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CITY OFFICIALS BROKE GROUND on the \$1.5 billion JFK Terminal 4 upgrades Wednesday, Patch reported. The project is expected to create 10 new gates by 2023. “Despite some setbacks that are still with us we see a clear path, a clear runway, towards the future, and that means investing in jobs and opportunities at this moment,” Gov. Kathy Hochul said.

QUEENS RESIDENTS LUZ ELVIRA Cardona, 33, Roberto Cesar Cid Dominguez, 54, Blanca Hernandez Morales, 51, and Jose Facundo Zarate Morales, 32, and a Hudson Valley police officer are facing federal sex trafficking and prostitution charges. “The oath law enforcement officers take affirms they will serve and protect law abiding citizens and vulnerable members of the community, not aid and abet criminals who are abusing young girls and forcing them to have sex against their will,” said FBI Assistant Director-in-Charge, Michael J. Driscoll.

QUEENSBORO FC IS TEAMING UP with Commonpoint Queens to distribute diapers, QNS reported. The 300 diapers were donated by the Allied Foundation’s Every Bottom Covered in Queens. “Currently the government does not recognize diapers as a basic need and no program — not SNAP, WIC or Medicaid — allocates dollars specifically for their purchase. A family could spend upwards of 14% of their income on diapers,” said Commonpoint Queens CEO Danielle Ellman. “This represents critical funds for a struggling family.”

A SET OF SURPRISE QUADRUPLETS were safely delivered at NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens this week — the first known quadruplets in the hospital’s history, according to Health + Hospitals. The family lives in Springfield Gardens by way of Nigeria, and was only expecting three babies.

THE NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION has given John D. Feerick, Dean Emeritus and Professor at Fordham Law School, a lifetime achievement award. Feerick’s notable accomplishments include his work drafting the 25th amendment to the Constitution and establishing Fordham’s public service and clinical programs. “I am humbled beyond words to be recognized with this Award and gratefully accept it in memory of those in the bar of the state with whom I have served over the past 60 years as a lawyer,” he said.

NYCFC IS MAKING THE WHOLE CITY its home field, with six of next season’s home games scheduled for Citi Field. The team, coming off a championship win, previously played its home games at Yankee Stadium. Their winning season was the first championship won by a New York City team since de Blasio took office.

Queens-raised Sewell named police commissioner



Keechant Sewell, a Queens native, was named police commissioner by Mayor-elect Eric Adams on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021.

AP Photo/Brittainy Newma

By Jacob Kaye
Queens Daily Eagle

Mayor-elect Eric Adams named Keechant Sewell, a Long Island police chief and Queens native, as the city’s next police commissioner on Wednesday.

Sewell will become the first woman and third Black person to lead the NYPD, the largest

police department in the country.

Adams made the announcement inside a building in the Queensbridge Houses, where Sewell grew up. In front of a mural depicting Black leaders including Malcolm X, Angela Davis and Huey Newton, Adams called Sewell “the woman for the job.”

“She carried with her throughout her career

a sledgehammer and she crushed every glass ceiling that was put in her way,” Adams said. “Today, she has crushed and destroyed the final one we need in New York City.”

Though she was raised in Queens, Sewell, who will begin her new job on Jan. 1 when Adams takes office, has spent the bulk of her ca-

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Court of Appeals dismisses judges’ suit against OCA

By Jacob Kaye
Queens Daily Eagle

The state’s highest court dismissed a lawsuit brought by a group of judges over the age of 70 who were cut by the Office of Court Administration last year and claimed age discrimination Tuesday.

Appellate Justices Sheri S. Roman, Ellen Gesmer and David Friedman were cut loose by the OCA, alongside 46 other judges, when they applied for recertification last year. The court system said the move was made due to a fiscal crisis brought on by the pandemic.

Roman, Gesmer and Friedman sued the OCA in November 2020 over the lack of recertification. The three justices were eventually recertified in April, though they went undesignated by the governor until October, when Governor Kathy Hochul designated them back to the bench.

The Court of Appeals granted a motion to dismiss the case Tuesday, and said the case had been rendered moot after the OCA recertified the judges in the spring.

“We are pleased that the Court of Appeals’ decision on our motion to dismiss and as importantly the Administrative Board’s authority, particularly around budgetary issues in times of

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Appellate Division, Second Department Judge Sheri Roman and First Department Judges Ellen Gesmer and David Friedman had their lawsuit against the OCA dismissed this week by the Court of Appeals.

Eagle file photo by Rob Abruzzese

Adams names Queens-raised Sewell as police commissioner

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reer working in Nassau County.

She began as a patrol officer in 1997 and worked her way up to precinct commander. In 2020, she was named as the Nassau County Police Chief of Detectives.

"I am mindful of the historic nature of this announcement as the first woman and only the third Black person to lead the NYPD in its 176-year history," Sewell said. "Mr. Mayor-elect, I am humbled and honored by the trust you have placed in me. My shoes are laced up. I'm ready to get to work."

Keeping in line with his comments on criminal justice throughout the campaign, Adams said he and Sewell would focus on the "justice we deserve, and the safety we need."

"Let's understand that there's two voices that are going on, we can address both of them," the mayor-elect said. "We have a violence problem and we have a problem with police that are heavily heavy handed."

Though increases across major crimes vary greatly – murders are up around 2 percent while hate crimes are up over 91 percent – New York City has seen a bump in nearly all major crime categories in the past year.

The incoming mayor and police commissioner said that they'd bring back broken windows theory policing, a tactic used by the NYPD throughout the 1990s and early 2000s.

"I think lower level crimes have to be enforced when it's appropriate," Sewell said. "When they can be balanced with the needs of the public and the needs of the community and not all circumstances is the interest of justice served."

Adams said that he is "exploring" the option to put social services inside of police precincts so that repeat petty crime offenders can be connected with services instead of being prosecuted.

"If you're arrested for shoplifting, then you're hungry," Adams said. "This is a new way of thinking – if you're dealing with mental health illnesses, why not have the local [community based organizations] right there."

"I was elected by the people of this city with a very clear message – we're going to successfully use the tools and not abuse the tools," he added.

Sewell fought back questions about her leadership experience. The NYPD is by far the largest police force in the country, with about 35,000 officers. As chief of detectives in Nas-

sau, she oversaw around 350 people.

Promising she does, indeed, have the experience, Sewell said that if the public doesn't believe she's ready, "talk to me in a year."

The Queens native said that as a woman and as Black police officer, she'll bring a new perspective to a position that has been dominated by white men.

"I bring a fresh set of eyes," she said. "We keep using the phrase emotional intelligence but I think sometimes the first thing people say is, 'You're a women, you are a little sensitive.' I think sensitivity is strength. I think that adds to the emotional intelligence. If I can bring that to the table, I'm ready to go."

Police unions in New York City welcomed Sewell to the job Wednesday but also warned that the road ahead may be tough.

