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## May 2023 Full Board Report to Manhattan Community Board 6

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### Highlights

- 1. Budget:** CB6, we have a budget! The State Budget for FY 2023-2024 passed the state legislature on Tuesday, May 2nd, and includes a minimum wage increase, support for small businesses, and funding for the MTA. Assemblymember Bores is proud to have delivered over \$3.2 million in funding directly for the 73rd District, including \$2 million in funding to create the **Climate Jobs Institute at Cornell's School of Industrial and Labor Relations**, a world-class incubator for climate policy right here in CB6, at ILR's Midtown campus. The institute aims to meet the accelerating needs of lawmakers and industry alike to work together and deliver clean energy jobs while securing our planet's future.
- 2. Report Unlawful Cannabis Shops:** The State Budget includes more stringent enforcement for illegal cannabis shops. Our office has set up a form to submit information on shops illegally selling cannabis, which we will aggregate and send to the Office of Cannabis Management. OCM is set to prioritize enforcement towards cannabis shops they receive repeated complaints about, especially if those complaints contain photos.  
[REPORTING FORM LINK](#)
- 3. Optometry Bill Passes Assembly and Senate:** Assemblymember Bores' Optometry bill ([A3158](#)), passed the assembly by a unanimous vote of 148-0. Currently, if you study optometry outside New York State, you are not allowed to apprentice here. This is in part why, as of January 1st, we had only 3,893 optometrists statewide. With a population close to 20 million, we can all see why that's unacceptable. This bill addresses the shortage of optometrists by lifting the in-state requirement, so that students may apprentice, and eventually practice, in New York.

4. **Assembly Maps Finalized:** Meet the news maps, same as the old maps! The New York Independent Redistricting Commissions submitted a revised map which was approved by the State Legislature and Governor on 4/24. Our District, AD 73, is unchanged from the previous lines established in 2022. See the whole map [HERE](#).
5. **Earth Day:** Assemblymember Bores and our team celebrated a fantastic Earth Day by visiting some of our favorite green spaces. Thank you to the St Vartan Park Conservancy, Murray Hill Neighborhood Association, Sutton Place Parks Conservancy and everyone who pitched in to keep our community clean and green!
6. **Mobile Office Hours:** Our team successfully hosted joint office hours with Senator Liz Krueger's team at the Stavros Niarchos Library on 4/17. Moving forward, (and weather permitting) we will be hosting outdoor office hours on Thursdays! Locations will vary and be posted in advance, follow us on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook [@alexbores](#) to keep up to date!