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VOTE ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 8 2022 CANDIDATES ENDORSED BY I AM PAC

Over the past decades the NYS Italian American PAC has engaged in making candidates and elected officials aware of the issues and needs of the Italian community. This year is more crucial and critical than past years

Paramount to our struggle to address the inaccuracies and distortions about Christopher Columbus and our history, we are steadfast to VOTE in November for those candidates that share and are sympathetic and supportive of our needs and struggle (2022 Endorsed Candidates below)

Below are the 2022 endorsed candidates for the NYS Italian American PAC in the County of Queens. We ask you vote for these candidates on the basis of their fraternal report card and not on political affiliation. These endorsements are based solely on their fraternal record and support on Italian American issues.

2022 Endorsed Candidates:

Congress:

Congresswoman Grace Meng (6th CD) *
Candidate (3rd CD) Robert Zimmerman

NYS Governor:

Governor Kathy Hochul

NYS Comptroller

Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli *

NYS Senate

Senator Joseph Addabbo*
Senate Candidate John Liu*

NYS Assembly

Assemblyman Stacey Pheffer Amato*
*previously endorsed / currently endorsed

I AM PAC And First Lady Support Gov. Kathy Hochul For Governor And Robert Zimmerman For Congress



First Lady Jill Biden attended an Election Rally for Congressional Candidate Robert Zimmerman and NYS Governor Kathy Hochul. First Lady Jill Biden is pictured with Italian American PAC (I AM PAC) VP Robert Fonti. I AM PAC endorsed Gov. Hochul for NYS Governor and Congressional Candidate Robert Zimmerman for Congress, 3rd CD.

QBP Richards Announces Nearly \$11 Million in Capital Funding For Queens Schools



Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. holding a check for nearly \$11 million in capital funding for borough schools in Fiscal Year 2023. Photo via Queens Borough Presidents Office. See story page 2.

ICA's 86th Annual Awards Dinner



The Award Recipients of Italian Charities of America's (ICA) 86th Annual Awards Dinner, held at Roma View, Howard Beach, NY are (l to r) Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Dr. Antonio Carlo Vitti, Professor and Director of the Italian Summer Program at Middlebury College; Renaissance Award recipient Louisa Calio, poet, writer, performer and co-founder and executive director of City Spirit Artists; Italian-American Ambassador Award recipient Silvana Mangione, Deputy Secretary General at the General Council of Italians Abroad; Italian-American Community Service Award recipient Giovanni Pinto, professor, author and founder of L'Italico newspaper; Italian-American Leadership Award recipient Dr. Donna Chirico, Professor of Psychology at York College, secretary of National Organization of Italian-American Women and Chair of the advisory council of the Calandra Italian-American Institute; and Christopher Columbus Award recipient Joseph Petrosino, Esq., former Chief of Felony Trials and Deputy Chief of Rackets Division of the Kings County District Attorney, Executive Board and counsel of the Lt. Det. Joseph Petrosino Assn. in America. Photo by Walter Karling

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Attorney General James Protects New Yorkers' Right to Vote

New York Attorney General Letitia James today released the following statement after the Appellate Division, Third Department rejected challenges to New York's laws expanding access to absentee ballots and streamlining the counting process for returned absentee ballots, and affirmed a decision by state Supreme Court Judge Martin Affredou and overturned in part a decision by state Supreme Court Judge Dianne Freestone:

"We should be taking every step possible to empower voters and ease New Yorkers' access to the polls. I was proud to defend New York's absentee ballot reforms, and am happy with the decision to keep these commonsense election integrity initiatives in place. As Attorney General, I will always

fight against efforts to infringe on the right to vote and make it harder for New Yorkers to make their voices heard."

In 2021 and 2022, New York state implemented voting reforms which sought to expand access to absentee ballots, ensure minor technical mistakes on ballots wouldn't invalidate votes, and update the ballot counting process and timeline. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) defended the laws against suits challenging their constitutionality. The decision by the Appellate Division, Third Department rejected those challenges.

Attorney General James has taken significant action to protect voters' rights and access to the polls. The OAG has an Election

Protection Hotline and works to inform voters to ensure they are able to report issues or if they experience problems. In May 2021, Attorney General James filed a lawsuit against the Rensselaer County Board of Elections (BOE) for failing to provide county voters with adequate and equitable access to early voting poll sites, which in August 2021, affirmed and ordered BOE to select new early voting poll sites. Leading up to the 2020 primary elections, Attorney General James called for automatic absentee voting due to the pandemic and need to protect voters, and following the November election, Attorney General James issued an alert to ensure absentee voters were aware of their rights in case there was an issue with their ballots.

Meng Calls on NYSDEC to Give Queens Communities Fair Consideration Regarding Rail Waste Services

Congresswoman spearheads letter to the agency

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) announced today that she spearheaded an effort to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) urging it to give full and fair consideration to communities in Queens that may have their quality of life impacted by Peconic Envi-

ronmental Services' proposal for a new solid waste facility, a plan that would export waste through parts of Queens on trains.

The Congresswoman has been fighting to strengthen the rules governing the waste-by-rail industry since she was elected to Congress.

"Constituents must be a part of the decision-making process when proposals that may affect their lives

are considered," said Congresswoman Meng. "I encourage the NYSDEC to carefully review this application and consider the needs of the neighborhoods that may be impacted. My constituents' health and safety must be prioritized."

Previously, the Congresswoman introduced similar pieces of legislation that aim to protect communities from debris and waste from passing trains.

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QBP Richards Announces Nearly \$11 Million in Capital Funding For Queens Schools

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Funding shows continued commitment to supporting high-quality education

In an illustration of his continued commitment to providing the highest-quality education possible for Queens students, Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. announced his allocation of nearly \$11 million in capital funding for borough schools in Fiscal Year 2023.

"Recent learning loss caused by the COVID-19 pandemic underscores the need to intensify efforts to improve the quality of the education we are offering our precious children," said Borough President Richards. "Those efforts must begin with improving our school buildings and their surrounding campuses, so that all of our kids have quality spaces where they can learn, grow, and thrive. The nearly \$11 million in capital funding I have allocated to Queens schools this year will do just that."

The announcement was made at The Chester Park Magnet School for Computer Science and Innovation (P.S. 62) in Richmond Hill, which received \$175,000 in FY23 capital funding from Borough President Richards. This money will go toward the construction of a new hydroponics lab that the school will use to expand its existing hydroponics program, enhance its groundbreaking STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) curriculum, and combat food insecurity in the surrounding community.

The P.S. 62 allocation helps fulfill a commitment the Borough President made in his 2022 State of the Borough address, when he pledged to fund additional school hydroponics labs. These labs allow plants to be grown without soil and help students learn valuable lessons about bioscience and agriculture, while enabling them to grow produce they can donate to people in need.

"My \$175,000 allocation will enable the construction of a full-scale hydroponics lab that will allow P.S. 62 to better incorporate hydroponics into its already impressive science curriculum. It will also allow students to substantially increase their production of fruits and vegetables, allowing them to increase their capacity for growing and donating fresh and nutritious produce to people in need in the local neighborhood," said Borough President RICHARDS. "These kinds of facilities are critical educational tools for our children and I look forward to expanding our network of school hydroponics labs across the borough in the years to come."

Besides P.S. 62, six other Queens schools will each be receiving \$175,000 in capital funding for their hydroponics labs as part of the Borough President's \$10.785 million allocation. Another school, P.S. 111 in Long Island City, will receive \$250,000 for a state-of-the-art combined science and hydroponics lab.

In addition, the FY23 allocation supports science education at Bayside High School by providing \$500,000 for their greenhouse. It also provides ten other schools

with a combined \$1.9 million to pay for improvements to their science labs and the purchase of new science technology.

In addition, the allocation includes a combined \$2.3 million for computers, iPads, SMART-boards and other learning technology that will be used to support the general curriculum of 23 Queens schools.

