



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR BRAD HOYLMAN



June 2021 Full Board Report to Manhattan Community Board 6

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Highlights

1. On June 2nd, during the start of Gun Violence Awareness Month, the Senate Democratic Majority passed legislation to prevent gun violence and make New York's communities safer. The package includes bills to hold those responsible for the marketing and distribution of firearms used in criminal activity, combat the dangers of imitation weapons, expand safety training for gun owners, enact measures to track gun violence data, and fund meaningful research on this crisis. Additionally, this legislation will improve the enforcement and pre-existing laws against firearm sales to individuals with outstanding warrants and creates forceful measures to eliminate the circulation of unfinished receivers and untraceable weapons. I'm proud of the Senate Democratic Conference's commitment to tackling the gun violence public health crisis through this important package which includes landmark legislation holding gun manufacturers liable for the first time.
2. Beginning June 1st, the application portal for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) has opened. The program will provide significant economic relief to help low and moderate-income households at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability by providing rental arrears, temporary rental assistance and utility arrears assistance. Please find the application and eligibility requirements [linked here](#). If you experience any issues with the application, please feel free to contact my office for assistance.
3. Last week, I joined Senators Robert Jackson and Andrew Gounardes, and community leaders in Inwood to call for the passage of the FURIOUS and SLEEP acts to combat illegal street racing in New York City. New York needs to turn its speed cameras on 24/7. Illegal street racing puts lives at risk and keeps us up at night. While there's been less traffic and new patterns during the pandemic, some drivers have used this as an opportunity to treat our streets like a NASCAR

speedway. The FURIOUS Act will turn our existing speed cameras on 24/7, give the City more tools to catch drivers in the act and make it easier to enforce state laws on speed contests and races. It's time to pump the brakes on racing in the streets. Learn more in this CBS 2 story about the press conference and legislation: <https://newyork.cbslocal.com/2021/05/27/nyc-street-racing/>