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Dear friends,

In just a couple of months, I will be returning to Albany for the next session of the state legislature. Now, more than ever, it is critical I hear from you on what you want to see Albany accomplish next year. For that reason, I'm hosting my first town hall meeting tomorrow, Saturday, see details below!

This month, we saw action against one of our neighborhoods' worst landlords, met with government agencies to tackle public safety issues and saw a member of my team be honored for all the individuals my office has assisted this year!

My Community Office at 214 West 29th Street, 212-807-7900, Simonet@nyassembly.gov is here to help you in any way we can. Please contact us if you're having a problem with a government agency, your landlord, a utility, or if you have concerns about the neighborhood.

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TOMORROW: You're invited to a community town hall!

Join me, **Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal**, **Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine**, and **Councilmember Erik Bottcher** for a conversation on the most important issues facing our neighborhoods. The event will be moderated by **Inge Ivchenko**, the president of the London Terrace Tenants' Association.

The town hall will take place at Hartley House at 413 West 46th Street (between 9th & 10th Avenues) **tomorrow, Saturday October 28th**, from **12pm-2pm**.

[You can RSVP here, where you can also submit questions to be discussed during the event.](#)
Light refreshments will be provided.

I look forward to seeing you there!

JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY TOWN HALL HOSTED BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER TONY SIMONE

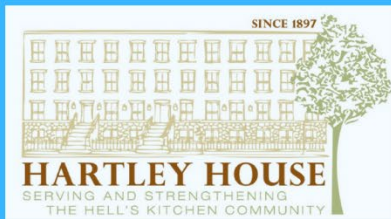
Co-sponsored by
State Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal
Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine
Councilmember Erik Bottcher

Moderated by
London Terrace Tenants Association President
Inge Ivchenko

Saturday, October 28th
12-2pm

Hartley House
413 West 46th Street, New York NY 10036

Light refreshments will be served



RSVP:
bit.ly/simonetownhall

TO GET DETAILS ON THE EVENT AS THEY ARE ANNOUNCED, FOLLOW US!
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Flu Vaccine Events

As the weather gets colder, it's important to stay healthy, and protect yourself from the annual flu virus. I am sponsoring two flu vaccine events in the month of November. See details below!

Thursday, November 9th, from 10am-2pm, at Hartley House, 413 West 46th Street. Please register *for the Hartley House event only* [at this link](#).

Monday, November 13th, from **10am-2pm**, at Penn South's Community Room 8A, 343 8th Avenue. Please register *for the Penn South event only* [at this link](#).

FLU VACCINE CLINICS
SPONSORED BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER TONY SIMONE

Winter is around the corner!
Be prepared by getting your flu vaccine to stay safe and healthy this year.

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Register for Hartley House at bit.ly/hartleyflushots

Monday, November 13th from 10am to 2pm
Penn South Community Room 8A, 343 8th Avenue, New York, NY 10001

Register for Penn South at bit.ly/pennsouthflushots

Recent News

[West 42nd Street Walkthrough with NYPD, DHS, DSS and Port Authority](#)

This week, my office organized a walkthrough of West 42nd Street in front of the Port Authority Bus Terminal with elected officials, NYPD, the Department of Homeless Services, Department of Social Services and the Port Authority's police force to discuss the persistent public safety concerns that we have seen in the area. Community members have consistently shared their fears about increased crime in the area, particularly in front of a daycare on the block. My office took immediate action to remedy the situation, including working [to bring down the scaffolding](#) that had been in place in front of the daycare for far longer than was necessary. The agencies involved will be working closely together to continue to address the concerns in the area, and will be increasing outreach and police presence to keep the community safe.



Walking West 42nd Street with NYPD. Photo by Max Guliani.

Settlement Against NYC's Worst Landlord

This week, the Mayor's Office of Special Enforcement announced a settlement of \$4.2 million with Daniel Ohebshalom (also known as Daniel Shalom), the notoriously cruel and negligent landlord who owns buildings throughout the city that have been falling apart for years. In particular, the residents at 410/412 West 46th Street, one of Shalom's many buildings in disrepair, have been calling on the city to bring this slumlord to justice, after suffering horrendous living conditions and harassment by their super and building managers. I am glad that Shalom is being penalized, but this settlement is the beginning, not the end. He must be brought to justice for his illegal behavior, and [I will continue to stand with the tenants](#) until repairs are made in their building and they can live without fear.

Demanding the Return of Israeli-American Hostages

Together with Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine and other elected officials, [I have been adding my voice](#) to support the families of Israeli-Americans who are being held hostage

by the terrorist group Hamas. There are over 200 people currently being held captive, many of whom have family in the United States and in New York. The cruelty of the terrorists knows no bounds; heartbroken families are crying out for their loved ones to be returned to safety, including children and grandparents. Their stories are harrowing and devastating. I am committed to standing with these families to demand the safe return of the hostages. We pray and hope for the safety of all Israeli and Palestinian civilians who are facing horror each and every day.



Rallying with Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine, Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal, Assemblymember Alex Bores, and other colleagues, along with families of the hostages and students from a nearby school.

Standing in Solidarity with Israel

Just days after the horrific terrorist attacks in Israel, the UJA Federation of New York, along with JCRC of New York, brought together [thousands of supporters and advocates](#) to stand with Israel and its people. While the circumstances surrounding the rally were bleak, I was also heartened to stand shoulder to shoulder with my fellow New Yorkers in solidarity with a people

that is so intimately connected to our city and country. We will not tolerate evil anywhere in the world, and the huge turnout at the vigil shows that New York stands with the Israeli people.

