

A Message From ASSEMBLYMEMBER HARVEY EPSTEIN



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Friend,

With the budget negotiations ongoing, we continued to fight for our priorities in the FY 2023 budget. Thanks to incredible advocacy and activism from New Yorkers, Governor Hochul [backed down](#) on her destructive climate law revision that aimed to change the way New York accounts for its emissions. With this victory, New York continues to have the most ambitious climate law in the nation. We will continue to invest in a sustainable environmental and economic future for New Yorkers. Nationally, we've seen challenges to our democracy and liberties. Tennessee republican lawmakers [expelled](#) two black democrats for protesting against gun laws and in Texas, a horrific [ruling](#) by a Texas judge will halt FDA approval of Mifepristone, a direct attack on women's rights. We will not let this stand, New York will continue to be a place where free speech and bodily autonomy are guaranteed.

Abortion remains safe and legal in New York State. Despite the two federal court rulings released last week, medication abortion using mifepristone is still safe and available in New York. If you are a New Yorker experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and need more information about your rights and options, [this website](#) can help.

This month, we honor the immeasurable legacy of the incredible Marvin E. Mayfield, Jr. who we tragically lost last month. We celebrate his life and legacy and his impact on everyone he met. He was a powerful advocate for bail reform and we will continue to carry the torch of his work. To learn more about Marvin's amazing work, [HERE](#).

Reminder: **Tax Day is coming up on April 18th**, make sure to have your taxes in by the deadline.

See you around the district,

Harvey

Housing Advocacy: Legalize Basement and Cellar Apartments and Good Cause Eviction Laws



This month, we attended rallies at the capital alongside advocacy partners, Make the Road New York, Housing Help Inc. and Housing Justice for all to fight for good cause evictions laws and the legalization of basement and cellar apartments. The fight continues to see Good Cause legislation in our upcoming budget. We visited Albany Housing Court with Pastor Brian Gibbs, United Tenants of Albany and Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas to witness the problems tenants face in Albany, many of which are

shared by New York City tenants and those all around the state. We need to pass Good Cause legislation so that New Yorkers are protected from unjust evictions. Here's a [short clip](#) from our visit. You can also learn more about support for Good Cause legislation [here](#).

We were also featured in a City Limits [article](#) this week, during a rally in Queens advocating with community members for basement and cellar apartments. We will continue to call upon Governor Hochul to legalize cellar and basement apartments. In the face of an affordable housing crisis and risks of flooding due to climate change, we need to protect our tenants and their rights to safe housing.

Our Op-ed in City & State: Expanding Training Opportunities in Reproductive Health

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Committee on Finance, we published an [op-ed](#) in City & State to further explain what's in the bill and why it's urgent. Following the fall of Roe v. Wade, up to 70% of medical students will attend residency programs in abortion restrictive states without clinical training in abortion procedures. Under the bill, the New York State Department of Health would provide oversight and be authorized to administer grant funding to cover the cost of living expenses and training expenses for residents who now find themselves studying in states hostile to abortion.

The funding package would also support training sites in different parts of the state providing training in medical and surgical abortion procedures, and address the need for abortion provider training for advanced practice clinicians, family medicine physicians, internal medicine physicians, and primary care physicians, as well as the need for more providers who are trained in advanced abortion procedures. With the ongoing budget extension, we continue to push our legislation (A3275/S3060) and \$6 million in funding to establish a reproductive health training fund in the final budget. Working alongside my colleague, Senator Liz Krueger, Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance, we published an [op-ed](#) in City & State to further explain what's in the bill and why it's urgent. Following the fall of Roe v. Wade, up to 70% of medical students will attend residency programs in abortion restrictive states without clinical training in abortion procedures. Under the bill, the New York State Department of Health would provide oversight and be authorized to administer grant funding to cover the cost of living expenses and training expenses for residents who now find themselves studying in states hostile to abortion.