"We welcome Chief Sewell to the second-toughest policing job in America. The toughest, of course, being an NYPD cop on the street," said PBA President Pat Lynch. "New York City police officers have passed our breaking point. We need to fix that break in order to get our police department and our city back on course. We look forward to working with her to accomplish that goal."

Paul DiGiacomo, the president of the New York City Detectives Endowment Association, said that the city was in an "unprecedented time in our history when leadership has never been more important."

"It's no surprise to this union that the new police commissioner is Nassau's current chief of detectives, and we have no doubt Chief Sewell knows how hard our members work," DiGiacomo said.

The Legal Aid Society also welcomed Sewell, asking that she spearhead reforms to



Queens native Keechant Sewell will become the first Black woman to lead the NYPD in the police department's history.

AP Photo/Brittainy Newman

the department.

"We welcome the appointment of a new NYPD Commissioner who we hope will bring a new approach to the helm of an agency in dire need of top-to-bottom reforms," the public defense organization said in a statement. "The next Commissioner must demonstrate an understanding that many community problems do not warrant a law enforcement response; that police misconduct must be taken seriously and addressed swiftly; and that tackling some of our city's most pressing public safety issues, especially gun violence, requires full funding for proven, community-based approaches, including the CURE Violence model, and not a knee-jerk resort to the failed, aggressive and racist approaches of the past."

Commenting on the Black Lives Matter protests of 2020, during which a handful of officers used excessive force and now face disciplinary action, Sewell said that she'd take a look at how the department reacted to the protests.

"I absolutely intend to look at what was done two years ago, and see what we can do to improve what happened," she said. "And I know the NYPD is working on that now as well and I'm looking forward to finding out what that is."

As part of her interview, Adams and his team had Sewell field questions at a fake press conference. The scenario: a white police officer had just shot and killed an unarmed Black teenager.

Adams said that he was impressed with Sewell's performance, and took note when she led by offering support to the community.

"She started out her response, that it was a tragedy to lose a young person," Adams said. "She showed that compassion, others went into the technical aspects of policing, they went into the theories, but she started out with the human part of it. That made me sit up, because she understood that there was a tragedy because a life was lost. That's what we have to understand."

Rikers death count rises again

By Rachel Vick
Queens Daily Eagle

The death toll inside New York City's jails rose to 16 late Tuesday night, the Department of Correction announced on Dec. 15.

William Brown, 55, died while in custody at the Anna M. Kross Center on Rikers Island after being found in medical distress. His cause of death remains under investigation.

Brown entered DOC custody exactly one month earlier.

"I am devastated to know that another person entrusted in our care has passed away," said Commissioner Vincent Schiraldi. "We will work diligently to determine the circumstances surrounding his death."

Brown's death is the second in five days – Malcolm Boatwright experienced medical issues and died on Friday, Dec. 10.

The Legal Aid society, who represented Brown, said his death "is unconscionable and could have been prevented had those in power listened to the calls from defenders and others to decarcerate our City jails."

"Without systemic changes that address the



Another man, Michael Brown, has died on Rikers Island, the DOC announced.

AP File photo by Seth Wenig

criminalization of poverty and the underfunding of mental health services, as well as a shift from the default reliance on law enforcement to respond to a myriad of societal issues, these tragedies will only continue," they said in a statement. "We need solutions that strike at the root cause of these issues, including investment in preventive resources."

The DOC counts Brown's death as the 14th to occur by a detainee in DOC custody this year, the deadliest in the city's jails since 2016.

Two other individuals died following compassionate release, but the connection to the conditions inside the facilities has prompted many advocacy groups — including LAS — to view the count at 16.

As the deadliest year on Rikers Island in recent history comes to a close, advocates have continued to lean into the call for decarceration and systemic reform through legislation focused on addressing the root causes of crime.

"With just over a week before many of us will be celebrating Christmas, we now have a sixteenth family grieving the unnecessary and traumatic loss of their loved one in New York City's jails," said Jerome Wright, statewide organizer of the #HALTsolitary

Campaign and member of the Jails Action Coalition. "If the city can't keep people in jail safe, then they shouldn't be locking people up at all."

"While some continue to fear-monger against bail reform and the movement for decarceration, our families are losing our loved ones in jail right now. With the resurgence of COVID behind bars, life-saving action is only more urgent," he added. "Put a stop to the deaths so we can begin to heal and build real community safety."

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MTA's Late in Making OMNY Subway and Bus System Reduced-Fare Friendly

By Jose Martinez
THE CITY

OMNY is not yet all things for all people.

The MTA acknowledged on Monday that it's facing "struggles" in offering discounted subway and bus trips to riders with disabilities and seniors through its nascent contactless fare payment system.

The agency last month activated the "One Metro New York" readers at 240 automatic gates throughout the subway system, where riders with ambulatory disabilities or service animals could already enter stations with specially encoded reduced-fare MetroCards.

But discounts via the OMNY tap-and-go fare payment system — at turnstiles and the AutoGates — remain unavailable to seniors and people with disabilities, except for a few dozen participants in a pilot program, officials said.

The MTA had said in March that it would begin expanding OMNY fare options this year to include reduced fares for riders with disabilities, seniors and integration with paratransit services.

Victor Calise, an MTA board member and commissioner of the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, said the agency needs to "push harder" following a presentation that outlined some of the challenges facing the OMNY rollout.

"We've really got to get OMNY up and running," Calise said during a meeting of the MTA board's transit and bus committee Monday. "We rolled out a system, and I'm going to say it again — without people with disabilities in it, we're backtracking."

Meanwhile, the MTA is planning to put a

weekly cap on full-fare OMNY trips, starting next March, so that riders can get unlimited trips once they hit the \$33 mark on subway or bus rides within a seven-day period, *The New York Times* reported Monday.

Tap and Wait

The MTA could not specify when half-priced fares for seniors and those with disabilities will be made available via OMNY, saying only they are being discussed and will be announced at a later date.

"We are trying to work with our provider who's helping us bring on OMNY to make it available," said Quemuel Arroyo, the MTA's chief accessibility officer. "There's some struggles in that, but our goal is to deliver the same access to all our clients — those with disabilities, those without."

While riders have been able to use OMNY to pay for non-discounted transit trips with smartphones or contactless cards at all subway stations and on all buses since December 2020, seniors and riders with disabilities have had to wait.

"This sounds like another situation where people with disabilities are being told, 'TBD' — to be determined," said Jeff Peters, a spokesperson for Center for Independence of the Disabled, New York.

The MTA expects to phase out the swipeable MetroCard by 2023, switching over fully to contactless fare payments, like the systems used by Transport for London and the Chicago Transit Authority.

"We are still working on bringing it on both paratransit and reduced fare population at large into the OMNY environment," Arroyo said.



An OMNY reader at a subway entrance in The Bronx, Oct. 23, 2020.