Other highlights from the wide-ranging allocation include:

- A combined \$1.2 million for auditorium upgrades at Maspeth High School, P.S. 171 in Ridgewood, M.S. 72 in Rochdale, and the World Journalism Preparatory School in Auburndale.
- \$500,000 for an athletic field renovation at Veritas Academy at Flushing High School.
- \$500,000 for P.S. 177 in Fresh Meadows to remodel a cafeteria to accommodate students with autism and other disabilities.
- A combined \$450,000 for playground improvements at P.S. 153 in Maspeth and P.S. 239 in Ridgewood.
- \$350,000 for a library upgrade at The Eagle Academy for Young Men III in St. Albans.
- \$300,000 for a public address system at the Mathematics, Science Research and Technology Magnet School in Cambria Heights.

Borough President Richards was joined at the press conference by Queens school superintendents, P.S. 62 leadership and other local education leaders.

Combining FY22 and FY23, Borough President Richards has allocated more than \$22.3 million in capital funding to Queens schools since taking office in December 2020.

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Attorney General James Releases Statement on The Passing of Reverend Doctor Calvin Butts

New York Attorney General Letitia James today released the following statement on the passing of Reverend Doctor Calvin O. Butts, III, who served the Abyssinian Baptist Church and the wider Harlem and New York community for decades:

“Reverend Dr. Calvin Butts was an icon, spiritual leader, and powerful voice for progress. An educa-

tor and trusted advisor, Rev. Dr. Butts helped shape young minds at SUNY Old Westbury and provided guidance to anyone who asked for his ministry and his wisdom. Through his leadership of the Abyssinian Baptist Church, he helped promote social change throughout his community and far beyond. His leadership transcended religious differences and was instrumental

in building economically vibrant and spiritually strong institutions in Harlem and across New York City. My heart is with Rev. Dr. Calvin Butts’ wife, children, grandchildren, and all those who benefited from the love, wisdom, and passion he brought into their lives. May he rest in peace and may his memory be a source of strength and inspiration for generations to come.”

Attorney General James Stops Real Estate Company Compass From Denying Housing to Low-Income New Yorkers

Compass Agents told Tenants with Housing Vouchers They Could Not Apply for Apartment Listings
AG James’ Second Action this Week to Protect New Yorkers from Housing Discrimination

New York Attorney General Letitia James reached an agreement with real estate brokerage, Compass Inc. (Compass), to protect low-income tenants. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG), with assistance from the Housing Rights Initiative (HRI), found that Compass real estate agents refused to process rental applications from low-income tenants in Manhattan because they had a Section 8 voucher, a violation of New York’s laws that protect tenants against source of income discrimination. Under New York law, a lawful source of income for housing includes any form of federal, state, or local housing assistance, including Section 8 vouchers. As a result of today’s agreement, Compass is required to waive any broker fees for the first 25 applicants with Section 8 vouchers, update its employee trainings, and post signage that they accept housing assistance vouchers.

“Landlords and brokers who deny housing to tenants because of their source of income are exacerbating the housing crisis,” said Attorney General James. “No tenant should be turned away from an apartment because they have a housing voucher. This agreement will ensure that Compass does not close its door on New Yorkers who are simply looking for a place to call home. My office will continue taking action to protect New Yorkers from unfair housing practices and hold those violating the law accountable.”

Government-issued rental vouchers, such as the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, provide housing assistance to the lowest income households in New York to rent or purchase decent, safe housing in the private housing market. These programs also aid senior citizens and disabled persons on fixed incomes, displaced families, and homeless individuals with disabilities.

In December 2021, OAG, based on information provided by HRI, opened an investigation into whether Compass agents discriminated against potential tenants because they had housing assistance vouchers. Compass agents allegedly told them that the property owners, in the Manhattan neighborhoods of Hell’s Kitchen and the Upper East Side, would not accept their rental applications because of the applicants’ intention to use Section 8 vouchers. City and state laws prohibit owners, landlords, property managers, and rental agents from refusing to accept potential tenants solely because they receive lawful housing assistance.

As a result of today’s agreement, Compass will not charge brokerage fees for the first 25 applicants who apply using a federal

HCV through a Compass listing or agent and will notify local public housing authorities about these waivers. Additionally, to incentivize its real estate sales staff to accept applicants with housing vouchers, the agreement requires Compass to pay its agents 90 percent of the broker commission if a tenant with HCV is accepted into an apartment.

The agreement also requires Compass to review its training materials and take steps to ensure its agents are aware they cannot reject applicants who use rental assistance programs and that applicants using such programs cannot be subject to income or credit score requirements. Compass must also post signs in all public-facing New York offices indicating that they accept Section 8 vouchers and other rental assistance.

“Today’s settlement with one of the largest real estate companies is an important step to ending widespread housing discrimination and protecting vulnerable tenants in New York,” said Aaron Carr, Founder and Executive Director of Housing Rights Initiative. “Denying housing to tenants just because they have a housing voucher is not only illegal, but also inhumane. I thank Attorney General James and her team for everything they do to protect tenants and taxpayers.”

“It is shameful for any landlord or brokerage to deny good-faith tenants apartments, especially in today’s housing crisis,” said Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine. “Thank you to Attorney General James for forcefully reminding the real estate industry that housing discrimination will not be tolerated in New York. New Yorkers deserve better than housing assistance-in-name-only, and this agreement underscores that no tenant can be denied housing on the basis of their use of federal, state, or local housing assistance vouchers.”

“Discrimination against tenants based on their use of a rental assistance voucher is not just immoral; it’s illegal,” said New York City Council Member Erik Bottcher. “Fortunately New Yorkers have Attorney General Letitia James watching their back. I’m grateful to Attorney General James and her team for ensuring that no form of discrimination is allowed in our state.”

“Real estate brokers that violate income discrimination laws by refusing to process rental applications involving housing assistance vouchers will be held accountable,” said New York City Council Member Julie Menin. “Our city is going through an affordable housing crisis and it’s unconscionable to automatically reject low-income applicants. I applaud Attorney General Letitia James for investigating discrimination against potential tenants.”

This settlement is part of Attorney General James’ ongoing efforts to protect tenants from source of income discrimination where she is partnering with local organiza-

Meng Hails Justice Department’s Distribution of Nearly \$140 Million She Helped Secure For Law Enforcement; NYC to Receive Over \$8 Million

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY), New York’s senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, applauded the Department of Justice’s announcement of nearly \$140 million for law enforcement hirings to help advance community policing. The grant, which the Congresswoman helped secure, will provide funding for police departments across the nation, and will provide the New York City Police Department (NYPD) with over \$8 million.

“As New York’s senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, I am responsible for helping fund and helping conduct oversight of federal agencies that assist with policing cities across the nation,” said Congresswoman Meng. “These include agencies like the Department of Justice, helping to provide the resources our communities need to keep people safe. That is why I’m pleased about the Justice Department’s announcement of a \$140 million grant for police departments including \$8 million specifically to the NYPD.

Protecting Queens residents and all New Yorkers has to be a top priority. I thank the Department of Justice for helping provide the resources to help address crime, and look forward to continuing to help funnel federal dollars to our borough and city.”

In addition, Meng helped secure the following funding earlier this year in the fiscal year 2023 Commerce, Justice, and Science appropriations bill:

- \$716.9 million for Byrne Justice Assistance grants which would be the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to states and local government.
- \$543.9 million for COPS program grants, helping provide community policing policies and experts.
- \$175 million for STOP school Violence Act grants which seek to help institute safety measures in and around primary and secondary schools, and supports school violence prevention efforts.
- \$150 million for community-based violence intervention and prevention initiatives.

- \$110 million to strengthen the National Instant Criminal Background Check system.

- Promoting justice and racial equality by providing \$25 million for a new public defender improvement program and \$125 million in grants for the Second Chance Act.

The Congresswoman also helped secure an additional \$300 million in a bipartisan effort to help further bolster the National Night Out program across the country which includes many events in Queens each year. National Night Out aims to build and strengthen relationships with community members and police departments, with the goal of increasing crime and drug prevention awareness. Additionally, last year the Congresswoman voted for the House-passed George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, which aims to address police brutality and racial injustice by banning all chokeholds, banning no-knock warrants in drug cases, and strengthening data collection efforts on body cameras and dashboard cameras.