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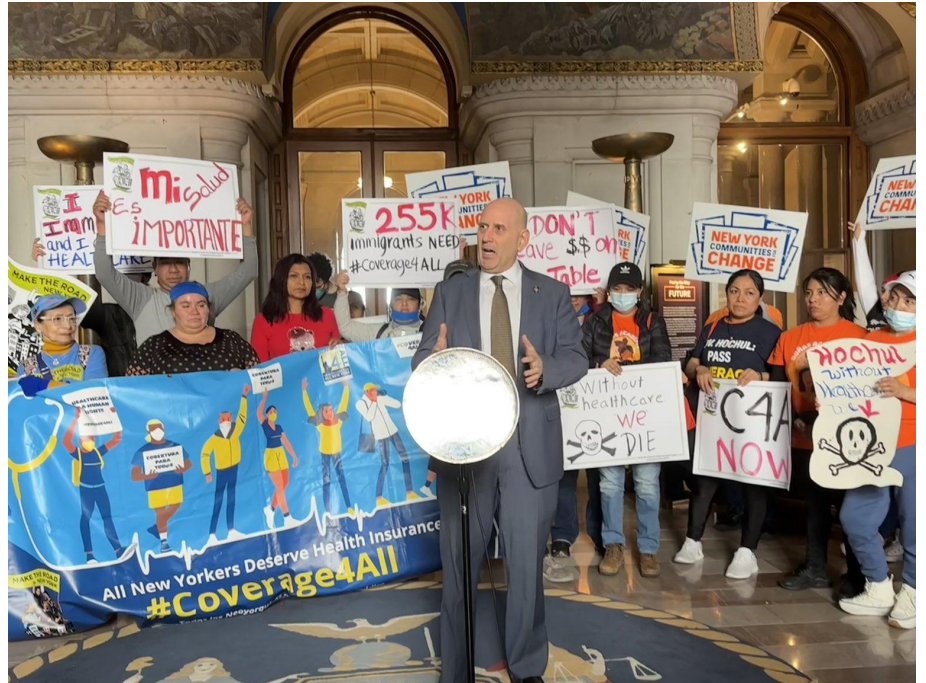
Fair Pay For Home Care



Standing with Caring Majority, we continued to speak up for our incredible and essential home care workers that support our most vulnerable. They too need our support to ensure they are paid fairly and have safe and equitable working conditions. More than support, they need to make a living wage. With a [growing shortage](#) of home care workers, we need to commit to the budget increases set out in the previous budget and ensure that people are justly compensated for the essential work of supporting New Yorkers most vulnerable. Learn more about this important work [HERE](#).

Coverage For All

In Albany this week, proudly standing with Make the Road and New York Communities for Change, I made it clear that all New Yorkers deserve access to healthcare, regardless of their immigration status. To protect the health of all New Yorkers, we must ensure everyone has access to preventive care or care when they need it without fearing an unexpected or unaffordable bill. Our colleagues in the house and senate are fighting to make this a reality as well, with a letter they sent to Governor Hochul. You can read more [HERE](#).



Excluded No More: Bridging the Labor Rights Gap in New York

Standing with New York Communities of Change and other advocacy groups, we gathered this week in Albany to push for legislation ensuring all workers have the same right to unemployment compensation. We need to protect the many New Yorkers that don't have traditional access to the benefits that help during difficult times. Let's ensure all workers have the same labor protections. You can learn more about the Unemployment Bridge Program (S3192 | A4821) [HERE](#).

Donations for Asylum Seekers and Migrants

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Welcome newcomers to our city and schools! Donations of new and lightly used children's clothing, backpacks, and more are needed. Contact the school coordinators above to make donations. Your support is greatly appreciated. To learn more about how you can help, you can also volunteer or donate to [Team TLC NYC](#), an all-volunteer organization proudly committed to providing basic needs and support to asylum seekers and migrants.

