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Congresswoman Grace Meng Issues Statement On Election Day



Congresswoman Meng and her husband Wayne during her Election Night event last night at Pho Grand Restaurant in Bayside.

“Once again, I am deeply grateful to the voters of the sixth district for choosing me to represent them in our nation’s capital. I am honored to be their voice in Washington, and I will continue working nonstop on their behalf each and every day.

I am also thrilled that Jackson Heights and Woodside will now be among the outstanding and vibrant communities which encompass my district.

In Congress, I am proud to have delivered results for my constituents, passing numerous pieces of legislation into law including measures to combat hate crimes, increase internet access,

and provide healthcare to veterans. In addition, I am proud to have brought back millions of dollars to my district.

But more work remains, from addressing the rise in crime and bolstering our economy to pushing the city and state to mitigate flooding in our communities, and upgrade our local mass transit.

I love Queens. I was born and raised here, and it’s where I’m raising my family, and I will continue working tirelessly to improve the quality of life in our borough.

Thank you to my entire team and all our volunteers, and to everybody who supported my candidacy.”

I AM PAC Congratulates Gov. Hochul On Her Election Victory



The Italian American PAC (I AM PAC) VP Robert Fonti with Board Members were at Gov. Kathy Hochul’s Election Victory Celebration, held at the Capitale, 130 Bowery, NY 10013. I AM PAC was one of the first ethnic groups to endorse Gov. Hochul for reelection as Governor of the State of New York. I AM PAC looks forward in working with Gov. Hochul on many issues.

Councilman Francisco Moya’s Mother Votes for the First Time in the U.S. Elections Accompanied by her Family and NYC Mayor Eric Adams



Council Member Francisco Moya and Mayor Eric Adams accompany the Councilman’s mother, Maria Moya, to vote for the first time the morning of Tuesday, November 8, 2022, in Corona, Queens. Photo Credit: Mayor’s Office. See story on page 6.

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Queens Theatre Announces Holiday Season Lineup

Programming to include diverse array of performances for adults, children & families –

Queens Theatre (QT) is thrilled to welcome families to the venue this holiday season with a wide variety of family programming. Starting next week and running through December, Queens Theatre will host three family-friendly performances that are sure to delight. The diverse array of affordable programming includes In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson presented by Honolulu Theatre For Youth (HTY), The Lightning Thief presented by TheatreWorksUSA, and Calpulli Mexican Dance Company's Navidad: A Mexican-American Christmas.

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson
 A Honolulu Theatre For Youth (HTY) Production

Sunday, Nov. 13th, 1:00 PM,
3:00 PM

Follow Shirley Temple Wong, and her family as they move from China to the United States in 1947, the year Jackie Robinson was breaking records and assumptions. Told through humor and rich multimedia staging, In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson celebrates the bravery and sacrifice of those who bring new perspectives to our country. Take a sneak peek here.

Tickets are available for \$18 each for seating in all sections. Purchases of 4 tickets \$60. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit: <https://queentheatre.org/event/in-the-year-of-the-boar-and-jackie-robinson/>

The Lightning Thief
 A TheatreWorksUSA Production

Sunday, Dec. 4th, 1:00 PM,
3:00 PM

Adapted from the book The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan, this show welcomes audiences to join Percy Jackson, a student who can't help getting into trouble, on a journey to find and return Zeus's stolen master lightning bolt and bring peace to a warring Mount Olympus.

Tickets are available for \$18 each for seating in all sections. Purchases of 4 tickets \$60. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit:

<https://queentheatre.org/event/the-lightning-thief/>

Tickets start at \$25 each for seating in all sections. Purchases of 4 tickets \$90. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit:

<https://queentheatre.org/event/navidad/>

For more details visit www.queentheatre.org or call the Box Office at: (718) 760-0064.

Mayor Adams Expands Efforts to Connect Patients Experiencing Homelessness to Stable, Affordable Housing, Delivers on Promise in Housing Blueprint Released Earlier This Year

As Strategy to Good Health, 'Housing for Health' Initiative Will Focus on Four Strategic Areas: Navigation Services, Medical Respite Beds, Affordable Housing on Hospital Property, and Social Service Support for Patients in Permanent Housing

Program Will Leverage NYC Health + Hospitals Land to Create Nearly 650 New Affordable Homes Over Next Five Years

New York City Mayor Eric Adams and NYC Health + Hospitals President and CEO Dr. Mitchell Katz today announced 'Housing for Health' — a comprehensive initiative to serve the health system's large patient population experiencing homelessness by connecting them to affordable homes and housing supports. Recognizing that the chronic health issues of unhoused individuals cannot be treated without stable housing, this initiative seeks to improve their health and wellbeing of New Yorkers by focusing on four strategic areas: Navigation services, medical respite beds, affordable housing on hospital property, and social service support for patients in permanent housing. Over the course of the next five years, the health system plans to leverage land to create nearly 650 new affordable homes, which will be situated near NYC Health + Hospitals facilities to deliver continuity of care for vulnerable New Yorkers with complex medical needs. This initiative delivers on multiple aspects of Mayor Adams' "Housing Our Neighbors: A Blueprint for Housing and Homelessness" and builds on the health system's commitment to a whole-person approach to health care.

"It's time to look at the full picture of New Yorkers' health challenges, and to treat these challenges holistically," said Mayor Adams. "It's not enough to care for unhoused New Yorkers in the emergency room and then discharge them if they have no home to recover and heal in. Adults

experiencing homelessness have three times as many hospital and emergency visits compared to those with stable housing, so it's time we finally break this vicious cycle. I am proud to announce our 'Housing for Health' Initiative that will connect NYC Health + Hospitals patients to permanent housing or medical respite beds and will leverage Health + Hospitals land to create 650 units of affordable housing over the next five years. We know housing is fundamental to health, and this program brings us one step closer to achieving a healthier, more equitable, and more prosperous New York City."

In addition to improving health outcomes, Housing for Health will also reduce reliance on expensive emergency and hospital care. Last year, NYC Health + Hospitals provided care for 43,500 single adults experiencing homelessness — six percent of the more than 725,000 patients served by the health system. Adults experiencing homelessness have three times more hospital and emergency department visits than the general population. Through Housing for Health, the health system will expand cross-sector collaborations with community-based organizations, government agencies, funders, and affordable and supportive housing developers and owners committed to improving individual and community health.

Since January 2020, more than 1,000 patients have already been served under the program (over 800 patients have been placed in medical respite beds and over 400 patients have been placed in permanent housing, some of whom were placed in medical respite beds before.) The expanded initiative was announced today at the T Building, a former tuberculosis hospital on the campus of NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens that was converted into 200 apartments, 75 of which are supportive housing for patients of the hospital system formerly experiencing homelessness. The 125 other mixed-income units are affordable to households

with incomes from 60 percent to 80 percent of Area Median Income. On-site case management — provided by the non-profit CAMBA and funded through the NYC 15/15 Supportive Housing Initiative — includes connection to medical, mental health and substance treatment, access to benefits, and financial literacy courses.

Housing for Health Strategies
 Housing Navigation Services: NYC Health + Hospitals counsels and helps eligible patients to access and apply for supportive, affordable, and market-rate housing, as well as rental subsidies. This resource is vital to navigating the New York City complex housing landscape. Over 400 people to date have been placed in permanent housing through this program. The city also plans to expand housing navigation support for patients by partnering with an experienced, community-based organization to provide services and help place even more patients into permanent homes.

Medical Respite Beds for Frail Patients: NYC Health + Hospitals funds the largest medical respite bed program in New York City. Its 51 medical respite beds in Manhattan and the Bronx offer social service support for medically frail patients who no longer need hospitalization but still require access to medical care. Medical respite services allow patients to rest, recover, de-escalate, and heal in a safe environment after a major health episode. The health system partners with two experienced non-profit organizations — Comunilife and Institute for Community Living — which provide holistic care coordination, medically-tailored meals, and access to wound care and physical therapy. Patients also receive case management support to help identify future housing options.

