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DiNapoli: Amid Federal Funding Uncertainty, State Must Focus on Programs to Aid Seniors

With federal funding less predictable and New York's senior population growing, the state must ensure its own investments are reaching older adults who need help. A new report from State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli finds that even as state funding for senior services has increased, thousands remain on waitlists for in-home care, meals and other essential support, and data reporting by the New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) makes it difficult to know who is being left behind or where.

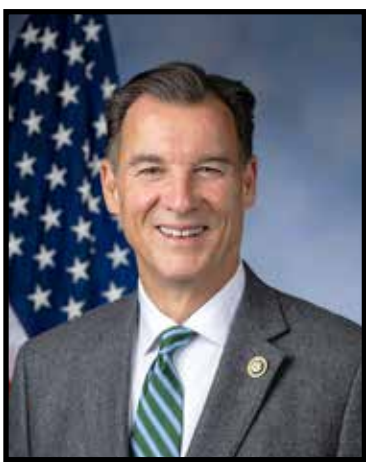
"New York has an obligation to support seniors who need and qualify for in-home, meal or other support services," DiNapoli said. "These critical services provide necessary care and help people remain in their homes and communities, while preventing more expensive institutional care. The Legislature has stepped up with more funding for the Office for the Aging, but with thousands still on waitlists and some funding going unspent, we need greater transparency and stronger tracking to make sure the state's investment is truly reaching those who need it."

New York's Aging Population and Demand for Services

New York's population of people aged 60 and over is projected to reach approximately 5.5 million by 2030. Nearly 70% of adults over 65 are expected to need some form of long-term care during their lifetime. Federal funding that typically supports a range of benefits for older New Yorkers,

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Congressman Tom Suozzi Announces IRS Layoff About-Face



Suozzi predicted this layoff reversal in February; has since advocated for this policy change

Congressman Tom Suozzi, a Member of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Oversight, which oversees the IRS (Internal Revenue Service), announced today that the agency is reversing their decision to let go of tens of thousands of employees. In an abrupt policy change, the Trump Administration plans to cancel its

layoff policy and hire back some of its ex-employees.

Suozzi and his Democratic colleagues had previously pushed for more hiring, arguing that IRS employees not only bring in much more money that they cost by requiring wealthy individuals and businesses to pay their fair share of taxes owed, but that they also provide better customer service, guiding Americans through tax season and year-long compliance.

At several Ways and Means hearings and in a handful of statements earlier this year, Suozzi warned against continued chaotic mass layoffs of crucial employees. He pointed out that, as had been done at several agencies already, the federal government would inevitably scramble to bring workers back. He predicted the same fate for the IRS and now, fortunately, those predictions have come true.

Suozzi even pointed out this pattern in his questioning of Treasury Secretary Scott

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Suozzi Reflects on Vatican Visit With Pope Leo XIV



Congressman Tom Suozzi joined an International Delegation of Catholic Legislators for an audience with Pope Leo XIV this past weekend. See story on page 2

Governor Hochul Mandates Campus Civil Rights Supervisors to Combat Antisemitism

In a landmark move to strengthen civil rights protections on college campuses, Governor Kathy Hochul signed legislation Tuesday requiring every college and university in New York State to appoint a Title VI civil rights coordinator.

The new law, an amendment to the state Education Law, aims to combat antisemitism and other forms of discrimination by ensuring compliance with Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title VI prohibits discrimination based on race, color, and national origin in institutions receiving federal funding — protections that extend to Jewish identity.

"No one should fear for their safety while trying to get an education," Hochul said. "By placing Title VI coordinators on all college campuses, New York is combating antisemitism and all forms of discrimination head-on."

What Title VI Coordinators Will Do



The appointed coordinators will:

- Oversee adherence to civil rights laws
- Promote equal access to university programs
- Provide training and resources
- Document and investigate complaints
- Report on compliance and campus climate

Legislative Support from Queens

The bill was sponsored by Assemblymember Nily Rozic and Senator Toby Ann Stavisky, both Democrats representing Queens. It passed the State Assembly in June with overwhelming support.


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including Medicaid funding, has been reduced, which may further increase demand for state-funded services.

Many prefer to receive care at home rather than in institutional settings, but as the number of older New Yorkers increases, so does the strain on local agencies and service providers that older adults rely on. These services include in-home personal care, meal delivery, transportation, case management and support for family caregivers. In June, the state released a Master Plan for Aging Final Report (MPA) which assessed New York's services for older adults and made recommendations to improve them. This report found that a primary issue in meeting the needs of older New Yorkers will be the availability and adequacy of the direct care workforce.

NYSOFA Funding and Access Challenges

State funding for NYSOFA programs increased over 88%, or \$114 million, in the New York state budget for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025–26 when compared to SFY 2018–19. This funding includes support for the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) and other core services provided by local aging agencies.

The demand for NYSOFA services has exceeded the availability, meaning seniors who would otherwise qualify for services are unable to access them. In recognition of the demand, the state has increased funding to expand access to services like personal care and meals for older adults. Yet thousands remain on waitlists, and some funds were not spent, raising questions about whether the state's investment is delivering its intended results.

Limited Public Reporting and Transparency

In 2023, DiNapoli released an audit that found NYSOFA did not

consistently monitor local agencies or issue guidance on tracking and reporting waitlists. DiNapoli's new report notes that some data on participation and funding, including allocations for in-home services, is not consistently available.

NYSOFA does not publicly report the information needed to assess the effectiveness of in-home services or the use of unmet need funding, including:

- Waitlist numbers by county and program;
- How much funding each local agency receives and spends on in-home services; and
- How many eligible older adults remain underserved.

Without this information, it is difficult to determine where services are falling short or how effectively taxpayer dollars are being used. DiNapoli's report recommends improving the consistency and transparency of service and funding data, as well as publicly reporting county level waitlists.

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Bessent and, in February, authored an Op-Ed about the chaotic approach DOGE was taking to rid the government of waste and fraud, specifically at the IRS. In it, he wrote:

"DOGE dysfunction reveals itself at the IRS, where thousands of probationary workers are set to be laid off in the middle of tax season — despite earlier instructions that tax workers couldn't accept buyouts until after the filing deadline. The abrupt firing of dozens of employees from the National Nuclear Security Administration, under the guise of efficiency, put national security at risk. The agency, responsible for overseeing the U.S. nuclear stockpile and counterterrorism efforts, was left scrambling. In a

stunning reversal, the administration attempted to rehire many employees it had dismissed, only to face difficulties due to hastily revoked access to federal systems.

DOGE's bull-in-a-china-shop execution — clumsy and careless — is causing more damage than actual reform. Lawsuits invoking Civil Service law and union contracts could end up costing the federal government more than the attempted cuts."

Congressman Suozzi also hosted an in-person budget briefing in March of 2025. One of the featured speakers was a Long Island woman who was laid off from the IRS under the DOGE plan. Not only was she processing backlog cases—collecting money for the federal government—all the way back to 2022, but she

was also 7 months pregnant, dependent on the health insurance she received from her employer.

Congressman Suozzi is applauding the news that the IRS is planning to halt its layoff program and hire back fired employees. He hopes the Administration can learn from this policy reversal, and he is calling for a more thoughtful approach going forward.

"Mass IRS layoffs were a bad idea from the beginning," said Congressman Suozzi. "We knew it would create chaos. That is why I've been cautioning a methodical, thoughtful approach. I agree that we need to cut out waste and fraud, but as I've said since we began the budget process, we need to use a scalpel, not a chainsaw. We need to pass a bipartisan budget and do it the right way."

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tion and antisemitism on the rise, our students deserve campuses that are safe, inclusive, and accountable," Rozic said. "New York is leading in protecting the rights and safety of every student just in time for the start of the school year."

Broad Coalition of Support

Jewish organizations applauding the law include:

- American Jewish Committee
- UJA-Federation of New York
- Jewish Community Relations Council of New York
- Anti-Defamation League

Other groups backing the measure:

- Asian American Federation
- NAACP
- New York Urban League

These coalitions also previously coordinated efforts to pass anti-masking legislation in response to hate crimes.

Political Context and Campus Action

Governor Hochul's signing comes amid national scrutiny of campus antisemitism. While some Democrats have criticized federal efforts as politically motivated, Hochul has taken a firm stance

in support of Jewish communities and civil rights protections.

Several major universities — including Columbia, NYU, and SUNY — have already begun implementing Title VI coordinator roles.

The law will take effect in one year.

Looking Ahead

Governor Hochul, who has taken multiple steps to counter antisemitism and anti-Israel activity on campuses, is up for reelection next year. Representative Elise Stefanik, a Republican vocal on campus antisemitism, has said she is considering a gubernatorial run.

Suozzi Reflects on Vatican Visit With Pope Leo XIV

Congressman Suozzi said "A truly unforgettable moment for me at the Vatican with Pope Leo

XIV. Grateful for his message of hope, and the need for 'authentic human flourishing.' His words

reminded me of the power of faith and humility in public service," said Suozzi."

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Velázquez Raises Concerns About Revival of Proposed NY Natural Gas Pipeline

If advanced, it will be the biggest fracked gas pipeline approved in New York State in a decade.

