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REPORT TO COMMUNITY BOARD 6

Free Flu Shot Event

During the pandemic, its more important than ever to get a flu shot to avoid taking up hospital beds for COVID-19 patients. Join us on Monday, October 25th at the Fulton Community Center as we host a free flu shot event. Appointments can be made by contacting hoylman@nysenate.gov or 212-633-8052.

My Visit to Rikers Island

I recently visited Rikers Island with City Council Member Keith Powers and Senator Jessica Ramos. I recently signed a letter calling on Governor Kathy Hochul to help address the crisis by immediately implementing the recently-enacted Less is More law (S1144A/A5576) to eliminate mandatory detention while a person's parole revocation matter is pending and limits incarceration for technical violations of parole. Today, Governor Hochul and Mayor de Blasio announced that more than 200 women and trans individuals will be moved out of Rikers. They will now be housed at facilities in Bedford Hills and Taconic.

New York State Senate Women of Distinction Award

Last week, I was honored to give Anne del Castillo the New York State Senate Women of Distinction Award. Ms. del Castillo represents the best of public service. Throughout her entire career she's worked to support and promote diversity in the arts in New York City, a traditionally male-dominated field, and during the last 18 months she's really demonstrated her leadership, creativity and mettle by helping lead the entertainment industry out of some of the darkest days in its history. I was thrilled to honor someone as deserving as Stuy Town native, Anne Del Castillo.



Waterside Plaza Farewell Party

Just yesterday, I presented Dick Ravitch and Peter Davis a proclamation for their extraordinary service to the Waterside Plaza community. As the owner and managing director, they both demonstrated unmatched dedication to the community during their prolific tenure. These efforts were exemplified when they secured the aging in place affordability agreement with HPD to ensure that the hundreds of long-time senior residents can remain in their community in an affordable apartment. We thank

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Free Flu Shots**

Co-Sponsored By:
Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, Senator Robert Jackson, Assembly Members Linda Rosenthal and Dick Gottfried, and Council Member Corey Johnson

**Monday, October 25th
10 AM - 1 PM**
**Fulton Community Center
119 9th Ave, New York, NY 10011**
**Appointment required: Please email or call
our office to schedule
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them for their service and wish them luck on their future endeavors. My office is looking forward to building an equally productive relationship with the incoming owner and manager.

FAIR Vaccines Mandate Act

Last week I introduced legislation to finally end the unfair double standard in our current vaccine mandate that allows out of state performers and athletes to enter venues without proof of vaccination. Our local performers and athletes, on the other hand, are not allowed to work in New York venues without proof of vaccination. This loophole is not rooted in science, puts the lives of New Yorkers at risk, and places New Yorkers at a competitive disadvantage. So, I have introduced the FAIR Vaccines Mandate Act to end this practice and prevent discrimination based on residency. Our message is simple: Get jabbed or get out of town.

Centennial Celebration for Local 802

On Tuesday, I joined The Associated Musicians of Greater New York, American Federation of Musicians Local 802 (“Local 802”) for their centennial celebration. I presented a proclamation lauding them for 100 years of service to their members, our city, and musicians everywhere. I am excited to see what the next 100 years will bring for this great union.

Fighting for Excluded Workers

I am proud to stand with my colleagues in the State Legislature to support Excluded Workers across New York State. We all urged Governor Hochul in our letter to work expeditiously to address serious concerns with the application and its requirements. Most importantly, we are urging the Governor to supplement the fund with additional resources as it has become clear that yet again workers are being left out and funds are nearing depletion. I look forward to working with the Governor on this issue and ensuring that essential workers and those that helped our community survive the pandemic are assisted now in their time of need.

Rally for Abortion Justice

I recently attended the Rally for Abortion Justice to against controversial Texas abortion law which bans abortions after about six weeks of pregnancy. I also recently stood with Governor Hochul last month at the Women’s Monument in Central Park to affirm New York’s role as a safe haven for those seeking abortions. I’m proud to sponsor S470 which would investigate so-called “crisis pregnancy centers, which in many cases are anti-choice organizations masquerading as comprehensive health service providers.