Dedicate NYC Health + Hospitals Land for Affordable and Supportive Housing: NYC Health + Hospitals leases land for supportive and

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Department of State's Consumer Protection Division Issues Warnings For Consumers as Holiday Season Approaches

Five-Part Shopping Series to Assist Cost-Conscious Consumers During this Year's Holiday Season

Part One: Tips to Help Consumers Shop Safely Online as Holiday Season Gets an Early Start
Secretary Robert J. Rodriguez, "It's a one-two punch for cost-conscious New Yorkers as they battle rising prices and ever-evolving scams"

The New York Department of State's Consumer Protection Division (DCP) today announced the rollout of a five-part consumer alert series to help cost-conscious New Yorkers navigate the holiday shopping season. In the coming weeks, consumers will receive guidance on charity scams, credit cards, gift cards, refunds, returns and warranties. In this first consumer alert, DCP wants to empower New Yorkers with actionable fraud prevention tips, so they have greater awareness and control when shopping online.

"This holiday season, it's a one-two punch for cost-conscious New Yorkers as they battle rising prices and ever-evolving scams," said New York Secretary of State Robert Rodriguez, who oversees the Division of Consumer Protection. "New Yorkers need to know how to spot fake online reviews, fake texts impersonating package delivery companies and they should never keep their credit cards on file for future purchases. There are laws to protect consumers, but consumers also need to know how to protect themselves from scammers this holiday season."

The convenience of shopping online creates both opportunities and challenges for consumers. One of the major challenges is figuring out what is real or fake as scammers find new, more sophisticated ways to trick consumers. Shop Safely Online with these Tips:

- Don't rush when buying online: Technology has simplified the way we shop. With a click of a button, we can quickly shop multiple sites, browse hundreds of items, comparison shop, find deals, read consumer reviews and make purchase decisions for a variety of items. Before you click, take the time to carefully read and re-

view what you're buying and who you're buying it from.

- Be careful when shopping on social media: Social media commerce is gaining ground among shoppers, and according to experts it's growing three times faster than traditional ecommerce. As more consumers browse and shop directly on social media platforms, we urge consumers to pay attention to brand imposters and fake retailers with fake consumer reviews. Avoid placing orders on these copycat sites for products that will never arrive.

- Shop on trusted sites with retailers known to you. Consumers are exposed to hundreds of retailer websites, and some promote products that may not meet their expectation by offering a poor-quality version of the advertised item. Some consumers have also reported not receiving any product at all. Use caution on trusted sites that host items for third-party sellers.

- Beware of third-party vendors. If redirected from a trusted site to a third-party site, read the seller's policies, review ratings, read consumer comments, and most importantly do a broad internet search before making your purchase. Trusted retailers who host third-party sellers do not warranty their sales, thus you could get a substandard product or no product at all when you take the risk and purchase from an unknown third-party vendor.

- Do your research if you want to try a new site or retailer. Performing a broad internet search will provide you with important feedback from other customers.

- Learn how to spot a fake review: Watch out for fake reviews online. One red flag to look for is one-sided reviews with no specifics. Real reviews often reflect customer experiences that are balanced, descriptive and subjective. Also look for multiple reviews that look very similar and posted during the same timeframe. This is a sign that the reviewers are either copying information or were all written by the same person.

- Read product specifications. Online marketing is geared to get you to buy, so it is important to understand the product you are purchasing and the terms of the

sale to ensure you are getting what you want.

Don't be Fooled by Package and Delivery Scams:

- Keep track of your packages. Package tracking and delivery scams are common during the holidays. Review the tracking information for your package and note any issues right away through the retailer's websites.

- Beware of phishing attempts. Another common scam this time of year is scammers using phishing emails and text messages to impersonate delivery companies (e.g., UPS, USPS, FedEx), banking and credit card companies, and other large retailers (e.g., Netflix, PayPal, eBay, Amazon), which often include links to sites attempting to steal your information. Always open a browser and type the company's website address yourself instead of clicking on a link in an email or text message.

Tips for Using Credit Cards Online:

- Check the website's encryption; It's easier than you think. Before entering your credit card information, make sure that the website's address begins with "https" and that there is a closed lock on the website address bar or unbroken key symbol in the lower portion of your window.

- Don't keep the credit card on file for future purchases. Provide your credit card number each time you make a purchase.

- Designate one credit card and one email address for online shopping. This will allow for easy review of purchases and provide protection in case of a dispute.

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.

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

Attorney General James Statement on Winning Re-Election



"Tonight, we heard from New Yorkers from across the state, and I am so proud to earn a second term as your Attorney General. Over the past four years, we have worked tirelessly to make New York a place where there is only one system of justice for all, and tonight is an affirmation of all that we have accomplished. In our first term, we

have taken thousands of guns off the streets and cracked down on dangerous drug and crime rings; we have taken on Big Pharma for its role in the opioid crisis and delivered more than \$2 billion to New Yorkers; we have protected women's rights, immigrant communities, and the future of our planet; and we have fought for the rights of everyday people from Brooklyn to Buffalo.

"But as long as any New Yorker feels unsafe, can't afford to live in their community, or is locked out of the sunshine of opportunity, we still have work to do. I will continue to fight for the rights of every person in our great state and ensure the rule of law is applied equally to everyone."

Statement From Speaker Adrienne Adams on New Yorkers Approving Racial Justice Ballot Proposals

"New York City voters made clear that they support our city government prioritizing racial justice by confronting the structural and systemic inequities that have long impacted New Yorkers. Black New Yorkers, as well as many other communities of color have long endured disparities in access to economic and educational opportunities, health, and safety. By asserting a commitment to equity, justice, and remedying past harms in the City Charter, City government will be explicitly obligated to address these injustices and creating 'a just and equitable city for all' New Yorkers. A new Racial Equity Office, Plan and

Commission will be critical to reducing and eliminating racial disparities, while a new measure of the true cost of living will help government more accurately account for the economic pressures facing New Yorkers in our policy decisions. The approval of these ballot proposals are an important step that will require a continued commitment by city government to advance progress for racial justice. I thank the New York City Racial Justice Commission for its efforts to develop these proposals and engage New Yorkers on them, along with the many leaders and New Yorkers who helped support these efforts.

Senator James Sanders Jr. Congratulates Kathy Hochul on Her Election as Governor

State Senator James Sanders Jr. said: I would like to sincerely congratulate Kathy Hochul on her win as Governor, which will allow her to continue the good work she started when taking on the role after the downfall of her predecessor. As the first female elected Governor of New York, Kathy Hochul has been a trailblazer and an inspiration to many young woman across the state and the country. As a woman in a male patriarchal society, none of her accomplishments has come easy.

Hochul took over the state at a critical time when the pandemic

was still raging, making key decisions on reopening schools during the COVID-19 crisis. She was also the leader of a task force on opioid abuse in New York. She is pro-choice and a tough fighter for women's rights, having helped open a women's homeless shelter in her hometown of Buffalo, even before she began her career in politics.

Given how Hochul been a true captain at the helm so far, leading New York during times of turmoil, there is no question that she is a better choice for governor of New York for the next four years."

The Oratorio Society of Queens Will Perform Selections From Handel's "Messiah," as Well as Traditional Christmas Favorites And Chanukah Songs

Sunday, December 18, 2022 at 4:00 pm at St. Kevin R.C. Church, in Flushing

As a hallmark of the vibrant arts community in Queens, the Oratorio Society of Queens will perform with its 100+ member chorus under the direction of Maestro David Close and Assistant Conductor, Jin H. Byun, along with OSQ's orchestra, the Orchestral Arts Ensemble of Queens. Featured soloists are Paula Jean Rocheleau, soprano; John Easterlin, tenor; Nathan Bahny, bass-baritone; and guest artist Cantor Jerry Korobow.