Congresswoman Nydia M. Velázquez (D-NY) submitted a comment letter on behalf of her constituents and environmental justice advocates raising concerns about the revival of the proposed Northeast Supply Enhancement (NESE) Project, a proposed expansion of the Transco natural gas pipeline.

The NESE project, proposed by Williams Transco, seeks to expand the Transco natural gas pipeline to carry fracked gas from Pennsylvania through New Jersey and under the NY/NJ Harbor. The project poses risks to sensitive

marine ecosystems and stands in direct conflict with New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act of 2019, which mandates a 40% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and an 85% reduction by 2050, compared to 1990 levels.

The NESE pipeline would endanger sensitive marine ecosystems, expose New Yorkers to toxic contaminants, and lock our state into decades of fossil fuel dependence. At a moment when we should be investing in clean energy infrastructure, this project moves us backward and places environmental justice communities at greatest risk.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conser-

vation (NYSDEC) previously rejected a key permit for the project in 2020 after finding that pipeline construction would likely unearth and release harmful contaminants, including mercury, lead, arsenic, and PCBs, into New York Harbor. These toxins threaten marine life such as whales, seals, and dolphins that have recently begun to return to the city's waterways and also pose serious human health risks.

"As the federal government doubles down on fossil fuel expansion, states like New York must remain steadfast in defending our environment, protecting public health, and meeting our ambitious climate goals," Velázquez concluded.

Kick Off Football Season With A Heart-Healthy Game Plan

The American Heart Association shares tips for a healthier game day

The return of America's most popular sport means the American Heart Association, a global force changing the future of health of all, is encouraging football fans to tackle their health and kick off their season right!

If you're looking to Jet off somewhere fun next year, you'll want to make sure you keep your tailgate diet in check.

Here are some of the best ways you can stay heart-healthy this fall:

Be mindful about the meats you're touching down on the grill

- Opt for lean or extra-lean beef burgers, turkey burgers, or grilled skinless chicken breast strips to

keep the classics healthier

- Salmon burgers make for a tasty alternative and provide you with essential omega-3 fatty acids your body needs

- Seasoned meat tastes better, but limit use of the salt shaker, and instead use chopped onions or extra pepper to add a little kick

Bench some of your favorite sides

- Chips and fries rule at a tailgate, but opting for snacks like carrot sticks or celery can be just as effective of vehicles for your favorite dip

- Even though buffalo chicken dip is a football season classic, serving treats like salsa and bean-based dips can be much easier on the heart

- Skewers are also a great way to keep your sides creative, with

a delicious combination of protein and whole foods

Choose the best hydration

- Beer, full-calorie sodas, and other sugary drinks are very common with football festivities, but moderation is key – aim for the options with the least calories and carbohydrates

- If you choose to drink alcohol, the American Heart Association recommends limiting to no more than two alcoholic drinks per day for men and no more than one drink per day for women

- When in doubt, drink water! If it's good enough for athletes, it's good enough for you!

Make this football season a Giant success and be intentional about choosing leaner meats, opting for healthier sides, and staying hydrated.

Assemblyman Colton Celebrates Back-to-School Time with School Supplies Giveaway



Assemblyman William Colton, center, was delighted to join City Councilmember Susan Zhuang and Brooklyn DA Eric Gonzalez in sponsoring the backpack/school supply giveaway held outside City Councilmember Zhuang's office on Sunday, August 24.

Assemblyman William Colton (D—Gravesend, Bensonhurst, Bath Beach and Dyker Heights) joined City Councilmember Susan Zhuang (D—Bensonhurst, Bath Beach, Gravesend, Dyker Heights, Boro Park and Sunset Park) in hosting a backpack giveaway outside the councilmember's district office on Sunday, August 24.

In total, several hundred children received backpacks filled with supplies donated by numerous organizations and companies. Also spearheading the giveaway was the office of Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez.

"Holding events like these is important, because it sends a crucial message, that we as a society value our children and value learning," said Assemblyman Colton, who taught elementary school for 11 years early in his career. "We must repeatedly emphasize the importance of education so the younger generation understands how critical it is, both to their future career prospects and to their personal development."

The organizations donating the supplies included Madison Square Garden Entertainment, Met Council, United Chinese

Association of Brooklyn, Sharing Hearts, Happy Toys, CAIPA Foundation, Chinese American Social Services (CASS), the NYPD, Council of Peoples Organization, United Cultural Association, Homecrest Community Services, Better Brooklyn Association, Garden of Hope, Molina Healthcare, Committee of 100, NYC Civil Service Employees, LiveOn NY, Chimerica Women Association, Business Security LLC, Zhanjiang Association of America, and Bee Dream House Design Inc.

In addition to sponsoring the school supply giveaway with Councilmember Zhuang, Assemblyman Colton also helped out at several other back-to-school giveaways over the course of the weekend – at Seth Low Park (sponsored by CASS), at Shore Haven Apartments (sponsored by the Pakistani American Youth Organization) and at Marlboro Houses (sponsored by NYC Health & Hospitals South Brooklyn Health).

"Participating in these sorts of events is so rewarding," said Assemblyman Colton. "The happiness of the children is inspiring. Their excitement is palpable, and I know they will return to school in a few short days eager to learn."

Attorney General James Secures Settlement With MVP Health Plan Over Mental Health Ghost Network

MVP to Adopt Industry-Leading Reforms to Ensure Accuracy of Online Provider Directory and Improve Access to Mental Health Care

New York Attorney General Letitia James today announced an agreement with MVP Health Plan (MVP) to overhaul its mental health provider directory, ensure the accuracy of its mental health provider network, and provide restitution to plan members impacted by the directory's inaccurate listings. The settlement follows an investigation by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) that uncovered systemic issues within MVP's network, including incorrect directory information, that may have left some members unable to access care or forced them to pay out-of-pocket for out-of-network treatment. The agreement, which is the first resolution resulting from Attorney General James' report, Inaccurate and Inadequate: Health Plans' Mental Health Provider Directories, requires MVP to adopt significant, industry-leading reforms to improve the accuracy of its online provider directory and pay restitution to impacted plan members.

"New Yorkers seeking mental health care deserve timely, accurate information," said Attorney

General James. "When families turn to their health plans for help, they should be able to trust that the information they are given is reliable, and that they can access care without unnecessary obstacles. Today's agreement holds MVP accountable for its past failures and ensures that plan members can find and access the help they need."

The OAG launched its investigation in 2023 and conducted a secret shopper survey of mental health providers listed in MVP's online directory. The OAG found that 100 percent of the mental health providers it called, all of whom were listed as "accepting new patients," were either unreachable or not currently accepting new patients, and that MVP had no process in place to routinely verify providers' availability.

Under the agreement with OAG, MVP must provide financial restitution to eligible members who paid more than they should have for mental health care due to inaccurate provider listings or a lack of available in-network providers since January 1, 2020. An OAG-approved compliance administrator will oversee the restitution process, and MVP is required to notify eligible members and post claim submission information on its website. In

addition, MVP will pay \$250,000 in penalties, fees, and costs to the state of New York.

To address the root causes of these failures, MVP must overhaul its provider directory to ensure all listed mental health providers are actively in-network, accepting new patients, and reachable. The company must update listings within 15 days of receiving updated information and remove providers who fail to respond to verification requests or are not accepting new patients.

Attorney General James is also requiring MVP to implement a robust verification process. Every 90 days, the company must contact each provider in its network to confirm their participation and availability. MVP must also adopt protocols to ensure timely responses to member inquiries and create a complaint monitoring system to track issues with network access and directory accuracy.

An OAG-approved compliance administrator will monitor MVP's compliance with these reforms for at least two years. The administrator will conduct periodic audits of the directory's accuracy, review member access to care, and evaluate whether MVP is meeting network adequacy

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CUNY Tops Forbes' List of '25 Colleges with the Highest Payoff' Nationwide

Eight CUNY senior colleges have been spotlighted for offering some of the best returns on investment for students nationwide, according to Forbes' newly published report: "The 25 Colleges With the Highest Payoff," which ranked Brooklyn College No. 1. In addition to topping the list for the first time, CUNY boasted eight entries on the list, including seven in the top 10 — more than any other university system.

The other CUNY colleges named are Hunter College (2), The City College of New York (4), Lehman College (5), Queens College (8), John Jay College of Criminal Justice (9), Baruch College (10) and College of Staten Island (21).

"There's no better way for our students to start this new aca-

demic year than with a reminder that the excellent education they're receiving at CUNY will pay off after they graduate," said CUNY Chancellor Félix V. Matos Rodríguez. "As more rankings are focused on which colleges best set up their students for success, it is no surprise that CUNY has repeatedly come out on top."

"We are proud that Forbes has recognized the extraordinary quality and value of a Brooklyn College education," said Brooklyn College President Michelle J. Anderson. "Being ranked first among colleges with the highest payoff affirms Brooklyn College is a transformative investment. This achievement reflects the dedication of our faculty, the determi-

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IT'S IN QUEENS

It's In Queens!
(Aug. 29 to Sept. 4)

Boom! And all of a sudden, things calmed down. Maybe it's the U.S. Open tennis tournament. Maybe it's back-to-school issues. Maybe there's no explanation. This quiet week includes tremendous circus acts, West Indian music, yoga, gotham secrets, and fishing. Please read on.

