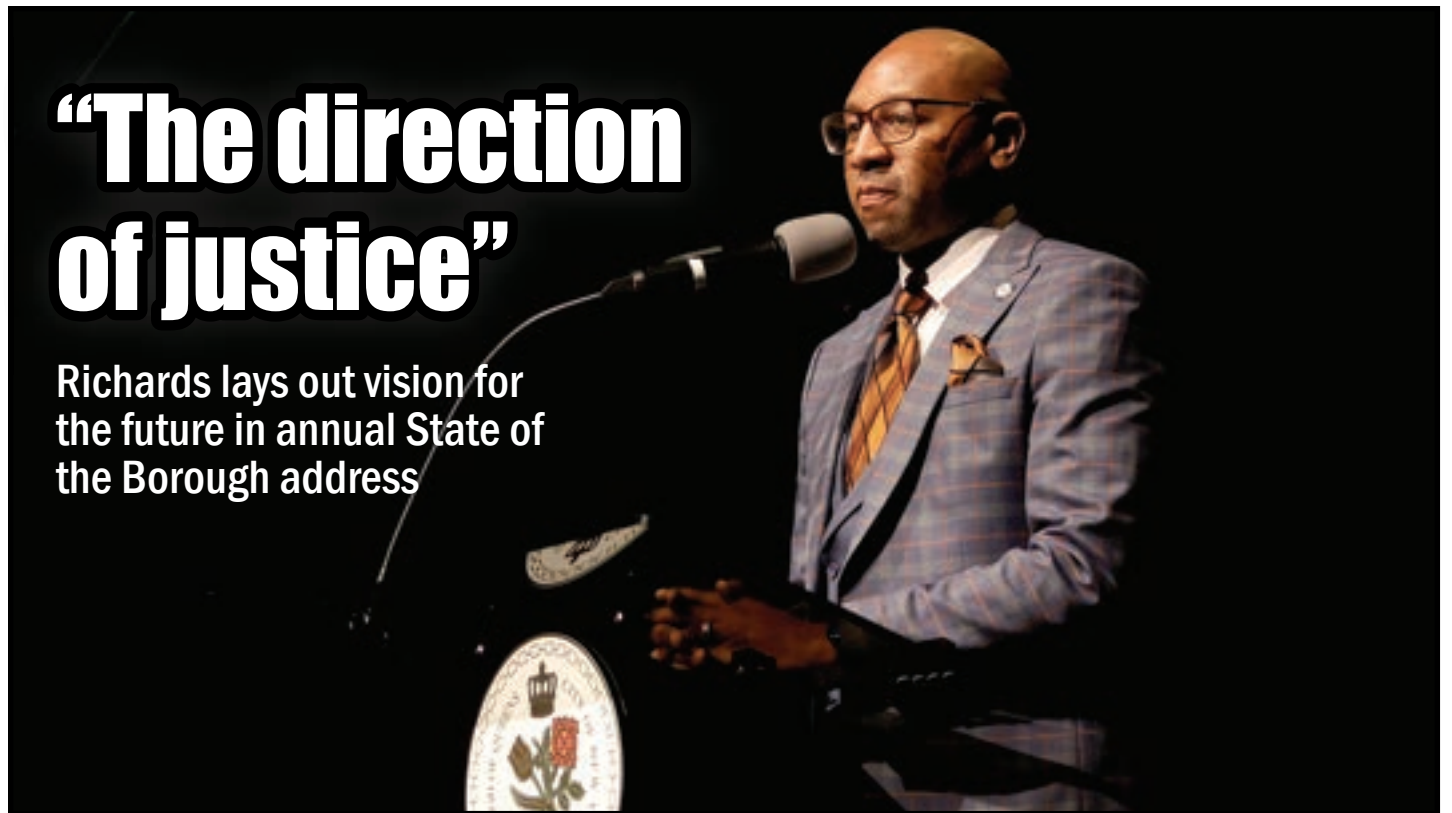


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ON SUNDAY, EASTERN QUEENS RES-idents and officials co-named 161st Street and Jewel Avenue in Electchester after former Assemblymember Nettie Mayersohn. Mayersohn spent more than three decades as a community activist. In her early years, she worked as a union organizer. She later served on Community Board 8, including her role as Youth Committee chairperson. She also served 40 years as Democratic district leader from the 27th Assembly District - Part A; and as an executive member of the Stevenson Regular Democratic Club. She won her Assembly seat in November of 1982.

A SOUTHEAST QUEENS BUSINESS group is being questioned after an auditor's report found potential improprieties at the city-funded nonprofit, Gothamist reported. According to the report, GatewayJFK is being probed for allegedly spending \$100,000 on events with no apparent benefit to the neighborhood, tens of thousands of dollars on a website and for general poor management of its finances. The group is classified as a business improvement district that receives city grants and collects a fee from local businesses. Local Councilmember Selvena Brooks-Powers is referring the matter to the Department of Investigation. Fred Leopold-Hooke, the director for nonprofit governance and compliance at the city's Department of Small Business Services, said the findings in the audit were "most disturbing." "The audit came back essentially stating that the executive director, who was operating on an interim basis, had performed rather poorly and instead had operated so egregiously that they endangered the finances of the organization," Leopold-Hooke said in an April meeting, according to a recording. "Unfortunately, the board proved to be absent in terms of performing its duties." Current GatewayJFK Executive Director James Johnson said that the organization would implement recommendations from the audit.

A 16-YEAR-OLD BOY WITH A RECORD was arrested for attacking a 68-year-old woman and pushing her down the steps of a church in Briarwood, the Daily News reported. The teen was arrested on Thursday and charged with robbery, assault, grand larceny and criminal possession of stolen property for the Sunday morning attack. Police said he has been arrested nine times as an adolescent offender. The victim, Irene Tahliambouris, remains in the ICU with a fractured skull and black eye but is showing signs of improvement, the Daily News reports.



"The direction of justice"

Richards lays out vision for the future in annual State of the Borough address

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards delivered his annual State of the Borough speech on Friday.

Eagle photo by Ryan Schwach

By Ryan Schwach
Queens Daily Eagle

Justice was at the center of Borough President Donovan Richards' State of the Borough address on Friday, where the BP laid out plans to make the technology industry, housing and the environment more equitable for the people of the World's Borough.

At his speech from the Queens Theater, as the BP detailed efforts from his office in the past year, as well as new plans and investments he hopes benefits the people of Queens in the near future.

"We are bending our future, our collective fate, in the direction of justice for all 2.4 million of us who call Queens home," Richards said.

Throughout Friday's address, Richards was focused on major projects and investments in Queens from the last year, including in housing, infrastructure and the environment.

Both Richards' speech and the promotional video that preceded it highlighted both phases of Willets Point's development, which represents the largest affordable housing project the city has pursued in nearly half a century. The second phase of the development, which includes the creation of a 25,000-seat soccer stadium, was approved by the City Council the day before Richards' speech.

"It took a lot of negotiating to get here," Richards said, recognizing Councilmember Francisco Moya and Mayor Eric Adams, both

of whom were in attendance Friday.

Richards also spoke about massive housing and zoning projects at Creedmoor and in Jamaica and the Rockaways, and the 5,000 housing units he signed off on in 2023.

"If you're from Senegal or Springfield Gardens, Honduras or Howard Beach, you deserve a roof over your head," Richards said.

Though Richards has long been an advocate of development in general, he said on Friday that any development in the borough should have an eye toward the community it's coming into.

"But where is the justice in new housing, a new school, new retail space and more if Coro-

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Courts launch committee to study benefits and harms of AI

New York's court system leadership announced last week a new task force that will examine the use of artificial intelligence in the administration of justice.

Eagle file photo by Jacob Kaye

By Jacob Kaye
Queens Daily Eagle

New York's court system will soon begin to study the potential use of artificial intelligence in the delivery of justice in the state's courts, top court officials announced last week.

The court system last week detailed the formation of its Advisory Committee on Artificial Intelligence and the Courts, an over three dozen-member group comprised of judges, court staffers, attorneys, lawmakers, academics and other legal industry stakeholders.

Together, they'll examine "the use of AI tools in the courts by judges, court staff, attorneys, and litigants; [identify] the opportunities presented by AI to improve the administration of justice in the New York State court system; minimizing the risks arising from the use of AI tools by staff and officers of the court; and [develop] appropriate guardrails to ensure that AI is used in the courts safely, responsibly, and effectively."

The task force, which has 39 members, will be led by Appellate Division, Second Department Justice Angela Iannacci, partner at Skad-

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den Arps Slate Meagher & Flom Stuart Levi and New York University School of Law Professor Jason M. Schultz.

The committee at large features several members from Queens and throughout New York City, including Queens State Senator Kristen Gonzalez, Assemblymember Clyde Vanel, Queens Supreme Court Justice Kenneth Holder and Judge Patria Frias-Colón, who currently serves in Brooklyn but previously served as the supervising judge for Queens County Civil Court.

Chief Administrative Judge Joseph Zayas said in a statement that the task force's task will be expansive. AI has both great potential but also presents the potential for great harm, he said.

"While these are incredibly exciting times, with AI showing tremendous promise for transforming court operations, improving court experiences for all users, and greatly expanding access to justice, we have to move cautiously in considering the adoption of the use of AI tools," Zayas said in a statement.

"The New York State Courts must aspire to the effective, responsible, and impartial use of AI, taking every step possible to guard against bias and the lack of human input, and to ensure that all security and privacy concerns are protected," he added. "I have every confidence in the substantial knowledge of this preeminent Committee and in the astute guidance of its three uniquely qualified co-chairs — trailblazers Angela Iannacci, Stuart Levi, and Jason Schultz—to carry out this important charge. I look forward to the Committee's recommenda-



Appellate Division, Second Department Justice Angela Iannacci will serve as the co-chair of the Advisory Committee on Artificial Intelligence and the Courts.

Eagle file photo by Rob Abruzzese

tions and the advances to come in the quality and delivery of justice in New York."

Iannacci said it was a "privilege to be working collaboratively with such knowledgeable co-chairs and with the other extraordinary members of the Committee on these important developments."

"Public trust, transparency, and confidence in the courts and legal profession are of paramount importance," the judge added. "Our committee will work to ensure that these values are safeguarded, as well as embrace the transformative changes that AI brings to the practice of law."

To start its work, the panel will focus on around 10 issues related to the use of AI in the courts.

The group will assess current and proposed uses of AI by judges, court staff, attorneys and litigants in the courts. It will also look into providing training and education for judges, attorneys and court staffers related to AI.

The group will identify AI best practices, assess the ethical implications of using AI tools and consider whether work standards for judges and non-judicial staff should be updated to address the use and potential misuse of AI tools.

The panel will also consider the possibility of AI making its way into a trial in the form of evidence and potential legislation rules or guidelines the courts should follow when receiving such evidence.

The task force will be asked to identify "opportunities for the court system to use AI to increase access to justice and improve the experience of litigants and other court users" and explore "innovations to improve operational efficiency and systems for studying AI use by judges and non-judicial personnel."

"AI's potential for driving change is extensive," said First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Norman St. George. "As the New York State Courts begin to tap its vast potential in our ongoing efforts to streamline court operations,

enhance justice services, and more effectively inform the public about the judiciary's important work, we must carefully assess AI's benefits and risks, with the goal to create 'human-centered' AI tools that increase the court system's efficiency and efficacy while also incorporating human creativity and empathy."

"The committee's guidance on the many issues surrounding the use of AI will play a pivotal role in the court system's ability to carry out its vital mission in today's world of ever-emerging technologies," he added.

The formation of the committee comes as the legal industry only begins to deal with the implications of AI and as the court system generally attempts to modernize in the years following the pandemic.

Last year, a judge imposed sanctions on two New York attorneys who submitted a legal brief that they wrote using an artificial intelligence chatbot known as ChatGPT. The pair was busted when it was discovered that the AI chatbot had cited six fictitious cases.

Last month, the New York State Bar Association's house of delegates approved a set of recommendations outlined in a report created by its AI task force. The recommendations were crafted as a way to ensure lawyers integrate AI tools into their practice without compromising ethical standards or client confidentiality.

The report explained the necessity for attorneys to disclose the use of AI in client cases, emphasizing the maintenance of attorney-client privilege amidst rising concerns over data security. The task force stressed that New York's existing Rules of Professional Conduct offer a solid foundation for AI's ethical application but highlighted the need for further education to navigate the technology's complexities.

"AI can enhance the delivery of legal services," said Richard Lewis, the president of the NYSBA. "It obviously has enormous potential because it can already draft documents, conduct research, predict outcomes and help with case management. However, we have an obligation as attorneys to be aware of the potential consequences from its misuse that can endanger privacy and attorney-client privilege."

This week's cases of interest in Queens Criminal Court

CASES OF INTEREST - MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

Luis Lara Del Castillo – TAP C/ Justice Holder/ Manslaughter 1° (ADA T. Regan) Trial-Jury Selection. Charged in connection with stabbing death of homeless man in Jackson Heights. Rodney Dunn – TAP C/ Justice Holder/ Murder 2° (ADA DiGregorio) Conference. Charged with shooting to death dice game opponent. Kevin Ogara – TAP D/ Justice Aloise/ Manslaughter 1° (ADA McCabe) Conference. Indicted for fatal stairwell shove of neighbor.

