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Assemblywoman Joyner Celebrates Thanksgiving with District 77 Families



Focused on spreading joy and happiness during the Thanksgiving holiday, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner offered free turkeys and food vouchers to community members and families at various NYCHA buildings, senior buildings, community centers and senior centers in the 77th Assembly District.

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LATOYA'S LINE

Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner's statement on how we can move forward together in the 77th Assembly District:

With the results of our nation's recent presidential election, our community is facing many challenges and we must stand together to protect the gains we have made and build a positive agenda for the future. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every resident as I will continue to be your unwavering voice in Albany. We must continue to collectively work together in making our diverse community in the 77th Assembly District a better place to live, work and raise a family. I look forward to working with community residents, clergy and religious leaders, local community based organizations and my partners in government in support of the progressive changes we need.

Assemblywoman Meets with P.S. 199 Shakespeare School Parents



Supporting our parents, Assemblywoman Joyner joined Principal Lillia Navarette and the PTA of P.S. 199 The Shakespeare School for its "Project P.S. 199 Cares" Thanksgiving event. Assemblywoman Joyner donated Thanksgiving food baskets to two parents in attendance at the school, which is located on Shakespeare Avenue.

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District Office - Constituent Service Hours

When: Monday - Thursday (10 AM-6 PM), Friday (10 AM-5 PM)

Where: 910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK (btwn E. 162 & 163 Streets)

Off-site hours: Schedule varies. See page 5 for details.

New Law Helps Families Gain Immediate Clarity Following Inmate Deaths



BRONX, N.Y. – **Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx, 77th AD)** announced the signing into law of her legislation [Assembly Bill A.7500A](#), which will require the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) to be responsive to the next of kin in the event that a loved one or family member passes away behind bars. Governor Andrew Cuomo signed Assembly Bill A.7500A on November 28.

“Grieving the death of a loved one can and will always be a very trying time for a family. In some cases, if that loved one is in custody, it could take up to 18 months before any details are offered regarding the circumstances of their death,” said

Assemblywoman Joyner. “I thank Governor Cuomo for his support in recognizing the rights of families and their loved ones behind bars, as every inmate is someone’s mother or father, brother or sister, son or daughter. This new law will help family members gain clarity by speeding up the process by which they obtain information, and make it easier to grieve the loss by offering some closure and details surrounding their passing.”

DOCCS investigations are often not complete until 12-18 months after an inmate's death, which is a very long time to wait for information when someone in your family has died in custody. In March 2016, Lonnie Hamilton tragically died at Marcy Correctional Facility in Marcy, N.Y. and his family allegedly did not hear word that he was deceased until May, according to various news reports.

Assemblywoman Joyner’s legislation, which amends Correction Law, calls for DOCCS to be responsive to an inmate’s next of kin or other designated person, who seeks additional information regarding the circumstances surrounding their passing – including an original preliminary death certificate.

According to DOCCS, there were a total of 501 inmate deaths during the four year period from 2009-2012. Also, natural causes was listed as the most frequent cause of death in all age groups except for the 16-24 year old group.

Senator Gustavo Rivera (D-Bronx, 33rd SD) introduced companion legislation Senate Bill S.5427, which passed the Senate June 14. Previously, the [Assembly unanimously approved Assembly Bill A.7500 for the second straight year on March 28.](#)

JOYNER IN THE COMMUNITY

Assemblywoman Joyner Joins 1600 Sedgwick Ave Residents for Legionnaires’ Briefing



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner and Council Member Vanessa L. Gibson joined the residents of 1600 Sedgwick Avenue for a meeting with the **New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)** and building management after two tenants were reported sick with Legionnaires’ disease within the past 12 months.

The New York City Health Department said it is working with building management to test the building’s water. Following the Health Department’s new public notification protocol for Legionnaires’ disease, tenants are notified when there are two or more cases reported at a single address in a 12-month period.

Previously, in [August 2015](#), Assemblywoman Joyner introduced legislation to prevent future Legionnaires’ outbreaks by allocating up to \$50 million to the DOHMH and the Department of Environmental Protection to fund efforts to

continually test cooling towers of the Legionella bacteria.

Assemblywoman Joyner Joins Bronx Borough President for Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon at Findlay House



JOYNER IN THE COMMUNITY



THANKSGIVING IN ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 77



Assemblywoman Joyner Offers Free Immigration Screenings



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner is pleased to announce FREE immigration screenings for Bronx families. Representatives from **Bronx Legal Services** and **Sauti Yetu Center for African Women and Families** will be available in her Community Office at 910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK (between E. 162nd and E. 163rd Streets) on a monthly basis from 4 pm-6 pm.



The first date will be Wednesday, December 14th from 4pm-6 pm

Please call **718-538-2000** to set up your appointment if you require immigration assistance.

Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner Joins Colleagues in Asking President Obama to Issue Pardons for DACA Enrollees

“Our diversity of culture and language makes the Bronx one of the most unique boroughs in all of New York City. Under President Barack Obama, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program has assisted tens of thousands of our youth and their families in making New York their home. However, following the results of our nation’s presidential election, those who have enrolled into the program now face uncertainty for their future.

Ms. Kirssy Martinez is one such individual who has benefited from the DACA program after moving to the United States at the age of 14 from the Dominican Republic. Kirssy was able to take advantage of DACA following President Obama’s announcement, and later benefited from ‘The DREAM.US’ Scholarship, which provided her with financial assistance to attend college. Kirssy was the first CUNY DREAMer to be named Valedictorian at Bronx Community College. Now, as an intern in my Bronx District Office through CUNY Women’s Public Service Internship Program, she has truly excelled in assisting my constituency as someone who cares and wants to make a difference in the lives of all Bronxites.

I join my colleague Assemblyman Marcos Crespo, Chair of the New York State Assembly Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force, and my fellow elected officials in asking President Obama to grant pardons for these individuals. Allowing dreamers like Kirssy - who is a senior at The City College of New York - and others like her will help to grow the next generation of Bronx families and preserve progress for our nation.”

- For more information regarding Kirssy’s story, please click here: <http://bit.ly/2ek0A7E>
- Below is the link to an online petition asking President Obama to issue a Presidential Pardon to all DACA enrollees: <http://bit.ly/2gCiFzT>



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner is proud to announce a partnership with New York City's Tenant Support Unit

Tenant Support Specialists every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM



**Where: Assemblywoman Joyner's Community Office
910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK
Bronx, NY 10451**

Tenant Support Specialists will be holding joint office hours to provide support to tenants that may be experiencing housing related issues such as:

- Harassment
- Purposeful denial of essential services
- Overcharges
- Possible eviction

For more information, please call Assemblywoman Joyner's Office at 718-538-2000

Every Thursday, Tenant Support Services are available in Assemblywoman Joyner's Community Office

In coordination with New York City's Tenant Support Unit, tenant support specialists are on hand every 1st and 3rd Thursday, from 11 AM-3 PM. This effort will focus on helping tenants with concerns and issues related to harassment, purposeful denial of essential services, overcharges and possible eviction.

Also, legal professionals from the Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs are available every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 3 PM-6 PM to assist with your legal housing issues. Please call to set up an appointment.

For more information, see flyers or call the Assemblywoman's Community Office at 718-538-2000



Free Housing Legal Services!



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner is proud to announce a partnership with the Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs to offer **FREE HOUSING LEGAL SERVICES!**



N.A.I.C.A. legal professionals will be on hand to assist your housing concerns

When: Every second and fourth Thursday from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Where: Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner's Community Office
910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK
Bronx, N.Y. 10451



For more information or to set up an appointment, please call Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner's Community Office at 718-538-2000

TENANT SUPPORT SPECIALISTS AVAILABLE:	N.A.I.C.A LEGAL PROFESSIONALS AVAILABLE:
DECEMBER 1	DECEMBER 8
DECEMBER 15	DECEMBER 22
JANUARY 5	JANUARY 12
JANUARY 19	JANUARY 26

OFF-SITE CONSTITUENT HOURS



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner wants to make her office more accessible to families and constituents in the 77th Assembly District. Her staff will be offering off-site constituent services at local senior centers, community centers and libraries.

- **Highbridge Library**
78 West 168th Street
Bronx, NY, 10452
Every 3rd Monday from 10 AM-1 PM
- **Davidson Community Center**
2038 Davidson Avenue
Bronx, NY 10453
Every 4th Monday from 10 AM-1 PM
- **New Settlement Community Center**
1501 Jerome Ave
Bronx, NY 10452
***Every 3rd Wednesday from 4 PM-6 PM**

AVAILABLE BRONX AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS

Below listing are Subsidized Rental Opportunities lotteries, as provided by NYC Housing Preservation & Development and New York State Homes and Community Renewal. Each housing opportunity is a lottery with application deadlines.

For more information, please visit [NYC Housing Connect](#) or [HCR Affordable Rental Units](#) and [NYHousingSearch.gov](#).

ADDRESS	APTS AVAILABLE	HOW DO YOU APPLY?	DEADLINE
1776 Boston Rd, Bronx, NY 10460	72	Apply online or through mail. To apply online, please go to nyc.gov/housingconnect . To request an application by mail, send a self-addressed envelope to: HIGH HAWK c/o PWB Management Corp. 3092 Hull Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467.	Dec. 16, 2016
6469 Broadway, Bronx, NY 10471	77	Applications can be downloaded from the marketing agent's website: www.BronxProgroup.com . Applications can also be requested by mail by sending a double-stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Bronx Pro Real Estate Management Inc., 1605 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Bronx, NY 10453, ATTN: VAN CORTLANDT GREEN	No deadline