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Assemblymember Nolan: Assembly Legislation Provides Assistance to Crime Victims

In recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 26-May 2, the Assembly passed several measures Assemblymember Catherine Nolan supported to aid crime victims and their families.

"Violent crimes create thousands of victims each year in New York State, and survivors need to rebuild their lives in the devastating aftermath of what they've suffered," Assemblymember Nolan said. "The Assembly's package of legislation provides assistance to victims and their families through improved advocacy, counseling programs and financial compensation."

Strengthening advocacy and increasing assistance for victims "Crime victims have experienced trauma and pain and need to heal, both mentally and physically," Assemblymember Nolan said. "This package includes several bills designed to make it much easier for victims to get the help they need and deserve."

These bills:

- * create an office of crime victims ombudsman within the Division of Criminal Justice Services in order to investigate complaints brought by crime victims regarding mistreatment, improper handling or disposition of claims and ensure proper treatment of victims by government agencies and service providers. The measure would establish a toll-free telephone number for victims to report complaints (A.521);

- * require social services districts to provide to individuals who have experienced sexual abuse or assault information about locally available services for sexual assault victims and assistance available

to protect such victims from further harm (A.3378);

- * help curb the rise in bias-related and hate crimes by establishing a civil remedy for victims of intentional wrongdoing resulting in physical injury or death or damage to their property because of a belief or perception regarding the victim's race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, religion, age, disability or sexual orientation (A.529);

- * require training for police officers and child protective services workers regarding sexual abuse (A.4629-B);

- * require all Crime Victims Board (CVB) members to participate in a crime victim assistance education program (A.1209); and

- * streamline the CVB's reporting requirements to reduce administrative red tape by changing the reporting requirements relative to restitution and fair-treatment standards from annually to every two years (A.1380).

"Considering the trauma crime victims have been put through, it's important that those working with them show the utmost sensitivity and respect to help facilitate their healing," Assemblymember Nolan said. "These measures are designed to ensure those who are here to help crime victims are able to provide optimal assistance."

Easing financial hardships

"Crime victims are often saddled with expenses beyond their control that force them to make tough decisions regarding their jobs, paying their bills or caring for their children," Assemblymember Nolan said. "This legislation will help vic-

tims recover by providing the compensation necessary to get back on their feet."

The Assembly's legislation will expand benefits to crime victims by:

- * allowing people who are domestic partners or otherwise maintain significant and long-term, though not legally formalized, relationships with homicide victims to be eligible for compensation from the CVB for actual out-of-pocket losses and counseling expenses (A.4089-A);

- * enabling crime victims to be reimbursed for transportation costs for the full range of necessary court appearances (A.6532-A); and

- * granting courts the discretion to designate that part, or all, of any fine paid by a violator of the state's antitrust law be paid to the CVB, thereby putting more money into the programs that help victims (A.1046).

"We need to be able to help crime victims and their loved ones recover," Assemblymember Nolan said. "I hope that we can put this common-sense legislation into action quickly and spare more people trauma and grief, as a result."

This year, National Crime Victims' Rights Week celebrates the 1984 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), which established the Crime Victims' Fund and fostered 25 years of progress for victims of crime. The 2009 theme invites us to explore the VOCA's history, its powerful reforms, and its network of support to victims of crime. It also honors the visionaries who made VOCA a reality.

BIG Turnout for Assemblywoman Nolan In Long Island City

On Wednesday, April 29th, Friends of Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan held a fundraiser at Manducatis Rustica Restaurant in Long Island City. Assemblywoman Nolan has a lot of friends that came out that night to show their support. *See page 4 for more photos.*



Long Island City Business Development Corporation President Gail Baron greets the popular Assemblywoman.



Wyckoff Hospital was well represented with Vice President David Hoffman and his group and friends.

108th COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Captain Kavanagh, Commanding Officer, 108th Precinct will give his monthly crime updates and receive your questions and concerns.

TUESDAY, MAY 26th @ 7 P.M.

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Please make every effort to show your support for the 108th Police Precinct by attending this important and informative meeting.