The first half of the program spotlights excerpts of Handel's iconic "Messiah." The second

half features the spirited Chanukah favorite "Nun Gimel/Chanukah, O Chanukah," and "Ocho Kandelikas," a Ladino treasure celebrating the eight candles of Chanukah. Feel the grandeur of Christmas with Maestro Close's arrangement of C.B. Hawley's "A Christmas Cradle Song." A performance of Ken Darby's "'Twas the Night Before Christmas" will undoubtedly be a magical and unforgettable experience, and "O Holy Night," featuring our tenor and soprano soloists backed by the entire chorus will bring the concert to

its spectacular climax!

St. Kevin R.C. Church is located at 42-21 194th Street, Flushing, New York.

Tickets are \$40; \$35 for seniors (62+) and students with ID; \$10 for children (12 and under) accompanied by an adult. For additional information, please call the Oratorio Society of Queens at 718.279.3006 or visit www.QueensOratorio.org

For additional information on membership and the audition process, call (718) 279-3006 or visit <https://www.queensoratorio.org/becoming-a-member>

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affordable housing developments for low- and moderate-income New Yorkers, including seniors and those formerly experiencing homelessness. Recent projects include 89 supportive and affordable housing units on the campus of NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull and over 200 affordable housing units to be built on the campus of NYC Health + Hospitals/Morrisania. Overall, there are 1,600 apartment units on NYC Health + Hospitals land. Housing for Health plans to leverage additional land to create

nearly 650 new affordable homes near NYC Health + Hospitals resources to deliver continuity of care for vulnerable New Yorkers.

Fund Social Support Services in Permanent Housing: NYC Health + Hospitals funds on-site social services to help patients stabilize and thrive in their new housing environment. Support services individualize support to ease the transition from homelessness to permanent housing, assistance with accessing benefits, connecting to local food pantries and employment services, and continued care coordination.

63 Members of Success Academy Marathon Team Raise \$150,000 For SA Schools And Scholars

Team Includes Teachers, Principals, and Friends and Family of SA Scholars and Staff

Among the 25,000 NYC marathon runners this weekend, 63 had a special cause: they ran on behalf of Success Academy, its scholars and families, and demonstrating how little moments of effort ultimately help us achieve big goals — like getting across the finish line.

From left to right: Nicholas Jaspers, Cynthia Filgueira, Kaleigh Garcia, Danielle Golub, Grace Ogburn, Mary Medure

Beyond their fundraising, these fleet-of-foot educators are also inspiring the network's 20,000 scholars. Marathon training, just like learning, requires consistent effort over time. The team has been building their endurance for months — running a total of almost 400 miles each.

This year's coach, Lead of Grades 3-12 History Content Design Nick Jaspers, spoke about how Team Success' effort also reflects SA's educational philosophy: "Our students can prepare for the big test, but ultimately success has to do with consistent commitment to completing assignments, double-checking answers, and fully participating in homework. It takes small efforts, every day, to reach the big goal."

Success Academy's K-12 educational journey is much more marathon than sprint; like a runner training for the big day by consistently increasing distances over



a period of time, SA's curriculum is designed as a holistic 13-year trajectory where each school year builds upon the previous ones to prepare students for college and beyond.

This is the 11th year SA participated in the marathon. The 63 participants running on behalf of Team Success — including teachers, principals, Network office staff, NYC community members, friends and family of SA scholars and staff, and other SA supporters — also raised funds for SA schools and scholars. All donations raised go toward the SA general operating fund and cover a range of expenses from new paint for the classroom to helping buy groceries for families in need.

About Success Academy - Since its founding in 2006, Success Academy has created the highest-performing public school district in New York state, and a national model of access to excellence for children across all demographics.

We currently enroll over 20,000 children in 49 elementary, middle, and high schools. The majority of Success Academy scholars are children of color from low-income households in disadvantaged neighborhoods, admitted through a random public lottery. Our distinctive K-12 approach, designed as a holistic 13-year educational trajectory, leads to student outcomes that outpace even those in affluent suburban schools. To date, 100% of SA's graduates have been accepted to college, many to highly selective institutions. Most are the first in their families to have the opportunity for higher education. We regularly share our curriculum and methods with educators and school leaders across the country. By scaling excellence and reigniting the civic mission of education, Success Academy is leading a movement to reinvent public education. For more information about Success Academy, go to successacademies.org.

Gillibrand Announces \$412.5 Million Federal Investment in Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program For NYS

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is announcing that New York State was awarded \$412.5 million in funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to help New Yorkers with rising home heating costs this winter. This funding includes over \$63 million Gillibrand fought to secure in the recently passed continuing resolution. LIHEAP is a federal program that helps millions of Americans, including over 1 million New York households, heat their homes and will be especially critical this winter as residential energy costs are expected to rise drastically. Administered through the Administration for Children and Families at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, this funding will also help families make cost-effective home energy repairs to lower their heating and cooling bills.

"LIHEAP provides a lifeline for thousands of low-income families across New York State," said Senator Gillibrand. "As winter approaches and the cost of groceries and other essentials remains high, many simply cannot afford to pay exorbitant heating bills. Today, I'm proud to announce that New York has received a total of \$412.5 million in LIHEAP funding. I fought for this money to ensure that New Yorkers who rely on LIHEAP assistance have what they need to heat their homes all winter and I will keep fighting to make sure every New Yorker can afford essentials and stay safe and

warm."

The total funding announced today includes an additional \$1 billion appropriated by Congress to address rising energy costs, as well as \$100 million appropriated for 2023 from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

2023 LIHEAP Funds: New York was awarded a total of \$412,485,883 to assist low-income families ahead of the winter season. This includes:

- \$342,866,235 from the regular LIHEAP block grant funding
 - \$63,292,500 in supplemental funding
 - \$6,327,148 in funding appropriated for FY 2023 from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
- The Office of Community Services OCS directly funds tribal nations in New York that administer LIHEAP directly. Information about directly funded tribal LIHEAP programs in New York is included below.
- Tribes in New York that are directly funded by OCS in fiscal year 2023 have received \$223,871 as of November 1, 2022
 - A list of directly funded tribes in New York is below, together with their award amount:
 - Seneca Nation received \$143,485
 - St. Regis Mohawk Band received \$80,386

Senator Gillibrand has consistently worked to help New Yorkers afford their utilities. Last month,

Gillibrand announced that \$60 million in estimated funding for LIHEAP was coming to New York following a bipartisan, bicameral letter she joined in August calling on congressional leadership to provide emergency supplemental funding for LIHEAP. Earlier this year, Senator Gillibrand called on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to use its statutory authority to ensure that Americans' household energy bills would not be driven up by energy market manipulation in wholesale natural gas and electricity markets. Last year, she called on the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to address the ongoing energy crisis and ensure families that rely on LIHEAP had the resources they needed to stay warm through the winter. When millions of workers were laid off at the onset of the pandemic, Senator Gillibrand fought alongside her colleagues to deliver \$900 million in LIHEAP funding in the CARES Act and an additional \$4.5 billion in supplemental funding to the program as part of the American Rescue Plan. She is also a cosponsor of the Heating and Cooling Relief Act, which would expand LIHEAP to universalize energy assistance for all of those who need it.

Individuals interested in applying for energy assistance can visit energyhelp.us or call the National Energy Assistance Referral (NEAR) hotline toll-free at: 1-866-674-6327.

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State Senator James Sanders Jr. Statement on His Re-Election; Thank You for Your Vote



State Senator James Sanders Jr. said: "I feel deeply humbled and blessed that the people I have represented for the last decade have once again placed their trust in me and voted in my favor to allow me to represent them for another two years. I will do my best to continue to earn that trust and respect as I work diligently to improve not only our district but also the entirety of New York State. My priorities will include improv-

ing education, the economy, the environment, increased access to housing, and more services for seniors and veterans. It's all about fighting to take what's available to us at the state level and bring it home, and that's what I intend to do. Thank you all once again for your vote. I look forward to meeting every one of you that I can and discussing all the ways we can make our community better - together."