- Aug. 29, Naming Gotham, 7 pm. Rebecca Bratspies, a CUNY law professor, discusses her book Naming Gotham: The Villains, Rogues, and Heroes Behind New York Place Names, winner of the 2023 Association of Public Historians of New York Award for Excellence. Queens Historical Society, 143-35 37th Ave., Flushing.
- Aug. 30, Down to Earth Festival, Sept. 7. The DTE Festival brings free, world-class, international, contemporary circus and in-situ performances to Culture Lab LIC and LaGuardia Performing Arts Center. Showtimes vary. Acts include Italian troupe Parini Secondo, Sengalese act SenCirk, Cirque Kikasse, and a full-day symposium on public live acts.
- Aug. 30, Jackson Heights Mile, 10 am. A race with various divisions and heats that raises funds for college and career scholarships for students at P.S. 149 and P.S. 398. Post-race party. Bib distribution at Travers Park, 76th Avenue and 34th Avenue, Jackson Heights.
- Aug. 30, One Love Concert, 3 pm. An authentic Caribbean music experience with such groups as Big Mountain, Inner Circle, and Ansem Douglas. Kiss Entertainment Center, 130-35 91st Ave., Richmond Hill.
- Aug. 31, Astoria Yoga, 10 am. Free Vinyasa yoga consisting of flowing poses linked to the awareness of breath with instructors from Astoria Yoga. Classes are designed for all experience levels. Socrates Sculpture Park, 32-01 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City.



- Sept. 2, Fishing Tutorial, 6 pm. The Bayside Anglers group offers instruction for adults and children ages 12 and up. Seasoned recreational fishermen provide instruction on all types of fishing (i.e. beach, shore, private boat, party boat, dock, and fresh water). Alley Pond Environmental Center, 229-10 Northern Blvd., Douglaston.

Federal Windfall For New York Airports: \$66+ Million in Upgrades Announced

In a major boost to New York's transportation infrastructure, U.S. Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand have announced over \$66 million in federal funding for 22 airports across the state. The funding—channeled through the FAA's Airport Improvement Program and Airport Infrastructure Grant Program—will support critical upgrades to runways, taxiways, lighting systems, safety equipment, and terminal facilities.

Senator Schumer emphasized the importance of airports as “gateways for commerce and tourism,” while Senator Gillibrand celebrated the funding as a win for both urban hubs and rural communities.

Here's a breakdown of the airports receiving funding and the projects underway:

Capital Region

- Schenectady County Airport – General aviation pavement reconstruction (\$5,437,599)
- Central New York
- Syracuse Hancock International Airport
- Taxiway renovations, signage & lighting replacement (\$8,370,789)
- Terminal apron expansion (\$3,449,014)
- Runway renovations (\$1,519,257)
- Oswego County Airport – Airfield signage & lighting reconstruction (\$94,050)
- Finger Lakes
- Frederick Douglass Greater Rochester International Airport

- Terminal access road renovation (\$2,971,427)
- Aircraft rescue & firefighting equipment (\$953,915)
- Finger Lakes Regional Airport – Apron reconstruction (\$583,930)
- Genesee County Airport
- Precision approach path indicator renovations (\$307,617)
- Taxiway renovations (\$79,258)
- Penn Yan Airport – Runway lighting renovations (\$37,525)
- Hudson Valley
- Westchester County Airport
- Runway expansion (\$12,291,114)
- Taxiway & runway construction (\$2,761,323)
- Joseph Y Resnick Airport – Runway renovations (\$137,451)
- Kingston-Ulster Airport – Pavement survey & management plan (\$92,530)
- Long Island
- Long Island MacArthur Airport
- Perimeter fence & security enhancements (\$3,845,025)
- Taxiway reconstruction (\$2,068,360)
- Glycol treatment system reconstruction (\$351,645)
- Elizabeth Field Airport
- Runway lighting & signage

- reconstruction (\$924,459)
- Precision approach path indicator renovations (\$277,227)
- Republic Airport – New aircraft rescue & firefighting building (\$829,530)
- Brookhaven Airport – Runway renovations (\$416,778)
- Mohawk Valley
- Griffiss International Airport – Wildlife fencing reconstruction (\$203,775)
- Fulton County Airport – Wildlife fencing construction (\$94,370)
- North Country
- Watertown International Airport
- Terminal construction (\$3,099,346)
- Runway & signage renovations (\$2,891,729)
- Land acquisition for runway approach protection (\$1,371,800)
- Obstruction removal (trees/structures) (\$192,203)
- Plattsburgh International Airport – Security cameras & gate operator upgrades (\$1,834,633)
- Adirondack Regional Airport – Taxiway renovations (\$710,836)
- New York City

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High-Paying Teaching Opportunities Open in Brooklyn & Queens

A new wave of educational opportunities is launching across Brooklyn and Queens, with immediate openings for licensed teachers to provide small group instruction in both elementary and high school settings. The positions—available full-time and part-time—offer competitive pay ranging from \$75 to over \$90 per hour, depending on experience.

Organizers are seeking both male and female educators who are passionate about student success and ready to make an impact in local classrooms.

- Position Highlights**
- Start Date: Immediate
 - Locations: Brooklyn & Queens
 - Pay: \$75–\$90+ per hour (based on experience)
 - Roles Available: Full-time and part-time
 - Key Responsibilities
 - Deliver engaging and informa-

- tive lessons
 - Develop and implement educational plans
 - Monitor and assess student progress
 - Foster a positive and inclusive learning environment
 - Collaborate with colleagues and families
 - Required Qualifications
 - Valid teaching license
 - Strong communication and interpersonal skills
 - Ability to support diverse learners
 - Master's degree in education or related field
- To Apply:** Interested candidates should email Moshe@TheBigNLittle.com
- This opportunity is ideal for educators seeking flexible hours, strong compensation, and meaningful work in New York City's vibrant school communities.

Preparedness Starts At Home: Red Cross Urges Everyone To Get Ready For Emergencies Now

September is National Preparedness Month and the American Red Cross in Greater New York urges everyone to protect their loved ones by getting their households ready now.

“National Preparedness Month is a great time to ask whether your family would be ready if something unexpected happened tomorrow,” said Doreen Thomann-Howe, LCSW, CEO of the American Red Cross in Greater New York. “It's not about being scared; it's about being smart and looking out for the people you love. Taking a few simple steps now so that you have a plan can make all the difference when it matters most.”

HOW TO GET READY Disasters don't wait for the “right time” — they can happen in the middle of the night, during your commute or while your kids are at school. Protect your family by making a plan to stay safe, gathering important supplies and knowing how you'll stay connected by taking these steps:

- Depending on the emergency, you may need to stay where you are or go somewhere else to stay safe. If you may need to leave, think about where you'll go, how you'll get there, where you'll stay and what you'll take with you. Plan well in advance if you'll need help leaving or use public transportation.
- Next, gather and organize critical supplies — like food, water and medicine — into a go-kit and a stay-at-home kit. Make sure to include backup batteries and chargers for your devices (cell phone, CPAP, wheelchair, etc.), a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, and critical personal records.
- Your go-kit should include three days of supplies that you can take with you. Your stay-at-home kit should have two weeks of food and water, and a one-month supply of medications, if possible.
- Customize your kit to meet your household's specific needs. If you have young children, don't

forget formula and diapers. If you have pets, include leashes, carriers, food, bowls, litter and a litterbox.

- Finally, make a plan to reconnect with loved ones if you are separated or if the phone or internet is down. Write down important phone numbers on a contact card and carry it with you.

Download the free Red Cross Emergency app for weather alerts, safety steps for different emergencies and expert advice in both English and Spanish. Don't forget to sign up for local government emergency alerts to get critical local information — like evacuation notices — during an emergency.

People can also help their community be better prepared for disasters by giving blood, taking a class in lifesaving skills like CPR, or becoming a Red Cross volunteer. Visit redcross.org or call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767) to learn more today.

“Whether it's a fire in someone's home or a storm that destroys an entire town, disasters can happen anywhere, at any time,” Thomann-Howe said. “Taking a few minutes now to get ready will help you protect your loved ones if the worst happens.”