To volunteer at Team TLC NYC's Little Shop of Kindness, you can sign up [HERE](#). Their Little Shop of Kindness is located inside the Seventh-Day Adventist Center at 12 West 40th Street, between 5th and 6th Avenues (near Bryant Park and the New York Public Library). They are open Mondays 2-6PM and Tuesdays-Fridays from 9 am to 3 pm. They are in need of personal shoppers and sorters for those hours, as well as set-up and clean-up shifts before and after store hours.

Spanish and French speakers are particularly in demand, but all volunteers are welcome.

55 Suffolk Street Application Start

Applications are now being accepted for affordable housing at **The Suffolk Apartments, 55 Suffolk Street, New York, NY 10002.**

The ad is enclosed. Please note that rents and income limits are subject to change and asset limits may apply. In addition, minimum incomes listed may not apply to applicants with Section 8 or other qualifying rental subsidies.

We encourage interested persons to apply online at <https://housingconnect.nyc.gov/PublicWeb/details/3489> or write to request a paper application and advertisement (see below). Online and paper applications are available in English, Arabic, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Korean, Russian, and Spanish.

To obtain paper applications send self-addressed envelope to:

The Suffolk Lottery
c/o Settlement Housing Fund, Inc.
247 West 37th Street, 19th Floor
New York, NY 10018

Please remember that online applications must be submitted by **April 12, 2023**, the deadline date, and that the applications received after this deadline date will not be considered. Completed paper

applications must be sent to the Post Office Box address indicated on the application, postmarked by the application deadline date. Applicants may not submit more than one application per household.

Field Trip Grant Program for Students in The District

The Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation offers New York State school children the opportunity to visit state parks, nature centers, forests, fish hatcheries and historic sites through the Connect-Kids-to Parks Field Trip Grant Program.

The successful grant program funds transportation and program costs to connect students throughout the state to nature and history.

- Eligible organizations include public schools; county, city, town or village youth bureaus; schools for the deaf and blind; and BOCES programs. Select not-for-profits providing after-school, extracurricular, and summer youth programs may also be eligible;
- Public and Private schools that are eligible for Title 1 funding can also apply;
- Non-school field trip applicants may be asked to submit additional trip information prior to approval;
- All not-for-profits must be pre-qualified in the [Grants Gateway](#).

Since the debut of the reimbursement program in 2016, Connect Kids has reimbursed over \$3.8 million. More than 4,700 grants have been awarded, providing over 300,000 school students with a direct connection to the environment and history through school field trips, outdoor recreation programs, and overnight summer camps.

In 2022, the Connect Kids grant awarded over \$1 million in reimbursements. Organizations including the Fresh Air Fund, the Madison Square Boys and Girls Club, The Felix Organization, Hope 7 Community Center, Greater Ridgewood Youth Council, and Saratoga Performing Arts Center have used the Connect Kids program for summer camp programs. A total of 320 organizations and school districts received reimbursement from the Connect Kids program in the past year.

For further information, [CLICK HERE](#) to be directed to the Connect Kids webpage.

Reminder: Waste Setout Times have Changed!

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As of April 1, 2023, NYC Department of Sanitation has implemented a new rule to reduce the time that trash, recycling, and curbside composting will sit on sidewalks. **There will be a one-month grace period—businesses and residents will receive written warnings until May 1, 2023.**

Written warnings will be tracked, and warning recipients will be among the first places inspected for compliance in May. You can learn more [here](#) but here are some details below:

For Residents

- Residential buildings of any size (single-family and multi-unit) have two options:
 - Place waste out after 6:00 PM in a container of 55 gallons or less with a secure lid, or
 - Place waste out after 8:00 PM, if putting bags directly on the curb
- To ensure collection, all waste must be set out by midnight.

Businesses

- Businesses that place waste at the curb* for collection have two options:
 - If using a container with a secure lid, place waste at the curb 1 hour before closing, or
 - If putting bags directly on the curb, place waste out after 8:00 PM
- Remember, containers must be removed from the curb by the time your business reopens.
- * This does not apply to businesses that have waste collected from a loading dock.