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Resorts World Supports Those Affected by Breast Cancer During Breast Cancer Awareness Month

More than \$13,500 donated to help the American Cancer Society

Resorts World announced its team members across New York State honored those affected by breast cancer throughout the month of October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Resorts World Catskills (RWC) donated \$5,000 to the American Cancer Society, along with \$1,842 raised by employees. RWC employees, along with team members from the soon-to-open Resorts World Hudson Valley (RWHV), took part in the Making Strides of Hudson Valley walk on Sunday, October 16 at Woodbury Common Premium Outlets.

Resorts World New York City employees take part in Making Strides of Queens walk

"We're so fortunate to work for an organization that cares about important causes like the fight against breast cancer," said Meghan Taylor, VP Government Affairs & Public Relations, Resorts World New York. "But it's especially heartwarming when our employees also take time out of their weekends to help raise awareness and give back to the community."



Councilman Francisco Moya's Mother Votes for the First Time in the U.S. Elections Accompanied by her Family and NYC Mayor Eric Adams



Councilman Moya together with his mother, father, and other family members voted at St. Leo's Academy in Corona, Queens.

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Council Member Francisco Moya, who supported the right to vote in municipal elections, accompanied his mother and newly naturalized U.S. citizen, Maria Moya, to vote for the first time alongside his family and NYC Mayor Eric Adams.

Council Member Moya expressed: "Voting has always held a special meaning for me - it's what made possible for me to become the first Ecuadorian-American elected to public office, not just here in the State of New York but

in the entire country and today, my mom voted for the first time. So from one mama's boy to another, thank you Mayor for making today even more memorable. Now everyone go out and vote, polls close at 9pm."

NYC Mayor Eric Adams tweeted the following: "Maria Moya has done so much since she came to America from Ecuador in 1964. She built a life. She raised the first Ecuadorian American elected to public office. She became a US citizen and today she voted for the first time. Don't let anyone tell you your vote doesn't matter."

On Veterans Day, we pay tribute to the brave men and women who served our nation and express our gratitude for all they've sacrificed to protect our freedom.

Happy Veterans Day



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Statement by Civil Court Candidate Karen Lin



"I am deeply grateful for and humbled by the outpouring of support from the community who came together to elect its first Chinese American female judge to the Queens Civil Court. This campaign shows what can be achieved when our community uses its voice by voting to increase our representation. I look forward to serving the people of Queens with diligence, fairness, integrity and excellence under the law."

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Resorts World New York City Celebrates 11 Years as Only Casino in New York City

Its many accomplishments include generating more than \$3.6 billion for New York's public schools and creating thousands of good-paying union jobs for New Yorkers

Resorts World New York City (RWNYC) marked its 11th anniversary as the only casino in NYC with a cocktail reception attended by elected officials and community leaders from across New York on Friday, October 28.

"We couldn't think of a better group than this to help us celebrate 11 years in Queens," said Robert DeSalvio, President, Genting Americas East. "Without these partners, we wouldn't have been able to deliver on the many promises we made to New York over a decade ago when we first broke ground on the casino. Our accomplishments are their accomplishments, and we look forward to having them by our side as we continue to look for ways to improve the lives of residents in Queens and throughout New York City for decades to come."

During the celebration, Resorts World announced a major milestone: it's now generated more than \$3.6 billion to support New York's public schools. That's enough revenue to fund more than 10 million laptop computers for students and pay a year's salary for 12,000 public school teachers.

Its other accomplishments from the last 11 years include:

- Opening the Hyatt Regency JFK Airport at Resorts World New York City, a \$400 million 4-star hotel enjoyed by New Yorkers and visitors from around the globe
- Creating a strong and diverse union workforce of hundreds of New Yorkers, a majority of which are people of color and nearly half are women



- Hiring locally and providing families in Queens with access to safe and quality jobs in their neighborhood
- Launching the "Good Neighbor Network," an initiative designed to inspire, empower, and advocate for social and economic good in Queens and throughout New York State
- Beginning Resorts World Gives, a corporate philanthropic program that allows RWNYC to invest in the economic and social progress of communities surrounding the property. It's donated more than \$3 million to more than 200 local organizations that are creating opportunities for economic and social progress in Queens, including:
 - Boys & Girls Club of Metro Queens
 - City Harvest
 - City Meals on Wheels
 - Greater Jamaica Development Corporation
 - Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning
 - Jamaica Hospital
 - Jamaica YMCA

- Queens Chamber of Commerce
- Queens Economic Development Corporation
- River Fund
- Rockaway Development Revitalization Corporation
- York College
- Creating the Red Wall Art Gallery a year after opening to showcase work by aspiring and local artists, photographers and textile makers, in conjunction with community arts organizations
- Supporting local organizations with youth programming, health initiatives, and scholarships
- Hosting blood drives, digital mammogram care clinics, job fairs, entrepreneur competitions, early voting and more

Those in attendance at Friday's event included New York State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo Jr., Senator Roxanne Persaud, Assemblymember Brian Cunningham, Assemblymember Stacey Pheffer Amato, Assemblymember Alicia Hyndman, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, and Council Member Nantasha Williams.

Velázquez Announces Grants For Schools in Her District



Rep. Nydia M. Velázquez (D-NY) announced that five schools in New York's Seventh Congressional District were awarded federal funding from the United States Department of Education's Magnet Grant Program. These schools created two consortiums to apply for this funding and as a result, each consortium will be awarded \$3 million for the first year, and a portion of these funds will go to schools listed below which are in New York's Seventh District. The grant program will continue to run for five years for a total of \$14,999,995 to each

consortium.

"Investing in our children's education is crucial to ensuring young New Yorkers are given the best opportunity to excel later in life," said Rep. Velázquez. "These five schools will be able to put this new funding to good use by creating programs that will teach leadership, innovation, social justice reform, and the arts. I'm looking forward to seeing the benefits that will come from the Magnet Grant Program."

The two consortiums and the schools that they encompass are listed below as well as the magnet school programs they will be used for:

Community School Districts 19 & 27, Brooklyn & Queens, NY IS 171 (Leadership and Innovation) PS 64 (Leadership and Social Justice Activism)

NYC Community School Districts 32-16 Interdistrict Magnet Consortium

PS 86 (Multimedia and Arts Academy)

PS 116 (Leadership through Multimedia and the Arts)

PS 145 (Leadership through Engineering)

Criminal Justice Discussion With Our Students



Recently, members of the Queens District Attorneys Office Youth Empowerment Unit joined the Flushing Campus Legislative and Community Partner Breakfast, hosted by staff and students from Veritas Academy, Flushing High School, and Queens High

School for Language Studies.

The event provided a great opportunity for students to voice their educational and public safety needs while allowing my Office to foster better partnerships with the future leaders of the Flushing Campus Community.

Officials Celebrate Opening of Goldfish Swim School at Atlas Park in Glendale



Goldfish Swim School staff, Goldfish Swim School General Manager Rafael Gonzalez, NYC Council Member Robert Holden, NYS Senator Joseph Addabbo and Queens Chamber of Commerce President Thomas Grech are at Atlas Park in Glendale for the opening of Goldfish Swim School. Photo courtesy of Robert Holden via Twitter. See story on page 10.



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IT'S IN QUEENS

(Nov. 11 to Nov. 17)

It's a week that jumps back and forth from countries, cultures, and time periods. Vintage cars, Salem witches, Chinese lanterns, 18th century cuisine, fresh kicks, napkin rings, and Latin American Christmas traditions are all in the mix.

- Nov. 11, Illuminate the Farm, Jan. 8, 2023. A dazzling display of lights and illuminated Chinese lanterns handmade by artisans with decades of dedication to their craft. They're inspired by theme parks and Chinese myths. From 5 pm to 9 pm, Friday through Sunday and daily from Dec. 23 to Jan. 1, 2023. Queens County Farm Museum, 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy., Glen Oaks.