CASES OF INTEREST - TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024

Lindy Jones – TAP D/ Justice Aloise/ Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2° (ADA Kosinski) Supreme Court Arraignment. Indicted on charges connected to the death of NYPD Detective Jonathan Diller. James Villarruel – K11/ Justice Johnson/ Use of a Child in a Sexual Performance (ADA Cheema) Conference. Charged with approaching girls walking home from school for explicit photos, sex acts. Andres Portilla – TAP B/ Justice Pandit-Durant/ Kidnapping 1° (ADA Jaime) Conference. Indicted in kidnapping, rape and assault on three women. Shaquan Butler – TAP B/ Justice Pandit-Durant/ Murder 2° (ADA Aloise) Conference. In-

dicted in murder of son inside Queens hotel. Yomar Gonzalez – TAP B/ Justice Pandit-Durant/ Murder 2° (ADA Aloise) Conference. Indicted for beating elderly neighbor to death with metal bar. Davi Vidal – TAP B/ Justice Pandit-Durant/ Murder 2° (ADA Aloise) Conference. Charged in death of landlady. Roscoe Danielson – TAP C/ Justice Holder/ Murder 2° (ADA Zawistowski) Conference. Charged with murder of mother and brother.

CASES OF INTEREST - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024

Paul Verite – TAP A/ Justice Cimino/ Aggravated Cruelty to Animals (ADA Michalski) Sentencing. Pleaded guilty to animal cruelty charges. Olmedo Osorio – TAP B/ Justice Pandit-Durant/ Murder 2° (ADA Rella) Conference. Indicted with murder in stabbing death of man. Errick Persaud – TAP D/ Justice Aloise/ Manslaughter 2° (ADA Campoverde) Conference. Charged with crash that killed city worker. Kattie Mino – TAP B/ Justice Pandit-Durant/ Murder 2° (ADA Lasak) Conference. Indicted in stabbing death of former boyfriend. Gil Iphael – K10/ Justice Vallone/ Kidnapping 2° (ADA Cheema) Conference. Indicted on kidnapping assault and other charges. Lenold Caesar – GWP-1/ Justice Novillo/ Criminal Posses-

sion of a Weapon 2° (ADA Bello) Conference. Charged with possessing cache of assault pistols and ghost guns. Matthew Lloyd – K15/ Justice Yavinsky/ Attempted Murder 2° (ADA Novak) Conference. Charged with attempted murder in baseball bat attack. Tony Kempsey – TAP B/ Justice Pandit-Durant/ Sexual Abuse 1° (ADA Lopera) Conference. Man charged with rape and assault in attack on woman. Jovan Fournillier – K21/ Justice Gopee/ Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2° (ADA Modica) Conference. Charged in International ghost gun trafficking operation.

CASES OF INTEREST - THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024

Desean McCain – K11/ Justice Johnson/ Murder 2° (ADA DiGregorio) Conference. Indicted in shooting death of his mother's boyfriend. Jose Reyes – TAP C/ Justice Holder/ Murder 2° (ADA J. Esposito) Conference. Shelter resident charged with death of another shelter resident. Oliver Rodriguez – TAP A/ Justice Cimino/ Burglary 2° (ADA Theodorou) Conference. Indicted in holiday package theft spree. Shahab Usman – TAP B/ Justice Pandit-Durant/ Predatory Sexual Assault (ADA Malfi) Conference. Charged in with robbery and rape in crime spree targeting spas. Marco Mosquera – K15/ Justice Yavinsky/ Attempted Murder 1° (ADA Salmon) Conference. Charged with pointing gun at police officer spouse and shooting at other officers responding to the scene. Dwayne Gaddy – K12/ Justice Miret/ Kidnapping 2° (ADA Pellegrino) Conference. Charged with hijacking a MTA bus and other charges.

CASES OF INTEREST - FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024

Marcin Pieciak – TAP B/ Justice Pandit-Durant/ Murder 2° (ADA Aloise) Supreme Court Arraignment. Indicted in stabbing death of girlfriend. John Magri – AP6/ Justice Kirschner/ Promoting a Sexual Performance by a Child (ADA Speck) Conference. Attorney charged with possessing and promoting child sexual abuse material. Khalik Berry – TAP C/ Justice Holder/ Murder 2° (ADA J. Esposito) Conference. Charged in shooting death of man in car near Queensbridge Houses.

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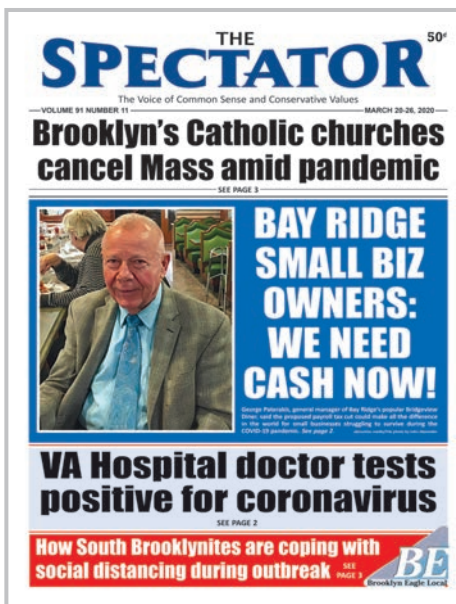
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The Bronx is the new hot spot for street vendor tickets

By Haidee Chu
THE CITY

For days, street vendor Miguel Varela slept in a storage unit where he keeps his merchandise because he can no longer afford a roof over his head after racking up ticket after ticket in Parkchester in The Bronx. On Fordham Road about three miles away, longtime seller Keba Touré said he's noticed officers from the Department of Sanitation patrolling the streets more often now than in the years prior — almost daily.

In the year since the sanitation department took over street vendor enforcement from the Department of Consumer and Worker Protection in April 2023, The Bronx has experienced an uptick in vending-related civil summonses like no other borough, an analysis of data from the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings by THE CITY found.

Vendors in The Bronx received 29% more tickets from sanitation than they had from DCWP in the year prior — even as the number issued citywide decreased by 22%, to 1,587 from 2,042.

No other borough saw an increase: Vendors were slapped with fewer tickets in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens while Staten Island's number was level.

"That very much resonates with what we've been hearing," Carina Kaufman-Gutierrez, deputy director of the non-profit Street Vendor Project, said when presented with the new findings.

In Community District 8 — covering the northwest corner of The Bronx, where the number of tickets issued grew at a faster rate than any other district in the city — the sanitation department doled out 27 tickets since taking over enforcement last April. In the year before that, DCWP had handed out just two tickets.

"I don't know what changed. I don't know what made them feel like we're doing something wrong," a Kingsbridge vendor, who declined to share their name, told THE CITY when a reporter visited the area, located in Community District 8, last week.

The vendor, an immigrant from Gambia, said they're at their stand every day, and have witnessed sanitation officials confiscate products on multiple occasions from a fruit vendor in the neighborhood, while asking about their own merchandise every few days.

"They come to my table. Everything correct. They take the picture. And then the next two, three days, they come again," the vendor said. "The police keep coming to your place, people might think you're doing something wrong."

At a neighborhood level, the sharpest increases came in the central Bronx. Vendors in Parkchester, in Community District 9, were hit with 21 tickets, up from one. Those in Allerton, in Community District 11, went from zero tickets under DCWP to 18 under sanitation.

But spikes in these new enforcement hot spots, Kaufman-Gutierrez argues, understate the magnitude of enforcement's impact, since even vendors who haven't been slapped with tickets become intimidated, losing days of work, seeking new places to vend or giving up on their trade altogether.

"Sometimes DSNY will go and they just give one ticket, but that means every other vendor in the neighborhood has basically seen someone else getting a ticket and picked up and left," Kaufman-Gutierrez said. "There's usually one person who kind of pays the price for the rest of the people working."

'I Couldn't Work'

Joshua Goodman, a spokesperson for the Department of Sanitation, said the department has maintained a "warnings-first approach" to enforcement while focusing "strongly on enforcing the rules on cleanliness and quality of life" since Mayor Eric Adams charged it with taking the lead role on street vendor enforcement last April.

"Our enforcement is focused on situations where vending has created dirty conditions, safety issues, where items are left out at night, and set-ups that block curbs, subway entrances, bus stops, sidewalks or store entrances, and is largely driven by communities themselves through 311, BID, Council Member, and community board complaints," Goodman told THE CITY, noting that more than 18,000 vending-related calls to 311 were directed to the department since it took over, compared to 739 to DCWP and the health department, which issues food vendor licenses, in the



A food vendor works on Fordham Road in The Bronx, April 5, 2024.

Credit: Alex Krales/THE CITY



Note: Staten Island vendors were issued four tickets in the Department of Sanitation's first year of enforcement, beginning April 2023, as well as in the year prior under Department of Consumer and Worker Protection. Tickets issued on the Brookline Bridge have been excluded because they do not fall into one borough. Chart: Haidee Chu / THE CITY

Source: Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings via Open Data NYC

year prior.

The department's crackdown throughout The Bronx is a welcome change to some local business associations in the borough. Albert Dalipi, a deputy director at the Fordham Road Business Improvement District, for example, told the Daily News that the BID was happy "for the enforcement to finally be happening" after a sanitation sweep last year on the busy commercial strip, where he said unlicensed vendors have crowded sidewalks, created trash and dumping problems, and detracted from brick-and-mortar businesses.

But Varela, a 52-year-old vendor who has set up shop to sell hats and sunglasses at Hugh Grant Circle in Parkchester for the past seven years, said

the sanitation officers who now patrol his area in The Bronx have often focused on ticketing street sellers for being unlicensed, rather than for other violations that can create inconvenience for businesses.

"Last year, they said they would not focus on permits and licenses, that they would be focusing on siting rules and regulations," Varela told THE CITY in Spanish through an interpreter from the Street Vendor Project, referring to the sanitation department.

Shortly after the department began vendor enforcement last year, Commissioner Jessica Tisch testified that it would be taking a "complacency-first approach" to ticketing "rather than a li-

cense-check-first approach."

"That's what the vendors want. We want the agents at DSNY to stop enforcing on permitting and licensing and focus more on rules and regulations," he continued, adding that he has had no luck in entering the waitlist for a DCWP merchandise vendor license, since the application for it only opens in small and rare windows, and more than 11,920 applicants are already stuck in what's been a mostly idle queue.

Indeed, vendors in a few areas in The Bronx are more likely to be cited specifically for unlicensed vending, according to THE CITY's analysis of the new ticketing data. Whereas 45% of all vending tickets citywide are for unpermitted sales, those violations accounted for 81% of vending-related summonses in Parkchester, 87% of those on Fordham Road, and 89% of those in the Kingsbridge area.

Varela, for one, has racked up four tickets for unlicensed vending for \$250 apiece since December, when sweeps there became more frequent according to summonses records. The former construction worker said he turned to street vending after injuring himself on the job. But the surge in enforcement, he said, has made his new occupation increasingly difficult and unrewarding.

He's doing much less vending now, he said, because of the ticketing blitz, turning to whatever odd construction or cleaning jobs he can land to bring in income.

"The most difficult thing about getting employment is being an immigrant and not having the proper documentation," said Varela, who immigrated to the U.S. from the state of Puebla in Mexico 23 years ago. "That really is something that makes it difficult to find other opportunities."

Varela can no longer keep up with the tickets he owes to the city, he said — or with his bills. After moving from a larger apartment into a studio, and then from that studio into a room, he's now spending some nights sleeping in the storage unit where he keeps his merchandise, while couch-surfing on other days.

"I tried to work this weekend, on Saturday, but DSNY did not stop — they were just there, and I couldn't work," Varela told THE CITY on Monday. "I'm trying to pick any work up, but the bills keep piling up. It's not easy to live without a consistent income, and I just wish I could go back to work as a vendor."

Touré, the 63-year-old vendor on Fordham Road, also said business has been especially difficult under sanitation's enforcement regime, which he said has included near-daily patrols and merchandise confiscations that forces unlicensed vendors like himself to not only pay fines but also rent a van or truck to reclaim their products.

"Every time I go out there, I go with fear," said Touré, who spoke to THE CITY in Wolof through an interpreter from the Street Vendor Project.

As vending-related summonses on Fordham Road increased by 96% under the sanitation department, Goodman said the department has posted more than 100 warning signs in the area for unlicensed vendors to vacate ahead of ticketing, adding that the thoroughfare is "one of the parts of the City where unregulated vending has caused issues for businesses and residents."

The goal of confiscating vendor materials when necessary, he added, is "to get abandoned, unsafe, or obstructive items OFF our sidewalks, keeping our neighborhoods clean and accessible to all."

But Touré, who worked as a tailor in Senegal before immigrating to the U.S. in 2000, said he's always kept his area clean and tidy.

He had successfully gotten onto the general merchandise license waitlist back in 2015, he said, only to find out months later that his name had vanished from the coveted queue. He's had no luck re-entering the list again since.

He now spends about four days a week working at a grocery store to subsidize lost income, he said, so he can send money home to Senegal to support his mother and sisters.

"I want to feed them. They need help so I needed to come here and get a better life," Touré said. "The dream I've always had is to have enough money to support my family. But this dream I have — it's still not accomplished."