Honoring Yadira Jimenez & HCC

I am so proud of my team who do crucial work for the constituents of AD75, and one integral member of the team is our Constituent Services Manager, Yadira Jimenez. Yadira was recently honored by Housing Conservation Coordinators for her work advocating for constituents in a variety of areas, especially in regards to housing and their landlords. I'm so appreciative of everything that Yadira does every day to serve our district. Congratulations, Yadira!



Congratulations Yadira and HCC!

London Terrace Tenants' Association

I was thrilled to join the London Terrace Tenants' Association for their annual meeting, which was the first in person meeting since the pandemic! We spoke about important issues facing the neighborhood and actions my office has been taking, including the proliferation of illegal cannabis shops; [my E-Bike Commercial Licensing Act](#) with Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal;

support for mental health funding; and [urging Governor Hochul to sign the LLC Transparency Act.](#)



Speaking with the London Terrace Tenant's Association.

Discussing Public Safety with NYPD 1st Deputy Commissioner

My team hosted NYPD First Deputy Commissioner Tania Kinsella in our office to discuss solutions to public safety concerns in our district. We have been hearing from many constituents that there are areas of concern, especially on 8th and 9th Avenues. I work closely with our local precincts when we do experience instances of crime, and I am glad to know that NYPD will continue to work with us at all levels of leadership to keep New Yorkers safe.



NYPD's 1st Deputy Commissioner Tania Kinsella.

Meeting Students and Staff at Macaulay Honors College

The students at CUNY's [Macaulay Honors College](#) are thoughtful and accomplished, and I was pleased to have the opportunity to sit down with them last week. CUNY is a fantastic way for New York City students to achieve the goal of higher education, and Macaulay connects New York's most promising students to the financial and academic support to realize their leadership potential. The staff at Macaulay does fantastic work for students, and I am proud to support their mission.



Meeting with students and Macaulay Honors College Dean, Dr. Dara Byrne.

Senior Resource Fair with Senator Hoylman-Sigal

My team and I joined Senator Hoylman-Sigal for his fantastic Senior Resource Fair! The event brought together over 300 seniors for a variety of badly needed services and resources, including vaccines, blood pressure screenings, vision tests, and more. Thank you to the nurses and healthcare workers who do critical work to keep seniors safe and healthy!



Senior Resource Fair with Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal and the nurses who care for our community!

Blessing of the Animals

On one of the most beautiful fall days we've had in awhile, I brought my best friend Radar to St. Peter's Chelsea for their annual Blessing of the Animals event. Radar has been feeling sick lately, but he's finally on the mend, so we celebrated with a blessing from Reverend Christine Lee!



Thank you Reverend Christine Lee for the blessing!

Community Resources + Events

NYC Funds Finder

Meet NYC Funds Finder, NYC's first-ever online funding marketplace for small businesses. The NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS) has partnered with Next Street to make affordable financing more accessible to all NYC entrepreneurs, including women and minority-owned businesses.

Check out NYC Funds Finder to get:

- Custom lists of funding opportunities, including loans and grants, for your business through our Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) partners and other lenders
- Free one-on-one financial counseling
- Help with documentation preparation

[Get started here!](#)

Save Money with Autopay!

Now through November 15, 2023, DEP customers can receive \$100 off their next water bill by enrolling in Autopay.

Autopay allows customers to pay their bill automatically on the due date, or a specific date each month, and avoid the hassle of remembering to pay on time. Setting it doesn't mean forgetting it – they'll get monthly notices that their payment is scheduled and paid.

Customers can sign up for Autopay through their [My DEP account](#). To learn more, visit our [Autopay webpage](#), call 718-595-7000, or [visit one of our customer service offices](#).

CBC's Resident Survey

The nonpartisan, nonprofit, independent Citizens Budget Commission (CBC) is conducting a resident survey that asks New Yorkers to rate their satisfaction with City services and the quality of life in their neighborhood. If your household was randomly selected to participate in the NYC Resident Survey and notified by mail, we encourage you to respond so that your voice can be heard. Your feedback—especially as the City has been recovering from the pandemic—will be pivotal in charting a course for the future.

Thank you for taking the time to help your neighbors and your City!

Tips on Renting an Apartment in NYC

Pamela Glaser guides you through the process of finding an apartment through signing the lease for your new home. The discussion includes: application requirements and fees; typical financial requirements; insurance; difference between rent stabilized apartment and market rate; leases; rental guidelines; protections against discrimination; the NYC housing lotteries; and more. Finally, learn about some of the incentives to help you become a co-op, condo, or homeowner.

About The Presenter:

Pamela Glaser is the director of the "Navigators" Unit in the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development's Office of Neighborhood Strategies. She and her team respond to calls to the Agency's general phone line. Previously, Pam has worked in foreclosure

prevention, and tenant and owner education.

This event is hosted by New York Public Library, and will be conducted online on **Wednesday, November 1st from 12-1:30pm**. [Sign up here for the webinar.](#)

West Side YMCA Boofest!

The West Side YMCA is hosting their annual Halloween celebration, Boo Fest! **This Saturday, October 28th from 10am to 1pm**, join the YMCA for music, games, face paint, activities, music, games, face paint, activities, and more! Tickets are \$5, and free for kids under 2.