Attorney General James Issues Voter Protection Guidance Ahead of November Election

Guidance Details Laws Against Intimidation and Coercive Conduct at Poll Sites, Reminds Voters of Right to Easy and Meaningful Participation in Elections

New York Attorney General Letitia James issued guidance to local Boards of Election (BOEs) and law enforcement agencies on how to combat voter intimidation and ensure voters’ rights are protected leading into the November 2022 general election. Under state and federal law, it is illegal for anyone to intimidate, threaten, or coerce voters in an effort to interfere with their right to vote.

Attorney General James also sent guidance to local BOEs on managing long lines and supporting voters with disabilities at high traffic poll sites. As more than 20 percent of New Yorkers have a disability, it is especially crucial for BOEs and poll workers to ensure voting is accessible for all.

“Voting is safe and protected in New York state. Throughout Early Voting and on Election Day, New Yorkers should be able to proudly cast their ballots without fear of intimidation, unmanageable lines, or inaccessibility,” said Attorney General James. “Voting is a fundamental right and integral to the

sanctity of our democracy, and I urge anyone who encounters obstacles to contact my office. I will not allow anyone to threaten the right to vote in New York state.”

As discussed in more detail in the guidance provided by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), the following conduct potentially constitutes illegal voter intimidation:

- Individuals or groups patrolling outside of polling places and trying to scare people out of the voting line;
- Civilians dressing as law enforcement officers and harassing voters at poll sites;
- Poll watchers inside a polling place engaging in aggressive behavior or challenging large groups of voters, leading to long lines and creating false fears that people may be illegally voting;
- Poll watchers standing in the vicinity of privacy booths, standing in unauthorized areas, videotaping and/or photographing voters within the polling place, following or harassing voters in the polling place;
- Individuals spreading false rumors or making false statements that there are negative consequences to voting; and
- Individuals or groups displaying weapons or military uniforms

or other military paraphernalia outside of polling locations.

Attorney General James also noted that federal law has determined that voter intimidation includes threatening violence against voters, threatening economic boycotts due to voting, and following voters to poll sites and speaking loudly about prosecuting them for illegal voting. Additionally, publicly disseminating voters’ names and addresses, or “doxing,” to vilify those individuals or conducting patterns of baseless arrests and prosecutions in the vicinity of voter registration meetings are voter intimidation actions.

The OAG also reminds New Yorkers that the following actions are prohibited under New York state law:

- Requiring an individual to show photo ID to vote;
- State and local employees interfering with or affecting the election;
- Open carry of handguns, or the possession of machine guns and loaded or unloaded assault weapons, as well as the use of firearms or other dangerous instruments to intimidate or harass;
- A member of the United States

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 (Mar 21 - April 20)
 Take some time out and do some relaxing things you've been meaning to do. You must deal with an emotional problem with your co-workers. Your lucky numbers are 8,3,2.

TAURUS
 (Apr 21 - May 21)
 Consider taking a pleasure vacation trip. Someone may secretly care about you. Your unique way of doing things will entice new business connections. Your lucky numbers are 2,1,9.

GEMINI
 (May 22 - June 21)
 If the opportunities arises to get involved in investment groups do it, it will payoff. Don't push your luck on your job. Don't make any hasty moves. Your lucky numbers are 1,9,8.

CANCER
 (June 22 - July 22)
 Do your homework before you invest. Get involved in creative projects that could turn into money-making ventures. Enjoy all that life has to offer. Your lucky numbers are 5,3,2.

LEO
 (July 23 - Aug 22)
 You should make changes to your living quarters that will please family members. You need to clear up some important personal matters. Your lucky numbers are 4,3,9.

VIRGO
 (Aug 23 - Sept 23)
 Travel will be more exciting than you planned. Creative endeavors will give you somewhat of an outlet. lucky numbers are 6,8,5.

LIBRA
 (Sept 24 - Oct 23)
 Put your priorities in order. You may want to have a heart-to-heart talk with a close and trusted friend. Your lucky numbers are 3,8,9.

SCORPIO
 (Oct 24 - Nov 22)
 Your positive attitude and intellectual outlook will draw others to you. Short trips may be tiring but rewarding. You should be promoting your ideas. Your lucky numbers are 2,9,7.

SAGITTARIUS
 (Nov 23 - Dec 21)
 Try not to say the wrong thing at the wrong time. Ideas may sound good, but be careful if people are just looking for handouts. Your lucky numbers are 8,4,3.

CAPRICORN
 (Dec 22 - Jan 20)
 Your creative ability will show when you make a presentation. Someone may be trying to undermine you. Opportunities for investments will occur. Your lucky numbers are 7,2,1.

AQUARIUS
 (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
 Check personal papers and be careful of identity theft. Ease the pressure by offering assistance. Get busy trying to make more money. Your lucky numbers are 2,6,8.

PISCES
 (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
 Don't be eager to start any new projects at work. Visit friends or relatives you don't get to see very often. Relatives will be happy that you dropped by. Make sure you look at your investments carefully. Your lucky numbers are 1,9,7.

Did You Know?

- The hottest chile in the world is the habanero
- Australia is the only country that is also a continent
- Europe is the only continent without a desert
- Hawaii officially became apart of the US on June 14 1900
- The dollar was established as the official currency of the US in 1785
- The supersonic Concorde jet made its first trial flight on January 1st 1969
- In 1872 Yellowstone in the US was the world's first national park
- A person will die from total lack of sleep sooner than from starvation (Death can occur about 10 days without sleep while starvation takes a few weeks)
- The average human drinks over 60,566 litres (16,000 gallons) of water in a lifetime
- An individual blood cell takes about 60 seconds to make a complete circuit of the body
- By age 60 most people would have lost half of their taste buds
- Every square inch of the human body has an average of 32 million bacteria on it
- Fingernails grow faster than toenails
- Did you know the hamburger was invented in 1900

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16. Rattling breath
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18. Extol
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20. Encouraged
22. Twinge
23. Formerly (archaic)
24. Come forth
26. Russian emperor
30. Form of "to be"
31. Zero
32. After-bath wear
33. Linguistic unit
35. Andean animal
39. Marjoram
41. Calmed
43. Moon of Saturn
44. Distribute
46. Require
47. British rule in India
49. Joke
50. Sounds of disapproval
51. Handgrip
54. Death notice
56. Absent Without Leave
57. Spin-like
63. Domestic
64. Slaloms
65. Love intensely
66. Ages
67. Celtic language
68. Employ again
69. Crimson
70. Type of sweet potatoes
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11. Radiolocation
12. Beside
13. Get together
21. Illustrated
25. Grinder
26. Gait faster than a walk
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29. Irrespective
34. Data arrays
36. Affirmatives
37. Docile
38. Combines
40. Nitpicky to a fault
42. In accordance with law
45. Conceit
48. Sports pullover
51. Bigot
52. Mindful
53. Wanderer
55. Coronet
58. Gumbo ingredient
59. Lyric poems
60. French for "We"
61. Rear end
62. Dregs

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Meng Commemorates \$233,000 She Secured For Ohel Children's Home And Family Services In Kew Gardens Hills

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens), New York's senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, announced that she recently visited Ohel Children's Home and Family Services' residence for the developmentally disabled in Kew Gardens Hills, Queens to commemorate the \$233,000 she secured for upgrading the site.

The building, which opened in 1978 and is located on Kissena Boulevard, is a residence for ten adult men with developmental and intellectual disabilities. The money will be used to overhaul its kitchen and bathroom facilities, and make them more accessible, particularly for older individuals and those with mobility issues including residents who use wheelchairs.

Ohel was founded in 1969 to provide foster care placement for Jewish families, and since then, it has grown into a full-service agency that meets the social and emotional needs of more than 23,000 individuals from all communities.

"The updates to our kitchen and bathroom facilities will go a long way toward improving the lives of our residents," said Ohel Chief Executive Officer David



Mandel. "We are deeply grateful to Congresswoman Meng for obtaining these needed funds, and look forward to continuing to work with her."

"As New York's senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, I'm proud to have secured this important funding that will go toward upgrading key parts of Ohel's Kew Gardens Hills location," said Congresswoman Meng. "It is critical for these rooms to meet the current needs of its residents, providing them with the necessities they require, and that includes modernizing and improving the mobility of the kitchen and

bathroom facilities. These much-needed renovations will make it easier for those residing here – now and in the future – to use these areas, which in-turn will enhance their quality of life. I look forward to the project beginning soon."