North Star Fund Grant Applications

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North Star Fund is currently accepting applications from organizations that are not current grantees for Hudson Valley, Let Us Breathe and New York City grants. To learn more, visit their [website](#), attend an informational webinar and meet with us during office hours. **Apply by April 14th.**

An Informational Webinar on how to apply will be held on April 5th, 12:00-1:00 pm. Learn about our current grant opportunities, how to strengthen your application and what to expect during the application process. [Sign up here.](#)

Community Food Funders Champions Award

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The Community Food Funders Champions Award recognizes organizations working towards the transition of our food system to one that pursues a true triple bottom line: a system that honors and values people, the environment, and sustainable economic models. The awardee will receive a \$10,000 grant to support their work and other exciting support. The deadline to submit a nomination, whether self-nominated or nominated by someone else, is **May 12th, 2023.** Eligibility is limited to nonprofit organizations located and operating in New York, New Jersey, or Connecticut. Learn more about the award, including eligibility criteria and submission details [HERE](#).

Morgan Stanley Community Development Graduate Fellowship

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The ANHD/Morgan Stanley Community Development Graduate Fellowship supports the training and development of emerging community development leaders, while also building the capacity of community development organizations. Every year, the Fellowship pairs 9 graduate students with 9 neighborhood-based community development corporations and ANHD members (the Host Organizations) in NYC. The Fellowship provides an immersive experience where Fellows can gain hands-on experience and skill-building in various sectors of the community development field, including affordable housing, economic development, and community planning.

This Fellowship seeks to cultivate and empower emerging practitioners from historically marginalized communities most impacted by the issues and work of housing, economic, and racial justice in NYC. **2023-2024 Applications Are Now Open until May 15th.** Learn more [here](#).

Businesses: Partner with ReCORK

[ReCORK](#) is North America's largest cork recycling program. With the help of an extensive network of Collection Partners they've collected more than 130 million natural wine corks for recycling to date which they then recycle to be used again.

Interested in partnering with them? Businesses can become a part of their network of partners to join their mission. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about becoming a public, private or event collection partner.

Rally for Good Cause Legislation at Waterside Plaza - Thursday, April 13th at 11 AM

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Join Assemblymember Harvey Epstein, Senator Kristen Gonzalez and housing organizers at **25 Waterside Plaza** on the raised stage area for a press conference and rally on ensuring good cause legislation is passed as part of the State Budget. Good cause eviction laws set modest rules to protect tenants against arbitrary, retaliatory or discriminatory evictions, including de facto evictions caused by unjustifiably high rent increases. We hope to see you there!

Sixth Street Community Center Free Food Distribution through June

This Month: 4/26 at 10:30AM



**Sixth Street Community Center
Free Food Distribution
2023 schedule**

638 E 6th Street, New York, NY 10009

- Wed. January 25 at 10:30 AM
- Wed. February 8 at 10:30 AM
- Wed. March 1 at 10:30 AM
- Wed. March 22 at 10:30 AM
- Wed. April 5 at 10:30 AM
- Wed. April 26 at 10:30 AM
- Wed. May 3 at 10:30 AM
- Wed. May 24 at 10:30 AM
- Wed. June 7 at 10:30 AM

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to get notifications about our food distributions or to volunteer email food@sixthstreetcenter.org follow @sixthstreetcc on ig!

sixth street community center

The poster features a vibrant green background with illustrations of various food items like a pea pod, carrot, radish, tomato, and a person holding a large green leaf. At the bottom, there's a scene with people working at a table with various food items. The Sixth Street Community Center logo is in the bottom left corner.

**GrowNYC's Free Stop 'N' Swap program in Madison Square Park- Saturday, April 15 from
12 p.m. - 3 p.m.**

(donations accepted 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

STOP'N' SWAP[®]
 Outdoor Event | Face coverings are encouraged



Saturday, April 15*
12pm - 3pm
 Donations accepted: 11am-2pm

Madison Square Park
 Cherry Lawn, Flatiron District, MN
 enter on 26th St & 5th Ave

*Rain date: Sunday, April 16, 12pm-3pm

It's free!