Photos by Ben Fractenberg/THE CITY

For now, the testing of reduced fares via OMNY is restricted to a pilot program for 70 rid-

ers, all of whom have disabilities or are over 65, according to the MTA. In all, official data shows, there are at least 1.3 million reduced-fare customers, a figure that does not count users of the agency's paratransit services.

"People with disabilities want to use their half fare on the subway," Calise said. "Tap and go, that's what OMNY is there for."

'Last on the List'

Gian Carlo Pedulla, a blind commuter who is on the MTA's Advisory Committee for Transit Accessibility, said he has used OMNY for bus fares as part of the pilot program and said it is "working great."

But he told THE CITY he understands why the MTA has been rolling OMNY out in phases.

"Do I love it that the Access-A-Ride demographic is always last on the list? No," Pedulla said. "But it's got to work right, you can't just throw it together."

Arroyo said "several thousand" customers used the AutoGates last month after they were expanded for use beyond those with the specially encoded MetroCards.

"We will continue to enhance accessibility in all our services, paratransit included," he said.

Dustin Jones, a wheelchair user from The Bronx and founder of United for Equal Access, said he's tired of waiting for OMNY discounts for riders with disabilities.

"I would like to have it right now," Jones told THE CITY. "This is not a successful launch and all systems are not go until you meet all the needs for the disabled community."

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An OMNY reader was not working at a gate at the Franklin Avenue station in Brooklyn, Oct. 27, 2021.

Indoor mask rules back in NY as cases surge

A mask mandate for shops and other indoor spaces in New York state took effect Monday as officials confront a surge in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations.

Gov. Kathy Hochul announced Friday that masks would be required in all indoor public places unless the businesses or venues implement a vaccine requirement. The rule will last at least until Jan. 15, and enforcement is in the hands of local counties.

But Republicans in a few counties, including Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell and Rockland County Executive Ed Day, have said

they won't redirect local health department resources to enforce the mandate.

Still, Hochul said Monday she hopes and expects most local health departments to enforce the mandate. She urged help from reluctant county executives who are also asking the state for help with addressing rising hospitalizations.

"It's a very simple temporary measure which is driven by our need to get this under control," Hochul said.

Under the mandate, businesses can either require proof of vaccination for entry or ensure all patrons two years and older wear a mask. Viola-

tors could face civil and criminal penalties, including a maximum fine of \$1,000.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said the city would implement the mandate in a "cooperative way" with an emphasis on educating and working with business owners.

"We don't want to penalize people unless there is overt resistance and unwillingness to cooperate, and that's very, very rare," de Blasio said at news briefing.

At the Farmhouse Tap + Tavern in Altamont outside of Albany, operators told customers they were opting for a mask policy.

"This goes for everyone at the bar or a table.

Once you're seated, you're more than welcome to take your mask off," the restaurant posted on Facebook. "We feel this is a lot easier, and less invasive than asking guests to share their vaccination status with us."

Although past polls have shown many New Yorkers support mask mandates, some Republican elected officials have said educating the public would be a better use of resources than enforcing a mask mandate.

New York enacted a mask mandate at the beginning of the pandemic in April 2020 that ended in June 2021 for vaccinated individuals.

Banks slowly reconsider overdraft fees, amid public pressure

By Ken Sweet
Associated Press

The banking industry appears to have overdone it on overdraft fees.

After decades of raking in billions of dollars from mostly poor Americans short of cash in their accounts, the biggest banks — under pressure from lawmakers and regulators — are slowly decreasing their reliance on the widely unpopular practice.

A number of large banks have taken steps this year that would reduce the amount they take in from overdraft fees, which they charge when customers make payments or withdrawals in excess of their account balance. Capital One, the nation's sixth-largest bank, announced last week that it would end all overdraft fees next year. Other banks have made it harder for customers to trigger an overdraft fee.

Still, it's unlikely the financial services industry will entirely wean itself off such a cash cow anytime soon.

"For many big banks, overdraft fees are still the steady, reliable, predictable, easy revenue that shareholders love," said Rohit Chopra, director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, in remarks last week where he directed the bureau to more closely examine bank overdraft practices.

Overdraft has its origins in banks providing a service — for a fee — to customers who may have not balanced their checkbook correctly and wanted a bank to honor a purchase. But the widespread use of debit cards changed this courtesy into a routine source of revenue. Some banks took



Through the first nine months of 2021, Wells Fargo took in the highest amount of overdraft fees. This is the bank's corporate headquarters in San Francisco.

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This July 22, 2019, file photo, shows a Capital One mailing in North Andover, Mass. After decades of raking in billions of dollars from mostly poor Americans short of cash in their accounts, the biggest banks, under pressure from lawmakers and regulators, are slowly decreasing their reliance on the widely unpopular practice. AP Photo/Elise Amendola, File

advantage, for example, by reordering customers' transactions, deducting big transactions first so that smaller payments would then trigger multiple overdraft fees. If a customer lacked funds in their account, a \$5 purchase at a café could end up costing them \$35, because of overdraft fees.

Overdraft fees, which started in the 1990s, became lucrative for the industry but at the same time made the banks a target for consumer advocates and their allies in Congress. After the financial crisis, Democrats put the CFPB and other regulators in charge of reining in overdraft fee revenues.

Frequent overdrafters, according to the CFPB, tend to skew toward those living paycheck to paycheck, and also are disproportionately Black and Latino. One of the top reasons given by Black and Latino Americans for choosing not to have a bank account, or being "unbanked," is that they are trying to avoid bank fees.

Industry revenue from overdraft fees held fairly steady until last year when banks waived fees across the board in the first months of the pandemic, when millions of Americans lost their jobs and businesses were shuttered. Revenue from overdraft fees fell to \$8.82 billion last year from \$11.68 billion in 2019, according to data collected by S&P Global Market Intelligence.

Through the first nine months of this year, overdraft revenue totaled \$6.13 billion, S&P Global's data show.

Despite an outcry from some Democrats, regulators in Washington aren't necessarily looking to do away with overdraft fees. In a speech last week, the acting head of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Michael Hsu, said "low-to no-cost overdrafts" would allow those living paycheck to paycheck "to pay their bills on time, avoid high-cost alternatives and improve their credit profile."

Hsu said recent changes to overdraft policies by some banks could serve as a model for the industry.

Regional banking giant PNC launched new account features such as low-balance alerts and a grace period that will help consumers avoid over-

draft fees. PNC also plans to limit overdrafts to one per day.

Pennsylvania-based PNC told investors to expect its overdraft fee revenues to be down \$125 million to \$150 million annually as the bank rolls out the "Low Cash Mode" product. PNC earned nearly \$273 million in overdraft fee revenue last year, according to S&P Global.

JPMorgan Chase, the nation's largest bank by assets, earlier this year waived overdraft fees for customers whose accounts were overdrawn by \$50 or less at the end of the business day. Last week, the bank said it will give customers 24 hours to bring their accounts back to \$50 or less overdrawn to avoid a fee.