During her visit, Meng met with Ohel officials, the residents of the site, and several of their family members. The residents also presented Meng with an oversized thank you card they made to express their gratitude for the funding.

The Congresswoman secured the money in a recent federal spending bill.

Elected Officials & Development Team Host Groundbreaking Ceremony For Beach Channel Drive, a 100 Percent Affordable Housing Development in Far Rockaway, Queens

Eight story, 133,601 square foot project will include 147 new, deeply affordable apartments, along with 100 shelter units with supportive services for single women

The \$97 million project will be co-developed by BRC & Camber Property Group and completed in January 2025

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, State Assembly Member Khaleel M. Anderson, agencies, community leaders and other dignitaries joined BRC and Camber Property Group at a groundbreaking ceremony for Beach Channel Drive, a 100 percent affordable housing development in Far Rockaway, Queens.

The eight story, 133,601 square foot project will include 147 new affordable apartments, as well as 100 shelter units with supportive services for single women provided by BRC. The shelter units, which will be managed by BRC, will follow their Landing Road program, a clinically-based model that provides services specifically targeted toward the needs of this vulnerable population, with an overarching focus on recovery and community reintegration goals.

Beach Channel Drive will replace three vacant buildings that were purchased by the Development Team in April 2022. Beach Channel Drive Apartments will have 125 studios, 9 one-bedroom, and 13 two-bedroom apartment units. 88 of the studio units will be supportive units reserved for formerly homeless individuals. All units will be affordable to households earning between 30 and 60 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI). Beach Channel



BCD_3D View_Southwest Photo by UAI



Photo by Sylvester Zawadzki

Drive Apartments also features 1,239 square feet of community space. The building was designed by UAI, and Fifth Ave Builders will serve as the general contractor.

Beach Channel Drive Apartments will meet Enterprise Green Communities Standards and includes Energy Star appliances, water conserving fixtures, low-VOC finishes, and coated windows. Insulation and roof coating

and materials are designed to be energy efficient.

"Our Borough and our entire City are experiencing a severe shortage of affordable housing in general and of affordable supportive housing in particular," said Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. "So I commend Camber Property Group, BRC, and all of the partners on

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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi Calls Forest Hills Community Center a 'Model For The Nation'

Recently, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited QCH's Forest Hills Community Center. QCH Executive Director Ben Thomases provided a tour of the newly renovated space to Pelosi and other elected officials, followed by a roundtable discussion on the Inflation Reduction Act, which was passed by Congress and signed into law in August.

"It was such a pleasure hosting House Speaker Pelosi and showing her why community centers are so essential to the work we do for our neighbors," said Thomases. "Families, immigrants, older adults, teens, and children from all different backgrounds and walks of life come here to improve their lives and that of their families, to interact with their neighbors, and make a difference in their communities."

"Ben, thank you for your leadership and for making this a place so welcoming and respectful, meeting the needs of the people of the community," said Pelosi. "It truly is a model for the nation."

Other elected officials in attendance included Representative Grace Meng, State Senators Jessica Ramos and Leroy Comrie, Assemblymember Nily Rozic, and Queens Borough President Donovan Richards.

The roundtable discussion featured Thomases, Speaker Pelosi, Rep. Meng, Marcelle Dinnall of 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East, and Joanna Solmonsohn and Rose Green of the



NYS Nurses Association. "Across the nation, House Democrats are holding a Day of Action to highlight how our Inflation Reduction Act is slashing prescription drug costs for Medicare beneficiaries, while locking in lower insurance premiums for America's working families," said Speaker Pelosi.

"We appreciate having elected officials here who are truly invested in how community-based organizations reach individuals and families in need because that's how we can make services like Medicare more accessible to the diverse communities in Queens," said Thomases.

Jackson Heights Community Leaders Join Drag Story Hour to Rally Against Hate

NYC Council Member Shekar Krishnan, NYS Assembly Members Catalina Cruz and Jessica González-Rojas, and NYS Senator Jessica Ramos held a community rally to show solidarity for Drag Story Hour and the Queens Public Library, amidst a troubling surge in anti-drag and anti-LGBTQ harassment across New York City in recent months. Anti-drag protesters recently defaced NYC Council Member Krishnan's district office, and shouted anti-LGBTQ epithets at drag performers at a September reading at Elmhurst Library and at a street fair organized by Assembly Member Cruz.



Drag Story Hour NYC (formerly Drag Queen Story Hour NYC) produces storytelling and creative arts programs for children and teens, presented by local drag artists, in libraries, schools, and other community spaces in all five boroughs of New York City, and virtually.

Council Member Shekar Krishnan said, "We have seen four incidents of hate and homophobia in our community in recent weeks, including one at my own office. Our neighbors are being targeted and we won't stand for it. Here in Jackson Heights, we show our children to stand up for each other; we teach them that all are loved. We are proud to support the beautiful storytellers of Drag Story Hour, because their love and joy will always drown out the hate."

Drag Story Hour NYC Executive Director Oliver Click

said, "We are so grateful for the outpouring of support that Drag Story Hour NYC has received in the wake of heightened national backlash and media attention. This support – from parents, teachers, libraries, city officials, and local community organizations – has enabled us to not only continue our programming as usual, but to expand our outreach and bring our mission of celebrating creativity, empathy, and joyful self-expression to the communities that need it most."

Queens Public Library President and CEO Dennis M. Walcott said, "Queens Public Library has hosted Drag Story Hours since 2018. They inspire a love of reading, while teaching deeper lessons on diversity, understanding, and appreciation of others. Given the ongoing attempts across this

country to silence and devalue ideas through hateful behavior and book bans and challenges, the Library's role is exceedingly important. We provide free access to knowledge, opportunity, and diverse – even dissonant, uncomfortable, or provocative – voices and points of view. We are committed to continuing Drag Story Hour, and I want to thank Councilmember Shekar Krishnan for his support of the program. Queens Public Library stands firmly behind the LGBTQ+ community in our borough, in our city, and across the country, as well as with our dedicated library staff at Jackson Heights Library and elsewhere who are committed to inclusive service for all."

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Karen Lin Casts Her Ballot at Korean Community Services



Karen Lin and her husband John Tsai cast their ballots early this morning at the Korean Community Services on the first day of Early Voting. Joined by State Senator John Liu, Karen and Senator Liu spoke with voters at the early voting site. Early voting runs for the next 7 days, and the final day to vote is November 8th.

For more information, please visit www.karenlinforqueens.com.

Karen Lin is a candidate for Judge of the Civil Court in Queens running in the November 8th General Election. A dedicated public servant, Karen currently serves as court attorney-referee in Kings County Surrogate's Court. A former Committee Co-Chair for the Pro Bono and Community Service Committee of the Asian American Bar Association of New York, she led the creation of the Queens Pro Bono Clinic in 2020 and subsequently the Remote Legal Clinic. Now, she hopes to serve her community in a new capacity by becoming the first elected East Asian female judge in Queens. For more information about her race, please visit www.karenlin2022.com and @karenlinforqueens on Instagram and Facebook.

Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato Presents \$1,500,000 in Funding For Volunteer Fire Departments

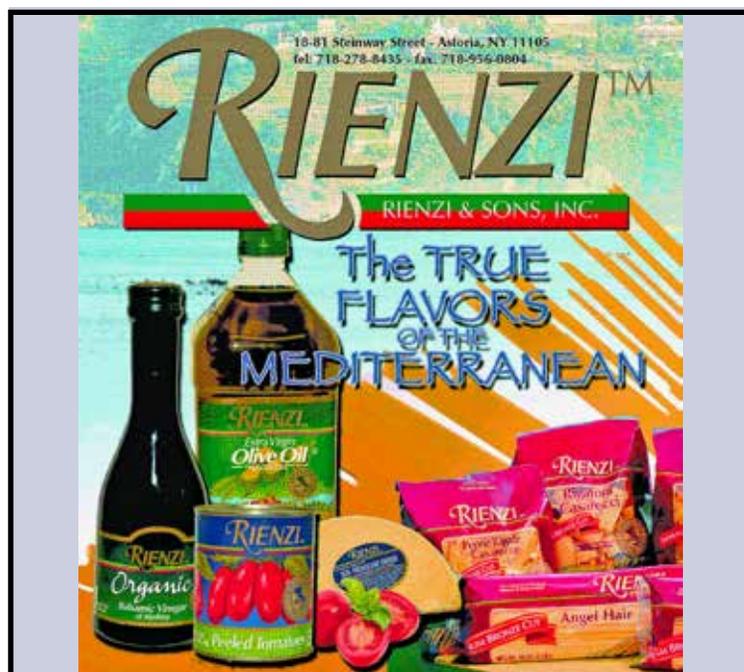


Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato (D-South Queens) presented three large checks to local fire departments this weekend, the Broad Channel Volunteer Fire Dept. the Roxbury Volunteer Fire Dept. and Point Breeze Volunteer Fire Dept as the community commemorated the 10 year anniversary of Hurricane Sandy. Through her position in the State Assembly, Pheffer Amato was able to secure a combined total of \$1,500,000.