- Nov. 11, Baldwin vs. Buckley, Nov. 12. The 1965 televised debate between intellectual heavyweights James Baldwin and William F. Buckley Jr. is restaged in an intimate performance. Showtimes are Nov. 11 at 8 pm and Nov. 12 at 3 pm and 8 pm. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- Nov. 11, 18th Century Tavern Nights, Dec. 17. The hosts use an open hearth and 18th century recipes to prepare a dinner to be enjoyed with period tableware and candles. (Menu includes spicy corn relish, sweet-and-sour raisin soup, chicken fricassee, and king's arm tavern sweet potatoes. Schedule: 8 pm to 11 pm on • Nov. 11, Nov. 19, Dec. 2, Dec. 3, Dec. 9, Dec. 10, and Dec. 17. Queens County Farm Museum, 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy., Glen Oaks.

- Nov. 11, Christmas in Colombia, Dec. 11. The Mestizo Art Center and special guest singer Anissa Gathers offer traditional Colombian Christmas folk music and dance on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm and Sundays at 4 pm. Thalia Spanish Theatre, 41-17 Greenpoint Ave., Sunnyside.

- Nov. 11, Single's Day, 5 pm. Singles enjoy an evening of shopping, dining, music, a panel discussion on lifestyle, and modeling. The Shops at Skyview, Level 4, 40-24 College Point Blvd., Flushing.

- Nov. 11, Three Nights of Dance, Nov. 13. Take Root with Jiva Dance is at 8 pm on Nov. 11 and 12. The Fertile Ground New Works Showcase with various artists is on Nov. 13 at 7 pm. Green Space, 37-24 24th St., Ste. 211, Long Island City.

- Nov. 11, Small Discoveries, 10 am. The opening of a learning experience that promotes scientific inquiry and empowers people of all ages and backgrounds to ask questions, explore, and discover new things. New York Hall of Science, 47-01 111th St., Corona.

- Nov. 11, I Hate Models + Shlomo + Kyruh, 10 pm. I Hate Models is a marquee name in Neo-Rave sound. The Frenchman deejays with his countryman Shlomo, a pillar of the thriving Techno Underground in Paris, and NY's Kyruh. Knockdown Center, 52-19

Flushing Ave., Maspeth.

- Nov. 12, Action Songs/Protest Dances, Nov. 13. The world premiere of a show conceived, directed, and choreographed by Edisa Weeks. It features five songs commissioned by composers/musicians Taina Asili, Spirit McIntyre, and Martha Redbone. Three are inspired by the life, speeches, and writings of civil rights activist James Forman, whose personal archives are at Queens College's Rosenthal Library. The other two are about social justice. Shows are at 3 pm. LeFrak Concert Hall, 153-49 Reeves Ave., Flushing.

- Nov. 12, Retrospective on Noriaki Tsuchimoto, Nov. 27. Watch films by Japanese documentarian Tsuchimoto, whose Minamata films earned him a reputation as the preeminent chronicler of life in the wake of industrial disasters. He also worked in Siberia and Afghanistan during a career spanning the 1960s through 1980s. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.

- Nov. 12, Devil Woman (Obelah Woman) Part 3, 8 pm. Dion TYGAPAW McKenzie presents this three-part opera using Techno as the main genre. The work forms a sonic narrative that draws from the island of Jamaica's musical heritage, referencing national, patriotic, and traditional songs. Queens Museum, NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- Nov. 12, Louie Vega, Joe Claussell + Anané, 10 pm. Vega has been a major figure in global dance music for decades, holding a residency at Studio 54 and working with Madonna. He's paired with Claussell, whose Paradise Garage residency and Body & Soul events were seminal bastions of uncompromising deep house. Cape Verde-born Anané adds a touch of glamorous afro-tech to the mix. Knockdown Center, 52-19 Flushing Ave., Maspeth.

- Nov. 12, NEA Jazz Masters: The Blues Feeling, 8 pm. A one-of-its-kind concert featuring a very talented group of NEA Jazz Masters. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

- Nov. 13, Autumn Native Dance Celebration, 11 am. Members from eight Native American tribes celebrate and give thanks for the summer harvest by dancing in full regalia. The event also features a Native American market with art, jewelry, ceramics, textiles, and more. Queens County Farm Museum, 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy., Glen Oaks.

- Nov. 13, Vintage Car Show, 9 am. Ride back in time with the Bayside Historical Society's classic car show. A variety of vintage and antique automobiles will be on the lawn. The Castle, 208 Totten Ave., Fort Totten, Bayside.

- Nov. 13, Drip City Market Sneaker Convention, noon. This sneaker-and-hat-convention features the hottest kicks, clothes, and accessories from more than 200 vendors. Resorts World New York City, 110-00 Rockaway

Blvd., South Jamaica.

- Nov. 13, Chamber Music, 5 pm. Composer Midori Larsen presents her works inspired by Japanese immigration stories. They feature Japanese drums and Western instruments, such as woodwind, piano, guitar, bass, and percussion. Culture Lab LIC, 5-25 46th Ave., Long Island City.

- Nov. 13, In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson, 1 pm + 3 pm. In this play, Shirley Temple Wong and her family move from China to the United States in 1947, the year Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in Major League Baseball. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- Nov. 13, Fused Glass Workshop, 11:30 am. Artist Naomi Rabinowitz leads an afternoon of making fused glass jewelry, such as colorful necklaces, earrings, and rings. Alley Pond Environmental Center, 224-65 76th Ave., Oakdale Gardens.

- Nov. 13, Handmade Napkin Rings Workshop, 2 pm. Expert crafter Phyllis Ger leads a workshop on crafting napkin rings. Voelker Orth Museum, 149-19 38th Ave., Flushing.

- Nov. 15, LIC Summit, 8:30 am. From mixed-income housing to world-class retail, Long Island City has become a quintessential live-work-play hub. This day-long summit, organized by LIC Partnership, explores the investments in physical and social infrastructure needed to maintain momentum and how LIC can be a model for economic recovery. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.

- Nov. 15, The Salem Witch Trials: Lecture by Leslie Wickham, 7:30 pm. A presentation on the Salem Witch Trials by genealogist and historian Leslie Wickham, a descendant of accused witch Sarah Towne Bridges Cloyce. Sarah escaped with her life, but her sisters Rebecca Towne Nurse and Mary Towne Easty were found guilty and put to death. Bayside Historical Society, 208 Totten Ave., Fort Totten.

- Nov. 15, Off the Page: Manuel Muñoz, 7 pm. A reading, conversation, and book signing with Manuel Muñoz, who wrote The Consequences, a novel of stories mostly set in the 1980s in the small towns that surround Fresno, California. Muñoz depicts Mexican and Mexican American farm workers and their struggles and challenges. Queens College, Aaron Copland School of Music, Choral Room 264, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing.

- Nov. 16, Exploring Hidden African American History, 6:30 pm. William Voris Site Excavation Director Sara Mascia leads a virtual presentation on archaeological testing of the Voris property. (Voris was a prominent African American entrepreneur in the 1800s.) Lewis Latimer House

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Council Votes to Improve Equity, Inclusion And Diversity at The New York City Fire Department

The NYC Council passed a legislative package that will improve the diversity, equity and inclusion practices at the Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY). The bills in this package seek to address the historic lack of racial and gender diversity in the FDNY. The package addresses the recruitment and retention of diverse firefighters, confronts exclusionary practices that undermine diversity, and increases transparency about FDNY's efforts. The legislation would require FDNY to develop a concrete plan to diversify, survey firehouses and ensure they are equipped to serve a mixed gender workforce, increase transparency on the demographics of members in a firehouse through public reporting; require ongoing training on harassment, diversity and inclusion for all FDNY staff and members; and submit a public report on complaints filed with the Department's Equal Employment Opportunities Office.