RED CROSS SUPPORTERS The American Red Cross depends on the generous support of the American public to fulfill its critical mission. Proceeds raised will enable the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people affected by disasters like hurricanes, home fires, and countless other crises. The American Red Cross in Greater New York would like to thank the following supporters:

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ARIES
(Mar. 21 – Apr. 20)
Momentum builds as your confidence surges. A bold move early in the week sets the tone—don't second-guess it. By the weekend, a creative spark could lead to a breakthrough.
Lucky numbers: 3, 7, 9

TAURUS
(Apr. 21 – May 21)
You're the steady hand in a week of shifting tides. Midweek brings a chance to stabilize a situation others find chaotic. Your calm presence earns respect.
Lucky numbers: 2, 5, 8

GEMINI
(May 22 – June 21)
Ideas fly fast, but clarity comes when you slow down. Focus on one conversation that matters—it could reshape your plans.
Lucky numbers: 6, 1, 4

CANCER
(June 22 – July 22)
Emotional insight is your superpower. A heartfelt exchange midweek deepens a bond. Trust your instincts—they're leading you to healing.
Lucky numbers: 9, 3, 7

LEO
(July 23 – Aug. 22)
You're in the spotlight, and your leadership shines. A group project benefits from your enthusiasm. Just be sure to listen as much as you speak.
Lucky numbers: 5, 8, 2

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)
This week rewards precision. A small correction you make now prevents a bigger issue later. Friday brings a satisfying sense of accomplishment.
Lucky numbers: 4, 6, 1

LIBRA
(Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)
Balance is your theme. A social invitation may lead to a meaningful connection. Don't be afraid to share your true thoughts.
Lucky numbers: 7, 2, 9

SCORPIO
(Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)
You're drawn to mysteries this week—follow that curiosity. A hidden opportunity reveals itself when you ask the right question.
Lucky numbers: 3, 5, 6

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)
Adventure calls, even in small ways. A detour or new experience opens your mind. Say yes to spontaneity.
Lucky numbers: 8, 1, 4

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)
Your determination pays off. A goal that felt distant is now within reach. Stay the course, and don't let minor setbacks distract you.
Lucky numbers: 2, 6, 7

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21 – Feb. 19)
Innovation is your ally. A fresh idea gains traction midweek—share it boldly. Others are more receptive than you expect.
Lucky numbers: 9, 4, 3

PISCES
(Feb. 20 – Mar. 20)
Dreams and intuition guide you. A quiet moment reveals a truth you've been seeking. Let your inner voice lead the way.
Lucky numbers: 1, 5, 8



Did You Know?

- Octopuses have three hearts and blue blood.
- Bananas are berries, but strawberries aren't.
- Wombat poop is cube-shaped to prevent rolling.
- Sloths can hold their breath longer than dolphins.
- Honey never spoils—archaeologists found edible honey in ancient tombs.
- A cloud can weigh more than a million pounds.
- The Eiffel Tower grows taller in summer due to heat expansion.
- Tardigrades can survive in space, boiling water, and freezing temperatures.
- The human nose can detect over one trillion scents.
- Venus rotates so slowly that a day there is longer than its year.
- Koalas have fingerprints nearly identical to humans.
- A shrimp's heart is located in its head.
- The word "robot" comes from a Czech word meaning "forced labor."
- Cows have best friends and get stressed when separated.
- The longest-living cells in your body are brain cells—they can last a lifetime.
- A single bolt of lightning contains enough energy to toast 100,000 slices of bread.
- Elephants can "hear" with their feet by sensing ground vibrations.
- The tongue is the only muscle attached at just one end.

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Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles

"Sudoku"

2	9	7	4	6	1	5	3	8
1	4	5	3	8	7	9	2	6
6	8	3	5	9	2	4	1	7
7	5	9	8	2	6	1	4	3
8	1	4	7	3	5	2	6	9
3	6	2	1	4	9	7	8	5
5	2	1	6	7	3	8	9	4
4	7	6	9	1	8	3	5	2
9	3	8	2	5	4	6	7	1

"Crossword Puzzle"

S	L	E	D	S	T	O	C	K	C	O	M	B		
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WORD LADDER
Change one letter at a time to form a new valid word.

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S	U	N
S	U	B

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	5				9			
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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59					60				61			
62					63				64			

- ACROSS**
- Goodyear airship
 - Empty weight
 - Play parts
 - Monarch
 - Culminating point
 - The central part
 - Foot joint
 - Anagram of "Tine"
 - Hint
 - People from the east coast
 - Peel
 - Daughter of a sibling
 - Little kisses
 - Tilt
 - Wrinkled
 - Lawlessness
 - Smallest
 - Esprit de corps
 - Topic
 - Gloom
 - Absolute quiet
 - Marsh plant
 - Day, month and year
 - Type of sword
 - Outward
 - Body of a ship
 - Infuse completely
 - African sheep
 - Dogfish
 - Leg bone
 - Not light
 - Opening
 - Select by voting
 - Otherwise
 - Border
 - Genders
- DOWN**
- Scottish hillside
 - Moon goddess
 - Anagram of "Silk"
 - Liquefy
 - Primp
 - Leather factory
 - Each
 - Withdrawal
 - Former spouses (slang)
 - Licensed
 - Infant's illness
 - Torso
 - Sows
 - Most wealthy
 - Prison-related
 - Rotating disks
 - Small wild ox
 - Aromatic ointment
 - Stuporous
 - Alike
 - Cloudless
 - Europe's highest volcano
 - Religious offshoot
 - Tall woody plant
 - Peeved
 - Put
 - Temporary
 - Protective covering from sunlight
 - Ear-related
 - Makes indistinct
 - Specified days of the month
 - Rescue
 - Game piece
 - Wild goat
 - Pleasant
 - Anagram of "Tags"

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WORD LATTER

Change one letter at a time to form a new valid word

COLD

WARD

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Back-to-School With Love And Community

As summer winds down and school doors reopen, four Queens neighborhoods—Corona, Jackson Heights, Elmhurst, and Middle Village—came together in a powerful show of unity and care. Over the past few weeks, nearly 1,500 students received brand-new backpacks filled with school supplies, thanks to a collaborative effort led by Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas, Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Councilmember Shekar Krishnan, and Elmhurst Hospital.

The events, held in bustling parks and community centers, were more than just giveaways—they were celebrations of resilience, equity, and shared purpose. Families lined up with smiles and gratitude, while volunteers and elected officials handed out supplies, offered health resources, and reminded students that their community stands behind them.

Support poured in from local champions including the Carpen-



Smiles and school spirit! Volunteers and families gather in Elmhurst to distribute backpacks and celebrate the new school year with love and community.

ters Union, Laborers Local 1010, MetroPlus Health Plan, Hispanic Federation, CRECE, Emblem Health, and Queens Center Mall. Their generosity helped ensure that students across Queens start the school year prepared, confident, and inspired.

"We know that when students

feel supported, they thrive," said one organizer. "This is about more than backpacks—it's about building a foundation of love and opportunity."

As the school year begins, the message is clear: Queens is ready, united, and rooting for every child's success.

Meng Introduces Legislation Banning Harmful Food Dyes



U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY), a member of the Congressional Food Safety Caucus, announced today the introduction of her Ban Harmful Food Dyes Act. This legislation would amend the Federal

Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ban harmful dyes and petroleum-based additives that have no place in our food.

The bill was introduced following action by at least 21 states seeking to address food dyes and chemicals of concern, and the announcement of a voluntary measure earlier this year by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to phase out petroleum-based synthetic food dyes from the nation's food supply. However, the Administration's voluntary initiative fails to enforce the phaseout and fails to ban other harmful food additives, such as Titanium Dioxide. Titanium Dioxide has been scientifically demonstrated to be harmful to human health. The Ban

Harmful Food Dyes Act continues that momentum and also includes a statutory ban on Red Dye 3, which was previously banned through regulation, but not through law.

The full list of dyes that would be banned under Meng's bill include:

- Red No. 40
- Red No. 3
- Yellow No. 5
- Yellow No. 6
- Blue No. 1
- Blue No. 2
- Green No. 3
- Orange B
- Citrus Red 2
- Titanium Dioxide
- Any additive that is substantially similar to those above

"Food additives with links to cancer and negative impacts on

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Council Member Williams Hosts 4th Annual Back-to-School Block Party & Backpack Giveaway in Southeast Queens

Linden Boulevard was buzzing with excitement this past weekend as Council Member Nantasha Williams hosted the 4th Annual Back-to-School Block Party & Backpack Giveaway. Joined by Senator Leroy Comrie and Assembly Member Alicia Hyndman, Williams helped distribute over 800 backpacks filled with school supplies to students across Southeast Queens.

"This event is about more than just giving out backpacks," said Council Member Williams. "It's about making sure our young people step into the school year prepared and encouraged, with their community standing right beside them."

A Day of Fun and Community Families enjoyed a full afternoon of activities, including:

- Live music and karaoke
- Bounce house and art stations
- NYPD Community Affairs game truck
- Photo installations and raffles



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Q74 Rolls Out New Route Linking QC And QCC in Symbolic Ride of Unity

In a celebratory ride that marked a new chapter in inter-campus collaboration, Queens College (QC) President Frank H. Wu joined Queensborough Community College (QCC) leaders, students, and staff aboard the newly launched Q74 bus route connecting the two institutions. The symbolic journey began at QCC's campus in Bayside and concluded one block from QC, where the group was welcomed with a luncheon reception and "swag" bags.

The Q74, a limited-stop weekday route launched on June 29, 2025, now offers a faster, more direct connection between QCC and QC via Jewel Avenue and Horace Harding Expressway. The route not only improves access to academic resources and student services but also reinforces the long-standing partnership between the colleges.

"This new route is more than just a transit upgrade—it's a bridge to opportunity," said President Wu. "QCC students and employees can



Queens College President Frank H. Wu boards the Q74 bus at Queensborough Community College, marking the launch of the new route connecting the two campuses.

now more easily benefit from the resources, services, and programs available at QC designed to support student goals at every step of their educational journey."