From 2015 through 2020, JPMorgan annually led the industry in overdraft fees collected. Through the first nine months of 2021, Wells Fargo took in the highest amount of overdraft fees, slightly more than \$1 billion, according to S&P Global.

Back in June, Ally Financial, the 18th largest bank by assets, said it would get rid of overdraft fees across all of its products. Ally specifically cited the racial inequity seen with overdrafts as a reason to stop charging the fees.

"It was the right thing to do," said Diane Morais, president of consumer and commercial banking products at Ally Bank.

Ally earned relatively little from overdraft fees. The bank told investors that getting rid of overdraft fees would have no material impact on its profits.

"This is likely a revenue line item that deteriorates over the long-term and banks will need to find other areas of fee revenue to offset this downward trend," said Kyle Sanders, an analyst at Edward Jones who covers Wells Fargo, PNC and several other large retail banks.

One way that banks will likely make up a drop in overdraft fee income could be a return to monthly account fees, which would be an industry shift after decades of advertising "free checking" to their customers. Both Wells Fargo and Bank of America charge \$5 a month to use accounts that do not allow customers to overdraft.

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M & J BROOKLYN HOLDINGS LLC, ARTS OF ORG. FILED WITH SEC. OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) 1/11/2021. CTY: KINGS. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST MAY BE SERVED & SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO C/O MARIA NACCARATO, 84 BROADFIELD RD., NEW ROCHELLE, NY 10804. GENERAL PURPOSE

#193461

ABE & MART MANAGEMENT LLC

ABE & MART MANAGEMENT LLC, ARTS OF ORG. FILED WITH SEC. OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) 1/12/2021. CTY: KINGS. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST MAY BE SERVED & SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO 100 CONGRESS ST., APT. 306, BROOKLYN, NY 11201. GENERAL PURPOSE

#193463

NAILERZ LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF NAILERZ LLC ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH SECY. OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) ON 11/03/21. OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. PRINC. OFFICE OF LLC: MHEGAN ALEXANDER-LEE, 34 HART ST., BROOKLYN, NY 11206. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO THE LLC AT THE ADDR. OF ITS PRINC. OFFICE. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY.

#193464

368 EAST 96TH STREET LLC

368 EAST 96TH STREET LLC ARTICLES OF ORG. FILED NY SEC. OF STATE (SSNY) 12/6/21. OFFICE IN KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AGENT OF LLC WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO 427 ATKINS AVE., BROOKLYN, NY 11208. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#193468

567 PROSPECT AVENUE REALTY LLC

567 PROSPECT AVENUE REALTY LLC FILED W/ SSNY 11/1/21. OFF. IN KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGT. OF LLC WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED & SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO THE LLC, 203-11TH ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11215. ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#193422

EMEREST CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH CARE OF NY LLC

EMEREST CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH CARE OF NY LLC. FILED 11/10/21. OFFICE: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO: 6619 13TH AVE, BROOKLYN, NY 11219. PURPOSE: GENERAL.

#193466

ONYX PHYSICAL THERAPY PLLC

ONYX PHYSICAL THERAPY PLLC FILED W/ SSNY 5/7/20. OFF. IN KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGT. OF PLLC WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED & SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO THE PLLC, 1612 E. 35TH ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11234. ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#193405

JESUSEMBROIDERY LLC

JESUSEMBROIDERY LLC ARTS OF ORG. FILED SSNY 9/21/21, KINGS CO. SSNY DESIGN AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO 1814 CHURCH AVE BROOKLYN, NY 11226 RA: US CORP AGENTS, INC. 7014 13 AVE #202 BROOKLYN, NY 11228 GENERAL PURPOSE

#193657

DEGRAW MEZZ LLC

DEGRAW MEZZ LLC ARTS OF ORG. FILED SSNY 11/18/21, KINGS CO. SSNY DESIGN AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO 1466 CARROLL ST. BROOKLYN, NY 11213 GENERAL PURPOSE

#193658

SUPERVILLE BEAUTE LLC

SUPERVILLE BEAUTE LLC ARTS OF ORG. FILED SSNY 11/15/21, KINGS CO. SSNY DESIGN AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO REGISTERED AGENTS INC. 90 STATE ST #700-40 ALBANY, NY 12207 GENERAL PURPOSE

#193659

MY MUSHU 808 UNION STREET LLC

MY MUSHU 808 UNION STREET LLC ARTS OF ORG. FILED SSNY 11/16/21, KINGS CO. SSNY DESIGN AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO 845 THIRD AVE FL 4 NEW YORK, NY 10022 GENERAL PURPOSE

#193660

759 JC PENNY REALTY LLC

759 JC PENNY REALTY LLC ARTS OF ORG. FILED SSNY 11/23/21, KINGS CO. SSNY DESIGN AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO 759 52 ST BROOKLYN, NY 11220 GENERAL PURPOSE

#193661

GEORGE & RUBY'S LLC

GEORGE & RUBY'S LLC ARTS OF ORG. FILED SSNY 11/29/21, KINGS CO. SSNY DESIGN AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO REGISTERED AGENTS INC. 90 STATE ST #700-40 ALBANY, NY 12207 GENERAL PURPOSE

#193662

CC INDEX LLC

CC INDEX LLC ARTS OF ORG. FILED SSNY 11/18/21, KINGS CO. SSNY DESIGN AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO REGISTERED AGENTS INC. 90 STATE ST #700-40 ALBANY, NY 12207 GENERAL PURPOSE

#193663

639 DEGRAW GROUP LLC

639 DEGRAW GROUP LLC ARTS OF ORG. FILED SSNY 11/18/21, KINGS CO. SSNY DESIGN AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO 1466 CARROLL ST BROOKLYN, NY 11213 GENERAL PURPOSE.

#193664

JEANNIES GARDEN LLC

JEANNIES GARDEN LLC ARTS OF ORG. FILED SSNY 11/23/21, KINGS CO. SSNY DESIGN AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO 509 MONROE ST BROOKLYN, NY 11221 GENERAL PURPOSE

#193665

ANDVARANAUT CAPITAL LLC

ANDVARANAUT CAPITAL LLC ARTS OF ORG. FILED SSNY 12/1/21, KINGS CO. SSNY DESIGN AGENT FOR PROCESS & SHALL MAIL TO ZENBUSINESS INC. 41 STATE ST #112 ALBANY, NY 12207 GENERAL PURPOSE

#193666

GUNNABEL OXFORD, LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC. GUNNABEL OXFORD, LLC (LLC) FILED ARTS. OF ORG. WITH SECY. OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) ON 11/09/2021. OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED AND SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO THE LLC AT C/O GUNNABEL OXFORD, LLC, 2 NORTH 6TH PLACE, APT. 6Y, BROOKLYN, NY 11249. PURPOSE: ANY BUSINESS PERMITTED UNDER LAW.

#193651

1444 62ND PARTNERS LLC

1444 62ND PARTNERS LLC FILED WITH SSNY ON 11/22/2021. OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO 1444 62ND STREET, BROOKLYN, NY, UNITED STATES, 11219. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY.

