## MAY 2021 Full Board Report to Manhattan Community Board 6

## **Full Newsletter:**

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Video Report to CB6: n/a

## **Highlights**

- 1. Two upcoming events. Senator Krueger and the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce present a **Virtual Town Hall "Small Business Recovery Resources" on Thursday, May 13th, 7 pm 8:30 pm.** Register at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/smallbizvirtualtownhall">https://tinyurl.com/smallbizvirtualtownhall</a>. Also coming up is Senator Krueger's Virtual **Roundtable for Boomers and Seniors Being Mortal: Thinking about End of Life Decision Making on Thursday, May 20th 10:00 am 11:30**
- 2. Legislat Registprate at the state's eviction and foreclosure moratorium, as well as the Protect Our Small Business Act until August 31 2021, to ensure New York renters and homeowners can stay in their homes if they are facing hardships due to the pandemic. This legislation also provides support for struggling small businesses facing eviction and foreclosure. Relieving the burden of fear and uncertainty that the COVID-19 has brought New York's families and small businesses.
- 3. Legislation to protect New York's Environment. Earlier this month the Senate passed legislation in honor of Earth Day and Water Week to continue protecting the state's environment. The bills reduce plastic pollution, increase enforcement of the state's environmental laws, protect state forests, decrease greenhouse emissions, increase the use of state-operated electric vehicles, bolster the state's solar production, expand electric vehicle recharging, provide protections for Native nations and tribes, and combat biodiversity and climate crises on state land.
- 4. Earlier this month the Senate advanced a legislative package to support survivors of domestic violence and combat human trafficking.
- 5. The Senate also passed legislation to protect the rights and benefits of domestic workers by further prohibiting discrimination, improving Temporary Disability Insurance Access and raising employee awareness regarding their workplace protections. This package recognizes the broad set of circumstances that may compel a domestic worker to take time off and seeks to lessen the burden imposed by such situations. It simultaneously looks to revamp workplace dynamics by allowing for greater work-from-home flexibility, particularly in light of a health emergency or local crisis.