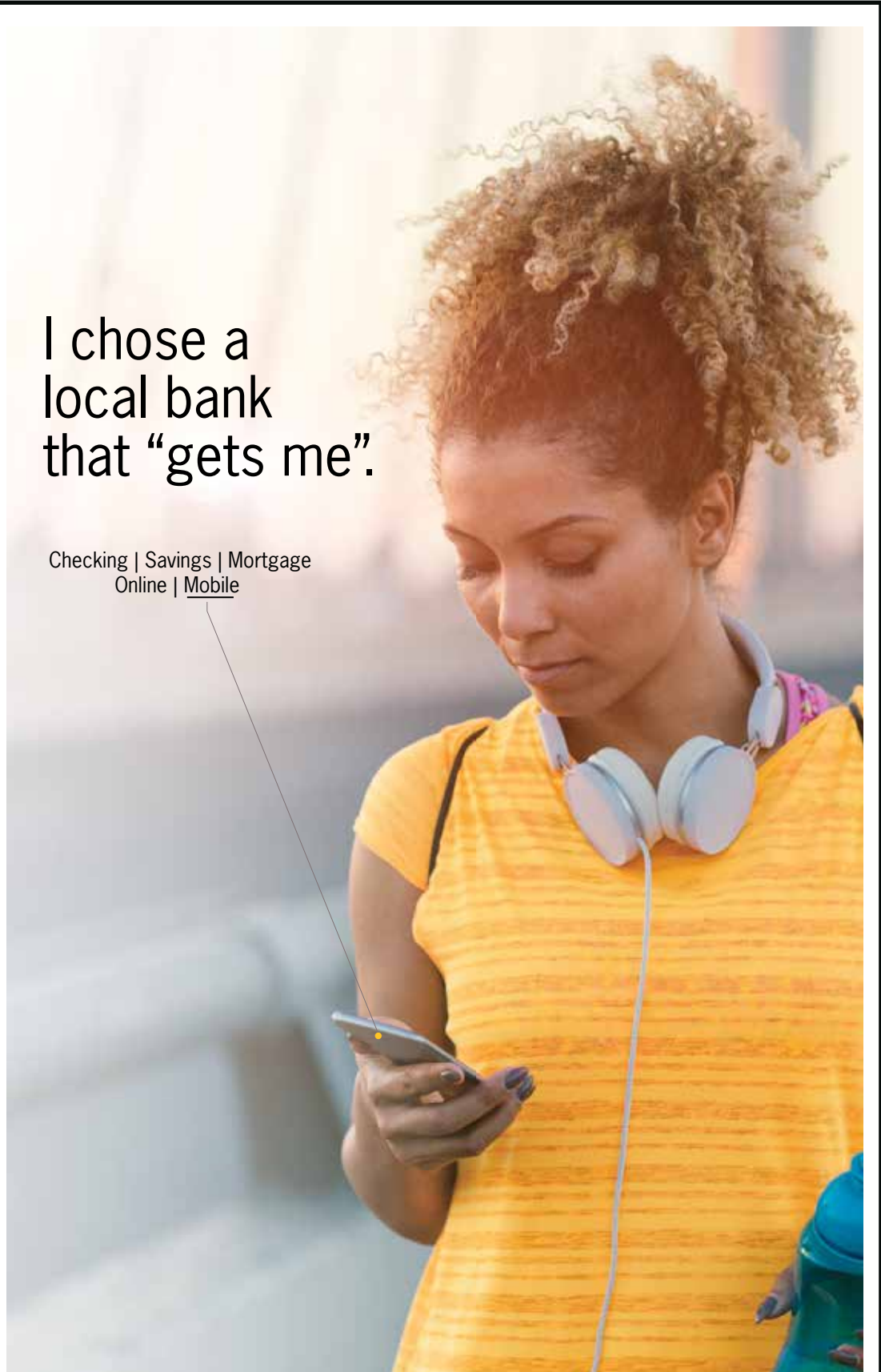
### Health Resource Fair



The Queens District Attorneys Office recently participated in a Health Resource Fair at the Central Queens Public Library on Merrick Boulevard to share valuable information on crime prevention. Together, we're committed to promoting a healthy and safe borough.

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