Creative Economy Revitalization Act Press Conference

I recently joined Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Congressmember Carolyn Maloney, Councilmember Carlina Rivera and others in the arts at the Public Theater to call for the passage of the Creative Economy Revitalization Act at the federal level. That act would create WPA style workforce grant program through the Department of Labor in coordination with the National Endowment for the Arts. Grants would require that recipients create art that is public and accessible to the public, such as free concert series, large-scale murals, photography exhibits, published stories, or dance performances.



Broadway Re-opens!

On September 14th, I joined Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, Deputy Mayor Vicki Been, and members of the theater community to welcome back Broadway at the ceremonial ribbon cutting to mark the reopening of the Manhattan Theater Club (MTC), and its production of “Lackawanna Blues.” I was proud to be the chief sponsor of the Musical and Theatrical Tax Credit as part of this year’s NYS budget to provide \$100 million to struggling venues to help them survive and reopen.

Summer EBT Urgency

I recently joined my colleagues in the State Legislature in sending a letter urging Senator Schumer and Senator Gillibrand to address the pressing needs of New York’s children by expanding Summer EBT to close the summer meals gap, removing administrative burdens to bring the benefits of Community

Eligibility Provision to kids who most need meals, and making permanent the improvements to the Child Tax Credit. The Build Back Better Plan can help to bring millions of children out of poverty and food insecurity. Through these proven investments, we can ensure that children in New York have the nutrition they need to learn, grow, and thrive.

IATSE Support Letter

I partnered with many of my Senate colleagues to voice our solidarity for the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (“IATSE”). I am calling on the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers to bargain in good faith contract negotiations. IATSE members yesterday voted to authorize a nationwide strike against film and TV productions, the first in its’ history, to address long hours on set, its streaming wage scales and residuals, and other issues.

Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT)

The Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) Food Benefits is a temporary federal food program to help families make up for school meals that were missed while students studied remotely. Families can expect \$820-1300 for the 2020-2021 school year, exact amounts will vary based on the number of days a student was learning remotely.



MTA Finance Hearing

I participated in the Senate hearing on MTA finances. I asked acting MTA chair, Jano Lieber, about the necessity of adding 20 million square feet of commercial office space in Midtown Manhattan to help finance the redevelopment and expansion of Penn Station. Mr. Lieber was non-committal on the real estate development, saying that the transportation projects need to be “disaggregated” from the real estate

proposals. He further said that federal financing specifics for the Penn Station redevelopment and Gateway Tunnel Terminal have not yet been determined. With my colleagues in government, I’ll continue to advocate for greater transparency for the Empire Station Complex, keeping in mind that the redevelopment of Penn Station and expansion for Gateway must remain top transportation priorities for New York’s future.

COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

Eligible New York residents who are behind on rent owed on or after March 13, 2020 can apply for the COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). The program can cover up to 12 months of past due rent, 3 months of additional rental assistance, and up to 12 months of past due utility bills. To be eligible, you must have a household gross income at or below [80% of the Area Median Income](#). In Manhattan, this would be \$66,850 for a single person. There are no immigration status requirements to qualify for the program.

To apply, visit www.otda.ny.gov/erap. For questions about your application, call the ERAP helpline: 844-691-7368. There are 3 organizations with staff members trained to provide assistance completing your application: [Catholic Charities](#) at 888-744-7900 or cc.erap@catholiccharitiesny.org; [Cooper Square Committee](#) at 212-228-8210 or csc@coopersquare.org; and contact [University Settlement](#) at 332-233-7440 or erap@universitysettlement.org (for residents in zip codes 10002, 10003, 10009, or 10013). Please call me if you need further assistance at 212-633-8052.

My Testimony to LPC on 200 Madison Avenue

On September 28th, I provided testimony to the New York City Landmark Preservation Commission hearing in support of landmark designation of the lobby at 200 Madison Avenue. This historic lobby completed in 1926, and designed by the prominent architectural firm Warren and Wetmore, is one of the city’s best-preserved lobbies designed in the neo-Renaissance style. I appreciate LPC considering this important step, especially since our city has lost many era-defining commercial interiors, including most recently at the McGraw-Hill building located at 330 West 42nd Street. You can download my testimony [here](#).