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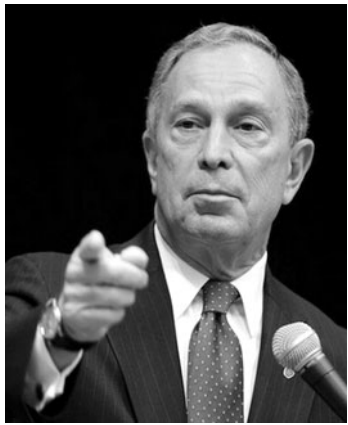
MAYOR'S CORNER

BY MAYOR MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG

Moving our City and our Budget Forward in Tough Times

Recently, we've been stressing the sensible measures, like covering sneezes and coughs, that everyone can take to stop the spread of flu and other viruses. Following vigilant precautions pays off in other ways, too - and the City budget that we have presented shows that.

Well over a year ago, we recognized that the city and national economies were entering a downturn. And instead of sticking our heads in the sand, or engaging in wishful thinking, we began then to stabilize the City's finances. Since January 2008, City agencies have taken \$3.4 billion worth of actions to close the looming gap in next year's budget. We've also been able to draw on approximately \$5 billion in surpluses the City accumulated - and wisely didn't spend - during the last economic boom to help balance that budget.



As a result, even as this recession has proved far more painful than anyone could have predicted, we've been able to keep the city moving forward. We've driven crime down even further, keeping New York the nation's safest big city. We've continued to improve our schools and quality of life. And we've launched initiatives to help New Yorkers stay

in their homes, find new jobs, and keep their small businesses open - the essential first steps on the road toward our goal of creating or preserving 400,000 jobs in our city over the next six years.

The wise measures we've taken over the past 16 months have also allowed us to prepare a budget for the next fiscal year, which starts July 1st, that will get us through the difficult days ahead without resorting to the 'worst-case' measures we were considering in January. We no longer, for example, anticipate that there will be teacher layoffs - good news for students and parents alike. Even though we're reducing our capital budget, there won't be any cutbacks in school construction - and there will still be almost \$62 billion in job-creating investments in rebuilding our infrastructure over the next ten years. We'll keep our public safety and safety net services strong. And to speed our economic recovery, we'll also increase job training, augment our emergency loan pool for small businesses, and step up efforts to prevent housing foreclosures and abandonments.

Now, to accomplish all this, we'll need the help of the City's partners in State government, and also the cooperation of the City's workforce.

Albany must approve a new pension tier for future City employees, just as State leaders did during the fiscal crisis of the 1970s. That will reduce the ever-growing bite pension costs take out of the funds we could otherwise use to pay police officers, keep libraries open, and clean our streets. We're also asking City unions to join us in restructuring health care plans to produce recurring savings. And regrettably, to preserve essential services even with the billions of dollars in budgets cuts that we've made, we'll also need a half-percentage point increase in the sales tax.

Even with all these measures, there will continue to be further belt-tightening by City agencies. But we're going to make sure that everything we do protects our quality of life, including the safety and health of all New Yorkers.

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Words of Wisdom

By Mary C. Marie

My mama told me once
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 Be yourself and true
 And you will break no ties

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 For you have been rewarded
 Though appearing mild and meek

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 To all you come to know
 Never praise yourself
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And as you grow you'll notice
 Your answers to my prayer
 How strong and kind you've grown
 Because you've learned to care

Never go for glory
 But help in silence do
 Retreat when it's all over
 The outcome show in view

And I wish so much love
 Will be a party too
 A most intelligent child
 That made my prayers come true.

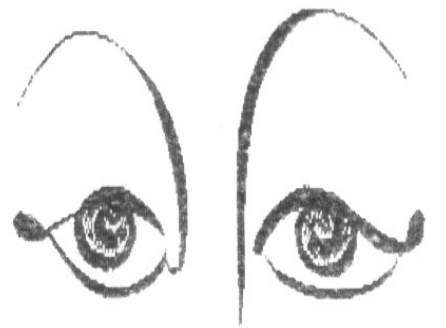
The Sunnyside Park Presents Annual Mother's Day Plant Sale

The sale will take place on Saturday May 9th, from 11:00-1:00pm, in front of the Park (39th Avenue at 49th Street).