#193656

JE HOLDINGS LLC

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF JE HOLDINGS LLC APPL. FOR AUTH. FILED WITH SECY. OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) ON 12/02/21. OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. LLC FORMED IN DELAWARE (DE) ON 05/27/21. PRINC. OFFICE OF LLC: 8973 BAY PKWY., BROOKLYN, NY 11214. NYS FICTITIOUS NAME: JE TIC HOLDINGS LLC. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO C/O CORPORATION SERVICE CO., 80 STATE ST., ALBANY, NY 12207-2543. DE ADDR. OF LLC: 251 LITTLE FALLS DR., WILMINGTON, DE 19808. CERT. OF FORM. FILED WITH JEFFREY W. BULLOCK, DE SECY. OF STATE, 401 FEDERAL ST., STE. 4, DOVER, DE 19901. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY.

#193687

SPRING B FUND I L.P.

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF SPRING B FUND I L.P. APPL. FOR AUTH. FILED WITH SECY. OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) ON 12/07/21. OFFICE LOCATION: NY COUNTY. LP FORMED IN DELAWARE (DE) ON 07/28/21. DURATION OF LP IS PERPETUAL. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF LP UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO CORPORATION SERVICE CO. (CSC), 80 STATE ST., ALBANY, NY 12207-2543. NAME AND ADDR. OF EACH GENERAL PARTNER ARE AVAILABLE FROM SSNY. DE ADDR. OF LP: CSC, 251 LITTLE FALLS DR., WILMINGTON, DE 19808. CERT. OF LP FILED WITH SECY. OF STATE, 401 FEDERAL ST., STE. 4, DOVER, DE 19901. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY.

#193689

11218

MOVE. RUN. PLAY. LLC

MOVE. RUN. PLAY. LLC ART. OF ORG. FILED WITH THE SSNY ON 8/10/21. OFFICE: KINGS 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; 1139 PROSPECT AVENUE, #1F, BROOKLYN, NY 11218.

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FLORIDA—Miami Director of Athletics Dan Radakovich leaves a news conference after being introduced to university officials and the news media, Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021, in Coral Gables, Fla. Radakovich comes from Clemson, where he spent the last nine years overseeing the Tigers' rise to football superpower under coach Dabo Swinney.

AP Photo/Lynne Sladky



NEW YORK—New Jersey Devils center Jack Hughes (86) battles against the New York Islanders during an NHL hockey game on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021, in Elmont, N.Y.

AP Photo/Jim McIsaac



Our World In Pictures



KENTUCKY—President Joe Biden exits Air Force One as he arrives in Fort Campbell, Ky., Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021, to survey storm damage from tornadoes and extreme weather.

AP Photo/Andrew Harnik



The New York Stock Exchange is seen in New York, in this Nov. 23, 2020, file photo. Stocks opened modestly lower on Wall Street Monday, Dec. 13, 2021 as the market got the week off to a slow start following its best weekly gain since February.

AP Photo/Seth Wenig, File

2ND DEPARTMENT / New Business Formations

COMMON ENEMY LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: COMMON ENEMY LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 11/17/2021. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS 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 RYAN GORDON, 288 CARROLL ST BROOKLYN, NY, 11231. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#193356

11232

TM 2420 PROPERTY LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: TM 2420 PROPERTY LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 11/5/2021. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS 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 THE LLC, 4205 8TH AVENUE BROOKLYN, NY, 11232. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#193448

11234

SENECA VILLAGE ESTATES LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: SENECA VILLAGE ESTATES LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 8/12/2021. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS 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 ISAAC DONIS, PO BOX 341071 BROOKLYN, NY, 11234-8071. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#193130

KARIBELL CAKES LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: KARIBELL CAKES LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 11/8/2021. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS 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 THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 1532 KIMBALL STREET BROOKLYN, NY, 11234. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#193442

FIDELITY SENIOR CARE LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: FIDELITY SENIOR CARE LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 6/15/2021. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS 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 THE LLC, 1182 EAST 58TH ST. BROOKLYN, NY, 11234. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#193696

11236

AESTHETICS BY JUSTINA LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: AESTHETICS BY JUSTINA LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 12/18/2020. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS 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 JUSTINA LYDIA PEREZ, 750 EAST 85TH STREET BROOKLYN, NY, 11236. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#193194

HYPEMAN HILLS PRODUCTIONS LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: HYPEMAN HILLS PRODUCTIONS LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 8/16/2021. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS 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 THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 1252 EAST 102 STREET BROOKLYN, NY, 11236. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#193139

11238

TKO PROMOTIONAL GROUP LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: TKO PROMOTIONAL GROUP LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 11/16/2021. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS 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 TROY KENNETH OWENS JR, 309 LAFAYETTE AVE, APT 2E BROOKLYN, NY, 11238. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#193173

TKO WEALTH LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: TKO WEALTH LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 11/16/2021. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS 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 TROY KENNETH OWENS JR, 309 LAFAYETTE AVE, APT 2E BROOKLYN, NY, 11238. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#193175

TKO REALTY ENHANCEMENT LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: TKO REALTY ENHANCEMENT LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 11/16/2021. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS 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 TROY KENNETH OWENS JR, 309 LAFAYETTE AVE, APT 2E BROOKLYN, NY, 11238. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#193174

11241

THE LAW OFFICES OF WILLIAM ROTHBERG, LLP

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: THE LAW OFFICES OF WILLIAM ROTHBERG, LLP. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 12/02/2021. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS 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 16 COURT STREET, SUITE 2200, BROOKLYN, NY, 11241. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#192920

MIP ASSOCIATES LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MIP ASSOCIATES LLC. ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH SECY. OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) ON 10/14/21. OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO: THE LLC, 1 REWE ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11211. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY.

#192504

BFC EMPLOYEES INCENTIVE HOLDCO, LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF BFC EMPLOYEES INCENTIVE HOLDCO, LLC. ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH SECY. OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) ON 10/26/21. OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO: C/O BFC PARTNERS DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS LLC, 150 MYRTLE AVE, STE 2, BROOKLYN, NY 11201. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY.

#192514

ONEY ISLAND ASSOCIATES 2 AFFORDABLE MM LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CONEY ISLAND ASSOCIATES 2 AFFORDABLE MM LLC. ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH SECY. OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) ON 10/29/21. OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO: C/O BFC PARTNERS DEVELOPMENT LLC, 150 MYRTLE AVE, STE 2, BROOKLYN, NY 11201. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY.

#192741

ONEY ISLAND ASSOCIATES 2 MM LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CONEY ISLAND ASSOCIATES 2 MM LLC. ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH SECY. OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) ON 10/29/21. OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO: C/O BFC PARTNERS DEVELOPMENT LLC, 150 MYRTLE AVE, STE 2, BROOKLYN, NY 11201. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY.