The Assemblywoman made

the three announcements with crowds erupting into cheer. "In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy it was our Vollies who jumped in and helped all of us. This is capital money that can be used to help further the good work these fire departments do in Roxbury, Broad Channel and Breezy Point. Whether it be expanding the building, buying needed equipment or lifesaving apparatuses, I am so proud to support their dedicated work with this funding. In this community we take care of each other, and as your Assemblywoman I am working to ensure that our fire departments and the good work they do continues," said Assemblywoman Pheffer Amato.

In recent years, Assemblywoman Pheffer Amato has also secured funding for the West Hamilton Beach Volunteer Fire Department and the Rockaway Point Volunteer Fire Department. The Assemblywoman has been a long and noted supporter of the local volunteer fire departments, especially through her work in Albany where she has championed legislation that has helped volunteer fire departments.



Jackson Heights Community Leaders Join Drag Story Hour to Rally Against Hate

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Assembly Member Catalina Cruz said, “The culturally rich and diverse history and composition of the Jackson Heights community is what makes us the most unique in the State, and possibly the country. We stand united here today with a clear message – hate has no home here. We proudly welcome the Drag Story Hour to our community, and remain committed to programming that enhances and educates our families and neighbors.”

Assembly Member Jessica González-Rojas said, “There’s no place for LGBTQIA+ hate in our community. The neighborhoods that I represent in Queens aren’t only racially, ethnically, and religiously diverse, but diverse in gender identity and sexual orientation as well. We must celebrate and uplift diversity in all its forms

and combat hate whenever we see it. I’m proud to continue my fight in the district and Albany for LGBTQIA+ justice, and I’m honored to have stood in solidarity with the LGBTQIA+ community at today’s Drag Story Hour.”

State Senator Jessica Ramos said, “There are many parents, myself included, who are choosing to raise their children in Jackson Heights because we want our children immersed in diversity. I’ll welcome the joy that Drag Story Hour offers over the bigotry of a loud, select few any day.”

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. said, “Drag Story Hour enriches our children’s lives with their engaging and exciting stories while teaching them the values of empathy and respect for others, as well as themselves. I am beyond proud to say that this incredible program, and our LGBTQIA+ community across

Queens, will always have the unabashed support it deserves from my office. When we say all are welcome in Queens, we mean it, and we will continue to lead by example.”

LGBT Network President Dr. David Kilmnick said, “Right wing extremism has made its way into Queens and is rearing its ugly and destructive head. This hate has no place in our communities, in our towns and in our libraries and schools. We will fight with every ounce we have to make sure that all of our community is represented and their voices are lifted and amplified. We will not back down, we are doubling down to create these much needed safe spaces for LGBTQ people and families. Thank you to Councilmember Krishnan for bringing us all together in solidarity to show and prove that love always wins in the end.”

Attorney General James Issues Voter Protection Guidance Ahead of November Election

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armed forces preventing, or attempting to prevent, a voter from fully exercising their voting rights through force, threat, intimidation, or advice;

- Groups of people organizing as private militias without permission from the state; and
- Invading the privacy of a voting booth used by a voter.

Additionally, the guidance emphasizes that media and press are allowed to film or take pictures of individuals in the polling place if they have written authorization from BOE and permission from each individual.

New York law does not require the same accommodations for every voter with a disability, so OAG recommends BOEs instruct poll workers to determine the appropriate accommodations on an individualized basis. Nevertheless, there are a number of best practices BOEs should employ when assisting voters with disabilities and implementing reason-

able accommodations, including but not limited to:

- Instructing poll workers to monitor lines and announce themselves as someone who can provide an accommodation to voters with disabilities;
- Providing clear and language-accessible signage throughout the polling location to inform voters with disabilities of the availability of accommodations;
- Providing voters with disabilities with chairs if they are unable to stand for long periods of time and assisting such voters as necessary as the line moves forward;
- Ensuring access to restrooms;
- Implementing “placeholders” to wait in line in lieu of voters with disabilities;
- Maintaining separate, expedited lines for voters with disabilities; or
- Escorting voters with disabilities to the front of the line.

To reduce crowding and long lines for the benefit of all voters, BOEs should consider providing additional staff and voter stations

at poll sites and extending early voting hours where possible.

New Yorkers who observe any illegal conduct are encouraged to contact OAG’s Election Protection Hotline by calling (866) 390-2992, submitting complaints online, or emailing election.hotline@ag.ny.gov. Any emergencies or incidents involving potentially dangerous conduct should be reported to local law enforcement immediately by calling 911.

The OAG will receive and respond to election complaints relating to any of the statutes that OAG enforces. The OAG’s Election Day Hotline is being coordinated and led by Assistant Attorneys General Nancy Trasande and Lindsay McKenzie, Research Analyst Miriam Li, and Deputy Bureau Chief Travis England of the Civil Rights Bureau. The Civil Rights Bureau is a part of the Division for Social Justice, which is led by Chief Deputy Attorney General Meghan Faux and overseen by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

Public Pressure Mounting on Governor to Sign Foreclosure Abuse Prevention Act; BPHA Caucus Sends Letter

The New York State Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian Legislative Caucus sent a letter to Governor Kathy Hochul urging that she sign the Foreclosure Abuse Prevention Act (the “FAPA”) (S.5473-D/Sanders same as A.7737-B/Weinstein) into law in its current form as soon as possible. Public pressure is also mounting for the bill to be signed. This critical piece of consumer protection legislation passed both chambers of the Legislature with an overwhelmingly bipartisan majority vote as of May 3, 2022.

The letter states, in part, “Since May, we have yet to hear a compelling, principled justification for why mortgage lenders should be afforded a privilege — the unilateral ability to manipulate and thus evade, the statute of limitations — which no other litigant enjoys in New York.”

The FAPA does not disturb

New York’s already generous six-year statute of limitations on mortgage foreclosure actions. It simply restores a fair and common-sense principle: no party may unilaterally stop and restart the statute of limitations to revive what would otherwise be a time-barred action. The signature of the FAPA into law should be championed by all those who believe in the fair and even-handed application of the statute of limitations.

The prompt signing of FAPA into law is of particular concern since manipulative foreclosure practices — and foreclosure actions in general — disproportionately harm communities of color.

With each passing day, New York homeowners are increasingly losing their homes to what would otherwise be time-barred foreclosure actions. We believe the FAPA should be signed into

law in its current form without further delay.

Susan Burke, a homeowner for 30 years, in Northport, New York said: “I have experienced horrific abuses from the banks, in particular, Deutsche Bank. I support FAPA because I have dealt and battled now for 17 years with Ocwen, PHH Mortgage, et al, and have had my case dismissed at the Supreme Court level in Riverhead in 2020, by the Honorable Justice Robert Quinlan, only to have PHH Mortgage re-initiate a whole new foreclosure against me, after the “statute of limitations” has already expire. I sincerely hope that Governor Hochul will side with her constituents and those of us who want to see justice served in the ongoing battle to preserve our homes. I appreciate the due

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Statement From Speaker Adrienne Adams on 18th Death in City Jails And Latest Violence on Rikers Island

“The continued deaths and violence on Rikers Island make clear that it remains unsafe for everyone there, and the relentless harm inflicted on detainees and staff alike underscores the seriousness of this crisis.