This annual sale to benefit the Park includes blooming annuals for sun or shade, window boxes, perennial herbs, heirloom tomato and other vegetable seedlings, house plants, gardening crafts, composting starter-worms, and gardeners on hand to answer your gardening questions.



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photo identification proving that they are at least 65 years old. Persons with disabilities must have a valid U.S. Medicare Card (Red, White and Blue) along with a valid federal/state issued photo identification card in order to be immediately processed. Disabled persons without Medicare cards must ensure that their doctors complete the physician's section of the application. After a review process, permanent Reduced Fare MetroCards are

mailed to qualified applicants. Anyone may add value to their MetroCard or purchase pre-encoded MetroCards, including daily, weekly and monthly unlimited-ride passes. In addition, our staff is available to answer any MetroCard-related questions. For more information or to find out other locations with scheduled MetroCard bus/van visits, please visit the MTA's website, www.mta.info, or call (212) METROCARD.

“THE POOPER-TRATOR”

Big Apple's ultimate party pooper
By John J. Doherty, Commissioner of Sanitation

Spring is finally here, and once again nature is painting our streets and parks with bright brushstrokes of green, red, yellow and pink hues. Even tough New Yorkers, used to getting around on foot regardless of the season, are welcoming the arrival of spring. City streets are once again overflowing with couples, walking hand in hand, mothers pushing baby strollers and seniors enjoying milder temperatures.

But when contemplating the innocent joys and pleasures of a stroll around town, there's a threat that strikes fear into the heart of the most seasoned New Yorker: the Pooper-trator. For those unfamiliar with the term, "Pooper-trator" refers to that inconsiderate breed that doesn't bother to clean up after their dogs.

We all know their M.O. They walk their dog, and when the pooch gets the 'call of nature,' they stand by trying to look casual — all the while carefully looking left and right, checking for possible witnesses. Even before their dog has finished its business, it's apparent they've decided not to bother to clean up, not caring if they turn streets, sidewalks and parkland into minefields where every step carries a potentially unpleasant surprise.

Pooper-trators are the city's ultimate party poopers who can ruin a perfectly fine day and a pair of shoes!

I'm proud to say we've made New York City the cleanest it's been in over three decades. However, no matter how much our dedicated Sanitation Workers clean or merchants and residents sweep their sidewalks and pedestrians comply with Sanitation regulations, inconsiderate dog walkers can spoil a clean block by their blatant disregard for the law, turning their fellow New Yorkers' daily walks into an obstacle course.

With that in mind, last year the Sanitation Department redoubled its efforts and launched an extensive citywide campaign to encourage New Yorkers to

comply with the "pooper scooper" law and pick up after their dogs. This year, we are teaming up with the Parks and Recreation Department in launching a coordinated 'spring offensive' aimed at catching pooper-trators and giving them \$250 violations for their dirty deeds.

The "Pooper Scooper" law, officially known as Section 1310 of the New York State Public Health Code - became law in New York City on August 1, 1978. With its enactment, the Big Apple became the first major American city requiring dog walkers to be responsible for picking up and disposing of their dog's waste. Many other cities across the country - and around the globe - have followed suit with similar 'pooper scooper' laws.

(Here, enforcement agents for the Departments of Sanitation and Parks and Recreation are authorized to issue canine waste violations. With an increase in the size and scope of our specifically trained Canine Enforcement Task Force, in fiscal year 2008, our agents issued more than 900 notices of violation.

In addition, our ongoing outreach program urges New Yorkers to pick up after their dogs and educates them about the fact that canine waste is not only an unsightly nuisance, but it can also pose health hazards when it's not cleaned up.

The bottom line is that whether scofflaws choose to acknowledge it or not failure to clean up after your dog is a violation of a State law and it carries a newly increased fine of \$250.

To report issues of canine waste in your area, call 311. We'll send our Canine Enforcement Agents there to try to catch these careless pooper-trators in the act!

It's time for all responsible dog walkers to clean up after their pets, and for all New Yorkers to reclaim their streets, sidewalks and parkland and the simple pleasure of long walks with no unpleasant surprises along the way, and most particularly, under foot!