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Street vendors sell fresh produce on Fordham Road in The Bronx, April 5, 2024.

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Taxes Are Due, Even If You Disagree With Gov't Policies Or Don't Believe Feds Have the Right to Levy Taxes

By Michele Frank
The Conversation

Most Americans don't like doing, or paying, their income taxes. But every year, about 85% of them will voluntarily pay the full amount of the taxes they owe.

Even so, the IRS estimates that it loses more than \$400 billion of revenue each year because people fail to file their taxes, underreport their income or underpay the amount of taxes they owe.

Most of these losses are the result of deliberate tax evasion schemes designed to fatten unscrupulous taxpayers' own pockets. But some people take a less greedy and more principled view: They refuse to file tax returns or pay all of their tax due to moral or ethical concerns. In essence, they view a decision to not pay income taxes as a form of civil disobedience.

While the government has not released much data about these people, in the late 1990s, it estimated that 47,000 of them owed approximately \$540 million in federal income taxes.

As a tax professor and scholar of judgment and decision-making, I categorize people who do not pay taxes due to moral or ethical concerns into one of two buckets, which I call "tax deniers" and "tax protesters." While their motives may differ, the government and courts tend to respond to them in a similarly unfavorable manner.

Tax deniers

The first group includes people who deny that the government has a right to levy income taxes. These so-called tax deniers are legally and morally opposed to filing tax returns and paying taxes due to their mistaken belief that taxes are unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

Tax deniers make numerous arguments, none of which has been accepted by courts or the IRS. For example, some tax deniers believe that the 16th Amendment to the Constitution, which grants Congress the power to collect income taxes, was never properly ratified. They note that the text of the amendment, which was ratified in 1909, differed from the text originally proposed by Congress because it included differences in spelling, capitalization and punctuation.

Others argue that federal income taxes are illegal because they violate the Fifth Amendment, which prohibits the government from taking private property without due process of law.

Tax deniers use a wide variety of methods to avoid paying taxes. Some simply refuse to file tax returns, while others engage in complicated schemes using offshore trusts to hide income from the government.

Tax protesters

Unlike tax deniers, tax protesters do not deny the government's right to levy taxes. Rather, they refuse to pay some or all of their taxes in order to protest government-funded policies and programs that are inconsistent with their moral and ethical beliefs.

Common examples of government spending they object to include military spending and medical research.

Tax objectors date back to the American Revolution when Quakers refused to pay taxes to the colonial govern-



ments for military purposes. In the 1960s, public figures such as Joan Baez and Gloria Steinem withheld payment of their federal income taxes to protest the government's participation in the Vietnam War.

Many tax protesters do file accurate tax returns but refuse to pay some or all of the tax due. For example, some war tax protesters determine the percentage of income tax revenue that goes toward military spending and then hold back that percentage of their tax while paying the rest. Groups such as the War Resisters League provide protesters with information to help them decide how much to withhold. For 2025, the group expects that 45% of government spending will go to the military and suggests that people withhold that proportion of the total tax they owe.

In some cases, protesters redirect the taxes they do not pay to one or more charities. Other tax protesters adopt an approach more within the law, deliberately earning as little as possible so that their income falls below the level required to file a tax return.

The government's response

Unsurprisingly, the IRS disagrees with the arguments made by both kinds of objectors. The agency has stated repeatedly that a taxpayer does not have the right to refuse to pay taxes based on religious or moral beliefs.

The IRS also warns that taxpayers who engage in this type of civil disobedience should expect to pay a price — including fines, penalties, interest and potential criminal prosecution. The IRS also has the authority to garnish a taxpayer's wages and other property to pay off any unpaid tax liability.

Like all citizens, tax deniers and tax protesters have the right to appeal any action taken against them by the IRS. However, even going back as far as the 1800s, courts have repeatedly held in favor of the government, taking the position that liability for taxes does not depend on whether a taxpayer agrees with government programs or policies.

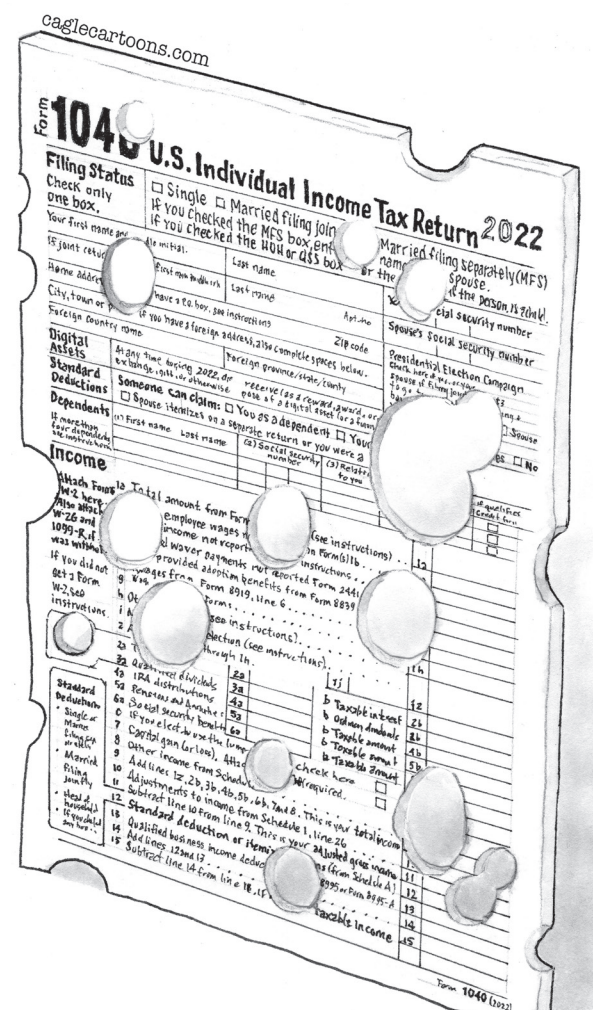
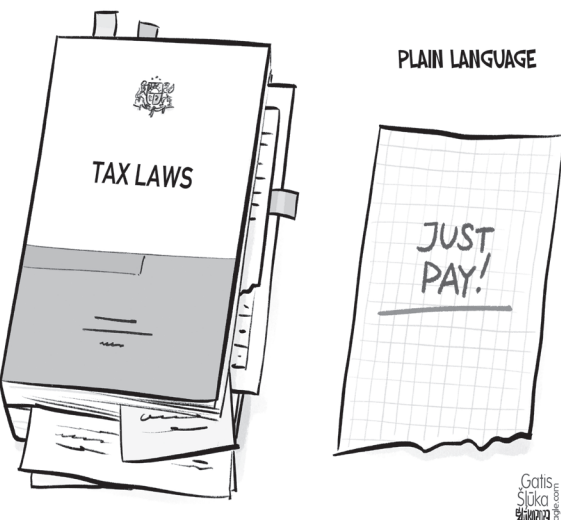
For example, in the 1860s, a Massachusetts suffragette refused to pay property taxes unless women were given the right to vote. The Massachusetts Supreme Court ordered her to pay, and when she continued to refuse, authorities seized and sold her property to cover the unpaid taxes.

During the Vietnam War, the U.S. government placed liens on the property of celebrities who refused to pay taxes that would be used to help fund the war.

Even more recently, actor Wesley Snipes went to trial in 2008 after arguing that he was not obligated to pay in-

come taxes and saying the government extracts taxes from its citizens illegally. Snipes was convicted on misdemeanor or charges of willful failure to file federal income tax returns and was sentenced to three years in prison. After an unsuccessful appeal, he served 28 months.

Objecting to income taxes is not, in and of itself, a criminal offense. But not actually paying them is a different matter. That opens people up to the risk of paying financial penalties, having their wages garnished and serving jail time.





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Scholastic Roundup

Dianne Nolan Enters Another Hall

By **Andy Furman**
Brooklyn Daily Eagle

Make it five for Dianne Nolan.

The former women's basketball coach at Brooklyn's St. Francis College was recently named to the Fairfield County Sports Hall of Fame, which is overseen by the Fairfield County (Conn.) Sports Commission.

Nolan is already a member of the Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, as well as the St. Francis College Hall, the Fairfield Hall and her alma mater, Glassboro (N.J.) State.

One of the most successful women's college basketball coaches in history; she won 575 games as a head coach — including a school-record 456 during her 28-year run at Fairfield University.

She took over the Stags in 1979 and oversaw their transition to NCAA Division I in 1981. She is in the Top 50 All-Time in D1 victories. At Fairfield, Nolan's teams earned four NCAA tournament bids, one WNIT appearance and captured three MAAC regular season and tournament titles. She had six 20-win seasons, including three 25-win campaigns.

With Fairfield's 69-53 victory at Rider College on January 29, 2006, Nolan became the 28th coach in Division I history with 500 wins.

Nolan was recognized for her accomplishments as a five-time MAAC Coach of the Year, Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame inductee (2005) and selection to the Fairfield University Hall of Fame in 2001.

She concluded her college coaching career in 2015 after five seasons at Lafayette (Easton, Pa.), following three years as an associate head coach at Yale.

At St. Francis, she was hired as only the second women's coach for the Terriers in 1974 and in just her third season she transformed a losing operation into a team that participated in a post-season tournament.

In fact, it was the Terriers' first post-season tournament berth in the Eastern Intercollegiate Association Women's Tournament. They finished second as they defeated Manhattanville College (51-50) and Oneonta State University (66-59) then lost to Fitchburg State University (63-59).

In 1976-77, she led the Terriers to a second-consecutive post-season invite to the EIAW Tournament.

She finished her five-year coaching career at St. Francis with a record of 61-57 (.517); and finished her career first in wins and ranks third behind John Thurston (73) and Irma Garcia (68).

The Fairfield County Sports Commission plans to honor Nolan and the class of six later.



Lorenzo Charles, North Carolina State star of yesteryear and Brooklyn Tech graduate.
AP file photo

North Carolina State's run to this year's Final Four — despite a semi-final 63-50 loss to Purdue — is still historic. The Wolfpack were just the sixth 11-seed to reach a Final Four, and their streak of nine consecutive elimination-game wins was simply remarkable.

And stories of Jim Valvano and NC State's incredible 1983 championship run came out of the archives. If you forgot, it was Lorenzo Charles who scored the game-winning points in that 1983 title game — a win over the University of Houston.

Charles was a 1981 graduate of Brooklyn Tech High School. He scored that game-winner as a sophomore on a put-back dunk off an airball shot by Dereck Whittenburg in the final seconds that broke a 52-52 tie at The Pit in Albuquerque, N.M. That Houston team featured Hakeem "The Dream" Olajuwon, Clyde "The Glide" Drexler and the rest of Phi Slama Jama.

As a senior, Charles averaged 18 points a game and grabbed more than six rebounds as NC State finished the regular season tied for first-place with a 9-5 conference record in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Wolfpack advanced to the Elite Eight in the 1985 NCAA Tournament, but fell 69-60 in the West region finals to St. John's University, led by the player of the year, Xaverian High's Chris Mullin. Charles' number 43 was honored by NC State in 2008, 25 years after his most-famous dunk.

A total of 10 Brooklynites were honored on the CHSAA annual Diocesan All-Star team, highlighted by three from St. Edmund Prep, followed by two each from Cristo Rey, Nazareth Regional and Xaverian High School.

The Brooklyn All-Stars:
Halon Rawlins, Nazareth, junior forward, averaged 16.5 points per game; he was on the CHSAA 'AA' All-League First Team

Tristan Rogers, Nazareth, senior guard, averaged 12.4 points per game

Brandon Margolin, Xaverian, junior guard, averaged 12.5 points per game. He was selected to the Catholic High School Athletic Association's "AA" All-League Third Team

Patrick Evans, Xaverian, senior guard, averaged 13.3 points per game

Richard Jackson, Bishop Loughlin, sophomore guard, averaged 15.6 points per game

Class 'A' All-Stars:

Gavin Paulsen, St. Edmund Prep, senior guard, captain, averaged 15.1 points per game and 8.4 rebounds per game. He was selected to the CHSAA 'A' All-League Team

Jordan Boreman, St. Edmund Prep, junior guard, averaged 10.0 points per game and 6.0 assists per game

Matt Brock, St. Edmund Prep, junior guard, averaged 13.0 points per game and 4.8 rebounds per game

Class 'B' All-Stars:

Justyn Capellan, Cristo Rey, senior forward, captain, averaged 18.8 points per game, 11.2 rebounds per game, 3.0 assists and 2.0 blocks per game. He was selected to the CHSAA's "B" All-League Team

Johann Batista, Cristo Rey, senior guard, captain, averaged 10.0 points, 5.0 assists and 2.0 rebounds per game

Lauren Van Der Kamp and Payton Walker represented the St. Joseph's University, Brooklyn softball team in the latest Skyline Conference weekly report.

Van Der Kamp earned a share of the league's Player of the Week, while Walker was tabbed Rookie of the Week.

Batting .800 in the Bears' 4-0 week, Van Der Kamp produced three RBIs, five runs and eight hits. The junior went two-for-three with a pair of runs scored in the Bears' sweep of St. Joseph's (Long Island). She followed it up with a six-for-seven day against Yeshiva, where she had three doubles, as many runs scored and an RBI.