"The overall lack of diversity within the FDNY is a longstanding problem we must address," said Speaker Adrienne Adams. "As a Council, we are committed to advancing solutions that help correct this historic injustice. By passing this package of bills today, we hope to move the FDNY forward to achieving a workforce fully reflective of rich diversity of our city. I thank the Council's Black, Latino, and Asian Caucus for its leadership on this legislation, and Fire and Emergency Management Chair Joann Ariola for shepherding it through the committee. I am also grateful to advocates, organizations, and firefighters who have fought for decades to win equitable representation and treatment in the FDNY."

Introduction 516-A, sponsored by Speaker Adrienne Adams, would require the FDNY, in consultation with the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, to develop and implement a plan for the recruitment and retention of firefighters from underrepresented groups within the department — female firefighters and firefighters of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds. FDNY would also be required to report annually on its efforts to recruit and retain underrepresented firefighters.

Introduction 519-A, sponsored by Council Member Joann Ariola, would require the FDNY to survey each firehouse to determine the permanent facility upgrades necessary to create a workplace environment that facilitates use by a mixed gender workforce, and employ interim measures, including erecting physical barriers, in locations awaiting such upgrades. Upon completing the survey, the Department would be required to report its findings to the Council and Mayor, specifically detailing the permanent facility upgrades necessary at each firehouse, as well as providing information related to any current or forthcoming construction plans to make relevant upgrades, and any interim measures taken at firehouses to accommodate a mixed gender workforce until permanent upgrades are made.

Introduction 552-A, sponsored by Council Member Kevin Riley, would require the FDNY to produce an annual report on the number of firefighters assigned to each fire company and special operations unit, within the Department, disaggregated by the gender and race or ethnicity of such firefighters. Additionally, FDNY will be required to provide demographic information of the population residing in the immediate service area of each fire company in the City.

Introduction 553-A, sponsored by Council Member Kevin Riley, would require the FDNY in consultation with the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, to develop and implement a plan for providing ongoing training and education to all employees regarding diversity and inclusion, including annual training on the Department's anti-harassment and anti-discrimination policies. Additional interactive training would be required at firehouses where incidents of harassment and discrimination take place on multiple occasions. The Fire Department would also be required to post a report each year on its website regarding efforts taken to implement such training.

"As Co-Chair of the Black, Latino and Asian Caucus, it is a priority for the Caucus that all legislation passed through the Council upholds a true means of diversity and inclusion that seeks to benefit and protect all New Yorkers," said Council Member Kevin C. Riley. "I am honored to lead with my colleagues to push this legislative package that will transform the lack of diversity and inclusion within the FDNY. My bills, Int. 552-A and 553-A, further support this goal through annual demographics reporting and ongoing training for all fire department employees — opening clear measures for transparency and accountability. In today's historically diverse Council, we make our mark to address generations of systemic disparities within our infrastructure, as well as to create more welcoming and safe workplaces for all New Yorkers. Thank you Speaker Adams for her leadership on this package, members of the Black, Latino and Asian Caucus, Vulcan Society, Arc of Justice and my colleagues in government for your support on this historic day."

Introduction 560-A, sponsored by Council Member Nantasha Williams, would require the FDNY to produce an annual report on complaints filed with the Department's Equal Employment Opportunity Office regarding potential violations of the City's Equal Employment Opportunity Policy. The report will include information on the number of complaints that were received and closed during the prior year; information on types of misconduct alleged in such complaints; and case outcomes, including any corrective action taken by the Department.

"After receiving a number of complaints regarding diversity and discrimination in the FDNY, I was proud to sponsor this bill. Int

560 would hold the Fire Department accountable with the goal to remedy the complaints filed against them. This bill would require the Fire Department to submit an annual report to the Mayor and the Speaker of the Council, and to publish this report on the Department's website for public access. The report would include information on the number of complaints that resulted in corrective action taken by the Fire Department, further disaggregated by the form of corrective action, including but not limited to formal reprimand, fine, loss of pay or benefits, transfer, suspension, demotion and termination," said Council Member Nantasha Williams. "I would like to thank Fire and Emergency Management Chair, Joann Ariola, my colleagues that have also sponsored bills included in this package, and Speaker Adrienne Adams for her leadership."

"As Co-Chair of the Black, Latino, and Asian Caucus, I'm proud to support this legislative package which will help diversify the FDNY," said Council Member Oswald Feliz, Co-Chair of the Council's Black, Latino, and Asian Caucus (BLAC). "New York City is diverse in every way, and we must ensure government agencies resemble our very diverse communities. For far too long, barriers have kept racial minorities and women out of the pipeline for recruitment and hiring in our fire department. The historic lack of diversity is unacceptable, so we're taking action today. This legislative package will create stronger communities and stronger fire departments, and it will help ensure that everyone in our community can see themselves as -and also become- a firefighter."

"The men and women that serve our communities in the FDNY are among the bravest and most selfless people in our City. Yet, we're failing to provide Black and brown New Yorkers with equitable pathways to become firefighters; and falling short of guaranteeing women and LGBTQ+ firefighters, as well as firefighters of color, the right to work without fear of harassment," said Council Member Crystal Hudson, Co-Chair of the Council's Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual Caucus (LGBTQIA+) Caucus. "In too many ways, the current system is failing to foster a workplace that is safe, diverse, and inclusive to all. These bills will only strengthen the FDNY, and usher in a more diverse and equitable future for the Department, allowing New York's Bravest to continue serving our communities to the very best of their abilities."

Advocates praised the passage of the legislation.

"This Council under the leadership and stewardship of Speaker Adams and with the visionary diligence of Councilmember Nantasha Williams and her colleagues has taken a quantum leap in diversity for the singularly best fire department in the world," said Elder Kirsten John Foy, Presi-

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Museum, 34-42 137 St., Flushing.
• Nov. 16, Fountain of the Fairs Mist Garden, 6 pm. A virtual presentation on a Flushing Meadows Corona Park venue. Speakers include Mark Bunnell (a partner at the landscape architecture firm Quennell Rothschild & Partners), Diane Dreier (Design Director, NYC Parks), and Justin Opalka (Deputy Design Director, NYC Parks).

• Nov. 17, Studio Museum Artists in Residence 2021–22, Feb. 27, 2023. This exhibition marks the fourth year of a partnership between The Studio Museum in Harlem, the Museum of Modern Art, and MoMA PS1. It features new work by the 2021–22 cohort of Studio Museum's Artist-in-Residence program: Cameron Granger; Jacob Mason-Macklin; and Qualeasha Wood. MoMA PS1, 22-25 Jackson Ave., Long Island City.

Riders Alliance Statement on Governor Hochul's Historic Victory

Riders Alliance Policy & Communications Director Danny Pearlstein said:

"Transit riders delivered Governor Kathy Hochul her margin of victory yesterday and we are eager to see her positive vision for the future of the service that millions depend on every day. Offered a referendum on subway crime, New Yorkers instead re-

jected a candidate who would have defunded the MTA."

"With sensationalism and demagoguery behind us, Governor Hochul must now save and invest in transit. After years of uncertainty, now is the moment to leverage our infrastructure and run buses and trains at least every six minutes to cut waits, speed trips, safeguard the climate, and advance equity."

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104th Precinct Community Council**



Meeting Notice

The Community Council meets once every month. All are welcome to attend the meetings. We provide community updates and crime stat reports. Everyone helps honor and celebrate our Officers of the Month. Guests are invited to address any concerns with Commanding Officer Deputy Inspector Kevin Coleman.