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Community Board 2 is sponsoring a clothing and toy drive this spring/summer for needy children in our district.

Spring/summer clothing for male and female ranging from infants to teenagers up to 18 years of age are needed. Summer toys such as hula hoops, beach balls, chalk, bubbles, books, etc. can provide hours of summer fun for the children. Please no bats, racquets, crayons or markers.

We will be accepting donations through Friday, June 19, 2009. As always thank you for your generosity. You may drop off your donation at the Community Board 2 office from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Neighborhoods Compete in Monopoly Tournament



Gurgot Nijjar, of Woodside, recently emerged as the winner in a local Monopoly Game Tournament held May 2 at the St. Raphael's School. The Annual St. Raphael's Monopoly tournament was held this year at the Saint Raphael's Gym. The tournament is held each year to sponsor the St. Raphael's Youth Group. The gym housed the area's most clever, tenacious and cunning Monopoly players. These players were sure to make for an interesting challenge for defending champion, Gurjot Nijjar.

All contestants participated in 90-minute rounds of the Monopoly game from which the top six players went on to battle their real estate trading skills in the final round. After 90 minutes of play, Gurgot, still Monopoly, champion emerged the victor. Amy Mandavia won second place and Diana Macaluso came in third.

For his victory, Gurgot, an 8 grade student, was awarded a grand prize of 4- Mets Tickets at CitiField.

The event included sponsors from local businesses including, Dent-Care Dental, Edward Jones, Pronto Transportation, Sunnyside Lions Club, Pete's Grill, State Farm, Verizon, and Brent O'Leary, who is running for City Council.

Admission was ten dollars per person and various prizes were awarded throughout the evening. Refreshments were served and everyone had a wonderful time.

The Monopoly game, the world's most popular proprietary board game, is licensed in more than 80 countries and printed in more than 26 languages, including French, Italian, Spanish, Greek, German, Dutch, Flemish, Swedish, Finnish, Russian, Norwegian, Portuguese, Japanese, Chinese, Arabic, Catalan, and Hebrew. Since it first went on the market in 1935, over 200 million Monopoly games have been sold worldwide and are now played by an estimated 250 million people.

Congratulations Gurgot!

Boy Scout Troop 390 participate in Pathfinder District Camporee

The Boy Scout Troop 390 of Sunnyside participated in this year's Pathfinder District Camporee 2009. It was held at Baiting Hollow Campsite in Calverton Long Island, during the April 25th weekend. The adult leaders, Thomas Varga, Peter Ross and Eddie Avila prepared them for this event during the past few months. Ms. Maritza Sanchez-Avila, mother of Eddie R. Avila Jr. came out this weekend to assist with transportation and adult leadership. There was a series of events which included: building a campfire without matches, map and compass reading course, an understanding of the "Leave no Trace", a cooking competition, and a campfire skit. Leave No Trace, is a program established to teach others to respect and understand how we can preserve our natural resources. This is especially important for the boys to follow during their outdoor excursions. The boys came out with 3-second place ribbons and one-third place ribbon.

In addition to their competition, the boys were able to perform advanced tasks which included sleeping in tents, night hiking and night camp setup, preparing and utilizing a propane stove, and most important, teamwork. At the end of a long hard weekend, there was a beach on premises which the boys were allowed to enjoy the view and go for a victory splash.



Assemblywoman Nolan Fundraiser



CitiBank's Terry Thomson, Sunnyside Chamber President Ira Greenberg and Dazie's Lily Gavin enjoy a visit.



Maryanne Matton, Terri Thomson, Joe Matton and Lily Gavin.



Tom Bornermann, Deirdre Feerick, Cathy Nolan, James Van Bramer, CB2 Chairman Joe Conley.



Major Autos Bruce Bendel and Exec. Vice-President of the Dutch Kills Civic Association George Stamatiades



Deirdre Feerick, Councilmember Elizabeth Crowley and Stuart Suna Founder of Silver Cup Studios.

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Millions of Americans invest in Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) - and with good reason. An IRA is a great way to save for retirement, and it's available to anyone with earned income. Yet, many people don't fully fund their IRAs each year. That could be a costly mistake - so do whatever you can to avoid it.