“I was deeply disturbed and saddened to learn of the death of Gilberto Garcia while in custody on Rikers Island, and offer my condolences to his family, friends and community. Just like the 17 other detainees who lost their lives in our city’s jails this year, he should still be alive. Yet, another family is now forced to grieve the loss of their loved one.

“On the same day as Gilberto’s death, a Department of Correction officer was attacked and seriously injured by a detainee at the Anna M. Kross Center on Rikers Island

in an act of unacceptable violence. I send my prayers for the officer’s speedy recovery and to his family. As the daughter of a former correction officer who worked on Rikers, I know the challenges faced and sacrifices made by these dedicated public servants and their families — they also deserve to be safe.

“Our city’s jail system needs drastic reform, and there has unquestionably and understandably been a loss of confidence by the public and this Council that the current situation will improve without it. The Council is closely reviewing the federal monitor’s new report, submitted to federal court on Friday, and is exploring next steps to help address the crisis on Rikers as the court’s status conference approaches in the next two weeks.”

Uber Partners With Food Bazaar to Expand On-Demand Grocery Delivery

Shoppers across New Jersey, New York and Connecticut can access same-day delivery on their favorite grocery items, including fresh produce, specialty ingredients and more through Uber Eats.

Uber Technologies, Inc. announced its new partnership with specialty grocery Food Bazaar to offer on-demand and scheduled grocery delivery to customers across the tri-state area, furthering Uber Eats’ expansion of grocery, convenience and household essentials with a particular focus on the region’s ethnically and culturally diverse populations.

This fall, 31 Food Bazaar locations will be available to shop through Uber and Uber Eats. Uber One members benefit from \$0 Delivery Fees on all Food Bazaar orders with \$35 minimum purchase.

“We’re very excited to launch this new partnership with Food Bazaar on the Uber Eats app,” said Christian Freese, Uber’s Head of Grocery and New Verticals across the US & Canada. “Food Bazaar takes great pride in celebrating the ethnic and cultural diversity of the communities it serves across New Jersey, New York and Connecticut, providing high-quality ingredients and prepared foods to serve families with all the flavors of home. As their delivery partner, we’ll help to power bringing these much-loved items directly to peoples’ doorsteps across the region.”

“At Food Bazaar, we make it our priority to enter ‘underserved’ communities that other major supermarket chains do not—and providing them with high-quality products that celebrate the cultural diversity of these cities and

their residents,” said Edward Suh, Executive VP at Food Bazaar Supermarkets. “Everyone’s busier than ever these days, and by partnering with Uber Eats, we’re proud to be making Food Bazaar favorites available for delivery to customers just around the corner and across town.”

The partnership with Food Bazaar reflects Uber’s commitment to providing merchants and consumers with a quality-first approach and best-in-class reliability. The Uber grocery experience offers variety, convenience and reliability for the consumer, be it large or small orders, on-demand or scheduled.

Participating locations in Queens include:

- 217-20 Linden Boulevard, Queens, NY, 11411 US
- 3560 Junction Blvd., Corona, NY, 11368 US
- 1590 Gates Avenue, Ridgewood, NY, 11385 US
- 42-02 Northern Blvd., Long Island City, NY, 11101 US
- 97-27 57th Avenue, Corona, NY, 11368 US
- 242-02 61st Avenue, Douglaston, NY, 11362 US
- 34-20 Junction Blvd., Jackson Heights, NY, 11372 US
- 58-01 Junction Blvd, Elmhurst, NY, 11373 US

About Uber - Uber’s mission is to create opportunity through movement. We started in 2010 to solve a simple problem: how do you get access to a ride at the touch of a button? More than 15 billion trips later, we’re building products to get people closer to where they want to be. By changing how people, food, and things move through cities, Uber is a platform that opens up the world to new possibilities.



Elected Officials & Development Team Host Groundbreaking Ceremony For Beach Channel Drive, a 100 Percent Affordable Housing Development in Far Rockaway, Queens

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this project for stepping up to the plate to help address this critical shortfall. We will not turn our backs on those who are most in need.”

“Providing housing to our community’s most vulnerable residents can be a launching pad to their success and it must be done through the lens of equity,” said NYC Majority Whip Selvena N. Brooks-Powers. “With the housing crisis in New York City reaching a tipping point, this development with new housing, much-needed community space and wraparound services, provides my community with vital resources that will help continue Downtown Far Rockaway’s renaissance.”

“With so many families and individuals suffering from chronic and mental illnesses, the public health crisis we face is across-the-board,” said State Assembly Member Khaleel M. Anderson. “We must expand the supportive housing model equitably and responsibly, prioritizing wrap-around social and healthcare services. Residents will also benefit from structured programming to ensure that the most vulnerable New Yorkers can have a safe environment in which to live. I look forward to ensuring that this development is a success and that we can get more unhoused Rockaway residents off the streets and into safe, decent, and affordable supportive housing.”

“Now, more than ever we need affordable housing in Queens and especially the Rockaways,” said State Senator James Sanders Jr.

“I welcome this new site which is an excellent example of what can be accomplished when private industry works with government partners and the community.”

“The construction of projects like Beach Channel Drive is essential to our ongoing efforts to connect New Yorkers in need to high-quality stable housing options and other supports. This development is set to provide vulnerable New Yorkers the chance to not only stabilize their lives but to thrive,” said Department of Social Services Commissioner Gary P. Jenkins. “We are excited to see construction getting under way on this incredible project, and we are so grateful for our partners in City government and the private sector who are working to make this a reality and meet the needs of some of the City’s most vulnerable populations.”

“This exciting project shows the Adams’ Administration’s wise and economical use of city resources to develop places of dignity where shelter and housing come together to effectively meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness,” said Muzzy Rosenblatt, BRC CEO & President. “By creating a beautiful and vibrant environment, our most vulnerable neighbors’ needs will be met with love and respect. Thanks to the partnership with Camber Property Group and the efforts of many other partners, this approach replicates BRC’s innovative Landing Road model that reinvests earned income from a shelter to create low-income housing affordable to those with low incomes.”

“Providing a pathway for New

Yorkers to secure permanent and stable housing is critical to addressing the most pressing needs of our city. We’re thrilled to partner with BRC, an outstanding provider of transitional and supportive housing, and the Adams’ Administration to construct 147 units of housing together with a 100 bed transitional housing facility for women,” said Rick Gropper, Co-Founder and Principal, Camber Property Group. “I also want to thank our partners in government and the private sector, including Borough President Richards and HPD, for their demonstrated commitment to building new affordable housing, creating homes for those New Yorkers who need them the most.”

“Citi is proud to have worked on this unique project with BRC and Camber which will provide shelter for unhoused New Yorkers as well as affordable housing for lower income working families and individuals,” said Richard Gerwitz, Managing Director of Citi Community Capital. “It is truly groundbreaking in many respects, including the combination of the two uses and as an early user of a new Department of Homeless Services long-term contract.”

Resident amenities at the building will include full-time security and maintenance staff, on-site staff offices, social service programming space, a community room, outdoor recreational space, bike storage, and a laundry room. The \$97 million project is financed in partnership with Citibank, Freddie Mac and the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development.

Attorney General James Stops Real Estate Company Compass From Denying Housing to Low-Income New Yorkers

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tions, including HRI. Earlier this week, Attorney General James sued an Ithaca landlord for denying housing to low-income tenants.

This matter was handled by Assistant Attorney General Matthew Eubank of the Brooklyn Regional Office, Assistant Attorney General Jane Landry-Reyes of the Housing Protection Unit, and Assistant Attorney General Joe Marrero of the Civil Rights Bureau. The Brooklyn Regional Office is

led by Assistant Attorney General in Charge Michael Barbosa and is part of the Division of Regional Affairs, which is led by Deputy Attorney General Jill Faber. The Housing Protection Unit is led by Chief Brent Meltzer. Both the Housing Protection Unit and the Civil Rights Bureau are part of the Division of Social Justice, which is led by Chief Deputy Attorney General Meghan Faux. The Division of Regional Affairs and the Division of Social Justice are overseen by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

Open Call For Emerging Artists: NYC Parks Looks to Issue \$25,000 Grant

Deadline for Highland Park Temporary Outdoor Sculpture Proposals December 18, 2022

NYC Parks invites artists to submit proposals for the Highland Park Art Grant. The winning artist will receive an award of \$25,000 to create their proposed artwork for display outdoors in Highland Park, which is on the border of Brooklyn and Queens. The artwork will be installed on the Brooklyn side in summer 2023 and will be on view for up to one year.