Playing in three of the four contests last week, Walker had eight RBIs, five of which — courtesy of a trio of doubles — came against the Golden Eagles last Saturday. The first-year belted her first career home run in a 17-0 win over the Maccabees Sunday evening. Walker finished the contest batting two-for-four with a double, three runs and as many RBIs.

The Pratt Institute men's volleyball team wrapped up their 2024 campaign and won the opening set before fall-



Dianne Nolan, the former women's basketball coach at St. Francis College, was recently named to the Fairfield County Sports Hall of Fame. This poster highlights one of her other pursuits: Running for town council in her hometown in Connecticut.
Image courtesy of Andy Furman

ing to the University of Valley Forge at The Hill Center, last week.

The program honored K. Johnson and Joji Kawamura in pre-match Senior Night ceremonies. Kawamura registered a 13-kill, 12-dig double-double, while Johnson landed three error-free kills and bringing up a trio of digs.

The women's tennis team at Pratt Institute grinded a 6-3 victory over Baruch College Sunday afternoon to remain unbeaten (9-0) on the season.

The Brooklyn College men's tennis team got back to their winning ways last Friday, cruising to a 9-0 conference victory at Lehman. Brooklyn improved to 5-5 overall and 2-1 in CUNYAC play.

The last word comes from Jeff Schrier, the former Tilden High School basketball coach, on Dan Lynch Jr.'s recent commentary that appeared in Scholastic Roundup. Lynch was quite upset when Rick Pitino and his St. John's University basketball team turned-down an invitation to the National Invitational Tournament.

"My main point," Schrier writes, "was that the snub by the Pitino-led Johnnies was indeed against New York City; the place that supposedly was going to 'Come alive with Basketball Excitement,' according to local New York City sportswriters; now that St. John's Basketball was once again going to 'Fill the local press with their hoop success.'"

"Winning the 2024 NIT, whether the final game was at Madison Square Garden, Indianapolis or Foster Park, would have been great for their players, students, fans and New York City basketball followers."

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Our World In Pictures

BELGIUM — Nature's blessing — an ancient woodland carpet: Two people walk among the Bluebell flowers, also known as wild hyacinth, bloom in the Hallerbos forest in Halle, Belgium, on Thursday, April 11, 2024. Bluebells are particularly associated with ancient woodland where it can dominate the forest floor to produce carpets of violet-blue flowers.

Photo: Geert Vanden Wijngaert/AP



LOUISIANA — Nature's revenge — more than just a blocked driveway: Max Gonzales hugs his girlfriend, April Martin, while leaning against their car taking in the surrounding tornado damage where his parents, Michael and Lilian Bray, live in Slidell, La., on Thursday, April 11, 2024. The neighborhood was picking up the pieces the day after a tornado swept through the area.

Photo: Chris Granger/The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate via AP



WASHINGTON, D.C. — Pomp and circumstances, plus red carpet, for Japan: President Joe Biden, center right, and first lady Jill Biden, right, welcome Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, center left, and his wife Yuko Kishida for a State Dinner at the White House, Wednesday, April 10, 2024, in Washington.

Photo: Susan Walsh/AP



KANSAS CITY — Leaping to avoid collision, losing the tag: Houston Astros shortstop Jeremy Peña, top, is unable to tag out Kansas City Royals' Bobby Witt Jr. who steals second base during the sixth inning of a baseball game in Kansas City, Mo., Thursday, April 11, 2024.

Photo: Colin E. Braley/AP



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Our World In Pictures



ILLINOIS — A face tells the story of agonizing decisions: Deb Robertson sits for a portrait at her Lombard, IL. home, Thursday, March 21, 2024. She didn't cry when she learned two months ago that the cancerous tumors in her liver were spreading, portending a tormented death. But later, she cried after receiving a call that a bill moving through the Illinois Legislature to allow certain terminally ill patients to end their own lives with a doctor's help had made progress.

Photo: Charles Rex Arbogast/AP



HUNGARY — Not your grandmother's urban handball: Jenny Karlsson, left, of Sweden is challenged by Chikako Kasai of Japan for the ball at the goal during the Olympic qualification handball match between Sweden and Japan in Debrecen, Hungary, Thursday, April 11, 2024. Photo: Tibor Illyes/MTI via AP



AUGUSTA — The grass, the crowd, the caddies... the Masters: Sepp Straka, of Austria, Phil Mickelson and Tony Finau walk on the first hole during the first round at the Masters golf tournament at Augusta National Golf Club Thursday, April 11, 2024, in Augusta, Ga. Photo: Matt Slocum/AP

GERMANY — 'I'm carrying you across the threshold, dammit': West Ham's Vladimir Coufal, left, and Leverkusen's Jonathan Tah collide as they battle for the ball during the Europa League quarterfinals first-leg soccer match between Bayer 04 Leverkusen and West Ham United at the BayArena in Leverkusen, Germany, Thursday, April 11, 2024. Photo: Martin Meissner/AP

Pushback grows as Council and mayor hash out deal to revive property debt sell-off

By **Samantha Maldonado**
THE CITY

With Mayor Eric Adams' administration and the City Council in talks to revive a controversial property tax-collection program that died more than two years ago, some community advocates are pushing to keep the tax lien sales system in the ground.

The city has long relied on the lien sale to collect unpaid property taxes and water bills, placing a payment claim on properties whose owners are delinquent on payments. The city then sells the liens to investors, who attempt to collect the debt.

The last lien sale took place in December 2021 and included over 2,800 properties, netting the city \$11.7 million. That sale excluded liens for water and sewer bills.

Since then, following a pandemic pause, the Council has not reauthorized the sale.

For over a year, the Adams administration has been negotiating the tax lien program's revival with Council members and community advocates concerned about the risk of people losing their homes because of economic hardship.

Advocacy groups on the front lines of the fight rallied in front of City Hall Thursday against the prospect of the sale's return, saying the system is predatory and only compounds economic stress embroiling New Yorkers.

"There's really no compromising on the issue of the lien sale itself. It's detrimental to communities of color, homeowners and tenants," said Will Spisak, senior program associate at the New Economy Project, which is a member of the Abolish the Tax Lien Coalition.

"We need an actual enforcement mechanism to actually hold people accountable."

Rental units comprise more than 85% of units in residential properties caught in the lien sale, according to a March report from the East New York Community Land Trust, a group seeking shared ownership of housing. Organizers visited more than 60 Brooklyn and Queens properties that had liens on them and found that absentee landlords owned most.

The Abolish the Tax Lien Coalition has proposed an alternative tax collection system with options for owner-occupied buildings, properties with tenants and vacant properties.

Lien 'Lobotomy'

In a lien sale, the city sells debts for uncollected property taxes and other municipal charges to a trust of investors at a discount. Mayor Rudy Giuliani created the system in 1996 as a way to address real estate abandonment and to collect unpaid property taxes. At the time, city government was still digging out from responsibility for thousands of private buildings it had previously foreclosed on for failure to pay taxes.

Property owners late on their bills must pay



Councilmember Sandy Nurse (D-Brooklyn) speaks at a rally outside City Hall against resurrecting the city's tax lien sale program, April 11, 2024. Credit: Ben Fractenberg/THE CITY

more fees and interest in addition to what they already owe, which can send them further into debt and can end with a foreclosure.

Adams campaigned on a pledge to end the lien sales, but recently has said they are necessary. At a March press conference, he and Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Rohit Aggarwala announced the start of water shutoffs for unpaid water bills, characterizing the move as the administration's only recourse without a lien sale.

"Nobody likes lien sales. As a property owner, I don't want it as well. But you need tools to send a message for frequent violators of property tax, water bills," Adams said. "We are going to contin-

ue to communicate with the Council to see if we could put in place some form of lien sale that is fair because we don't want to take property from New Yorkers based on taxes or water bills, but you do have to pay the costs of running the city."

So far, no legislation reauthorizing a version of the lien sale has been introduced in the Council, as details are still being hammered out.

"We're giving the lien sale a lobotomy. We're not making tacos," said a source familiar with negotiations.

The Department of Finance estimates the amount of unpaid taxes will be more than \$800 million in the current fiscal year without enforcement.

Ryan Lavis, a spokesperson for the agency, said it is "committed to implementing fairer property tax enforcement that protects vulnerable homeowners and safeguards New Yorkers facing financial challenges, especially those in low-income and communities of color, from losing their homes."

Councilmember Pierina Sanchez (D-The Bronx), chair of the Council housing and buildings committee, said she doesn't want the lien sale to come back in any form but instead wants to "re-imagine tax enforcement."

"We're not against tax collection. We're not against tax enforcement, but what we're for is equity. What we're for is social justice," she said. "What we're for is making sure our communities aren't gutted."

A recent report by the Center for New York City Neighborhoods found more than half of liens sold in 2021 were located in majority non-white Census tracts, and the sale especially affects homeowners who are lower-income and seniors. Previous studies have shown the disproportionate impact of the sale on homeowners of color and smaller property owners.

Councilmember Sandy Nurse (D-Brooklyn) on Thursday introduced two proposed measures aiming to bring further education and protections to property owners who might fall behind on their bills and risk getting liens on their properties.

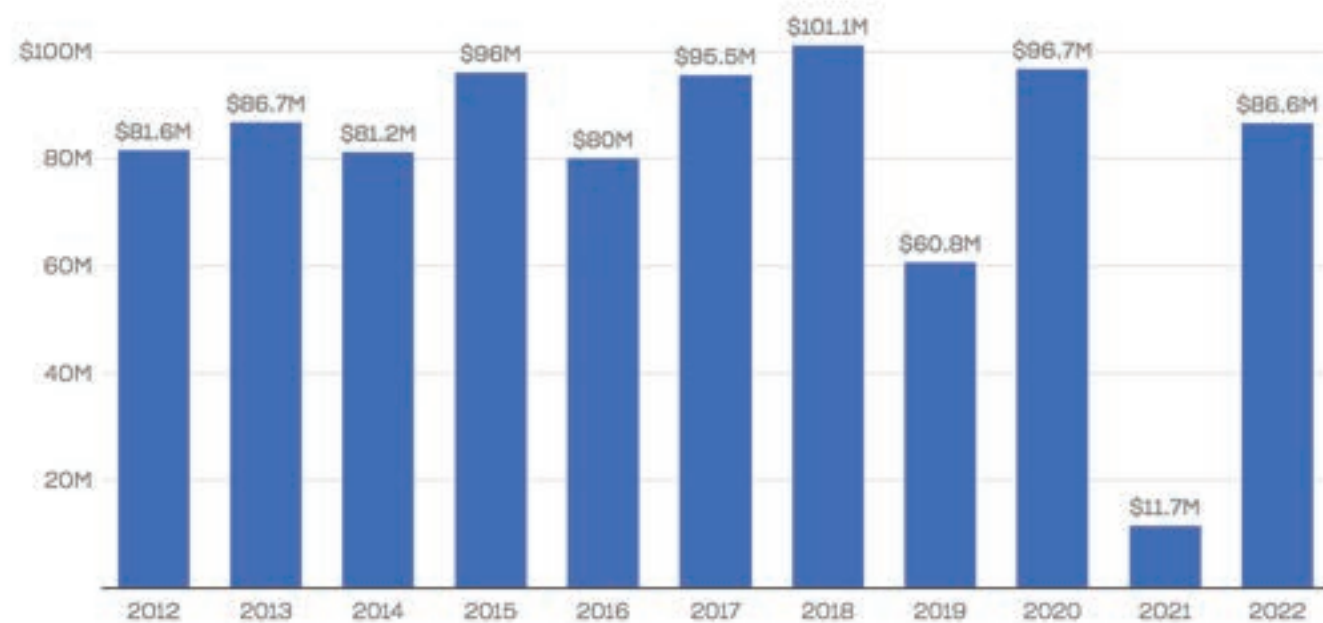
One bill would require the finance department to send information to property owners about tax abatements and exemptions they might be eligible for. The other bill would require the agency to record tax liens on the public property records database when the debt surpasses \$5,000 over at least three years.

"Right now when the lien sale list happens, all of that information is put into the world, so you basically have a blueprint for whose houses to go to, to target for deed fraud, deed theft or complete speculation, preparatory calls and mailers or just doorknocking," Nurse told THE CITY. "We're trying to find a way to prevent this from happening."

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The city netted about \$80 million annually from tax lien sales

Yearly revenue from the city's tax lien sale for each fiscal year.



Tax lien sales expired in 2022. Chart: Samantha Maldonado/THE CITY

Source: NYC Independent Budget Office

Flaco's Law: With bird bill, City Council pushes plan B for rat control to protect feathered friends

By Katie Honan
THE CITY

The New York City Council on Thursday introduced a bill to protect the city's wildlife — inspired by the death of Flaco the owl and other birds of prey sickened by eating poisoned rats.

"Flaco's Law" would include changes to how the city mitigates its rat population, encouraging a different kind of birth control for the rodents — instead of poison.

Councilmember Shaun Abreu (D-Manhattan), who introduced the rat contraceptive bill, argued the city shouldn't just keep pumping pesticide at the problem.

"We can't poison our way out of this, we cannot kill our way out of this," he said, noting the unintended consequences of using rodenticide — like a Rottweiler puppy who died after eating poison while walking in Washington Heights. The poison also contributes to untold animal deaths each year, including Flaco's, THE CITY previously reported.

