

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

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- I am very happy to share that last week the New York City Council voted to pass the [“Sweet Truth Act”](#), legislation that I introduced last year to require chain restaurants to label menu items that have a sugar content exceeding "100 percent or more of the daily value for added sugars" as determined by the FDA. Diets high in sugar are frequently linked with higher obesity rates which have steadily climbed in New York City. This law will help New Yorkers make more informed decisions on their daily intake of sugar, which will lead to healthier lifestyles.
- Also last week, I introduced a piece of legislation, [Intro 1243-2023](#), to amend the city's Nuisance Abatement Law (NAL) to make it easier and quicker to shut down the illegal smoke shops. The amendment to the NAL would clarify that the distribution for sale, selling at wholesale or retail, or delivering to consumers of any cannabis, cannabis product, medical cannabis, or cannabinoid hemp or hemp extract product without the appropriate registration, license, or permit issued by New York State is a public nuisance subject to permanent and preliminary injunctions. It would also make the above-mentioned public nuisances subject to temporary closing orders and temporary restraining orders. This will provide the city with an additional tool to close down illegal shops in an efficient and methodical manner, so that we can start dealing with the proliferation of these establishments.
- This past Sunday, my office hosted two separate events for residents that were both a huge success! My office teamed up with the Department of Transportation to host a free helmet fitting event at the Stuyvesant Town Community Center. Many folks stopped by and we were able to have over 250 people fitted for new bike helmets!

Also on Sunday, in partnership with St. Vartan Park Conservancy and LES Ecology, my office hosted a community recycling event for folks to shred and dispose of any documents you've been meaning to get rid of, get rid of any broken or outdated electronics that folks wanted to throw away. This was a wonderful opportunity to make sure people's items were properly handled and recycled.

Thank you to all those who stopped by both events!