QCC students already enjoy access to QC's Benjamin S. Rosenthal Library, early childhood edu-

cation at the Child Development Center, housing at the Summit Apartments, and cross-campus registration through the ePermit system. The new route further encourages academic mobility and professional development for both students and staff.

Queens DA Katz Leads Fraud Prevention Talk at Selfhelp NORC

Selfhelp Community Services, Inc. continues to be a vital resource for older adults across Queens, offering health and social services at four Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs). These community-based hubs—located in Northridge, Brulene, Southridge, and beyond—help seniors age safely and independently in the neighborhoods they've long called home.

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz recently visited the Selfhelp Northridge/Brulene/Southridge NORC in Jackson Heights to speak directly with residents about fraud prevention and scam awareness. The presentation focused on empowering older adults with the tools and knowledge to protect themselves from financial exploitation.

"Our seniors deserve to live their golden years free from predatory behavior," said DA Katz. "We discussed common scams targeting older adults—from impersonation schemes and fake utility calls to Medicare fraud and phishing tactics—and shared practical strategies to recognize red flags and report suspicious activity."

The visit was part of DA



Katz's ongoing commitment to safeguarding Queens residents, especially those most vulnerable to fraud. Her office continues to work closely with community partners like Selfhelp to ensure that education, prevention, and accountability remain central to public safety efforts.

"Anyone who targets our seniors will be held accountable," Katz emphasized. "We will not tolerate those who seek to exploit the trust and dignity of our older residents. My office stands ready

to protect and serve every corner of Queens."

The event was met with strong engagement from attendees, who shared their experiences and asked thoughtful questions. DA Katz reaffirmed that her office is always available to support victims and investigate fraud complaints swiftly and thoroughly. Together, with trusted organizations like Selfhelp, Queens is building a safer, more informed community—one conversation at a time.

Advantage, Queens!

USTA Hosts Tourism Kiosk at 2025 US Open!

Sports enthusiasts from all over the world will flock to the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows Corona Park during the 2025 U.S. Open, which runs from Sunday, Aug. 24, through Sunday, Sept. 7. And for the 14th time, the USTA has loaned a kiosk to the Queens Tourism Council to use as an information-and-referral center for the entire time. QTC



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**COUNCIL MEMBER LINDA LEE'S
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NYPD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Each Police Precinct hosts monthly forums with the public. At these meetings:

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- Residents can directly communicate with the Commanding Officer of the Precinct and other key police personnel; and
- The community can provide feedback on conditions and their public safety priorities.

103RD PCT The 103rd Precinct's Community Council meetings typically take place on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at York College Main Building (160th Street Entrance Faculty Dining Room)

The 105th Precinct's Community Council meetings typically take place on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at 92-08 222nd Street, Queens Village NY **105TH PCT**

107TH PCT The 107th Precinct's Community Council meetings typically take place on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 71-01 Parsons Boulevard at 7:00 PM

The 111th Precinct's Community Council meetings typically take place on the first Tuesday of each month at 45-06 215th Street at 7:30 PM **111TH PCT**

Attorney General James Secures Settlement With MVP Health Plan Over Mental Health Ghost Network

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standards. They will also assess MVP's reimbursement rates and out-of-network utilization, with a focus on identifying disparities between mental health and medical or surgical services.

MVP has also committed to making new and meaningful investments in improving its mental health provider network. These investments could include recruiting additional psychiatrists and psychiatric nurse practitioners who treat children and adolescents, assisting providers with navigating MVP's systems, or conducting outreach to help members understand and access the mental health services available to them.

"NAMI New York State wholeheartedly supports the Attorney General's action to reform insurer provider networks, because there is no Health Care without Mental Health Care," said Nathan McLaughlin, Executive Director of the National Alliance on

Mental Illness, New York State. "NAMI New York State has consistently called for all health plans to maintain accurate, up-to-date directories and expand access to mental health care in parity with physical health. These directory reforms are critical to preventing ghost networks and ensuring that all New Yorkers—particularly those most vulnerable—can securely and efficiently find in-network care when they need it most. We are grateful that both parties have come to an agreement that ensures access to mental health services. With one in five adults having a diagnosed mental health condition, and one in every ten in recovery from a process or substance use disorder, mental health services are needed now more than ever. The National Alliance on Mental Illness of New York State thanks Attorney General James and her staff for their diligent work ensuring equitable access to mental health services."

"This year is the 20th anniversary of New York's passage

of mental health insurance parity — Timothy's Law — yet there are still insurers and plans that have not been compliant with the law," said Glenn Liebman, CEO of Mental Health Association in New York State. "As a result, individuals and their loved ones have not received needed services. Tough enforcement actions are needed, and we thank Attorney General James and her team for their leadership."

This matter was handled by Assistant Attorneys General Michael Reisman and Carol Hunt under the supervision of Health Care Bureau Chief Sudarsana Srinivasan, with critical assistance from Assistant Attorney General Gina Bull of the Executive Division. The Health Care Bureau is part of the Division for Social Justice, which is led by Chief Deputy Attorney General Meghan Faux. The Executive Division and the Division for Social Justice are overseen by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

CUNY Welcomes 240,000 Students For Fall 2025 With New Initiatives to Support Students

First Year for Students Benefitting from Governor Hochul's Free Community College Program

The City University of New York today kicked off its 2025-26 academic year, welcoming about 240,000 students with new initiatives and offerings geared to better meet their needs. These include academic programs in AI and education; a revamped transfer process that is enabling thousands of students for the first time to fully transfer their major credits between CUNY colleges; and the establishment of the University's 26th constituent college.

Additional services for students include a new rapid response legal resource for those impacted by immigration policy changes, new dorm beds, better Wi-Fi access and new ways to spotlight and support CUNY's about 1,000 student clubs and organizations, athletics and club sports programs and facilities.

"Each fall, the first day of classes brings a renewed sense of purpose to CUNY," said CUNY Chancellor Félix V. Matos Rodríguez, who is beginning his seventh academic year leading the nation's largest urban public university. "This year is especially exciting as we launch several new initiatives meant to enrich student experience both in and out of the classroom. There has never been a better time to be a member of the CUNY community."

The University's back-to-school season isn't just for college-age students — it's for older adults too. Applications are open for Governor Kathy Hochul's free community college initiative, which covers tuition, books, fees and supplies for adult New Yorkers ages 25-55 who enroll in one of over 120 high-demand programs.

New Academic Offerings

Academic programs being launched in 2025-26 include

degrees and programs that will prepare students to thrive in the fast-growing field of AI and also education.

As part of its commitment to preparing students for career success, the University has launched CUNY AI for Everyone (AI-One), a new initiative to give students across all majors the opportunity to build AI fluency and the skills they will need as they enter the workforce. The initiative combines free and low-cost courses, in-person workshops and industry-aligned certifications to help students prepare for jobs in every sector — whether they're studying computer science, journalism, public health or business. One offering is a free series of in-person sessions in partnership with the New York Jobs CEO Council to build AI-driven projects.

A new Master of Science in generative AI at CUNY's School of Professional Studies (SPS) is one of the first fully online programs of its kind, and a Bachelor of Science in data science and AI at Lehman College blends programming, statistics, AI and analytics with hands-on experience in multiple specialization tracks.

Medgar Evers College is introducing CUNY's first fully online education degree, a Bachelor of Arts in childhood education; Baruch College is unveiling its first doctoral program, an Ed.D. in higher education administration; and CUNY's Graduate Center is offering advanced certificates in environmental justice and climate resilience and nanoscience connected to life.

New School

The new academic year marks the first with the CUNY School of Medicine as an independent medical school, adding a 26th constituent school to the University system. The transformation of the school, built on the 50-year legacy of the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education at The City

College of New York, advances its dual mandate to produce diverse medical professionals and provide high-quality health services to underserved communities addressing health care disparities, especially in primary care, across New York City.

Rapid Response Immigration Assistance

CUNY has also launched a new rapid response free legal resource to help members of the university community cope with rapidly changing immigration policies. Generously funded by the Carroll and Milton Petrie Foundation, the CUNY Immigration Assistance Project (CIAP) is available to all current CUNY students and employees. CIAP provides consultations with an attorney if a CUNY community member is detained, having complications with an F-1 student visa, or needs advisement ahead of immigration court hearings, USCIS interviews, travel or changes in legal status.

Transfer Made Seamless

A major revamp of the University's transfer process has created consistency across the system, may reduce the time needed to complete a degree, and could save an average of up to \$1,220 in duplicated credits for bachelor's transfer students. The CUNY Transfer Explorer (T-Rex), a comprehensive portal that shows students how credits transfer across the University, has been a popular resource for transfer students of all types, including students transferring between CUNY colleges, students joining the University from other colleges and high school students taking dual enrollment courses through CUNY College Now. Last academic year, more than 190,000 people visited the T-Rex portal, including 81,000 from CUNY.

For this academic year, Universal Transfer Pathways (UTPs)

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Meng Introduces Legislation Banning Harmful Food Dyes

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children's health and development, including synthetic, petroleum-based dyes, do not belong in our food," said Congresswoman Meng. "If the science says they aren't safe, our government shouldn't be allowing companies to use them in the first place. While efforts have been made by current and previous administrations to eliminate these chemicals from our food, there is no law banning their use. My Ban Harmful Food Dyes Act will do just that. Food safety should be a bipartisan issue, and I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to deliver this commonsense bill to the President's desk."