Under his proposed bill, the city's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene would work with the Department Sanitation to launch a pilot program to send out pellet-like contraceptives in the city's "rat mitigation zones." There would be at least two pilot program areas covering at least 10 city blocks and last at least half a year, per the bill.

The pellet would work better than other previously-used contraceptive methods, according to Abreu, who chairs the Council's Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management.

He pointed to other rat contraceptive attempts, like in Bryant Park recently, that weren't that successful — but said the pellets would work better.

"It's salty, it's sweet, and it has fatty materials within it that attract rats," he said. "They'll bring that back to their burrow for other rats to eat."

A spokesperson for the health department did not immediately return a request for comment. The agency hosts "rat academies" to teach rodent mitigation — offering one course for regular New Yorkers and an advanced class for professionals, according to their website.

Mayor Eric Adams has made ridding the city of rats one of his top priorities, dubbing it a key portion of what he's called the "trash revolution" that includes containerizing all of the city's garbage. This week, the city revealed it has selected a single company that homeowners will have to buy new branded garbage bins from.

The mayor's office said it will review the Flaco's Law legislation.

But the longstanding use of rodenticide — even as the city's Parks Department restricts its use of the poison to certain times of the year and never when there are breeding Red-tailed hawks nearby — has had unintended consequences, mainly for wild animals and particularly birds.



Animal rights advocates rally outside of City Hall in favor of a bill to prevent birds being exposed to rat poison, April 11, 2023.

Credit: Ben Fractenberg/THE CITY

Necropsies of wild animals showed that most of the birds that died of unnatural causes last year had rodenticide in their system, THE CITY reported in March.

Lights Out

Meanwhile, Flaco's death also highlighted a second major cause of injury to New York's feathered denizens: Buildings.

The Eurasian eagle-owl who became famous after escaping the Central Park Zoo either fell from or flew into a building on the Upper West Side in February but his necropsy later revealed he'd also been exposed to four anticoagulant rodenticides used to control rats in the city. He also "had a severe pigeon herpes virus" after eating pigeons sickened with that virus.

The city's towering facades long posed a danger to birds, both those who live here and those who fly through as part of a migratory pattern.

Jessica Wilson, the executive director of NYC Audubon, said an estimated 250,000 birds die every year crashing into windows in buildings.

"There are really easy solutions, including making the windows in your building bird friendly and turning artificial light off at night," she told

THE CITY.

To that end, she and other advocates on Thursday pushed for an expansion of a 2021 law that requires all city-owned and operated buildings to turn their lights off at night, since birds get disoriented and fly into them. Broadening the law could require nearly every building in the city to go dark — not just public ones.

Another proposed bill would require buildings with reflective glass to put bird-friendly things like window details so a bird can see the

difference between what's in front of them and what's a reflection.


"It would be a significant reduction in artificial light at night which is good for birds, but it's also good for people," said Wilson. "Reducing light at night is better for human health, for mental well being, and saves energy, too — it's good for the climate."

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Councilmember Shaun Abreu (D-Manhattan) speaks at a rally outside City Hall before introducing "Flaco's Law" to reduce the amount of birds killed by rat poison, April 11, 2024.

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS, WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR MFRA TRUST 2015-1, PLAINTIFF, VS. LYNETTE V. JAGDEO; SUSAN QUASHIE A/K/A SUZAN QUASHIE A/K/A SUZANNE QUASHIE A/K/A SUZANNE GUIGNARD; JULIET JOHNSON A/K/A JULIET M. JOHNSON; NORRIS WILLIAMS; EARL QUASHIE; GERRIE QUASHIE; WAYNE QUASHIE; NORRIS WILLIAMS; UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF THE ESTATE OF VERA QUASHIE A/K/A VERA A. QUASHIE, DECEASED, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S). PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DULY ENTERED ON MARCH 11, 2024, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON THE OUTSIDE STEPS OF THE QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NY 11435 ON MAY 17, 2024 AT 10:45 A.M., PREMISES KNOWN AS 130-16 233RD STREET, JAMAICA A/K/A ROSEDALE, NY 11422. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF QUEENS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK 12911 AND LOT 57. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT IS \$1,161,858.03 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX #718286/2021. THE REFEREE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT'S COVID-19 POLICIES CONCERNING PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES. THESE POLICIES, ALONG WITH THE QUEENS COUNTY FORECLOSURE'S AUCTION RULES, CAN BE FOUND ON THE QUEENS SUPREME COURT - CIVIL TERM WEBSITE. GERRARD A. GEISWELLER, ESQ., REFEREE FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP, 85 BROAD STREET, SUITE 501, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10004, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF. FIRM FILE NO. 171258-1

#216351

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK: COUNTY OF QUEENS. SAIF NUTMEG, LLC, PLTF V. DREAM VILLA LLC, ET AL., DEFTS. INDEX NO. 718839/2019. PURSUANT TO THE JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DATED AUGUST 30, 2022 AND ENTERED ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 AND THE ORDER DATED AND ENTERED ON JUNE 15, 2023, I WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE COURTHOUSE STEPS OF QUEENS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 88-11 SUTPHIN BLVD, JAMAICA, NEW YORK 11435, ON MAY 17, 2024 AT 12:15 P.M., PREM. K/A 214-43 39TH AVENUE, BAYSIDE, NY 11361 (BLOCK 6240, LOT 39). APPROX. AMT OF JUDGMENT IS \$5,287,792.67 TOGETHER WITH INTEREST FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2021, PLUS COSTS, ATTORNEYS' FEES AND INTEREST. SOLD SUBJECT TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT AND THE COVID-19 AUCTION POLICIES AND TERMS OF SALE. GREGORY M. LASPINA, ESQ., REFEREE. JACOBOWITZ NEWMAN TVERSKY LLP, ATTY. FOR PLAINTIFF, 377 PEARSALL AVE., STE C, CEDARHURST, NY.

#216464

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK: COUNTY OF QUEENS. JY THE NORTH L.P., PLTF V. NCRVI INTERNATIONAL INC, ET AL., DEFTS. INDEX NO. 700671/2020. PURSUANT TO THE JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DATED APRIL 5, 2023 AND ENTERED ON APRIL 7, 2023, I WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE COURTHOUSE STEPS OF QUEENS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 88-11 SUTPHIN BLVD, JAMAICA, NEW YORK, ON MAY 10, 2024 AT 10:45 A.M., PREM. K/A 164-01 GOETHALS AVE, QUEENS, NY 11432 (BLOCK 7024/LOT 32). APPROX. AMT OF JUDGMENT IS \$1,023,429.68 TOGETHER WITH INTEREST, PLUS COSTS, ATTORNEYS' FEES AND INTEREST. SOLD SUBJECT TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT, THE COVID-19 AUCTION POLICIES AND TERMS OF SALE. GREGORY J. NEWMAN, ESQ., REFEREE. JACOBOWITZ NEWMAN TVERSKY LLP, ATTY. FOR PLAINTIFF, 377 PEARSALL AVE., STE C, CEDARHURST, NY.

#216398

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF THE CHALET SERIES IV TRUST, PLAINTIFF, VS. BISHEN HARRICHARRAN A/K/A BISHEN HARRICHARAN, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S). PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DULY ENTERED ON FEBRUARY 1, 2024 AND AN ORDER APPOINTING SUCCESSOR REFEREE DULY ENTERED ON FEBRUARY 13, 2024, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON THE OUTSIDE STEPS OF THE QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NY 11435 ON APRIL 26, 2024 AT 10:15 A.M., PREMISES KNOWN AS 117-06 107TH AVENUE, SOUTH RICHMOND A/K/A SOUTH RICHMOND HILL, NY 11419. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF QUEENS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK 9597 AND LOT 3. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT IS \$174,572.99 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX #703667/2019. THE REFEREE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT'S COVID-19 POLICIES CONCERNING PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES. THESE POLICIES, ALONG WITH THE QUEENS COUNTY FORECLOSURE'S AUCTION RULES, CAN BE FOUND ON THE QUEENS SUPREME COURT - CIVIL TERM WEBSITE. JERRY MEROLA, ESQ., REFEREE FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP, 85 BROAD STREET, SUITE 501, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10004, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF. FIRM FILE NO. 191424-1

#215700

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS, SSA NE ASSETS, LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS. CHEN 31-15 101ST STREET LLC, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S). PURSUANT TO AN ORDER CONFIRMING REFEREE REPORT AND JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DULY ENTERED ON AUGUST 22, 2023, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON THE OUTSIDE STEPS OF THE QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NY 11435 ON MAY 3, 2024 AT 11:30 A.M., PREMISES KNOWN AS 31-15 101ST STREET, EAST ELMHURST, NY 11369. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF QUEENS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK 1687 AND LOT 63. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT IS \$1,340,740.39 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX #714923/2021. THE REFEREE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT'S COVID-19 POLICIES CONCERNING PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES. THESE POLICIES, ALONG WITH THE QUEENS COUNTY FORECLOSURE'S AUCTION RULES, CAN BE FOUND ON THE QUEENS SUPREME COURT - CIVIL TERM WEBSITE. VIVIA JOSEPH, ESQ., REFEREE FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP, 85 BROAD STREET, SUITE 501, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10004, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF. FIRM FILE NO. 202083-2

#216160

Wall Street falls sharply to close out its worst week since October

By Stan Choe
Associated Press

U.S. stocks tumbled Friday following a mixed start to earnings reporting season. Worries about potentially escalating tensions in the Middle East rattled financial markets, pushing investors to look for safer places for their money.

The S&P 500 sank 1.5% to close out its worst week since October, when a huge rally on Wall Street began. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 475 points, or 1.2%, and the Nasdaq composite fell 1.6% from its record set the day before.

JPMorgan Chase was one of the heaviest weights on the market and sank 6.5% despite reporting stronger profit for the first three months of the year than analysts expected. The nation's largest bank gave a forecast for a key source of income this year that fell below Wall Street's estimate, calling for only modest growth.

The pressure is always on companies to produce fatter profits. But it's particularly acute now given worries that the other main lever that sets stock prices, interest rates, may not offer much lift in the near term.

A stream of reports this year has shown both inflation and the overall economy remain hotter than expected. That's forced traders to scale back forecasts for how many times the Federal Reserve may cut its main interest rate this year. Traders are largely betting on just two cuts, according to data from CME Group, down from forecasts for at least six at the start of the year.

U.S. stock indexes had already run to records in part on expectations for such cuts. Without easier interest rates, companies will need to produce bigger profits to justify their stock prices, which critics say look too expensive by various measures.

This year's jump in oil prices has further raised worries of more upward pressure on inflation. Oil rose again Friday as tensions continue to roil the Middle East. Israel has said it could strike Iran if it launched an attack from its territory following the killings of Iranian generals in a blast at the Iranian consulate in Syria.

Brent crude, the international standard, rose 0.8% to settle at \$90.45 per barrel. It briefly topped \$92 during the day and is roughly back to where it was in October.

At the same time, Treasury yields in the bond market sank and the price of gold rose, which is typical when investors are herding into investments seen as safer.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 4.51% from 4.58% late Thursday. Gold, which has been setting records, got close to touching \$2,450 per ounce for the first

time before paring its gain.

Adding to the nervousness was a preliminary report suggesting sentiment among U.S. consumers is sinking. It's an important update because spending by U.S. consumers is the main engine of the economy.

Perhaps more worrisome was that U.S. consumers may be getting more pessimistic about inflation. Their forecasts for inflation in the coming 12 months hit the highest level since December. Such expectations could ignite a self-fulfilling prophecy, where purchases meant to get ahead of higher prices only inflame inflation.

That's why so much scrutiny is on corporate profits. While the downside of a remarkably resilient U.S. economy is a diminished chance of rate cuts, the upside is that it should help prop up sales and earnings for businesses.

That's helped growth in profits to broaden out to more kinds of companies, rather than just the Big Tech behemoths that dominated the market last year, according to David Lefkowitz, head of U.S. equities at UBS Global Wealth Management.

Because of that, he's forecasting the S&P 500 could end the year around the 5,200 level, which is roughly where it closed Thursday. He says the index could maybe even rise to 5,500 if inflation pressures ease more quickly or corporate profit growth is stronger than expected.

On Wall Street, Wells Fargo slipped 0.4% after swinging between gains and losses through the day. It beat analysts' forecasts for overall earnings for the latest quarter. But its net interest income, a key component of bank profits, came up shy of forecasts.

Citigroup fell 1.7% despite also reporting stronger-than-expected results, while State Street rose 2.5%.

All told, the S&P 500 fell 75.65 points to 5,123.41. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 475.84 to 37,983.24, and the Nasdaq composite sank 267.10 to 16,175.09.

Banks are leading off a reporting season where analysts are forecasting companies in the S&P 500 will deliver a third straight quarter of growth, according to FactSet. This upcoming week will feature reports from such big names as Bank of America, Johnson & Johnson and UnitedHealth Group.

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell will be speaking at a closely watched Q&A event on Tuesday with a governor from the Bank of Canada. Other Fed officials will also be giving remarks through the week that could sway traders' expectations for upcoming moves on interest rates and trigger Wall Street's next swings.