The Highland Park Art Grant will be awarded to one emerging artist who submits the most compelling proposal for an outdoor sculpture for Highland Park. This award is open to New York City-based artists who have specialized training in their field (not necessarily gained in an academic institution); who are at an early stage in their career; and who have created a modest independent body of work.

Additional details include:

- Priority will be given to proposals that respond directly to the park and its neighborhood.
- Artists are strongly encouraged to visit the designated areas in

Highland Park before submitting a proposal.

- Proposals will be judged according to artistic and creative merit, response to the surrounding community, and suitability to the site.

- Full guidelines are available on the Parks’ website.

Important related dates are as follows:

- Parks will host a virtual grant information session November 15, 2022 (see guidelines for more info)
- The proposal deadline is December 18, 2022.
- Award recipients will be announced in January 2023

Proposals for previously exhibited sculptures will not be accepted.

For more than 50 years, NYC Parks’ Art in the Parks program has brought contemporary public artworks to the city’s parks, making New York City one of the world’s largest open-air galleries. Parks has consistently fostered the creation and installation of temporary public art in parks throughout the five boroughs. Since 1967, NYC Parks has collaborated with arts organizations and artists to produce more than 2,000 public artworks by 1,300 notable and emerging artists in +200 parks.

New York Lottery’s “Lucky Dog” Website Wins NASPL’s 2022 Hickey Award for Outstanding Creative Development

The New York State Gaming Commission’s Division of Lottery has won the 2022 Hickey Award for outstanding creative development from the National Association of State and Provincial Lotteries (NASPL). The annual award, which recognizes excellence in promotional and strategic marketing, was presented to the New York Lottery for creating nyluckydog.com to promote the \$1,000,000 Lucky Dog scratch-off game.

“The New York Lottery and McCann New York are proud to be recognized by NASPL for our strategic marketing efforts,” said Lottery Director Gweneth Dean. “Through innovative and exciting campaigns like Lucky Dog, we are able to engage players in a unique and fun way – all for the benefit of

New York’s public schools.”

At nyluckydog.com, players can enter a Daily Doggo photo contest to share pictures of their dogs on social media; take dog-themed quizzes (created in partnership with BuzzFeed); sign up for a second-chance promotion; and view McCann New York-produced “Road Dogs” commercial and “Wanna Go For A Walk” music video.

About the New York Lottery - The New York Lottery continues to be North America’s largest and most profitable Lottery, contributing \$3.6 billion in fiscal year 2021-2022 to help support public K-12 education in New York State.

About McCann Worldgroup.

McCann Worldgroup has a core network that includes a broad range of global practices, includ-

ing McCann (advertising), MRM (science/technology/relationship marketing), CRAFT (production) and FutureBrand (consulting/design). Working together with rest of our network, which includes Momentum Worldwide (total brand experience), Weber Shandwick (public relations) and UM (media management), McCann Worldgroup is united behind our mission to help brands earn a meaningful role in people’s lives.

About NASPL - The North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries (NASPL) was founded in 1971. Evolving from an informal exchange of information among three pioneering lottery directors, the organization has now grown into an active association representing 53 lottery organizations.

Public Pressure Mounting on Governor to Sign Foreclosure Abuse Prevention Act; BPHA Caucus Sends Letter

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diligence of Senator Sanders to bring this bill to the senate and assembly and since it has

passed overwhelmingly, it would behoove the Governor to act and sign this bill into law. What a great way to show the American people that she really does not

side with big banks, as they have already gotten their payouts and it is we, the people who still suffer and stand to lose our homes through no fault of our own.”



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Notice of Formation of Skyline Tower Unit 5410 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/14/22. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave, Ste 100, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 10/6,13,20,27,11/3&10/2022

Notice of Formation, 35-22 Union St LLC. Articles of Org. filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/13/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copies of any process served against the LLC to: The LLC, 35-22 Union Street, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity. 9/29,10/6,13,20,27&11/3/2022

Notice of Formation of CIRCADIAN RISE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/09/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 187 Wolf Road, Suite 101, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activities. 10/27,11/3,10,17,24&12/1/2022

Notice of formation of Iris Han, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 8/6/22. Office located in Queens. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC 3 Court Sq #1508 Long Island City, NY 11101. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 10/20,27,11/3,10,17&24/2022

Stuart215 LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 9/22/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 130-14 158th St., Jamaica, NY 11434. General Purpose. 10/20,27,11/3,10,17&24/2022

OPRX 11374, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/24/22. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1 Old Country Rd., Ste. 347, Carle Place, NY 11514. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 63-20 99th St., Rego Park, NY 11374. 10/27,11/3,10,17,24&12/1/2022

FRANCO TAX & ADVISORY LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/25/2022. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Manuel Franco, 101-11 108th Street, Richmond Hill, NY 11419. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 10/27,11/3,10,17,24&12/1/2022

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OBBD LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/28/2022. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Omar Baltazar Bustamante Diaz, 114-49 114 St, South Ozone Park, NY 11420. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 10/6,13,20,27,11/3&10/2022

AWAY AND VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/14/2022. 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, 2815 24th Ave Apt 2, Astoria, New York 11102. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 10/13,20,27,11/3,10&17/2022

Banglatino LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 9/14/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Lagunes Quezada Alejandro, 8312 101st Ave., Ozone Park, NY 11416. General Purpose. 10/6,13,20,27,11/3&10/2022

Notice of Formation of MTIMBALE DEVELOPERS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/27/22. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o MGRE Holding LLC, 48-02 25th St, Ste 400, Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: any lawful activity. 10/13,20,27,11/3,10&17/2022

Notice of Formation of 53-20 44TH STREET OWNER, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/13/22. Office location: Queens County. Princ. office of LLC: c/o The Bay Crane Companies, Inc., 11-02 43rd Ave., Long Island City, NY 11101. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 10/20,27,11/3,10,17&24/2022

Notice of Formation: FLUSHING ALLURE LLC, Art. Of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY(SSNY) on 03/11/2022. Office Loc.: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC Upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: QILI LI, 3366 FARRINGTON STREET, SUITE 200, FLUSHING, NY, 11354, USA. 10/20,27,11/3,10,17&24/2022

8747 116 St LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 7/23/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Medardo Arichabala, 107-37 93 St., Ozone Park, NY 11417. General Purpose. 10/20,27,11/3,10,17&24/2022

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Notice of formation of 76-21 170TH STREET LLC, a limited liability company. Art of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/17/2022. Office located in QUEENS. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served against the LLC to c/o 76-21 170TH STREET FRESH MEADOWS NY 11366 Purpose: any lawful activity. 10/27,11/3,10,17,24&12/1/2022

File No.: 2021-1341/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Rodica Veres, Helga Burriesci, NYC Human Resources Administration, Attorney General of the State of New York To:

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

A copy of this citation and the accounting, as well as all amendments to it, if any, shall be served on the Guardian Ad Litem, Richard Gutierrez, Esq. Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of Stela Balian, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of Dry Harbor Nursing Home, 61-35 Dry Harbor Road, Middle Village, NY 11379, in the County of Queens, State of New York.

SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of Stela Balian, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 15th day of December, 2022 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$17,237.57 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings

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on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why the claim from NYC Human Resources Administration in the amount of \$96,869.94 should not be paid; and why the claim of landlord, Helga Burriesci in the amount of \$13, 207.33 should not be rejected; and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship,

Dated, Attested and Sealed 20th day of October, 2022 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County Janet Edwards Tucker Chief Clerk GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 NOTICE: THIS CITATION IS SERVED UPON YOU AS REQUIRED BY LAW. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO APPEAR; HOWEVER, IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR IT WILL BE ASSUMED YOU DO NOT OBJECT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED. YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE AN ATTORNEY APPEAR FOR YOU, AND YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MAY REQUEST A COPY OF THE FULL ACCOUNT FROM THE PETITIONER OR PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY Accounting Citation Clare Warnock Gerard J. Sweeney, Esq. 1981 Marcus Avenue, Ste 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 PH: 718 459 9000 Direct Dial: 516 888 9433 FAX: 718 459 3163 10/27,11/3,10&17/2022

182NDPLC LLC. Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/29/22. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. for svce of process. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: the LLC, at 90-18 182nd Place, Hollis, NY 11423. Any lawful purpose. 10/27,11/3,10,17,24&12/1/2022



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Notice of Formation of ABA TAX LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/17/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 8595 150TH Street, Jamaica, NY 11435. Purpose: any lawful activities. 11/3,10,17,24,12/1&8/2022

ADMINISTRATION CITATION - FILE NO. 2016-4407/A SURROGATE'S COURT-QUEENS COUNTY CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, by the Grace of God Free and Independent, TO: Christena D'Costa, Queens County Public Administrator, The heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of Eugene D'Costa deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. A petition having been duly filed by BARB ESSMAN, PNC MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF PNC BANK, N.A., who is domiciled at 3232 NEWMARK DRIVE, MIAMISBURG, OH 45342. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Room 62, Queens County Courthouse, Jamaica, NY 11435, on December 8, 2022 at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Eugene D'Costa lately domiciled at 102-33 Corona Avenue, Corona, New York 11368, in the County of Queens, State of New York, granting Limited Letters of Administration upon the estate of the decedent to Christena D'Costa, distributee of the Decedent, and upon their default or failure to qualify, then to the Queens County Public Administrator, and if they are permitted to renounce, then to Gregory Savran, Esq., the nominee of the Petitioner, or to such other person as may be entitled thereto; That the authority of the representative under the foregoing Letters be limited as follows: for the sole purpose of accepting service of process on behalf of the Estate of Eugene D'Costa a/k/a Eugene D'Costa in a Foreclosure Action commenced in Queens County Supreme Court on October 20, 2009 under Index No.: 28232/2009 regarding real property known as and located at 102-33 Corona Avenue, Corona, NY 11368. NOTICE: THIS CITATION IS SERVED UPON YOU AS REQUIRED BY LAW. AS A RESULT OF THE MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE COURT TO COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, PHYSICAL PRESENCE AT THE COURTHOUSE ON THE RETURN DATE IS LIMITED. HEREOF, IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE RELIEF

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REQUESTED, YOU, OR AN ATTORNEY ON YOUR BEHALF, MUST CONTACT THE COURT PRIOR TO THIS DATE IN THE MANNER SET FORTH IN THE ATTCHED NOTICE. IF YOU DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT AS SET FORTH IN THE NOTICE IT WILL BE FOUND YOU CONSENT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED. Dated, Attested and Sealed, October 12, 2022. HON. PETER J. KELLY, Surrogate. JANET TUCKER, Chief Clerk. Aldridge Pite, LLP-Susan A. West, Esq., 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747, (631) 454-8059. Note: This citation is served upon you as requested by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. 11/3,10,17&24/2022

67-22 Fresh Pond Road LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 5/12/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Calogero & Maria Noto, 158-16 89th St., Howard Beach, NY 11414. General Purpose. 11/3,10,17,24,12/1&8/2022

EVIMUM CHARGING, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/2/22. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to David Fenig 152 Beach 6th St Far Rockaway NY 11691. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 11/3,10,17,24,12/1&8/2022



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Youth Programs Kick-Off



This month marked the kick-off meeting for two of our youth programs.

The Queens DA Student Advisory Council grants students the opportunity to discuss the law and current events as well as to enhance their public advocacy skills. The Queens DA Legal

Explorers Program is designed to expose high school students to various careers within the legal field. I welcome everyone who has chosen to participate and am excited to witness their progress throughout the semester!

For more information about our programs, contact YouthEmpowerment@queensda.org.

Breast Cancer Walk



According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, breast cancer is the second most common cancer in women in the United States, with New York having the 12th highest rate of new cases nationally.

In order to raise awareness, The

Queens District Attorneys Office partnered with the Queens County Women's Bar Association for a 5K walk against Breast Cancer in Flushing Meadows Corona Park last weekend. We stand together with our law professionals in support of cancer research.

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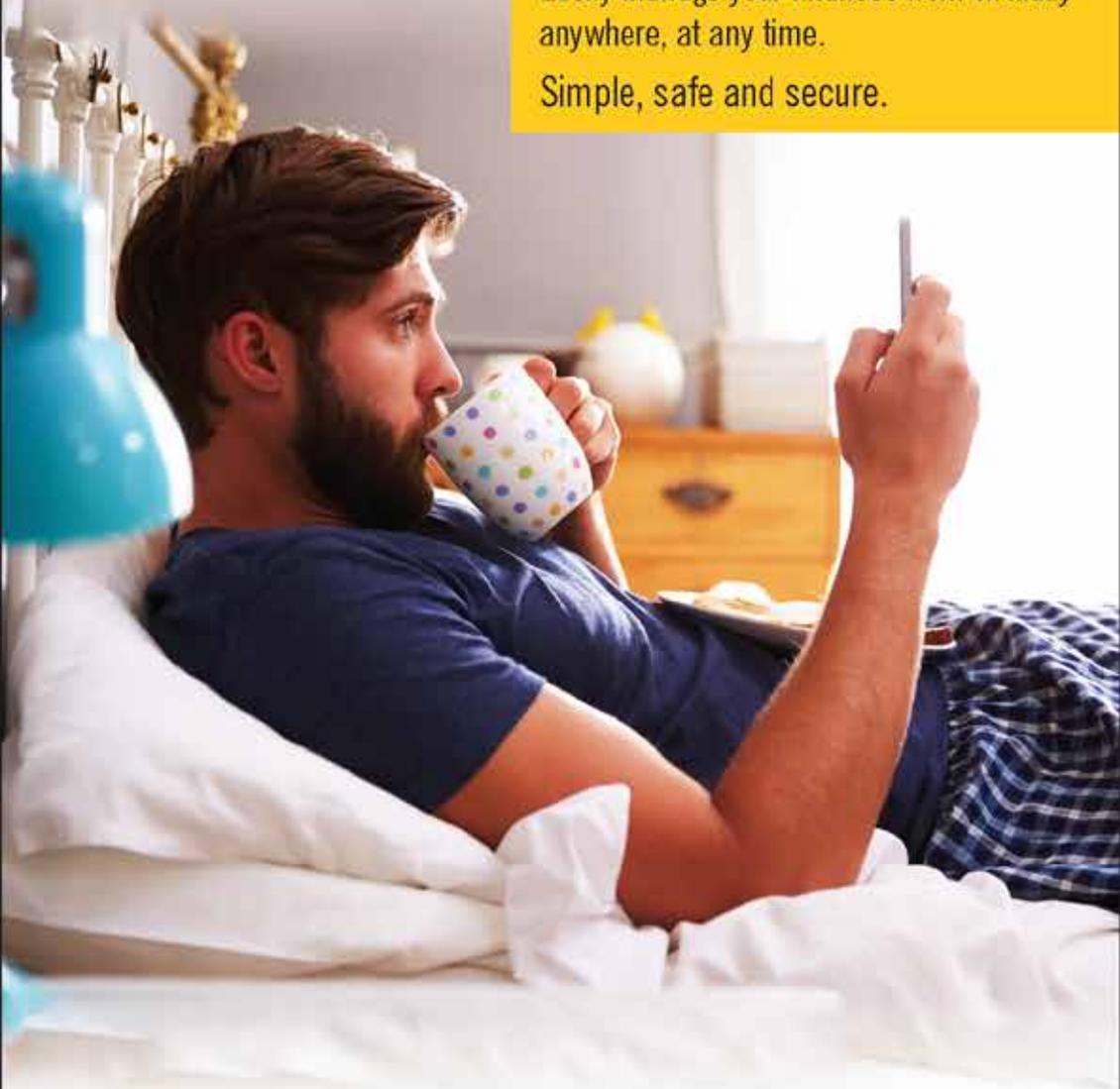
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