Give away items you no longer need or take home something new-to-you! You don't have to bring something to take something.

What to bring:

✓ **Yes**

Clean, reusable, portable items such as clothing, housewares, electronics, books, and toys.

⊘ **No**

Furniture, large items, expired or open food, unsealed personal care products, medicine, dirty or ripped clothing, fabric scraps, incomplete toys and games, non-working electronics, tube TVs, magazines, or sharp objects.



recycle@grownyc.org
 212-788-7900 ext. 291
 grownyc.org/swap

Stop 'N' Swaps are free community events where the public's invited to bring clean, reusable, portable items such as clothing, housewares, games, books, & toys that you no longer need, and take home something new-to-you, free! You don't have to bring something to take something. Please do NOT bring: furniture, large items, tube televisions, expired or open food, unsealed personal care products, medicine, dirty or ripped clothing, fabric scraps, incomplete toys and games, non-working electronics, magazines, or sharp objects. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

AARPNY Paper Shredding Event - Thursday, April 20th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Protect yourself from identity theft, deed theft, and other scams by joining AARP NY for a free paper shredding event! There is a three-bag limit per participant. Event concludes when truck(s) are full. **Located at Henry Street Settlement at 265 Henry Street in Manhattan.** Register prior to the event [HERE](#).

TIME'S UP!, NYC's Direct Action Environment Organization April/ May Events

TIME'S UP! is a grassroots environmental group that uses educational outreach and direct action to promote a more sustainable, less toxic city. For 30 years, TIME'S UP! has worked to educate people about the environmental impacts of everyday decisions, from the food we buy to the means of transportation we use. They have a new space located on **626 E 14th St between Avenue B & C.**

They are hosting a variety of free and engaging events and activities in the East Village and throughout the city. To learn more, view their events calendar [HERE](#). Upcoming events include: a [fix your own bike workshop](#) on 4/16 and 4/22, [skate nights](#), a [pop-up free sailing school event](#) on 4/22 and many more environmentally friendly events! Check out their [website](#) to learn more.

Black History in Greenwich Village: Session 3 Webinar - Wednesday, April 26 at 6:00 PM

Session 3 of Village Preservation's new series, Black History in Greenwich Village, will focus on how the demographic changes of the Great Migration fueled Greenwich Village's role as a hotbed for the Civil Rights movement in the early-to-mid 20th century. We'll continue the discussion of how art and activism intertwined in our neighborhood, especially around Black Americans and civil rights. We'll learn about the work of influential artists and authors who lived in Greenwich Village during the 20th Century. You can register for the Zoom webinar [HERE](#).

NYU Pet Gala - Monday, May 1 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Dress your pet in haute couture and strut the red carpet. Photo booth, pet caricatures and more! Free and open to the public, rain or shine. Presented by NYU Faculty Housing Happenings and located at **the Bust of Sylvette Plaza, NYU Silver Towers (100/110 Bleecker Street)**. More details can be found [here](#) and [RSVPs](#) are encouraged.

I Love My Park Day - Saturday, May 6th

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Celebrate New York's open spaces by cleaning up park lands and beaches, planting trees and native gardens, restoring trail and wildlife habitat, removing invasive species, and working on various site improvement projects. In partnership with NY State Parks and DEC, [Parks & Trails New York](#) will be hosting events on Saturday, May 6th. You can register to volunteer by visiting their [interactive map and register for an event in your community](#). If you cannot attend but would like to help make an impact, please share this information with your network—more volunteers means greater results for our park system and public lands!

If you would like to speak at one of this year's events, please contact Will Coté, Park & Trails New York's Program Director. (wcote@ptny.org)

To learn more about their work, advocacy priorities, or to find a Friends group near you, please visit the [Friends Group Gateway](#), powered by Parks & Trails New York.