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS, U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO LASALLE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FF18, PLAINTIFF, VS. LUIS FIDEL PAREDES, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S). PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DULY ENTERED ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2023, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON THE OUTSIDE STEPS OF THE QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NY 11435 ON MAY 10, 2024 AT 10:45 A.M., PREMISES KNOWN AS 31-22 105TH STREET, EAST ELMHURST, NY 11369. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERRECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF QUEENS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK 1691 AND LOT 20. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT IS \$1,034,119.08 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX #712825/2019. THE REFEREE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT'S COVID-19 POLICIES CONCERNING PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES. THESE POLICIES, ALONG WITH THE QUEENS COUNTY FORECLOSURE'S AUCTION RULES, CAN BE FOUND ON THE QUEENS SUPREME COURT - CIVIL TERM WEBSITE. NICOLE D. KATSORHIS, ESQ., REFEREE ECKERT SEAMANS CHERIN & MELLOTT, LLC, 10 BANK STREET, SUITE 700, WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK 10606, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF #215921

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE TERWIN MORTGAGE TRUST 2006-3 ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3, PLAINTIFF, VS. BERNARDO ARIAS, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S). PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DULY ENTERED ON MARCH 18, 2020 AND A SHORT FORM ORDER DULY ENTERED ON OCTOBER 31, 2022, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON THE

OUTSIDE STEPS OF THE QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NY 11435 ON MAY 3, 2024 AT 11:15 A.M., PREMISES KNOWN AS 1345 EGGERT PLACE, FAR ROCKAWAY, NY 11691. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERRECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF QUEENS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK 15665 AND LOT 119. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT IS \$1,221,119.80 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX #709599/2021. THE REFEREE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT'S COVID-19 POLICIES CONCERNING PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES. THESE POLICIES, ALONG WITH THE QUEENS COUNTY FORECLOSURE'S AUCTION RULES, CAN BE FOUND ON THE QUEENS SUPREME COURT - CIVIL TERM WEBSITE. JAMES SCOTT YOH, ESQ., REFEREE ECKERT SEAMANS CHERIN & MELLOTT, LLC, 10 BANK STREET, SUITE 700, WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK 10606, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF #215915

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS, NYCTL 2021-A TRUST, AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN FOR THE NYCTL 2021-A TRUST, PLAINTIFF, VS. YUDAMAN23 LLC, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S). PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DATED FEBRUARY 16, 2024 AND DULY ENTERED ON FEBRUARY 26, 2024, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON THE OUTSIDE STEPS OF THE QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NY 11435 ON MAY 3, 2024 AT 10:45 A.M., PREMISES KNOWN AS 120-11 GUY R. BREWER BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NY 11434. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERRECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF QUEENS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK 12378 AND LOT 24. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT IS \$7,452.61 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX #717762/2022. THE REFEREE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT'S COVID-19 POLICIES CONCERNING PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES. THESE POLICIES, ALONG WITH THE QUEENS COUNTY FORECLOSURE'S AUCTION RULES, CAN BE FOUND ON THE QUEENS SUPREME COURT - CIVIL TERM WEBSITE. ERIC SUBIN, ESQ., REFEREE GREENSPOON MARDER, 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, SUITE 2200, NEW YORK, NY 10105, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF #215926

DICIAL DISTRICT'S COVID-19 POLICIES CONCERNING PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES. THESE POLICIES, ALONG WITH THE QUEENS COUNTY FORECLOSURE'S AUCTION RULES, CAN BE FOUND ON THE QUEENS SUPREME COURT - CIVIL TERM WEBSITE. BRANDI PAMELA KLINEBERG, ESQ., REFEREE BRONSTER, LLP, 156 WEST 56TH STREET, SUITE 703, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10019, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF #215922

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS, RMS SERIES TRUST 2020-1 BY US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE, PLAINTIFF, VS. MARY M. PADGETT CHAVIS, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S). PURSUANT TO AN ORDER CONFIRMING REFEREE REPORT AND JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DULY ENTERED ON DECEMBER 20, 2023, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON THE OUTSIDE STEPS OF THE QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NY 11435 ON MAY 3, 2024 AT 10:15 A.M., PREMISES KNOWN AS 105-29 FARMERS BOULEVARD, SAINT ALBANS, NY 11412. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERRECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF QUEENS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK 10884 AND LOT 16. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT IS \$499,332.36 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX #700441/2019. THE REFEREE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT'S COVID-19 POLICIES CONCERNING PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES. THESE POLICIES, ALONG WITH THE QUEENS COUNTY FORECLOSURE'S AUCTION RULES, CAN BE FOUND ON THE QUEENS SUPREME COURT - CIVIL TERM WEBSITE. ERIC SUBIN, ESQ., REFEREE GREENSPOON MARDER, 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, SUITE 2200, NEW YORK, NY 10105, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF #215926

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT,

PLAINTIFF, VS. SIMRAN KAHLON, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS NATURAL GUARDIAN OF THE TWO (2) MINOR HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF KAWALJEET KAHLON A/K/A KAWALJEET S. KAHLON, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S). PURSUANT TO AN ORDER CONFIRMING REFEREE REPORT AND JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DULY ENTERED ON JULY 20, 2022 AND AN ORDER TO SUBSTITUTE BANK DULY ENTERED ON FEBRUARY 26, 2024, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON THE OUTSIDE STEPS OF THE QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NY 11435 ON MAY 3, 2024 AT 10:45 A.M., PREMISES KNOWN AS 99-03 222ND STREET, QUEENS VILLAGE A/K/A JAMAICA, NY 11429. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERRECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF QUEENS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK 10805 AND LOT 1. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT IS \$433,687.83 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX #716851/2017. THE REFEREE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT'S COVID-19 POLICIES CONCERNING PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES. THESE POLICIES, ALONG WITH THE QUEENS COUNTY FORECLOSURE'S AUCTION RULES, CAN BE FOUND ON THE QUEENS SUPREME COURT - CIVIL TERM WEBSITE. EVERETT HOPKINS, ESQ., REFEREE FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP, 85 BROAD STREET, SUITE 501, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10004, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF. FIRM FILE NO. 181801-2 #216157

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS, LONGBRIDGE FINANCIAL LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS. GARY C. DILEONARDO AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF RUTH E. HICKOCK, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S). PURSUANT TO AN ORDER CONFIRMING REFEREE REPORT AND JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DULY ENTERED ON FEBRUARY 2, 2024, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON THE OUTSIDE STEPS OF THE QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NY 11435 ON MAY 3, 2024 AT 10:30 A.M., PREMISES KNOWN AS 11329 202ND STREET, SAINT ALBANS, NY 11412. ALL THAT CERTAIN

PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERRECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF QUEENS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK 10997 AND LOT 8. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT IS \$453,833.30 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX #705051/2022. THE REFEREE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT'S COVID-19 POLICIES CONCERNING PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES. THESE POLICIES, ALONG WITH THE QUEENS COUNTY FORECLOSURE'S AUCTION RULES, CAN BE FOUND ON THE QUEENS SUPREME COURT - CIVIL TERM WEBSITE. ERIC SUBIN, ESQ., REFEREE GREENSPOON MARDER, 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, SUITE 2200, NEW YORK, NY 10105, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF #215933

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS, AJAX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2018-F, MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES, SERIES 2018-F, BY U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, PLAINTIFF, VS. RAMADEVI PASAPULA, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S). PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DULY ENTERED ON OCTOBER 25, 2023, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON THE OUTSIDE STEPS OF THE QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NY 11435 ON MAY 3, 2024 AT 11:15 A.M., PREMISES KNOWN AS 99-15 CORONA AVENUE, CORONA, NY 11368. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERRECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF QUEENS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK 1629 AND LOT 107. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT IS \$1,342,554.53 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX #704621/2013. REFEREE DOES NOT ACCEPT CASH, ONLY BANK OR CERTIFIED CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO DOMINIC A. VILLONI, ESQ., AS REFEREE. THE REFEREE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT'S COVID-19 POLICIES CONCERNING PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES. THESE POLICIES, ALONG WITH THE QUEENS COUNTY FORECLOSURE'S AUCTION RULES, CAN BE FOUND ON THE QUEENS SUPREME COURT - CIVIL TERM WEBSITE. DOMINIC A. VILLONI, ESQ., REFEREE FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP, 85 BROAD STREET, SUITE 501, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10004, ATTOR-

NEYS FOR PLAINTIFF. FIRM FILE NO. 193308-1 #216159

PROBATE CITATION

FILE NO. 2023-924 SURROGATE'S COURT - QUEENS COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD FREE AND INDEPENDENT TO: ZOFIA KMIEC, HELEN KOZYRA, KRYSZYNA PRYCIK, ANDRZEJ TROFNAR, ANNA M. BRODZIAK AS FIDUCIARY OF THE ESTATE OF MARIA BRODZIAK, A POST-DECEASED DISTRIBUTE, STANISLAW DYCHTON, HELENA STEFANISKA, ANDRZEJ DYCHTON, STEFANIA BARYLSKA, HELENA SIEZAK, THE QUEENS COUNTY PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR, AND THE HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, AND DISTRIBUTUTES OF HELEN M. SANDECKI A/K/A HELEN MARY SANDECKI A/K/A HELEN SANDECKI, DECEASED, IF LIVING, AND IF ANY OF THEM BE DEAD TO THEIR HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DISTRIBUTEES, LEGATEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, ASSIGNEES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST WHOSE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN AND CANNOT BE ASCERTAINED AFTER DUE DILIGENCE A PETITION HAVING BEEN DULY FILED BY TERESA ORNAS, WHO IS DOMICILED AT 54-09 71ST STREET, MASPETH, NY 11378. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE BEFORE THE SURROGATE'S COURT, QUEENS COUNTY, AT 88-11 SUTPHIN BLVD, JAMAICA, NEW YORK, ON MAY 30TH 2024 AT 9:30AM IN THE FORE NOON OF THAT DAY, WHY A DECREE SHOULD NOT BE MADE IN THE ESTATE OF HELEN M. SANDECKI A/K/A HELEN MARY SANDECKI A/K/A HELEN SANDECKI LATELY DOMICILED AT 57-24 61ST STREET, MASPETH, NY 11378 ADMITTING TO PROBATE A WILL DATED JANUARY 20, 2017 A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED, AS THE WILL OF HELEN M. SANDECKI A/K/A HELEN MARY SANDECKI A/K/A HELEN SANDECKI, DECEASED, RELATING TO REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY, AND DIRECTING THAT LETTERS TESTAMENTARY ISSUE TO TERESA ORNAS NOTICE: THIS CITATION IS SERVED UPON YOU AS REQUIRED BY LAW. IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE RELIEF REQUESTED, YOU, OR AN ATTORNEY ON YOUR BEHALF, MUST CONTACT THE COURT PRIOR TO THIS DATE IN THE MANNER SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED NOTICE. IF YOU DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT AS SET FORTH IN THE NOTICE IT WILL BE FOUND YOU CONSENT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED. DATED MAR. 26TH, 2024 HON. PETER J. KELLY SURROGATE JANET EDWARDS TUCKER CHIEF CLERK ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER MICHAEL J. FALCO, ESQ. 718-458-0085 69-64 GRAND AVENUE, MASPETH, NY 11378 #216292

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SEVENTEEN MANOR LANE LLC

SEVENTEEN MANOR LANE LLC, ARTS OF ORG. FILED WITH SEC. OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) 1/18/2024. CTY: QUEENS. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST MAY BE SERVED & SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO 2534 CRESCENT ST, 5G, ASTORIA, NY 11102. GENERAL PURPOSE #215600

SANBADA BAYSIDE LLC

SANBADA BAYSIDE LLC FILED 3/5/24. CTY: QUEENS. SSNY DESIG. FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: 3411 149TH ST, #3, FLUSHING, NY 11354. PURP: ANY LAWFUL. #215617

JUST SALAD 212-09 26TH AVENUE LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF JUST SALAD 212-09 26TH AVENUE LLC. ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH SECY. OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) ON 02/29/24. OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO: THE COMPANY C/O DELANEY CORPORATE SERVICES, LTD., 99 WASHINGTON AVENUE, SUITE 805A, ALBANY, NY 12210. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITIES. #215824

3237 85 ST LLC

3237 85 ST LLC, ARTS OF ORG. FILED WITH SEC. OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) 3/15/2024. CTY: QUEENS. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST MAY BE SERVED & SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO 32-37 85TH ST, EAST ELM-

HURST, NY 11370. GENERAL PURPOSE #216311

GAGPANGR, LLC

GAGPANGR, LLC, ARTS OF ORG. FILED WITH SEC. OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) 3/11/2024. CTY: QUEENS. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST MAY BE SERVED & SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO 101-05 LEFFERTS BLVD, STE 201, RICHMOND HILL, NY 11419. GENERAL PURPOSE #216312

VIRTUOSO MANAGEMENT, LLC

VIRTUOSO MANAGEMENT, LLC, ARTS OF ORG. FILED WITH THE SSNY ON 03/26/24. OFFICE: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO THE LLC, 6559 79TH STREET, MIDDLE VILLAGE, NY 11379. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE. #216313