Before we get to the funding issue, let's examine the key benefits of an IRA:

Tax advantages - When you invest in a traditional IRA, your earnings can potentially grow on a tax-deferred basis, which means your money can grow faster than if it were placed in an investment on which you pay taxes every year. And depending on your income level, some of your contributions may be tax deductible. If you have a Roth IRA, your contributions aren't deductible, but your earnings can potentially grow totally tax-free, provided you've had your account for at least five years and you don't start taking withdrawals until you reach 59-1/2.

Wide choice of investments - You can fund your traditional or Roth IRA with just about any investment vehicle available, including stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit and Treasury bills. You can even choose an investment mix that reflects your long-term goals, risk tol-

erance and time horizon.

Clearly, it's a smart move to contribute the full amount to your IRA every year. So, why don't more people do it?

One reason is that many investors may become intimidated by the IRA's contribution limits. You can invest up to \$5,000 to your IRA for 2008 and 2009, or \$6,000 if you're 50 or older.

These limits can look imposing, especially if you think you have to pay the money all at once - and pay it around tax time. Of course, if you can afford to fund your IRA all at once, it may be to your advantage to do so, because the earlier in the year you have your IRA funded, the more time it has to potentially grow. But if you can't write a check for \$5,000 in January, why not divide the amount into 12 monthly payments of \$416.00? That amount may also pose a challenge to your monthly cash flow, but it's probably far more manageable than writing that big one-time check.

Making regular investments into your IRA may also offer "strategic" advantages. While your monthly payments can't guarantee a profit or protect against a loss in a declining market, they may be able to help you overcome some of the volatility of the financial markets. How? Sup-

pose your \$416.00 monthly IRA investment goes to buy stocks. When stock prices are low, that \$416.00 will buy more shares, and when prices are high, it will buy fewer shares. Be sure that you consider your ability to continue investing through periods of low price levels.

If you haven't fully funded your IRA for 2008, you've got until the tax-filing deadline, which is April 15, 2009. After that, if you've got the money to fund your IRA for 2009, do it as soon as you can, or do it throughout the year. Just get it done. Someday, you may be glad you did.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May Events

- 8 Livable Neighborhoods Program Training Registration Deadline
- 9 6:00 PM-Oliver Twist! Final Performance @ St. Mary's Auditorium
- 12 12:30 PM- Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon meeting @ Dazie's Restaurant located @ 39-41 Queens Blvd, Sunnyside
- 13 7:00 PM- United Forties Civic Assoc monthly meeting @ St. Teresa's Parish Center, 50-22 45th Street, Woodside-Parking on 44th St is available
- 14 10:00 AM-12 Noon-MetroCard Bus/ Van @ Cathy Nolan's Office
- 14 6:00 PM-7:30 PM- Family Fun Night! @ P.S. 199
- 14 7:30 PM- Dutch Kills Civic organization monthly meeting @ St Patricks School Hall, 29-28 29th St
- 15 Endangered Species Day - Save the Manatee
- 15 11:00 AM ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY hosted by The Honorable Helen M. Marshall @ Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Blvd, Kew Gardens in the Veterans Memorial Garden of Queens-Reception to Follow-Room 213 RSVP 718-286-2888
- 16 8:30 AM-5:30 PM- Livable Neighborhoods Program Training-FREE, located @ Hunter College, 695 Park Ave (breakfast & lunch provided). Registration Deadline is Friday May 8th. Call 212-935-3960 Ext. 249 or visit www.mas.org/lnp
- 16 10:00 AM-3:00 PM- It's My Park Day- Volunteer projects & events in parks throughout the 5 boroughs - for more information, contact greenhoresnyc@yahoo.com
- 16 Park Avenue Armory-ARTS DAY! (Free) For more info armorypark.org
- 17 1:00 PM-5:00 PM- 1st Public Paddle of the Season in Halletts Cove- for more information, visit www.licboathouse.com (Weather Permitting)
- 23 11:00 AM-7:00 PM Sunnyside/ Woodside Lions Club Street Fair-Greenpoint Avenue between 44th Street & 46th Street (NO rain date)
- 25 Memorial Day- Community Board 2 Office- Closed
- 26 7:00 PM 108th Community Council Meeting given by Deputy Inspector Thomas Kavanagh @ the Sunnyside Community Services- 43-31 39th Street, Ground Floor
- 28 8:00 PM- FREE CONCERT! 'Avantango' @ LaGuardia College (Call for Reservations)
- 31 Bangladesh League of America Street Fair- 57th Street between 37th & 38th Avenues (NO rain date)