Record Number of Traffic Deaths

With nearly 190 traffic deaths so far in 2021, this has been the deadliest year since vision zero began in 2014. I'm proud to carry Sammy's Law (S.524A/A.4655) and the FURIOUS Act (S.77/A.579) which would allow the city to lower speed limits and expand the speed camera program. In September, Democratic nominee for Mayor, Eric Adams, announced his support for street safety legislation including my legislation. I look forward to working with our new Mayor to enact important reforms and ensure that we can all enjoy our city without fear of traffic violence.

Vaccinations for Children

I recently introduced legislation that would add immunization against COVID-19 to the list of vaccines children are required to receive to attend school in New York State. Dr. Fauci has announced he supports these types of mandates: <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/fauci-backs-covid-19-vaccine-mandate-us-school-children-2021-08-29/>.

The legislation I introduced would take effect 30 days after full FDA approval of such a vaccine for children and upon the recommendation by the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). We must make a future safe for in-person schooling, and protect immunocompromised teachers, students and staff who cannot receive a vaccine. Mandating a COVID-19 vaccine for schoolchildren is the best way to do that. New York law currently requires students to receive immunizations against 12 different illnesses.

Hurricane Ida

Since Hurricane Ida swept through the northeast earlier this month, my office has continued to reach out to community organizations, businesses, and constituents to assist with any damage incurred as a result of this storm. If you or anyone you know needs help with Ida-related damage, or know of any problems that are still outstanding, including insurance claims, please call me at 212-633-8052.

New Service: FREE Notary

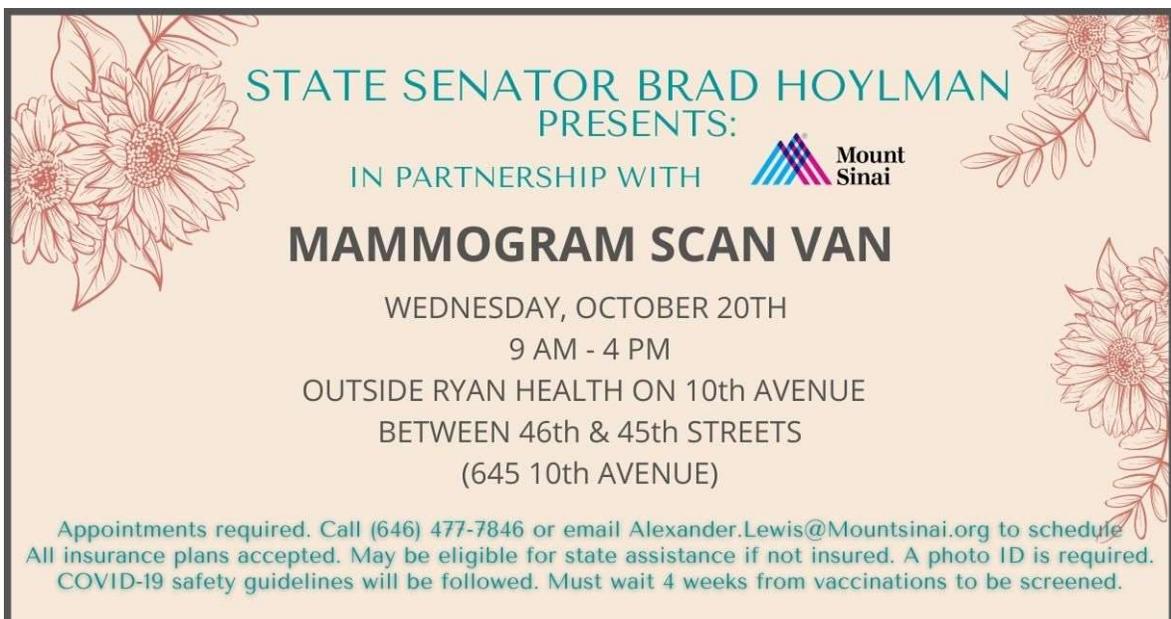
It's getting harder to find notaries in the city. In response, I'm happy to offer my notary services for free to the community. If you are in need of notary services, please call me to make an appointment and I will personally notarize your documents. Proof of vaccination is required. Call 212-633-8052.