Last year, Meng joined an effort alongside 22 lawmakers to successfully push the FDA to issue a regulation banning Red 3, which has been scientifically shown to cause cancer in animals. Titanium Dioxide, often used as

a whitening agent, has been fully banned as a food additive in the European Union since 2022 due to concerns it can damage DNA or chromosomes, yet it continues to be used in foods sold across the United States.

Meng's legislation is supported by the Environmental Working Group (EWG) and Consumer Reports. Now introduced in the House, the bill must be approved by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce before it can be brought to the floor for a vote.

Meng has long supported efforts to remove harmful dyes and additives from the food families eat every day. Meng is also an original sponsor of The Food Chemical Reassessment Act of 2025, which would require the Federal Government conduct regular studies on chemical additives in food to verify their safety. She is also a cosponsor of the Do or Dye Act, which also aims to ban a range of harmful food dyes.

Advantage, Queens! USTA Hosts Tourism Kiosk at 2025 US Open!

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employees and several volunteers will be there during tournament hours, offering tips on the best local restaurants, hotels, cultural organizations, and shopping opportunities. On Wednesday, Aug. 20, USTA executives, QTC members, and local elected officials gathered in front of the kiosk as it rolled out. They are (from left to right) Assembly Member Larinda C. Hooks, USTA General Counsel Rachel Booth, The Shipping

Guys President Dennis Klainberg, Assembly Member Nily Rozic, Assembly Member Jessica González-Rojas, USTA Co-CEO Andrea Hirsch, Community Board 7 District Manager Marilyn McAndrews, State Senator John C. Liu, City Council Member Sandra Ung, Community Board 7 Chairman Chuck Apelian, QTC Director Rob MacKay, USTA Manager, Community Relations and Events Shelby Ponder, and National Tennis Center COO Danny Zausner.

Federal Windfall For New York Airports: \$66+ Million in Upgrades Announced

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- John F. Kennedy International Airport – Ground Based Augmentation System installation (\$5,306,260)
- Southern Tier
- Ithaca Tompkins International Airport – Site prep for snow removal & rescue facilities

(\$3,146,800)

Western New York

- Dunkirk Airport – Gate reconstruction (\$48,011)

With this sweeping investment, New York's aviation infrastructure is poised for a safer, more efficient future—benefiting travelers, local economies, and regional connectivity alike.

Preparedness Starts At Home: Red Cross Urges Everyone To Get Ready For Emergencies Now

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have already been established for eight majors. UTPs comprise courses common to associate and bachelor's degrees that transfer in the major across the University. Students who have transferred from a CUNY associate degree program to a bachelor's degree program in the same discipline will have their UTP courses transferred directly. Already, because of the reform, 97% of biology UTP courses transfer from associate to baccalaureate programs, up 10% since last year; 83% of accounting UTP courses, up 7%; and 98% of math UTP courses, up 5%.

More than 32,000 students transferred into a CUNY college last year, an increase of 6% from the previous year. This upward trend is expected to continue into the 2025-26 school year.

Finding Community in a Commuter System

CUNY students have ample opportunities for participation and enrichment that transcend the classroom yet complement the academic experience.

Students can join more than 1,100 clubs and organizations across the system, pursuing endeavors related to their courses and careers as well as their hobbies and civic interests. CUNY today introduced a comprehensive student organizations guide to help guide students who want to explore the many options available to them.

One incoming student planning to take full advantage of campus life is Lamis Fawaz, who is beginning her studies in aviation management at York College this fall. She hopes to reactivate the college's chapter of Women in Aviation International as well as get involved in York's Student Government Association.

"I'm excited because I got a taste of the CUNY experience when I took a college course at York last summer," said Fawaz, who aspires to be an airline pilot. "Honestly, I loved it."

Student-athletes and others who want to stay active have access to a wide array of athletic offerings and facilities across varsity teams in the CUNY Athletic Conference, adaptive sports for students with disabilities and casual sports clubs including the popular esports organizations. CUNY's state-of-the-art athlet-

ics facilities available to students include fitness centers, modern gyms, pools and indoor courts. The diverse offerings are now listed on new CUNY Athletics and CUNY Adaptive & Inclusive Sports pages. The University also offers an integrated system of 31 libraries across the five boroughs; students enrolled at any CUNY college can access all of the system's locations.

CUNY is also expanding housing options with 578 new dorm beds at FOUND Study Midtown East located at 569 Lexington Avenue. The expansion includes a new CUNY Housing Access Pilot to provide stable housing for CUNY students who meet specific eligibility criteria including financial aid, enrollment and residency status and academic standing.

CUNY is continuing to ensure that every student and employee's preferred name becomes the primary name displayed across all centrally managed information systems. This recent systemwide enhancement will extend to diplomas this academic year as students across the system will now have the ability to specify their preferred diploma name.

And the Campus Network Modernization Project, an effort to improve Wi-Fi and other digital information networks across the University, has been completed on nine of 16 campuses which required network upgrades, with those remaining to be completed this year.

College is Not Just for Recent High School Grads

Governor Hochul's free community college initiative waives the cost of tuition, books, fees and supplies for adults ages 25 to 55 who are pursuing associate degrees in high-demand fields including advanced manufacturing, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, engineering, technology, nursing and allied health fields, green and renewable energy, and pathways to teaching in shortage areas. More than 6,000 New Yorkers have applied to CUNY under the program, underscoring the demand for affordable higher education. CUNY's seven community colleges are part of the program, with over 120 programs eligible.

"By focusing on fast-growing fields, the program directly links us, the students, to careers where

employers are originally hiring," said Rebecca Ramos, 38, an immigrant from Venezuela and mom of a 3-year-old girl who enrolled through Reconnect to study nursing at LaGuardia Community College. "This initiative is not just about individual opportunities. It's about empowering New York adults — people like me — to pursue meaningful, well-paying careers, and to build a strong and more resilient state."

The Governor's free community college initiative is being promoted to prospective students under the CUNY Reconnect umbrella, which also includes a City Council-funded program to re-engage adults who started college but did not earn a degree. This effort, spearheaded by City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams has helped 11,000 earn their degrees since 2022.

Classes begin at 22 CUNY colleges today. The year kicked off at CUNY Law on Aug. 19, while three community colleges — Guttman, Kingsborough and LaGuardia — start on Sept. 9.

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 eight graduate or professional institutions spread across New York City's five boroughs, serving nearly 240,000 undergraduate and graduate students and awarding 50,000 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. To learn more about CUNY, visit <https://www.cuny.edu>.

Council Member Williams Hosts 4th Annual Back-to-School Block Party & Backpack Giveaway in Southeast Queens

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for Amazon Tablets

• Giveaways including tickets to #InsideThe27 Night at UniverSoul Circus (Sept. 6)

Powered by Community Partnerships

Council Member Williams extended heartfelt thanks to the many sponsors and partners who made the event possible:

- Partners Uplifting Our Daughters & Sons
- Spectrum
- DoorDash
- MSG Entertainment
- Emblem Health
- NYC District Council of Carpenters
- Showing Hearts Foundation
- Resorts Word
- River Fund
- Ohel Chabad Lubavitch
- Greater Jamaica Development Corporation

- Being Egypt
- Allue Art Studio
- Mich'Chique Events
- DJ Nett
- NYPD 113th Precinct
- NYC Department of Sanitation

Special appreciation was given to Being Egypt, Allue Art Studio, Mich'Chique Events, DJ Nett, and the NYPD 113th Precinct and Department of Sanitation for their continued support.

A Message of Hope

Council Member Williams closed the event with a message to families and students:

"None of this happens without the families who show up year after year, bringing their energy, their voices, and their love for this community. I'm wishing every student a school year filled with curiosity, confidence, and new opportunities. Their futures are bright, and it's our job to keep lifting them up."

Joint Statement From Speaker Adams, Deputy Speaker Ayala, And Council Member De La Rosa On Nypd Commissioner Tisch's Final Ruling To Ignore Police Department Judge's Recommendation To Fire Officer Who Killed Allan Feliz

Recently, it was revealed that NYPD Commissioner Jessica Tisch made a final ruling to disregard the police department judge's recommendation to fire Lieutenant Jonathan Rivera, who shot and killed Allan Feliz during a traffic stop in Washington Heights in October 2019. NYPD Deputy Commissioner of Trials Rosemarie Maldonado recommended terminating Lieutenant Rivera after a disciplinary trial, finding that he was not justified in shooting Feliz. In response, Speaker Adrienne Adams, Deputy Speaker Diana Ayala, and Council Member Carmen De La Rosa issued the following joint statement.

"NYPD Commissioner Tisch's final ruling to disregard the trial

recommendation of her department's own deputy commissioner and judge to fire Lieutenant Rivera for killing Allan Feliz betrays public trust, which is essential to advancing true public safety. By allowing Lieutenant Rivera to remain on the force, Mayor Adams and Commissioner Tisch are facilitating the continuation of corrupt practices. There is no eliminating corruption without addressing the repeated lack of accountability for police abuses that denies families of victims and all New Yorkers an NYPD that is accountable. Our hearts are with the Feliz family, and we stand with them as they consider their next steps in pursuit of accountability for Allan, who should still be alive today."