Street Cleaning is suspended due to holiday schedule on the following days:

May 21st, 25th, 29th & 30th

Asian Contemporary Art Week- For more information visit acaw.net

May 10th -May 18th

On-Going

12:30 PM-Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Dates-2nd Tuesday of every month, held at Dazie's Restaurant located @ 39-41 Queens Blvd, Sunnyside

CB 2 Sponsors Clothing/ Toy Drive for Needy Children in our District until June 19th - the office is open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Borden Ave Shelter is in need donations of Men's clothing (can be slightly used), books & magazines- Contact Gilmore Hudson 718-784-5690 Ext. 7223 or ghudson@iclinc.com

Museum Nights

Free admission or pay as you wish at the following museums:

Brooklyn Museum of Art, 1st Saturday of the month 5:00 PM- 11 PM, 200 Eastern Pkwy at Washington Ave, Brooklyn 718-501-6131

Museum of Modern Art, Fridays 5:00 PM-8:00 PM, 11 West 53rd Street, between Fifth and Sixth Avenues, NYC 212-708-9400

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Gioia, SUNN, Community Beautify Queens Neighborhoods Community Group Leads Graffiti Clean-Up Day in Queens

Councilman Eric Gioia, the Sunnyside United Neighborhood Network (SUNN) and concerned community members marked the start of the graffiti clean up season with a community clean-up day, painting over graffiti throughout the neighborhood. SUNN organized teams of people who flooded the neighborhood armed with maps and paint brushes as part of their continuing battle against graffiti.

"Graffiti doesn't just make a neighborhood look bad - it's a quality of life issue that can lead to other neighborhood problems," Councilman Gioia said. "I am thrilled to be a part of the incredible efforts of the Sunnyside United Neighborhood Network. The SUNN community group is the perfect example of the good that can be done when a diverse neighborhood comes together around a common cause."

Graffiti hurts property values, discourages commerce, and brings a sense of blight and lawlessness to a community. SUNN's philosophy is that a quick response to graffiti can eventually lead to permanent eradication.

SUNN is a volunteer-based, non-profit organization focused on graffiti removal with the belief that real lasting change can be made when neighbors unite.

"Since 2002, SUNN's volunteers have helped keep a 40-block area in Sunnyside graffiti free," said SUNN President Tony Rohling. "Our strategy is simple: eliminate the graffiti as soon as possible, so that the vandals get the message that their offensive, disrespectful 'tags' will not be tolerated."

Gioia has secured City funding to expand efforts for fighting graffiti and keeping streets clean throughout his entire district in Queens. The funds are used to support SUNN and buy anti-graffiti supplies. Councilman Gioia was born and raised in Woodside and has made fighting graffiti and keeping streets clean a top priority. His family has owned and operated Nunziato Florist on Roosevelt Avenue and 52nd Street since 1901, and he knows firsthand how fighting graffiti, cleaning up streets, and enhancing quality of life can brighten neighborhoods and lives.

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CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT. TO: Marilyn Kilgore-Parshall, Joyce Smith, David Smith, Jason Smith, Mie Smith, Attorney General of the State of New York. The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of **Marion Allen Smith a/k/a Marion Smith**, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained. **David Smith, Jason Smith and Mie Smith**, if living and if dead, to her heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if she died subsequent to the decedent herein, to his/her executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of **Marion Allen Smith a/k/a Marion Allen**, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident 166-01 Linden Boulevard, Jamaica, in the County of Queens, State of New York. **SEND GREETING:** Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of Marion Allen Smith a/k/a Marion Smith, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 4th day of June, 2009 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$945.66 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and

why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(4); and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of you kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship. Dated, Attested and Sealed Apr. 6, 2009. **HON. ROBERT L. NAHMAN** Surrogate, Queens County ALICEMARIE E. RICE Clerk of the Surrogate's Court. GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 95-25 Queens Boulevard Suite 626 Rego Park, New York 11374. This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. 4/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8/09