Letter Requesting Remote Learning Option

I joined my State and City elected colleagues in a recent letter to the New York City Department of Education requesting a remote learning option for this school year. There are still too many variables and fears in this year's reopening to warrant a fully in-person learning environment without a remote option. Until vaccines are approved for children under the age of 12, I believe that we should give parents the freedom to decide how to best educate their children.

Community Mammogram Event

I am partnering with Mount Sinai and Ryan Health to offer our neighbors free mammogram screenings. The event is on October 20th at 645 10th Ave from 9 AM to 4 PM. Appointments are required, and contact the organization at (646) 477-7846/ Alexander.Lewis@Mountsinai.org.



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MAMMOGRAM SCAN VAN

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH
9 AM - 4 PM
OUTSIDE RYAN HEALTH ON 10th AVENUE
BETWEEN 46th & 45th STREETS
(645 10th AVENUE)

Appointments required. Call (646) 477-7846 or email Alexander.Lewis@Mountsinai.org to schedule
All insurance plans accepted. May be eligible for state assistance if not insured. A photo ID is required.
COVID-19 safety guidelines will be followed. Must wait 4 weeks from vaccinations to be screened.

Illegal Hotels Testimony

I joined Assembly Member Gottfried in joint testimony in favor of City Council Intro 2309 which would require applicants who plan to rent out rooms for a short term to register annually with the Mayor's Office of Special Enforcement (OSE) and to obtain a registration number before renting it and before listing it on Airbnb or other short term rental platforms. The City's housing affordability crisis has been compounded by the proliferation of illegal short-term rentals and the platforms that have facilitated them. Similar laws have passed in Santa Monica and Boston. In Boston, its deterrent effects were felt immediately, and Airbnb had to withdraw more than half of its listings because they were not registered with the City. Airbnb and similar platforms keep saying what good neighbors they are. By making sure that their practices live up to State and City standards, Intro 2309 will help make that so. Download our testimony [here](#).

Small Business Recovery Fact Sheet

This year's State budget includes \$1 billion in financial relief for small businesses. On top of that, the federal government has made up to \$5.3 billion available in relief to New York's small businesses. I've compiled everything you need to know to access this money in an easy-to-follow fact sheet; which you can download [here](#).

COVID-19 Vaccines

In-home Vaccinations / Mobile Vaccination Sites

New York is continuing to follow the CDC and FDA's guidelines and has resumed use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, including for the homebound program.

New Yorkers who are fully homebound, meaning someone who cannot leave their unit even with assistance, can request an in-home vaccination by filling out this form: <https://forms.cityofnewyork.us/f/home> or calling 877-829-4692. **Please do not submit multiple forms.** Within two to three weeks of submitting the form, the Mayor's Public Engagement Unit will call to confirm eligibility and then the FDNY will call to schedule an appointment. On that call, household members (family and home health aides) can also request to be vaccinated during the in-home appointment.

The website for mobile restaurant workers is here: <https://www.roarnewyork.org/vacc-bus/> Restaurant workers can make an appointment by emailing vaccbus@roarnewyork.org or calling 1-833-ROARNYC (762-7692). Restaurant workers (or owners) should sign up for [updates](#) on the mobile bus schedule.

Booster Shots

The CDC recently recommended booster shots for a select group of people and these shots are now widely available across New York City.

Some people who have received both doses of the Pfizer vaccine are now eligible for a booster shot. To receive a booster shot, you must be one of the following:

- 65 or older
- 18 to 64 and either have an [underlying medical condition](#) or a higher risk of COVID-19 exposure due to their job (for example, health care workers) or where they live or frequently visit (for example, a homeless shelter)
- Live in a long-term care facility

You can only get a booster shot if you received your second dose of the Pfizer vaccine at least six months ago.