#192743

STUDIO LOUISE, LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF STUDIO LOUISE, LLC. ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH SECY. OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) ON 10/29/21. OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO: THE LLC, 167 ECKFORD ST, APT 2, BROOKLYN, NY 11222. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY.

#192751

SAM KANG STUDIO LLC

SAM KANG STUDIO LLC. ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH THE SSNY ON 11/10/21. OFFICE: KINGS 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, 1038 GREENE AVENUE, APARTMENT 4A, BROOKLYN, NY 11221. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#192905

FISH REALTY LLC

FISH REALTY LLC ARTICLES OF ORG. FILED NY SEC. OF STATE (SSNY) 02/09/2004. OFFICE IN KINGS CO. SSNY DESIGN. AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO THE LLC, 5508 NEW UTRECHT AVE BROOKLYN, NY 11219. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY.

#192921

G FAMILY VENTURE LLC

G FAMILY VENTURE LLC ARTICLES OF ORG. FILED NY SEC. OF STATE (SSNY) 10/27/2021. OFFICE IN KINGS CO. SSNY DESIGN. AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO C/O SCHIFF HARDIN LLP, 1185 AVE OF THE AMERICAS STE 3000 NY, NY 10036. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY.

#192922

YOUNGJ, LLC

YOUNGJ, LLC ARTICLES OF ORG. FILED NY SEC. OF STATE (SSNY) 10/29/2021. OFFICE IN KINGS CO. SSNY DESIGN. AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO THE LLC, 228 LOGAN ST BROOKLYN, NY 11208. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY.

#192928

SUTPHIN BOULEVARD EQUITIES LLC

SUTPHIN BOULEVARD EQUITIES LLC ARTICLES OF ORG. FILED NY SEC. OF STATE (SSNY) 11/5/2021. OFFICE IN KINGS CO. SSNY DESIGN. AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO THE LLC, 670 MYRTLE AVE STE 6292 BROOKLYN, NY 11205. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY.

#192929

95TH AVENUE EQUITIES LLC

95TH AVENUE EQUITIES LLC ARTICLES OF ORG. FILED NY SEC. OF STATE (SSNY) 11/11/2021. OFFICE IN KINGS CO. SSNY DESIGN. AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO THE LLC, 670 MYRTLE AVE STE 6373 BROOKLYN, NY 11205. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY.

#192930

REWE STREET PARTNERS, L.P.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF REWE STREET PARTNERS, L.P. CERT. FILED WITH SEC. OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) ON 12/23/2004. OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGNATED AGENT OF LP UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED AND SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO: JAMES BULLER, 8 REWE ST., BROOKLYN, NY 11211. NAME/ADDRESS OF GENL. PTR. AVAILABLE FROM SSNY. TERM: UNTIL 12/31/2044. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY.

#193095

SMC LEGAL BOUTIQUE, PLLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SMC LEGAL BOUTIQUE, PLLC. ART. OF ORG. FILED WITH THE SECT'Y OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) ON 10/15/21. OFFICE IN KINGS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE PLLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO THE PLLC, 146 PIERRE REPORT ST APT 6C BROOKLYN, NY, 11201. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE

#193178

JYC CLEANING SERVICES LLC

JYC CLEANING SERVICES LLC, ARTS OF ORG. FILED WITH SEC. OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) 5/18/2021. CTY: KINGS. SSNY DESIG. AS AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST MAY BE SERVED & SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO 34 NORTH 6TH ST., UNIT S3B, BROOKLYN, NY 11249. GENERAL PURPOSE

#193180

EXQUISITE DESIGN AND ENTERTAINMENT, LLC

EXQUISITE DESIGN AND ENTERTAINMENT, LLC ARTICLES OF ORG. FILED NY SEC. OF STATE (SSNY) 4/27/20. OFFICE IN KINGS CO. SSNY DESIG. AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO 331 E. 93RD ST., APT. 2R, BROOKLYN, NY 11212. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

#193181

COVID-ravaged Nets outlast Raptors

Durant and company pull out OT thriller at Barclays

By John Torenli, Sports Editor
Brooklyn Daily Eagle

Down seven players due to a COVID-19 outbreak, the Brooklyn Nets didn't look for any excuses Tuesday night at Downtown's Barclays Center.

They simply looked to Kevin Durant.

And the front-runner for NBA Most Valuable Player honors delivered.

Durant produced his 14th career triple-double, Patty Mills forced overtime with a clutch 3-pointer and the Eastern Conference leaders pulled out a 131-129 victory in front of 17,325 fans on the corner of Atlantic and Flatbush.

"I like how we responded throughout the whole game," said Durant, who finished with 34 points, 13 rebounds and 11 assists on a night the Nets desperately needed him to be the best player in the world.

Brooklyn was without James Harden, LaMarcus Aldridge, DeAndre Bembry, Paul Millsap, Bruce Brown, Jevon Carter and James Johnson, leaving Durant to upgrade himself from questionable to all in despite a sore right ankle.

"I felt like it was something I could play on, so I knew I was going to play this morning," Durant revealed. "I hate that my teammates are out. I wish everybody was playing."

Instead, everybody just continued to marvel at Durant's mastery.

He played a game-high 48 minutes on an ankle that could have kept him sidelined under less dire circumstances, refusing to let Brooklyn (20-8) sink into oblivion after Toronto appeared to take control by outscoring the Nets 44-25 in the third quarter.

The Nets fought back over the final 12 minutes, but still needed Mills, who finished with 30



Nursing a sore ankle, Kevin Durant carried the COVID-depleted Nets to victory over Toronto Tuesday at Barclays Center.

AP Photo by Adam Hunger

points, to drill a shot from beyond the arc with 13 ticks remaining in regulation just to have a shot at their third consecutive win.

Durant scored Brooklyn's first six points in the extra session, including a 17-foot jumper with 2:45 left that put the Nets ahead to stay, 126-124.

Mills followed with a 16-footer 30 seconds later and Brooklyn held on thereafter, improving to 9-5 at Barclays this year and kickstarting a five-game homestand that could force them to close gaps in the lineup throughout.

On Tuesday, Brooklyn's fill-in heroes included Kessler Edwards (16 points), Blake Griffin (13) and Nic Claxton (13).

"Turning it up in the fourth quarter and overtime, man. ... I'm so proud to just be a part of this group and play with these young dudes," said Durant.

Fred VanVleet scored 31 points and Pascal Siakam and Gary Trent Jr. added 25 apiece for Toronto (12-15), which was also bidding for its third straight win.



James Harden was one of seven Nets out of the lineup Tuesday night due to a COVID-19 outbreak.

AP Photo by John Bazemore

But once Durant decided he was ready to go, he proved more than capable of carrying the Nets with him.

"Man, it was amazing to be out there," he marveled.

Even more amazing to watch for the Brooklyn hoops fanatics filling Barclays Tuesday night.