FINEM LLC

FINEM LLC ART. OF ORG. FILED SEC. OF STATE OF NY 11/22/2023. OFF. LOC. : QUEENS CO. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY TO MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO, 2141 79TH ST., EAST ELMHURST, NY 11370, USA. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACT OR ACTIVITY. #216315

39-05 48 AVE. LLC

39-05 48 AVE. LLC. ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH THE SSNY ON 09/20/23. OFFICE: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY

SHALL MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO THE LLC, 11 HAMILTON SQUARE, GLEN HEAD, NY 11545. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE. #216539

11104 LODMANKICHLER LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: LODMANKICHLER LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 1/25/2024. NY OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS MARTIN C, LODMAN III 4142 47TH STREET, UNIT 1 SUNNYSIDE, NY, 11104. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE. #216746

11355 PUTTING YOU 1ST, LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: PUTTING YOU 1ST, LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 3/9/2024. NY OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS PARMINNE PITAMBER, 43-

61 BOWNE STREET QUEENS, NY, 11355. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE. #215789

11365 HUNGRYBROWNGUY LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: HUNGRYBROWNGUY LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 3/25/2024. NY OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS HAARIS HAMID 6419E 194TH LN, FRESH MEADOWS, NY, 11365. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE. #216257

11422 142-43 249TH LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: 142-43 249TH LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 3/14/2024. NY OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS JOEL MOREAUX 249-10 139TH AVE, QUEENS, NY, 11422. PUR-

POSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE. #215836

11436 CHEME ENTERPRISES LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: CHEME ENTERPRISES LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 5/17/2023. NY OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS CHEME ENTERPRISES LLC, 142-17 129TH AVENUE JAMAICA, NY, 11436. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE. #216611

12207 FIRST STEPZ DAYCARE LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: FIRST STEPZ DAYCARE LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 2/15/2024. NY OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS REPUBLIC REGISTERED AGENT SERVICES INC., 54 STATE STREET, STE 804 ALBANY, NY,

12207. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE. #215601

SSC PARTNERS LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: SSC PARTNERS LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 3/8/2024. NY OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS ZENBUSINESS INC. 41 STATE STREET, SUITE 112 ALBANY, NY, 12207. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE. #215844

GLASS SKIN NYC LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: GLASS SKIN NYC LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 3/11/2024. NY OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS ZENBUSINESS INC. 41 STATE STREET, SUITE 112 ALBANY, NY, 12207. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE. #215845



The New York Capitol is seen, June 30, 2022, in Albany, N.Y.
AP Photo/Hans Pennink, File

New Housing Plan Continues to Delay NY's State Budget

By **Maysoon Khan**
Associated Press

New York's state budget is poised for another delay as backroom negotiations over a sweeping proposal to drive new housing construction continue to hold up the spending plan.

Lawmakers in the state Senate passed a stopgap bill Thursday that will keep government funded and extend the budget deadline until April 15. The Assembly is expected to approve the measure on Friday, sending it to the office of Gov. Kathy Hochul for a signature.

The budget has been delayed a handful of times this year as Hochul and the Democratic leaders of the Legislature work through dozens of competing demands in private talks.

Housing has emerged as the major stumbling block in budget negotiations, with top officials trying to balance the demands of developers, tenants and labor to reach an agreement that will lead to more housing units.

A deal is expected to include a tax break for developers to spur construction, a wage agreement for laborers and protections for tenants against some rent increases and evictions, among other things, though the specifics remain unclear.

Hochul, a Democrat, has made increasing the housing stock a top priority.

Last year, she was unable to push through a plan to create 800,000 new homes in the state after pushback from suburban lawmakers axed the proposal. Now, the governor is pushing to use commercial properties and state lands for more housing, and a tax incentive for developers to include affordable housing in new buildings.

"I can't force the private sector to build," Hochul told reporters last week at the Capitol. "They will not do it if the conditions are not right for them. So, I have to look at that factor."

Hochul also said she open to some kind of tenant protection proposal, which is key for the leaders of the Assembly and Senate.

"We want to be able to build, and we want to be able to protect tenants," said Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, a Democrat.

Hochul's plan to shift how the state doles out money to school districts — which would have resulted in some schools getting less money — had also been a point of contention at the bargaining table and among school administrators. The governor told reporters last week she was backing off the proposal and would instead revisit it next year.

Legislative leaders are also still pushing back against the governor's effort to increase criminal penalties for assaulting retail workers, an initiative that is part of her wider strategy to address criminal justice concerns in the state.

And there are ongoing negotiations over how officials can better crack down on unlicensed marijuana shops, which have become ubiquitous in New York City as bureaucratic hurdles and lawsuits have stalled the legal market. Hochul last month ordered a comprehensive review of the state agency that regulates legal marijuana in New York.

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ONWARD LICENSED BEHAVIOR ANALYST PLLC

ONWARD LICENSED BEHAVIOR ANALYST PLLC. FILED 2/8/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: 1044 53RD ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11219. PURPOSE: LICENSED BEHAVIOR ANALYST. #216066

W.S. EMPIRE RENOVATIONS SERVICES LLC

W.S. EMPIRE RENOVATIONS SERVICES LLC. FILED 12/4/23. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: C/O WILSON H. SAETEROS, 959 METROPOLITAN AVE, APT 2R, BKLYN, NY 11211. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216067

J SAET RENOVATIONS SERVICES LLC

J SAET RENOVATIONS SERVICES LLC. FILED 12/4/23. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: C/O JORGE SAETEROS MORA, 71 GRANITE ST, APT 3, BKLYN, NY 11207. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216068

THOMAS ERLING GROUP LLC

THOMAS ERLING GROUP LLC. FILED 12/23/23. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: 84 S 1ST ST APT 1B, BKLYN, NY 11249. REGISTERED AGENT: UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC., 7014 13TH AVE, STE 202, BKLYN, NY 11228. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216069

SPECTRUM ALLIANCE GROUP LLC

SPECTRUM ALLIANCE GROUP LLC. FILED 2/13/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: KIM HUNG, TSOI, 55 BAY 25TH ST, BKLYN, NY 11214. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216070

CLR TRAINING LLC

CLR TRAINING LLC. FILED 1/10/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: 1464 53RD ST, BKLYN, NY 11219. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216071

MM2PM MANAGEMENT LLC

MM2PM MANAGEMENT LLC. FILED 11/4/23. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: 400 E 70TH ST APT 2305, NY, NY 10021. REGISTERED AGENT: UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC., 7014 13TH AVE, STE 202, BKLYN, NY 11228. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216072

BILLION BILLS LLC

BILLION BILLS LLC. FILED 7/20/23. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: C/O WILLIAM T. ROBINSON, 592 PACIFIC ST, BKLYN, NY 11217. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216073

SNEAK NYC LLC

SNEAK NYC LLC. FILED 1/30/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: DANIEL BARRETO, 260 65TH ST APT 2K, BKLYN, NY 11220. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216074

CUBICA LLC

CUBICA LLC. FILED 3/11/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: 788 ROGERS AVE, BKLYN, NY 11226. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216075

820 53ST TOWER LLC

820 53ST TOWER LLC. FILED 3/6/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: 975 50TH ST 1F, BKLYN, NY 11219. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216076

SKYLINE ELEVATORS USA LLC

SKYLINE ELEVATORS USA LLC. FILED 3/8/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: 185 MARCY AVE #3, BKLYN, NY 11211. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216077

5.0/10.7 LLC

5.0/10.7 LLC. FILED 11/29/23. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: ANTONIO WATSON, 64 LINCOLN RD, NEW YORK, BKLYN, NY 11225. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216078

ASH CONSULTATION SERVICES LLC

ASH CONSULTATION SERVICES LLC. FILED 12/19/23. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: 228 PARK AVE S #894184, NY, NY 10003. REGISTERED AGENT: UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC., 7014 13TH AVE, STE 202, BKLYN, NY 11228. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216079

DEV.BABY INDUSTRIES LLC

DEV.BABY INDUSTRIES LLC. FILED 3/7/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: C/O REGISTERED AGENT SOLUTIONS, INC., 99 WASHINGTON AVE, STE 700, ALBANY, NY 12260. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216080

LEO INTERNATIONAL NY LLC

LEO INTERNATIONAL NY LLC. FILED 1/4/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: 5314 3RD AVE, BKLYN, NY 11220. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216081

3 DS & SONS, LLC

3 DS & SONS, LLC. FILED 2/23/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: LESTER ERVIN, 628 STERLING PL, BKLYN, NY 11238. REGISTERED AGENT: LESTER ERVIN, 628 STERLING PL APT 3A, BKLYN, NY 11238. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216082

CHANCERY GREEN, LLC

CHANCERY GREEN, LLC. FILED 1/26/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: AMERICAN INCORPORATORS LTD., 1013 CENTRE RD, STE 403-A, WILMINGTON, DE 19805. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216083

207 RALPH LLC

207 RALPH LLC. FILED 8/11/14. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: 199 LEE AVE #929, BKLYN, NY 11211. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216084

MARGOLIT CENTER LLC

MARGOLIT CENTER LLC. FILED 3/11/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: 4310 10TH AVE, BKLYN, NY 11219. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216085

COLORADO BEHAVIOR LLC

COLORADO BEHAVIOR LLC. FILED 3/7/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: JOEL KRAUSZ, 6214 24TH AVE, BKLYN, NY 11204. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216086

1060 UTICA, LLC

1060 UTICA, LLC. FILED 12/6/23. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: MANAGEMENT OF 1060 UTICA, LLC, 19 S 4TH AVE, MOUNT VERNON, NY 10550. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216087

MYCL NY LLC

MYCL NY LLC. FILED 3/12/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: 648 LEFFERTS AVE, BKLYN, NY 11203. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216088

SERRUR & CO. LLC

SERRUR & CO. LLC. FILED 6/16/22. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: EZRA SERRUR, 197 FREEMAN ST, #3C, BKLYN, NY 11222. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216089

SIP GP, LLC

SIP GP, LLC. FILED 6/16/22. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: EZRA SERRUR, 197 FREEMAN ST, #3C, BKLYN, NY 11222. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216090

CEMY 31 LLC

CEMY 31 LLC. FILED 3/12/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: 1472 E 17TH ST, BKLYN, NY 11230. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216091

BROOKLYN GROW LLC

BROOKLYN GROW LLC. FILED 10/18/23. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: C/O VIVIAN KORICH, 634 DEAN ST, BKLYN, NY 11238. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216092

GLENWOOD PROPERTY NY LLC

GLENWOOD PROPERTY NY LLC. FILED 12/26/23. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: 628 CLASSON AVE, BKLYN, NY 11238. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216093

HOME SOLUTION ADVISORS LLC

HOME SOLUTION ADVISORS LLC. FILED 12/26/23. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: 160 PARKSIDE AVE, 1A, BKLYN, NY 11226. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216094

CARING MEDICAL CARE PLLC

CARING MEDICAL CARE PLLC. FILED 3/8/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: JOSEPH ETIENNE GERALD APOLLON, 11901 EVENING CT, CLARKSVILLE, MD 21029. PURPOSE: MEDICINE. #216095

PG VENDING LLC

PG VENDING LLC. FILED 2/29/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: C/O PATRICE GILLESPIE, 1839 PARK PL., #2, BKLYN, NY 11233. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216096

GRACE HEALTH CARE NP IN PSYCHIATRY PLLC

GRACE HEALTH CARE NP IN PSYCHIATRY PLLC. FILED 2/28/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: 243 BRISTOL ST, BKLYN, NY 11212. PURPOSE: NP IN PSYCHIATRY. #216097

603 SZ LLC

603 SZ LLC. FILED 12/13/23. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: 543 BEDFORD AVE, STE 269, BKLYN, NY 11211. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216098

ACCESS CPR LLC

ACCESS CPR LLC. FILED 2/13/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: CYNTHIA LOGAN-WILLIAMS, 137 MONTAQUE ST, STE 276, BKLYN, NY 11201. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216099

YUMMIRUNS LLC

YUMMIRUNS LLC. FILED 1/22/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: C/O ADMIR SALIHU, 150 SACKETT ST APT 3, BKLYN, NY 11231. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216100

DNC BRANDS LLC

DNC BRANDS LLC. FILED 2/28/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: 4016 18TH AVE, BKLYN, NY 11218. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216101

3316 HOLDINGS LLC

3316 HOLDINGS LLC. FILED 2/29/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: C/O USACORP INC, 325 DIVISION AVE STE 201, BKLYN, NY 11211. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216102

VELVETEEN COYOTE LLC

VELVETEEN COYOTE LLC. FILED 2/18/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: SOREN GREENWOOD, 365 BRIDGE ST APT 11C, BKLYN, NY 11201. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216103

LIMPIA PRODUCTIONS LLC

LIMPIA PRODUCTIONS LLC. FILED 1/22/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: MAHYAD TOUSI, 47 BERGEN ST FL 3, BKLYN, NY 11201. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216104

EVER KIM LLC

EVER KIM LLC. FILED 2/10/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: GINA KIM, 138 WILLOUGHBY ST, UNIT 38K, BKLYN, NY 11201. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216105

ITCH PROJECTS LLC

ITCH PROJECTS LLC. FILED 1/1/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: 84A LEXINGTON AVE APT 1, BKLYN, NY 11238. REGISTERED AGENT: UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC., 7014 13TH AVE, STE 202, BKLYN, NY 11228. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216106