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CUNY Tops Forbes' List of '25 Colleges with the Highest Payoff' Nationwide

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nation of our students, and the strength of our alumni network."

To determine the ranking, Forbes looked at how long it takes for students to earn back the out-of-pocket costs of their degree — a calculation developed by the public policy think tank Third Way — along with how much debt students take on to attend college. In presenting the ranking, Forbes noted that CUNY "routinely outperforms all other state systems on this list," due to its affordable tuition rate and that, for the

University's graduates, "median income 20 years after graduation is an impressive \$121,600."

This is the third year that Forbes has released a shortlist focused on which colleges deliver the best return on investment for its graduates; the eight CUNY senior colleges named this year were also on the inaugural list, and they were joined by York College on last year's ranking. This year is the first where a CUNY college holds the No. 1 position.

Other Recent Rankings Recognition

Four CUNY senior colleges

— Baruch College, Brooklyn College, City College and Hunter College — were also recognized for their overall value by The Princeton Review, which named the four colleges among its best-value colleges list as part of its publication of "The Best 391 Colleges: 2026 Edition." The greater list is based on survey and opinion data from 170,000 students who attend the recognized four-year schools. New this year, Princeton Review highlighted three CUNY colleges for having standout stats based

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Mayor Adams, Speaker Adams Unveil Bold Contract Reform to Speed Up Nonprofit Payments

New Discretionary Grant Pilot Slashes Red Tape, Delivers Funds in Half the Time

In a major step toward empowering New York City's nonprofit sector, Mayor Eric Adams and City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams have announced a groundbreaking pilot program designed to accelerate payments to small-scale nonprofit organizations. The initiative, unveiled during "NYC Nonprofit Week," aims to eliminate bureaucratic delays and streamline the discretionary funding process for groups receiving \$25,000 or less in City Council allocations.

Launching in fall 2025, the new Discretionary Grant Pilot will replace the traditional contract registration process with direct grant agreements for approximately 100 qualifying organizations in its first year. By removing 13 steps from the current system, the pilot promises to cut payment timelines in half—ensuring nonprofits receive 100 percent of their allocated funds within weeks, not months.

"For too long, our city's smallest nonprofits—often lifelines in our communities—have been forced to wait years to access the funding they were promised," said Council Member Julie Won. "This program will cut unnecessary red tape and get critical funding out into the community faster."

A Long-Awaited Fix for a Broken System

Historically, small-dollar discretionary awards have been subject to the same complex registration process as multi-million-dollar contracts, creating significant delays for nonprofits trying to serve their communities. Many organizations have been unable to submit invoices or begin programming until contracts were fully registered—a process that could take months or even years.

The new pilot addresses these inefficiencies head-on. Eligible nonprofits will receive one-year grant agreements, bypassing the lengthy registration process. Once agreements are signed and returned, the full funding will be disbursed immediately.

"When nonprofits thrive, our city and our people

thrive," said Mayor Adams. "Nonprofits always deliver for New Yorkers, and today, we're proud to continue delivering for nonprofits."

Speaker Adrienne Adams echoed the sentiment, emphasizing the importance of removing administrative burdens: "Nonprofits provide essential services to New Yorkers through city contracts and funding, but far too often are paid late for their work. This new pilot program will remove excessive barriers and get nonprofits their funding faster and with less red tape."

Who Qualifies and What's Next

To be eligible for the pilot, nonprofits must have received \$25,000 or less in City Council discretionary dollars for Fiscal Year 2026 and be funded through one of the following agencies:

- Department of Youth & Community Development (DYCD)
- NYC Department for the Aging (NYC Aging)
- NYC Department of Veterans' Services
- NYC Department of Small Business Services

The City Council, Mayor's Office of Contract Services (MOCS), and the relevant contracting agency will select the pilot cohort and notify organizations of their inclusion by October 2025. Grant agreements will be issued shortly thereafter, with a 30-day window for nonprofits to return signed documents. Funding is expected to be disbursed by January 2026.

Building on Reform Momentum

The pilot builds on the Adams administration's 2023 multi-year discretionary contract reform, which has already shown measurable success. In Fiscal Year 2026, the city achieved an 88 percent on-time submission rate for standard human service contracts—a significant improvement over previous years.

In March 2024, the administration committed \$741 million toward cost-of-living adjustments for approximately 80,000 human services workers employed by nonprofits with city contracts. This workforce—66 percent women and 46 percent women of color—plays a vital role in delivering services related to housing, health care, food access, and

support for asylum seekers. In total, over \$1.4 billion has been directed toward wage enhancements in the sector.

In January 2025, Mayor Adams issued Executive Order 47, formally establishing chief nonprofit officers within city agencies to improve service delivery and expedite payment processing. To date, 18 officers have been appointed and are actively collaborating with nonprofit partners to drive systemic improvements.

The administration also launched the city's first-ever Nonprofit Advisory Council, bringing together leaders from across the sector to work with the Mayor's Office of Nonprofit Services (MONS) and strengthen the connection between nonprofits and city government.

A New Era of Partnership
Led by MOCS, MONS, and the City Council, in collaboration with DYCD and NYC Aging, the pilot represents a new era of partnership between city government and the nonprofit sector. It's a clear signal that the city is listening—and responding—to the needs of organizations that serve on the frontlines of New York's neighborhoods.

"It's about time we did this," said Council Member Justin Brannan. "Nonprofits shouldn't have to fight through mountains of red tape just to get the money they've already been promised. This is common sense government, cutting bureaucracy so community groups can get their funding faster and focus on doing the important work of serving New Yorkers in need."

As the city prepares to roll out the pilot this fall, nonprofit leaders are hopeful that this reform will not only speed up payments but also restore trust in the city's funding process. For many small organizations, the difference between waiting months and receiving funds within weeks could mean the ability to launch a new program, retain staff, or meet urgent community needs.

With the Discretionary Grant Pilot, New York City is taking a bold step toward equity, efficiency, and empowerment—ensuring that nonprofits can continue to do what they do best: serve, uplift, and transform lives.

Red Cross Responds to Support 106 People in New York City Last Week

The American Red Cross in Greater New York is helping 106 people after 11 emergencies in the five boroughs between August 18 and August 24, 2025.

The Red Cross responded to help 27 people affected by 2 emergencies in the Bronx:

- 11 households (19 individuals) after a fire on Woodycrest Avenue (8/24/25)

- Three households (eight individuals) after a fire on Bryant Avenue (8/24/25)

The Red Cross responded to help 48 people affected by 4 emergencies in Brooklyn:

- Four households (four individuals) after a fire on Bay Ridge Avenue (8/21/25)

- Four households (five individuals) after a fire on Devoe Street (8/21/25)

- Three households (three individuals) after a fire on Halsey Street (8/23/25)

- Nine households (36 individuals) after a fire on 18th Avenue (8/24/25)

The Red Cross responded to help 5 people affected by 2 emergencies in Manhattan:

- Three households (three individuals) after a fire on Frederick Douglass Boulevard (8/19/25)

- One household (two individuals) after a fire on East 51st Street (8/20/25)

The Red Cross responded to help 26 people affected by

3 emergencies in Queens:

- Six households (10 individuals) after a fire on 150th Street (8/19/25)

- Three households (eight individuals) after a fire on Bay Park Place (8/19/25)

- Two households (eight individuals) after a fire on 223rd Street (8/21/25)

In each instance, the Red Cross Greater New York Disaster Action Team provided emergency assistance to meet the families' immediate needs. The Red Cross typically provides information packets regarding recovery resources and guidance, cleanup kits, comfort kits with personal care items, snacks, waters, and other items as needed. When a home is unable to be reoccupied and/or has received substantial damage, the Red Cross also offers temporary lodging and/or financial assistance.

Red Cross caseworkers will continue to work with families to connect them with additional resources for long-term recovery needs.

Any persons impacted by these disasters who need recovery assistance and have not already connected with Red Cross services should contact 1-877-RED CROSS (1-877-733-2767) and select Option 1.

PREPAREDNESS MONTH: People across the country are feeling the

effects of extreme weather as deadly storms, devastating floods, raging fires and extreme heat become more frequent and intense. As we approach National Preparedness Month in September, it's more important than ever to prepare for emergencies. Get help thinking about what you would need during an emergency by visiting www.redcross.org/prepare.

ABOUT THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IN GREATER NEW YORK
The American Red Cross in Greater New York serves more than 12 million people in New York City, on Long Island, in Rockland and Westchester counties, at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and in Greenwich, Conn. We respond to an average of seven emergencies and disasters a day across the region — home fires, floods, building collapses and more — providing shelter, food, clothing and emotional support at no cost to those in need. We also collect lifesaving blood; teach important skills that save lives; and support veterans, military members and their families. All of this work is made possible thanks to our dedicated volunteers and the generosity of the American public. For more information, visit www.redcross.org/gny or follow us (@redcrossny) on Facebook, Instagram, X, LinkedIn,

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on the survey: City College was noted as having the lowest average undergraduate debt, Brooklyn College stood out for having the most diverse student body and Baruch College had the most countries represented among its students.