NOTHING BUT NET: Though the return status of the Nets' missing players is still a mystery, Brooklyn head coach **Steve Nash** intimated before Tuesday's game that the virus had also affected "a couple coaches and a couple staff (members)", who were in COVID-19 protocol. ... The Nets will host Philadelphia here on Thursday before welcoming Orlando on Saturday and Denver Sunday. Brooklyn will finish up the stand Tuesday night vs. Washington. ... Mills had his fourth career 30-point game and first since 2019, when he was a member of the San Antonio Spurs.



Patty Mills (left) hit a game-saving 3-pointer and Kevin Durant did the rest as Brooklyn outlasted Toronto in overtime Tuesday.

AP Photo by Adam Hunger



Our World In Pictures



KENTUCKY — Vigil: A young boy held a candle during a vigil in the aftermath of tornadoes that tore through the region several days earlier, in Mayfield, late on Tuesday.

Photo: Gerald Herbert/AP



SPAIN — Retirement: Barcelona striker Sergio Aguero cried during a press conference at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona on Wednesday. Aguero announced his retirement from football on Wednesday, due to a heart condition.

Photo: Emilio Morenatti/AP



GEORGIA — Eviction: Faye Moore, right, and her partner Garry Betared, left, talked about being evicted from their home as they sat in a hotel room on Nov. 24, in Morrow. "I'm devastated. It was a house full of furniture. Everything," said Moore, a retired mental health therapist. "It was like a storm came in and devastated everything. I can't find my important papers or anything."

Photo: Brynn Anderson/AP



PAKISTAN — Fog: A driver stood next to his truck while he waited for motorways to reopen after being closed due to heavy fog, in Lahore, on Wednesday.

Photo: K.M. Chaudary/AP



Our World In Pictures

MEXICO — Missing: Relatives prepared Christmas decorations with images and names of their missing loved ones, to be placed at the Memorial Garden of the City Government building of the borough of Iztacalco in Mexico City on Tuesday.

Photo: Marco Ugarte/AP



NEW YORK — Going for the basket: Brooklyn Nets forward Blake Griffin (2) drove to the basket past Toronto Raptors forward Chris Boucher (25) during the second half of an NBA basketball game on Tuesday in New York. The Nets won 131-129 in overtime.

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Chauvin pleads guilty to federal charge in Floyd's death

By Amy Forliti
Associated Press

Former Minneapolis police Officer Derek Chauvin pleaded guilty Wednesday to a federal charge of violating George Floyd's civil rights, admitting for the first time that he kept his knee on Floyd's neck — even after he became unresponsive — resulting in the Black man's death.

Chauvin, who is white, was convicted this spring of state murder and manslaughter charges in Floyd's May 25, 2020, death, and was sentenced to 22 1/2 years.

In his federal plea Wednesday, Chauvin admitted he willfully deprived Floyd of his right to be free from unreasonable seizure, including unreasonable force by a police officer, by kneeling on Floyd's neck even though he was handcuffed and not resisting. A second federal count in Floyd's death was dismissed, but Chauvin pleaded guilty to another count in an unrelated 2017 case.

Chauvin appeared in person for the change of plea hearing in an orange short-sleeve prison shirt and was led into and out of the court in handcuffs. He said "Guilty, your honor" to confirm his pleas, and acknowledged that he committed the acts alleged.

Chauvin could have faced life in prison on the federal count, one possible incentive for him to avoid trial. Under the plea agreement, both sides agreed Chauvin should face a sentence ranging from 20 to 25 years, with prosecutors saying they would seek 25. The final sentence will be up to U.S. District Judge Paul Magnuson, but Chauvin is likely to face more time behind bars than he would on the state charges alone.

Through a combination of good behavior and parole, Chauvin's state sentence is likely to amount to 15 years behind bars. A federal sentence would run at the same time, and good behavior also can reduce time — but inmates still typically serve about 85% of their sentences.

That means if Chauvin gets the 25 years prosecutors want, he would likely spend 21



In this courtroom sketch, attorney Eric Nelson, right, speaks to U.S. District Judge Paul Magnuson during a hearing where former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin, center, pleaded guilty to a federal charge of violating George Floyd's civil rights on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021 in St. Paul, Min. Chauvin admitted for the first time that he kept his knee on Floyd's neck — even after he became unresponsive — resulting in the Black man's death. Cedric Hohnstadt via AP

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CELEBRANT: Rev. Msgr. Steven J. Aguggia, J.C.L.

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Eric Adams' top criminal justice advisor left NYPD under a cloud

By Greg B. Smith and Katie Honan
THE CITY

For weeks, Philip Banks III has been Mayor-elect Eric Adams' quarterback on criminal justice issues, helping define how the incoming administration will handle perhaps its most important task: addressing public safety in a fair and equitable manner.

Seven years after suddenly resigning as the highest-ranking uniformed member of the NYPD, Banks is now back at One Police Plaza — working out of an office there and talking with brass about the state of the department. He's also taken part in the interviews of police commissioner candidates, multiple sources say.

He is said to be high on Adams' list to be deputy mayor for public safety — an appointment that could come soon given the New York Post's report Tuesday that the mayor-elect has anointed Keechant Sewell, Nassau County's chief of detectives, as police commissioner. If tapped, Banks would join his brother David, whom Adams recently named schools chancellor, in the new administration.

But just a few years ago, Philip Banks found himself in a very different place — implicated in multiple criminal schemes involving money laundering, bribery and tax fraud.

FBI agents uncovered evidence that Banks, while NYPD's chief of department, accepted thousands of dollars in free meals and sports tickets — even a \$20,000 “gift” from a corrupt businessman seeking to bribe his way to favorable treatment from the police, prosecutors said.

The FBI concluded Banks was regularly depositing small amounts of cash from “unexplained” sources — deposits that totaled more than \$300,000 and that Banks did not report to the IRS.

The FBI also found Banks neglected to inform the taxman about years of rental income from properties he owns in Queens, records show.

Reached last week by THE CITY, Banks declined to answer any questions about his role in the formation of the incoming mayor's criminal justice policies and referred all questions to Adams' spokesperson, Evan Thies.

In response to THE CITY's inquiry, Thies wrote, “Advisers to Eric are working out of a number of city government offices. That's standard for the transition of one administration to another. I would also point out that Mr. Banks has never been charged with or even questioned about any crime.”

A Long Adams Link

Adams — a former NYPD officer who rose through the ranks to become a captain — has known Banks for years.

Like Adams, Banks climbed the ladder from patrol duty to become one of the few Black cops to reach the upper echelon of the NYPD. Banks was also a member of the NYC Council of Guardians, a fraternal group of Black cops, when Adams ran the group.

According to several sources on Adams' transition team and in the NYPD, Banks has for weeks

worked out of a sixth floor office at One Police Plaza. There he's been interviewing members of NYPD's leadership, getting a better idea of how the department functions seven years after he left.

He's also heavily involved in vetting candidates for commissioner and attending all the interviews with finalists.