**Tuesday, November 22, 7:30 P.M.
Glendale, Sacred Heart Catholic Church
83-17 78th Ave., Glendale, NY 11385**

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2022-23 Community Council Meeting Schedule

7:30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday of the month, *unless otherwise noted

2022	2023
December 20	Maspeth, Martin Luther School
January/February	winter meetings suspended
March 21, 2023	Ridgewood, Maranatha Baptist Church
April 18, 2023	Middle Village, St. Margaret's Roman Catholic Church
May 16, 2023	Glendale, Sacred Heart Catholic Church
June 20, 2023	Maspeth, Martin Luther School
July/August	summer meetings suspended

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NYC Council Applauds Agreement For DOE to Resolve Delayed Reimbursements, Ensure Baseline Payments For Early Childhood Education Providers

The New York City Council applauded a new agreement with the Department of Education (DOE) to resolve delayed reimbursements that have threatened the operations of early childhood education programs citywide. The agreement releases key funding for the programs that more adequately reflect their contracts, and follows sustained advocacy by providers, advocates, and labor unions, with key support from Council Members. Early childhood education programs were being short-changed payments from their contracts when the actual enrollment numbers in their invoices fell short of contract projections. Throughout the pandemic, this proved to be a significant issue – providers budgeted and hired for a projected level of enrollment based on their contracts, but were denied reimbursement payments when experiencing unforeseen enrollment declines.

Under this new agreement, providers will be guaranteed 75 percent of their contracted amount regardless of unexpected drops in actual enrollment. The payment floor will

stabilize a crucial sector of the city's economy and education system, helping retain a workforce of mostly women of color and avert the likely loss of early childhood education programs and providers.

The agreement comes two weeks after the Council's Education Committee held a hearing and press conference on the topic. The department will also provide specialized support to help programs submit their invoices and get paid, which the Council urged.

"New York City's early childhood education providers care for and teach our children at a critical stage in their young lives," said Speaker Adrienne Adams. "This sector serves an important role in our city's neighborhoods and local economy, while employing mostly women of color. These providers and educators deserve financial stability, and today's agreement helps them receive the funding needed to operate their programs. As a city, we must strive to ensure our essential vendors are paid in an adequate and timely manner. This is a step in the right direction to achieve that shared objective for

these vital providers of early childhood education."

"Child care is personal to me. I would not have been able to campaign for the City Council if it were not for the kindness of family, friends, and neighbors who volunteered to watch my youngest while I knocked doors and stood outside subway stations to earn my job," said Council Member Rita Joseph, Chair of the Council's Committee on Education, a former public school teacher. "With today's announcement, we are protecting child care in New York City and helping to support child care workers, working parents, and most importantly, our children. This agreement is a major win for New York City as it provides financial stability to a sector of nonprofits that predominantly employs women who look like myself and my neighbors. While there's still work to be done to strengthen child care in our city, this is a positive step in the right direction. I thank the advocates, providers and parents, as well as Speaker Adams, my Council colleagues, Chancellor Banks and the Department of Education for their partnership."

Council Votes to Improve Equity, Inclusion And Diversity at The New York City Fire Department

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dent & CEO of The Arc of Justice. "These bills will help ensure that every New Yorker has an opportunity to answer the calling of our bravest and excel in their service. Women and people of color comprise the overwhelming majority of this exceptional city and our incomparable fire department will be all the better for pushing to reflect the great and grand diversity that makes New York City the greatest city in the world."

"The Vulcan Society is grateful to all of the Council Members and their amazing staff who helped these bills pass," said Regina Wilson, President of the Vulcan Society. "We want to thank the Council's Legislative Division for their dedication and commitment to working on this legislative package. The fire department still

has a long way to go with equity, diversity and inclusion, and these bills will help move us in the right direction while benefiting the community and FDNY employees. Today is the beginning of changes to come."

"It is important that the makeup of our fire department reflect the community it serves," said David R. Jones, President and CEO of the Community Service Society of New York. "However, despite lawsuits and consent decrees over the years, rooting out entrenched racism at the FDNY and increasing minority recruitment among its ranks has been an elusive goal. That's due in large part to the department and union's vehement resistance to change. With the package of bills passed today by the City Council -- focused on recruitment and retention, diversity training, improved

workplace environment, monitoring and public reporting — the city has taken a defining step forward toward transforming the FDNY to better reflect the racial, ethnic and gender makeup of the city's population. We applaud the City Council, and in particular the Council's Black Latino and Asian Caucus, for supporting passage of the bills and Council Speaker Adrienne Adams' strong leadership on this issue."

The Council also passed the following finance item:

Finance
Resolution 362, sponsored by Finance Chair Justin Brannan, concerns the increase in the annual expenditure for the 125th Street and DUMBO Business Improvement Districts. This resolution sets the date, time and place for the hearing of the local law increasing the annual expenditure for these districts.

Officials Celebrate Opening of Goldfish Swim School at Atlas Park in Glendale

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A ribbon cutting ceremony was held in partnership with the Queens Chamber of Commerce and Community leaders, gathered at the Shops at Atlas Park in Glendale, to celebrate the opening of the new Goldfish Swim School. Among the community leaders in attendance at the ribbon cutting were NYC Councilman Robert Holden, NYS Senator Joseph Addabbo, Queens Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Thomas Grech and Atlas

Park Property Manager Peter DeLucia.

The new Goldfish Swim School will provide year-round indoor instructions to kids from 4 months old to age 12. The swim school's features are shiver-free 90-degree pools, a state-of-the-art water purification system, an air-conditioned viewing gallery for parents to watch lessons, private changing rooms with a blow drying station, a snack bar, a retail shop, tropical decor and highly trained instructors. Additionally, small class sizes, which will be

no bigger than a student to teacher ratio of four to one which will allow for closer hands-on instructions.

Goldfish Swim School offers a variety of programs, from jump start clinics to a competitive swim team. Families can enroll for the school's perpetual lessons at any time. Convenient scheduling options are offered and makeup classes can easily be made if necessary. Families can register for swim lessons by visiting goldfishswimschool.com/glendale or by calling 929-294-7489.

Eleven CUNY Colleges Ranked For Promoting Students' Social Mobility

York College is named No. 2 in the Nation

Further Validates University's Success in Propelling Students Up the Economic Ladder

Eleven CUNY colleges have been named among the top national U.S. colleges and universities for advancing social mobility, according to CollegeNET, a provider of web-based on-demand technologies for higher education, which recently released their ninth annual rankings list. The report spotlights schools that enroll students from low-income backgrounds and graduate them into good paying jobs.

Six schools were among the top 20 ranked based on Social Mobility Index (SMI). They include York College (2), Brooklyn College (5), Baruch College (6), Queens College (7), the College of Staten Island (12) and Lehman College (18).

The other colleges named are Hunter College (32), John Jay College (43), City College (49), City Tech (61) and Medgar Evers College (174).

"CUNY is proud to gain further affirmation of its success as a driver of social mobility, which we consider to be a foundational component of the University's historical mandate. Our mission is to help all students, particularly immigrant or first-generation college students, secure an education that leads them onto a stable career path," said Chancellor Félix V. Matos Rodríguez.

The SMI is calculated using a formula designed

to reflect the following concepts: access, outcome and institutional capability. CollegeNET collects data from third-party sources including the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard and IPEDS. More information about the SMI is available here.

CollegeNET's SMI is computed from several variables: published tuition, percent of student body whose family incomes are below the national median (in fall 2021, 34% of CUNY's undergraduate students came from households earning less \$20,000 annually), graduation rate, median salary approximately five years after graduation and endowment.

This year, SMI included 1,414 four-year institutions and incorporated a sixth metric called "ethos." The factor determines how schools' messaging and communications teach their students and the public about their institutional mission and the value of a college degree. Other quantitative factors include the economic background of the student body, graduation score, early career net salaries and endowment.

Over the past years, CUNY has maintained high rankings that recognize its mission to generate social mobility. Last March, 10 senior colleges were listed among the nation's best in providing a pathway to economic mobility for low- and moderate-income graduates according to Third Way, which developed a unique "economic mobility index."

In 2020, the Brookings

Institution ranked six of CUNY's senior colleges and six community colleges among the top 10 four-year and two-year colleges nationwide for "middle class mobility," reaffirming findings released in 2017 by then-Stanford economist Raj Chetty.