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS Index # 7665/2009 Plaintiff designates QUEENS County as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the property. SUMMONS Property located in County of Queens. 63-37 MET AVE. CORP., Plaintiff, -against-DAGNEY FURRER & GLORIA D. AMICO, CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF QUEENS, Defendants. To the above named Defendant You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. Defendant's address: Furrer 26 Aldershot Lane Manhasset, NY 11030. Amico 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard Jamaica, NY. JERRY S. LEIBNER Attorney for Plaintiff Post office Address 3061 Timothy Road Bellmore, NY 11710. This is an action for an Order pursuant to RPAPL 1521 to be entered as provided by RPAPL Section 1501(4), to compel the determination of claims to and to secure the cancellation and discharge of record of the mortgage made November 1, 1972 by 63-37 Met Ave Corp.,

Mortgagor, and Herman Furrer and Dagny Furrer, Mortgagee, affecting the real property located at 96-16 Metropolitan Avenue, Forest Hills, Queens, New York, which mortgage was recorded in the Office of the Register of the County of Queens on November 10, 1972 in Reel 619 of Mortgages at Page 1373, and which mortgage was assigned by Herman Furrer and Dagny Furrer, Assignors, to Dagny Furrer, Assignee, by Assignment of Mortgage dated November 1, 1972 and recorded in the Office of the register of the County of Queens on December 18, 1972 in Reel 629 of Mortgages at Page 851. 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29/09

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on 04/27/2009, bearing Index Number NC-000317-09/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, grants me (us) the right to Assume the name of (First) FRANKLIN (Last) LIRANZO. My present name is (First) FRANKLIN (Last) TORO. My present address is 53-01 32ND AVENUE, Woodside, NY 11377- My place of birth is SANTIAGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. My date of birth is October 22, 1982.

File No. X2008-77 CITATION The People of the State of New York By the Grace of God Free and Independent. To: EDWIN ROLANDO JOSEPHS JR. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, 6th Floor, in Jamaica, New York, on the 23rd day of June, 2009 at 9:30 A.M., why an Order should not be made in the Adoption proceeding of Edwin a minor, and why the Consent of EDWIN ROLANDO JOSEPHS JR. should not be dispensed with on the ground that said natural parent has abandoned and/or failed to support the minor named herein. Wherefore, the Petitioner prays for an order dispensing with the consent of the natural father and an order approving the adoption of the adoptive child, Edwin, by the Petitioner and directing that the adoptive child shall be treated in all respects as the child of the Petitioner and directing that the name of the adoptive child be changed and that he shall henceforth be known by the name of his adoptive parent together with such other and further relief as may be just and proper. Dated, Attested and Sealed, May 06, 2009. **HON. ROBERT L. NAHMAN** Surrogate, Queens County ALICEMARIE E. RICE Clerk of the Surrogate's Court. Law Offices of Zenith T. Taylor 118-35 Queens Blvd., Suite 1220 Forest Hills, NY 11375 (718) 268-1300. This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you.

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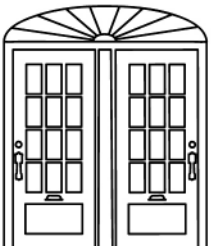
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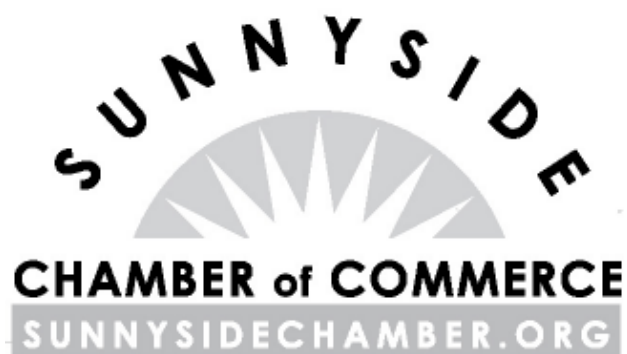
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