In addition, it is recommended that people who have received two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine receive a third dose as part of their initial vaccine series if they are moderately to severely immunocompromised (meaning they have a weakened immune system). These people should get their third dose at least 28 days after their second shot.

Those who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine are not eligible to get a booster shot at this time.

Booster eligibility by COVID-19 vaccine brand:

- Pfizer: Anyone who is eligible for a booster shot (immunocompromised and others) can get a third dose of Pfizer according to the criteria above.
- Moderna: Only those who are immunocompromised are eligible for a third dose of Moderna if it has been at least 28 days since their second dose.
- Johnson & Johnson: Not eligible for booster at this time.

Assistance for New Yorkers Who Test Positive for COVID

The Test & Trace Corps will make sure that anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 and their close contacts will have the resources needed to safely separate in a hotel free of charge or at home to help prevent the spread of the virus. To request a hotel room or learn more about how to safely separate in a hotel or at home, call 1-212-COVID19 (212-268-4319). Speaking with the Test & Trace Corps will not change your ability to apply for permanent residency (or “green card”).

NYC Health + Hospitals has two Community Health Centers in the Bronx and Queens dedicated to those recovering from COVID-19. Both centers provide short and long-term follow-up care for those recovering from COVID-19. For appointments, call 1 (844) NYC-4-NYC or 1-844-692-4692. 24-hour access to a health care provider is available.

COVID-19 Funeral Reimbursements

FEMA will provide financial assistance to individuals with COVID-19 related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2021. Call the COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Line at 844-684-6333 (TTY: 800-462-7585) to complete an application with help from FEMA's representatives. The line is open Monday through Friday from 9 am - 9 pm Eastern Time and multilingual services are available. They are experiencing high call volume which is causing some technical issues, but please try again later if you get a busy signal or your call doesn't connect. There is no deadline to apply. Learn more on the FEMA website: <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>

IMPORTANT: FEMA has reported reports of scams involving offers to register individuals for funeral assistance. FEMA will not contact anyone until they have called FEMA or have applied for assistance. If there is doubt as to the legitimacy of the call, individuals should hang up and call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 or the National Center for Fraud Hotline at 866-720-5721 to report suspected fraud.

Emergency SNAP Allotments

Starting with the April SNAP benefit, all households, even those receiving the maximum SNAP allotment, will receive an emergency allotment. The supplement is being issued to households even if their SNAP case is currently closed. Further information is available here: <https://otda.ny.gov/SNAP-COVID-19/Frequently-Asked-Questions.asp>

You can check your available SNAP balance, including the emergency allotment at <https://otda.ny.gov/workingfamilies/ebt/>.

Important Information about Recertification

Starting March 1, if you receive a Cash Assistance or SNAP recertification notice by mail or an ACCESS HRA alert that you need to recertify, it means you must submit your recertification or your benefits will stop. Learn about the ways you can submit your recertification and supporting document here: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/cash-assistance.page>

There will be no negative actions taken for failing to return the SNAP periodic reports and Cash Assistance mailers due between March 1, 2021 and June 30, 2021.

Empire Pandemic Response Reimbursement Fund.

Up to \$1,000 is available per household to reimburse out-of-pocket child or dependent care, transportation, lodging, and other qualifying expenses that eligible workers incurred while employed in New York State between March 1, 2020, through the date of application submission. Applications are now being accepted here: <https://pandemicfundny.smapply.org/>

Small Business Services Employment Assistance

The City's Department of Small Business Services has a new “Find A New Job” page, which lists open employment listings from across NYC.

Mental Health Resources

The pandemic has shown us that mental health care is more important than ever. I want to share some free, confidential resources that you can use or share with others:

- NY Project Hope: Emotional Support Helpline: 1-844-863-9314.
- NYC Well: 1-888-NYC-WELL or text "WELL" to 65173. They also offer free access to digital mental health apps and a database of behavioral health and supporting services (substance use, housing, legal, social and community services) within the five boroughs.
- The Trevor Project is based in our district and operates a national 24-hour toll-free confidential suicide hotline for LGBTQ youth. Call 1-866-488-7386 or text "START" to 678678.
- National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233 or text "LOVEIS" to 22522

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