CUNY community colleges dominated Niche's 2026 list of the best community colleges in the state, including comprising the entire top five list. Ranked No. 1 was Borough of Manhattan Community College, followed by Queensborough Community College, Kingsborough Community College, Bronx Community College and LaGuardia Community College. Also

in the top 10 was Hostos Community College, which ranked No. 8.

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POWERBALL Third-Prize-Winning Tickets Sold in ASTORIA, SYOSSET

The New York Lottery announced four third-prize-winning tickets were sold for the Aug. 25 Powerball drawing.

The tickets were sold at:

- ME-ME-SUPERMARKET INC located at 21-

15 BROADWAY in ASTORIA, which sold one prize-winning ticket worth \$50,000

- BP located at 200 S OYSTER BAY RD in SYOSSET, which sold one prize-winning ticket worth

\$50,000

The winning numbers for the Powerball game are drawn from a field of one to 69. The red Power Ball is drawn from a separate field of one to 26. The Powerball drawing is televised.

Riders Alliance Statement on Sec. Duffy's Penn Station Announcement

Riders Alliance Policy & Communications Director Danny Pearlstein said:

"New public investment

in Penn Station must deliver better service for riders, not a monument to greed or arrogance. The real test of success will be in time

savings and better access to basic needs and new opportunities across the region, not in gold-plating or mall development."

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Notice of Formation of THE COSMIC REMEDY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 06/16/2025. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom Process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 37-10 114th Street, Suite 814, Corona, NY 11368. Purpose: any lawful activity. 7/31,8/7,14,21,28&9/4/2025

Notice of Formation: Gongchuang2025 LLC, Art. Of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/24/2025. Office Location: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 13677 Roosevelt Ave #301, Flushing, NY 11354 Purpose: Any lawful activity. 7/31,8/7,14,21,28&9/4/2025

Notice formation of WAJJ2, LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 18, 2025. Office located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to: 59-10 Junction Boulevard, Elmhurst, NY 11373. Purpose: Any lawful activity or purpose. 7/24,31,8/7,14,21&28/2025

Notice of Formation: SPOTEX LLC, Art. Of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/13/2025. Office Location: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 41-25 Kissena Blvd, Ste 119A311, Flushing, NY 11355 Purpose: Any lawful activity. 8/7,14,21,28,9/4&11/2025

Notice of Formation of steveboobjobs LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/06/2025. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 6010 69th Ave #2, Ridgewood, NY 11385. Purpose: Event and wellness services. 7/24,31,8/7,14,21&28/2025

Notice of Formation of REGO PARK ENDOSCOPY, PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/30/25. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Medicine. 8/7,14,21,28,9/4&11/2025

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Index No. 722192/2024 Date Filed: 7/31/2025 Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc., Plaintiff, -against- Kings County Public Administrator; Tawa Sarumi, if she be living or if she be dead, her spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff; City of New York Environmental Control Board; City of New York Parking Violations Bureau; City of New York Transit Adjudication Bureau; State of New York, and "JOHN DOE", said name being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, and any parties, corporations or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest or lien upon the mortgaged premises, Defendants. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 11137 Francis Lewis Boulevard, Queens Village, NY 11429 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Anna Culley, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Queens County, entered July 24, 2025 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Queens County Clerk's Office. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$355,490.00 and interest, recorded in the Queens County Office of the City Register on January 31, 2017, in CRFN 2017000043062 covering premises known as 11137 Francis Lewis Boulevard, Queens Village, NY 11429 a/k/a Block 10965, Lot 265. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial.

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Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: March 11, 2025 Steven M. Palmer, Esq. Foreclosure Attorney LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (585) 247-9000 Fax: (585) 247-7380 Our File No. 24-096423 #102473 8/7,14,21&28/2025

Notice of formation of 10420 196 Street LLC. Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) on 07/10/25. Office in Queens Co. SSNY Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 21419 Jamaica Ave, Queens Village, NY 11428. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 7/24,31,8/7,14,21&28/2025

Notice of Formation of SALAD & BREAD (HEALTHY - NATURAL) LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 07/04/2025. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom Process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 84-66 98th Street, Woodhaven, NY 11421. Purpose: any lawful activity. 8/14,21,28,9/4,11&18/2025

Laundrybee Atlantic LLC filed 7/22/25. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. for process & shall mail to: 22111 Kingsbury Ave., Oakland Gardens, NY 11364. Purp: any lawful. 8/14,21,28,9/4,11&18/2025



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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS - THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-14 Plaintiff, vs. SU LING A/K/A SU MEI LING, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on January 27, 2017 and an Order to Substitute Bank duly entered on August 23, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Courthouse, on the second floor in Courtroom 25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435 on September 12, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., premises known as 86-20 56th Avenue, Elmhurst, NY 11373. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, Block 2869 and Lot 8. Approximate amount of judgment is \$521,450.05 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #702514/2015. Eun Chong Thorsen, Esq., Referee Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Firm File No.: 201305-1 8/14,21,28&9/4/2025

Notice of Formation of G&GALVIS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 30, 2025. Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 2424 41st St Apt 2, Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 8/21,28,9/4,11,18&25/2025

Notice of Formation of JUSTINE GILBUENA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 07/02/2025. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom Process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 21337 39th Ave, PMB 262, Bayside, NY 11361. Purpose: any lawful activity. 7/24,31,8/7,14,21&28/2025

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Notice of Formation of ODDS & ENDS RIDGEWOOD LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 02/14/2025. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom Process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 41 State Street, Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. 8/14,21,28,9/4,11&18/2025

Notice of Formation of HEIFETZ LAW PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 07/28/2025. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom Process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 42 Underwood Drive, West Orange, NJ 07052. Purpose: any lawful activity. 8/14,21,28,9/4,11&18/2025

MNK Property NY LLC Articles of Org. filed with NY Sec. of State (SSNY) on 07/17/2025. Office in Queens Co. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 95-19 Roosevelt Ave, Jackson Heights, NY 11372. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 7/24,31,8/7,14,21&28/2025

Notice of Formation of ENTERPRISE LAUNCH & RECOVERY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 06/04/2025. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom Process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 72-11 62nd St, 2L, Ridgewood, NY 11385. Purpose: any lawful activity. 7/24,31,8/7,14,21&28/2025

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff AGAINST MAHADEO RAMCHARRAN, ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered March 17, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Courthouse, on the second floor in Courtroom 25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York on September 19, 2025 at 10:00 AM, premises known as 123-01 109th Street, South Ozone Park, NY 11420. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Fourth Ward, Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, Block: 9603 Lot: 42. Approximate amount of judgment \$604,020.62 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #709090/2015. For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www. Auction.com. Avrohom Y. Gefen, Esq., Referee Fein, Such & Crane, LLP 28 East Main Street Rochester, NY 14614 QPNJC001 86657. 8/21,28,9/4&11/2025

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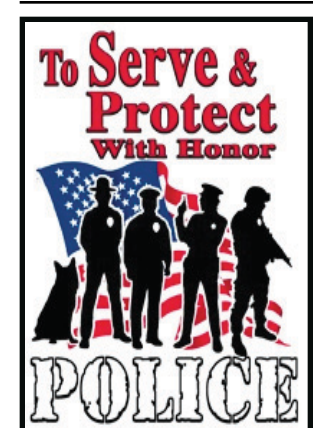
RS LIC HOSPITALITY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/18/25. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 27-09 40th Avenue, Apartment 3E, Long Island City, NY 11101. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 8/28,9/4,11,18,23&10/2/2025

Notice of Qualification of 4208 Maple Retail Owner LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/08/2025. Office location: Queens County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/01/2025. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1902 Whitestone Expy., Ste. 402, Whitestone, NY 11357-3099. Address required to be maintained in DE: c/o Paracorp Incorporated, 2140 S Dupont Hwy., Camden, DE 19934. Arts of Org. filed with the Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 8/28,9/4,11,18,25&10/2/2025

Notice of Formation of MJM CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 10/08/2024. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom Process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 125 Beach 128th Street, Rockaway Park, NY 11694. Purpose: any lawful activity. 8/28,9/4,11,18,25&10/2/2025

Notice of Formation of BOOZEBAGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 08/07/2025. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom Process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 4508 40th St. Apt A14, Sunnyside, NY 11104. Purpose: any lawful activity. 8/28,9/4,11,18,25&10/2/2025

Notice of Formation of GARIBALDISIBERIAN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 06/25/2025. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom Process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 31-38 37th Street, C2, Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: any lawful activity. 8/28,9/4,11,18,25&10/2/2025



On this Labor Day, please join me in recognizing and thanking the efforts of our workforce in this great city.



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Backpack Giveaway



QDA Katz joined Councilmember Lynn Schulman for a free backpack and school supplies giveaway at Queens Borough Hall. One of the greatest investments we can make in our families and educators is to ensure that every child has the necessary supplies to learn and grow this school year. Thanks to events such as these, our students will be better equipped as they pursue their academic futures.



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