ALILIE LLC

ALILIE LLC. FILED 3/7/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: SUZHEN LI, 553 68TH ST, BKLYN, NY 11220. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216107

NINAANDNOVASCATERING, LLC

NINAANDNOVASCATERING, LLC. FILED 2/2/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: LINA AVILES, 3378 BAYVIEW AVE, BKLYN, NY 11224. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216108

YES TO ECOM LLC

YES TO ECOM LLC. FILED 2/26/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: 4403 15TH AVE STE 372, BKLYN, NY 11219. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216109

MC HIGH TECH LLC

MC HIGH TECH LLC. FILED 3/5/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: XIMENA CABRERA, 6804 19TH AVE APT 2R, BKLYN, NY 11204. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216110

NEW YORK ECONOMIC FORUM LLC

NEW YORK ECONOMIC FORUM LLC. FILED 11/27/23. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: 684 85TH ST, FL 2, BKLYN, NY 10305. REGISTERED AGENT: UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC., 7014 13TH AVE, STE 202, BKLYN, NY 11228. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216111

LIQUID PEARL LLC

LIQUID PEARL LLC. FILED 1/22/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: 10 CITY PT, APT 40M, BKLYN, NY 11201. REGISTERED AGENT: UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC., 7014 13TH AVE, STE 202, BKLYN, NY 11228. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216112

ASHLEY BARAD LCSW PLLC

ASHLEY BARAD LCSW PLLC. FILED 2/12/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: JESSE COLE CUTLER, ESQ., 142 JORALEMON ST., STE 1120, BKLYN, NY 11201. PURPOSE: LCSW. #216113

ASGER CARLSEN LLC

ASGER CARLSEN LLC. FILED 10/31/23. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: ASGER CARLSEN, 301 DEVOE ST, APT 2R, BKLYN, NY 11211. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216114

FIRST EMPEROR GROUP LLC

FIRST EMPEROR GROUP LLC. FILED 2/27/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: YUHANG ZHOU, 1044 66TH ST, 2R, BKLYN, NY 11219. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216115

824 ELTON ST LLC

824 ELTON ST LLC. FILED 3/7/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: 2162 W 10TH ST, BKLYN, NY 11223. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216116

HOUSE ON VAN STREET LLC

HOUSE ON VAN STREET LLC. FILED 1/9/24. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: 15 CEDAR ST #4B, BKLYN, NY 11221. REGISTERED AGENT: UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC., 7014 13TH AVE, STE 202, BKLYN, NY 11228. PURPOSE: GENERAL. #216117

Top NYC education official insists schools won't get leeway on curriculum mandate due to demographics

By Alex Zimmerman
Chalkbeat

A top Education Department official said on Thursday that schools would not have leeway to skirt a new reading curriculum mandate based on student demographics.

"There's no difference in how we're implementing based on demographics of kids," First Deputy Chancellor Dan Weisberg said after a Brooklyn superintendent suggested otherwise. "That's actually a pretty disturbing suggestion."

New York City is requiring all of its elementary schools to begin using one of three reading curriculums, Chancellor David Banks' signature education initiative to improve literacy rates.

But Chalkbeat reported Wednesday that District 15 Superintendent Rafael Alvarez recently told families that his district would have more flexibility than District 19, which is also in Brooklyn. Most children in East New York's District 19 are Black or Hispanic and come from low-income families. About 38% are considered proficient in reading based on state test scores. By contrast, fewer than half of students in District 15 — which runs from Cobble Hill and Red Hook to Park Slope and Sunset Park — are Black or Hispanic or live in poverty. Roughly 63% are proficient readers.

"We have a different community," Alvarez said in response to parent concerns about the curriculum mandate at a Community Education Council meeting last month. "It's the reason why there's flexibility around how we're using the curriculum — because we don't have the same demographics where all of our kids need it verbatim with fidelity every day."

Asked about those comments, top education officials said that there may be certain situations where teachers take different approaches to implementing the curriculum materials but stressed student demographics would not play a role.

"There's all kinds of areas where we need our educators, our teachers, and our principals to customize for their kids," said Weisberg, the Education Department's second-in-command.

Reaction to Alvarez's comments underscores the tension superintendents are facing, as some parents and educators raise concerns that the new mandates will brush aside materials that make their schools distinctive, including project-based approaches or other teacher-created curriculums.

Superintendents are directly appointed by Banks, who has empowered them to hand down curriculum mandates for the schools they supervise. Some have issued directives in a wider range



First Deputy Chancellor Dan Weisberg, pictured here in 2023, said 'there's no difference in how we're implementing based on demographics of kids' in response to a superintendent's comments that suggested otherwise. Alex Zimmerman / Chalkbeat

of grade levels than initially required by Banks' literacy overhaul.

Alvarez, who attended the press conference, did not directly address his earlier comments about student demographics, but said he is "100% on board" with Banks' literacy mandate.

The approach in District 15 might look different from District 19 because leaders there began implementing a standardized curriculum before the latest mandate from Banks, Alvarez contended, and it will take teachers time to get used to new materials. He also stressed that district leaders are looking "to find ways to integrate project-based learning" into the newly mandated curriculums.

Banks also did not wade directly into Alvarez's comments, though he said the superintendent is doing "an amazing job."

Some families have called for waivers to the new curriculum mandates, and Education Department officials initially suggested that a small slice of schools with high test scores could be exempt.

Although some schools expressed interest in a waiver, officials said school leaders ultimately decided to stick with the mandated reading curriculums. A department spokesperson did not share details about that process, including which schools sought exemptions or what criteria the city might use to grant them.

For his part, Banks said he was disinclined to entertain exemptions, though he hinted he may consider them for the highest-performing schools.

"I don't take well to principals — anybody else — who will say to me, 'You know, we want an exception because we're at 55% [reading proficiency], and our colleagues at 35%,'" Banks said. "You don't get an award for that. We all

need help — we all need to continue to support one another."

The city is also preparing to launch an advisory group to offer feedback to curriculum companies based on schools' experience with the materials, Deputy Chancellor Danika Rux said on Thursday, adding superintendents have been meeting regularly to discuss implementing the new curriculums and best practices.

The curriculum providers "make a whole lot of money from New York City public schools — and so we believe that they should listen to us," she said.

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District 15 Superintendent Rafael Alvarez at the Education Department's Lower Manhattan headquarters. Alex Zimmerman / Chalkbeat

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BP outlines plans for Queens in annual address

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na, Jackson Heights, East Elmhurst or Flushing families aren't reaping the benefits?" Richards said. "If the community benefits aren't there, then neither is my support."

Recently, Richards threatened to withhold his support of the Willets Point project if the city didn't agree to help bring food vendors back into Corona Plaza not long after they had been kicked out.

After going through accomplishments of the last year, Richards turned toward what is to come.

He called for "shovels in the dirt" at Creedmoor, which the state is attempting to turn into a major housing and mixed-use development project after decades of disinvestment in the state-owned land in Eastern Queens. He also called for movement on the Gotham Health Clinic in Rockaway and other projects in the pipeline.

Technology and his push to promote Queens as a new hub for tech and entrepreneurship also took center stage on Friday.

Last year, Richards and Deputy Borough President Ebony Young took a trip to Lagos, Nigeria to learn from entrepreneurs in the African city about how they helped grow it into a major tech hub.

In that vein, Richards announced the creation of a new diversity tech and innovation center in Long Island City, which should open next year and will be the home for 50 new start-ups.

"[This is] Queens' way of bringing economic and technological justice to those who have been long denied it," Richards said, adding that his office will allocate \$5 million in funding for the center.

In further investment for the future, Richards spoke about the Renewable Ravenswood plan, which will bring clean energy to the Western Queens power station that will promote a healthier environment for NYCHA Ravenswood Houses residents and the surrounding communities.



Queens Borough President Donovan Richards' State of the Borough speech centered on justice across various spaces in Queens.

Eagle photo by Ryan Schwach

The Champlain Hudson Power Express, also announced last year, is expected to bring more clean and renewable energy to Western Queens from Canada. The conversion station in Astoria, which will receive the energy, is expected to open in 2026.

"Millions of families across Western Queens will live healthier lives," Richards said. "That is what environmental justice looks like."

As reported in the Eagle on Friday prior to the speech, Richards also announced \$2.3 million for nine new hydroponic labs in Queens schools, adding to the 13 he has already funded.

The BP called on Adams and the Department of Education to take less than one percent of the school system's budget to put a lab in ev-

ery city school.

"Let's give our 1.1 million students a well-rounded education," Richards said. "One that will help put food on the family's table too."

Much of Richards' hour-long address highlighted accomplishments from the last year, including the funding of new community centers and park space – but also looking to projects that should come to fruition in 2024.

One such project is the new 116th Precinct, which should be finished sometime in the fall after brief delays.

"They say that justice delayed is justice denied," he said. "But we won't be denied any more in Southeast Queens... those days are done."

In transportation, Richards spoke about the

Queens Bus Network Redesign which is currently undergoing community input, and the hopes for new train lines like the Interborough Express and the QNS, which would connect Jamaica and Long Island City.

Richards, who last year said Queens was filled with "limitless in its potential," said he was proud of the progress made in the borough over the last 12 months.

"The World's Borough is the world's blueprint to follow," he said. "No matter our background, we all strive for the same things: Unity, peace and prosperity."

"The state of our borough is stronger than ever because I have faith in our shared mission," Richards concluded.

Opinion:

Legal assistance for immigrants is a moral imperative and an economic opportunity

By Catalina Cruz
Special to the Eagle

New York is a state built and sustained by immigrants. From the streets of Queens to the orchards and dairy farms of Batavia and other parts of Upstate New York, the contributions of newcomers have fueled our state's growth and prosperity throughout its history. However, hundreds of thousands of immigrants living in our state face the terrifying prospect of deportation and forced family separation, simply because they do not have access to legal representation in a complex and often unforgiving immigration system.

Imagine being ripped away from your family, your home, your work, and the life you've built, all because you couldn't navigate this legal labyrinth on your own. This is a harsh reality for more than half of the New Yorkers in deportation proceedings. Their fates hinge on shortsighted austerity politics that often ignore the scope of this urgent humanitarian need. We can't let that narrow-mindedness prevail.

That's why I'm joining the CARE for Immigrant Families coalition's call for a \$150 million investment in immigrant legal services. This investment will work to reduce the backlog of pending immigration cases and ensure people who have recently arrived to our country can be integrated quickly into the workforce. I'm the lead Assembly sponsor of the Access to Representation Act (ARA), which would establish a right to counsel in immigration court, ensuring that everyone has a fair shot at making their case. Passing this legislation would be a



Queens Assemblymember Catalina Cruz.

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major breakthrough, but urgent action is needed right now in this year's state budget.

Currently, New York immigration courts have a backlog of over 325,000 cases. Legal service providers are overextended, and require additional resources to ensure that immigrants are not fighting for their lives without any professional guidance. Studies show that immigrants with legal representation are up to ten and a half times more likely to win their case and remain in the country. Failing to assist them not only constitutes a moral failing, but also a

colossal missed economic opportunity.

A recent groundbreaking report from the New York City Comptroller underscores the wisdom of investing in legal representation for immigrants from an economic standpoint. Providing access to attorneys for all immigrants facing deportation could result in an additional 53,000 New Yorkers remaining here with their communities, translating to an estimated net benefit of \$8.4 billion for federal, state, and local governments over three decades. Furthermore, the report underscores the untapped economic potential of asylum seekers currently in our city's shelters, whose annual earnings could surpass \$470 million with work authorizations in place, thereby significantly bolstering our state's tax base.

The one catch, accurately highlighted by the Comptroller, is that we have to help them stay here.

A modest investment of \$150 million in immigrant legal services promises to yield tangible benefits from day one. This funding, comprising less than 0.07 percent of the total state budget proposed by the Governor and legislature, will immediately and substantially enhance the capacity of legal service providers and set New York up to prosper in the future. Additional resources will enable the establishment of new legal aid organizations, expansion of existing ones, and provision of financial incentives to attorneys specializing in immigration law. This will ensure that more people can obtain work authorization, meet asylum filing deadlines, and have the support they need to defend their rights

in complex immigration proceedings.

Regrettably, the increase in the number of asylum seekers arriving in New York has only reinforced the tendency to buckle into an austerity straitjacket, with the mindset that we must slash the budget. This shortsighted, if not bigoted, way of thinking sees migrants and their families as a drain on our city's resources. It labels them as problems and fails to recognize their humanity and dignity, their immense potential, and the myriad benefits they bring to our communities.

This lack of insight gets the issue exactly backward. It's a mentality that represents an absolute failure of imagination and resilience. And in this budget season, we have a chance to defeat it.

We should fully embrace the idea of providing legal representation to New Yorkers facing deportation. If the state gives immigrants the resources they need to fight for their legal right to stay in their new home, New York will save money in all the other ways in which our state's social safety net protects people.

With the state budget deadline fast approaching, let's transcend political gamesmanship and embrace pragmatic, humane solutions that align with our values. Investing in immigration legal resources isn't just a moral imperative to protect the rights of our immigrant neighbors—it's a fiscally responsible commitment that will yield dividends for our state's economy for decades to come.

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