The City University of New York is the nation's largest urban public university, a transformative engine of social mobility that is a critical component of the lifeblood of New York City. Founded in 1847 as the nation's first free public institution of higher education, CUNY today has seven community colleges, 11 senior colleges and seven graduate or professional institutions spread across New York City's five boroughs, serving over 243,000 undergraduate and graduate students and awarding 55,000 degrees each year. CUNY's mix of quality and affordability propels almost six times as many low-income students into the middle class and beyond as all the Ivy League colleges combined. More than 80 percent of the University's graduates stay in New York, contributing to all aspects of the city's economic, civic and cultural life and diversifying the city's workforce in every sector. CUNY's graduates and faculty have received many prestigious honors, including 13 Nobel Prizes and 26 MacArthur "Genius" Grants. The University's historic mission continues to this day: provide a first-rate public education to all students, regardless of means or background.



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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

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

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 design. 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 design. 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 design. 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 design. 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 LLC. 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
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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. THEREFORE, 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 ATTACHED NOTICE. IF YOU DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT AS SET FORTH IN THE NOTICE IT WILL BE FOUND YOU CONSENT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED. 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 design. 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

Notice is hereby given that an order entered by the Supreme Court, Queens County, on or about the 3RD day of NOVEMBER, bearing Index Number 716761/2021, a copy of which may be examined at the office of the clerk, located at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd, Queens, NY 11435, grants me the right to assume the name of Ren D Ortiz. The city and state of my present address are Jamaica and New York; the month and year of my birth are July 2005; the place of my birth is Tan Tien, Don Dac, Ba Che, Quang Ninh; my present name is Hieu Do Duc. Duong. 11/10/2022

Notice of Formation of ATREVIDO LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/22/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 4509 104 Street, Corona, NY 11368. Purpose: any lawful activities. 11/10,17,24,12/1,8&15/2022

8230 Parsons LLC filed w/ SSNY on 10/11/22. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 30-55 37th St., Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: any lawful. 11/10,17,24,12/1,8&15/2022



This Veteran's Day we honor those who have served and who are currently serving our country. Because we treasure peace and freedom, thank them and show them our appreciation.



Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr.

New York State Senator District 15

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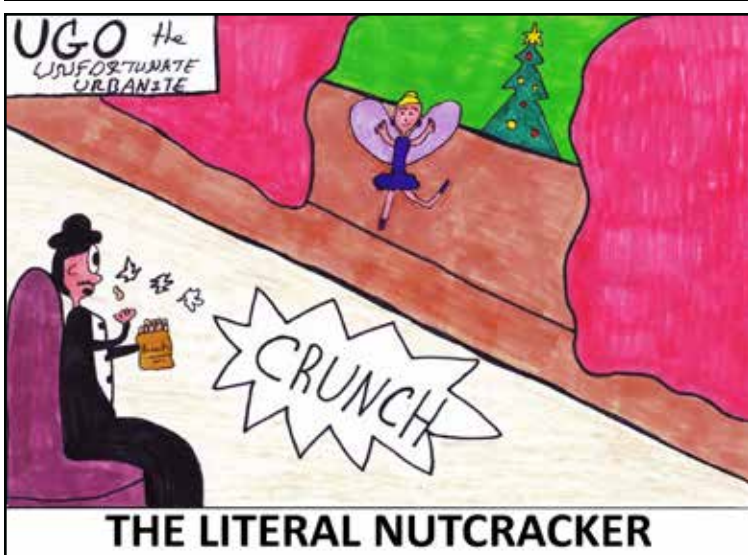
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Rockaway Visit With Governor Hochul



Superstorm Sandy brought unprecedented devastation to Queens County. In commemoration of the 10-year anniversary, Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz joined Governor Kathy Hochul for a tour of the Rockaways to take note of the immense amount of progress we have made together.

Severe weather is becoming more and more frequent due to the impact of climate change, and we must continue to build better, stronger infrastructure to protect our neighborhoods. I have full faith that New York State will continue to lead the way in storm recovery and coastal resiliency efforts.



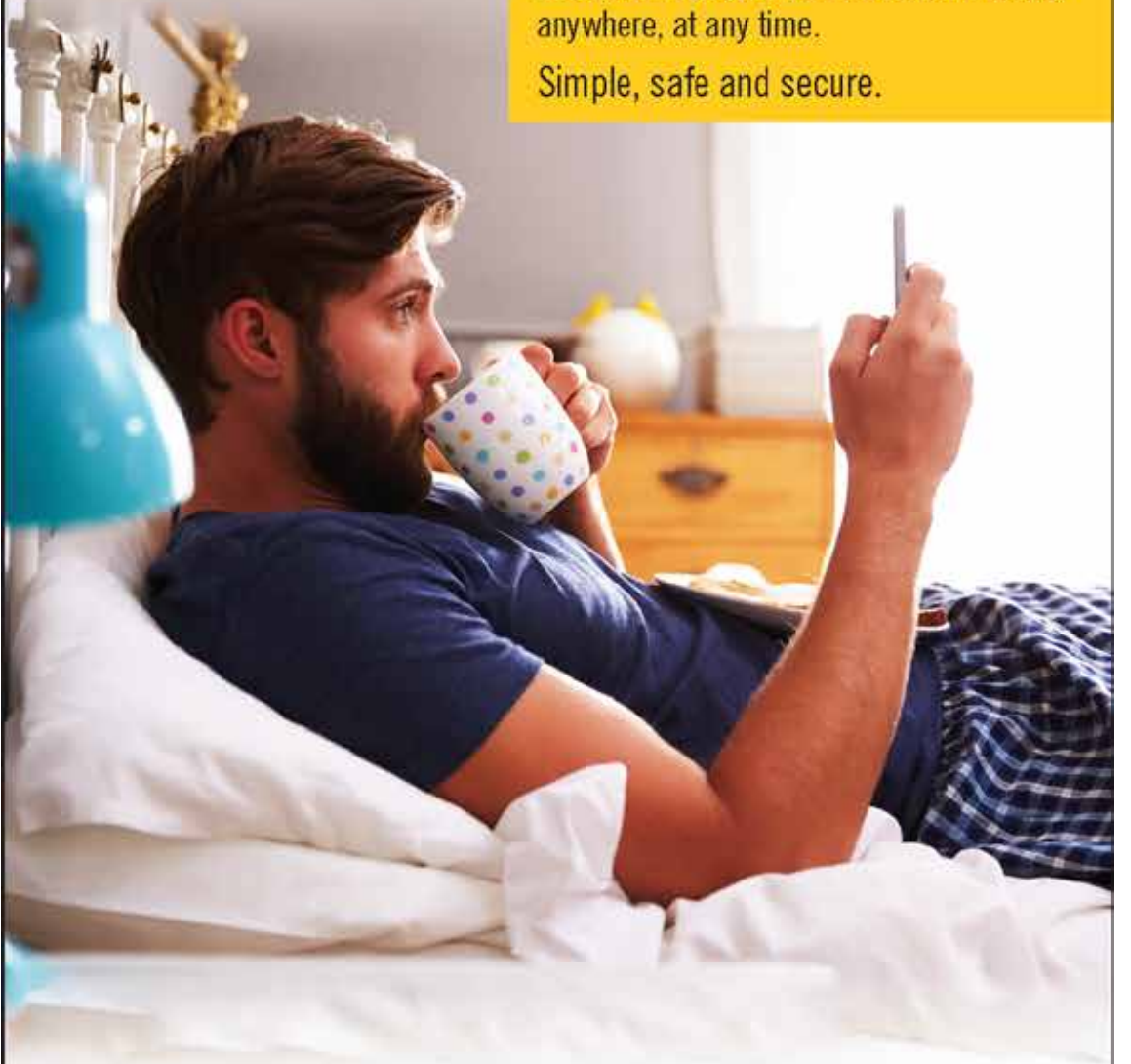
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