And he's spent hours going over a wide array of issues, taking a holistic approach to criminal justice. He's also held lengthy sit-downs with top officials running the Department of Corrections and members of the team handling broader policy issues in the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, the sources said.

Banks has a long history in the world of criminal justice, exclusively from within the NYPD. At different points in his 30-year career, he was an assistant chief in Manhattan North, the chief of community affairs, and ultimately chief of department, the highest-ranking uniformed member of the NYPD.

He was also deputy chief in Brooklyn South, where he “formed close relationships with community groups,” according to his LinkedIn page.

Among the members of Brooklyn's Orthodox Jewish community Banks befriended were Jeremy Reichberg and Jona Rechnitz. It was that involvement that brought him to the attention of the FBI.

Reichberg was a community activist and businessman from Borough Park. Rechnitz was a wealthy Los Angeles-based developer seeking a foothold in New York. Both men thought they could buy their way into the centers of power in New York City.

Rechnitz ultimately pleaded guilty to bribery-related charges and cooperated with prosecutors in the Manhattan U.S. attorney's office, detailing his tangled interactions with Banks, as well as his pay-to-play fundraising for Mayor Bill de Blasio. Reichberg was convicted of bribery at trial.

Meals, Tickets and More

Much of Banks' alleged involvement in some of Rechnitz's dealings emerges in a 2019 memo, written by federal prosecutor Martin Bell, detailing Rechnitz's cooperation.

Bell wrote that Rechnitz and Reichberg “bribed high level members of the NYPD in exchange for police action as opportunities arose, a scheme that came to include the highest ranking uniformed officer in the department.” Bell was referring to Banks.

The prosecutor wrote that Banks received a “luxury tour through Israel” in 2014, thousands of dollars worth of “regular meals at high-end kosher steakhouses in Manhattan” and “expensive hockey and basketball tickets” — all paid for by Rechnitz and Reichberg.

In one instance, Bell wrote, “Rechnitz provided Banks with what amounted to a \$20,000 gift disguised as a successful ‘investment on his behalf.’” Prosecutors say Rechnitz claimed the money was “interest” paid on that investment.

Banks' name also surfaced in affidavits the FBI submitted in 2014 to win approval for wire-



Philip Banks III speaks at One Police Plaza in 2013 after being promoted to chief of department.
Ben Fractenberg/THE CITY

taps in an ongoing investigation of a Harlem businessman named Hamlet Peralta. Informants had told the FBI Peralta was selling stolen or untaxed booze.

In the affidavits FBI allege that some of Banks' money wound up funding Peralta, but via a circuitous route.

Citing Banks' account records at Chase and surveillance of him at ATMs, the agents alleged that he regularly deposited small amounts of cash from “unexplained sources” into his personal accounts throughout 2013 and 2014, the affidavits state. The cash amounted to more than \$300,000.

An FBI agent labeled his regimen of deposits as money laundering, describing Banks' habit of making two simultaneous deposits into separate accounts on each visit. The deposits were relatively small, usually several hundred dollars. But there were lots of them over two years, from 2013 into 2014, the FBI found.

“The investigation has not uncovered any legitimate source for this income in Banks or his spouse's accounts,” one federal agent wrote. “When numerous small cash deposits are made into a bank account it is impossible to tell the source of the money, so making such deposits is one way individuals wishing to conceal the illegal source of funds accomplish that goal.”

The FBI found that some of Banks' money wound up financing Peralta's liquor business via Rechnitz, who was at the time supplying the Harlem businessman with money with the promise of big profits.

At one point, the FBI discovered that Banks had provided Rechnitz with \$180,000 through a shell company Rechnitz created called JSR Capital LLC. Rechnitz's firm, in turn, steered hundreds of thousands of dollars to Peralta and his liquor business on 125th Street, according to the FBI affidavits.

“The volume and pattern of [Banks'] deposits — together with the wire transfers to JSR Capital LLC which in turn funds Peralta and West 125th Street Liquors — is indicative of the subject offense of money laundering,” the agents alleged.

A Sudden Resignation

On top of all this, the IRS launched a parallel investigation into Banks' filings to determine whether he was committing tax fraud, according to one of the FBI affidavits.

Investigators determined he hadn't reported any of the \$300,000 in cash deposits or another \$245,000 in rental income he and his wife collected on two Queens properties between 2007 through 2013, the affidavit stated.

Rechnitz, meanwhile, was Banks' biggest cheerleader with de Blasio. Rechnitz had ingratiated himself after raising funds for the mayor's 2013 campaign, and de Blasio gave him his personal email.

After de Blasio won, Rechnitz began emailing the mayor-elect, suggesting Banks would be an ideal police commissioner, according to emails that were later made public.

In one February 2014 email shortly after de Blasio arrived at City Hall, Rechnitz emailed him asking if he'd join him in his court-side seats at a Knicks game. De Blasio declined, but thanked Rechnitz profusely and added, “It has been an absolute pleasure getting to work regularly with

Chief Banks. His future is bright.”

De Blasio ultimately chose Bill Bratton as his first police commissioner. By the fall of 2014 Bratton offered to promote Banks to the No. 2 spot in the department, first deputy chief. On the morning of Oct. 31, 2014, however, Banks suddenly resigned from the department.

Unbeknownst to de Blasio and Bratton, the day before Banks quit, a judge signed a court order allowing the FBI to begin monitoring the cell-phones of several targets of the investigation, including Rechnitz.

Bratton later said of Banks' resignation as “something that I regret,” labeling it a “setback” to his plans for reforming the department.

Three days after Banks resigned, Rechnitz emailed de Blasio again, this time begging him to keep the chief on. Under the subject line “Please help please please,” Rechnitz wrote, “What can we do for you to refuse Banks resignation and get him back in and for Bratton to see past Phil's monstrous mistake?”

There is no record of a response to that email from de Blasio. But Bell noted that a few weeks after Banks resigned, Rechnitz and Reichberg were secretly recorded on wiretapped phones “lamenting that they did not get even more for their investment in Banks” and another top cop who was later convicted of illegally misusing police resources, Michael Harrington.

Plea Deals Yield Info

Rechnitz later began cooperating with the U.S. attorney, who expanded his investigation to include accusations that de Blasio solicited donations to a non-profit he controlled called Campaign for One New York from entities doing business with City Hall.

After agreeing to cooperate, Rechnitz detailed how he'd made major donations to de Blasio's causes, in exchange for having direct access to the mayor. Multiple emails between de Blasio and Rechnitz later surfaced, with the mayor directing his minions to respond to the donor's many requests.

In 2019, Rechnitz pleaded guilty to a bribery-related charge and was sentenced to five months in prison and five months of home confinement after prosecutors urged the judge to be lenient due to his cooperation.

Reichberg was convicted of bribery at trial and sentenced to four years in prison. He was released two years early on medical furlough. Peralta was convicted of wire fraud after prosecutors charged him with operating a Ponzi scheme through his liquor business. He was sentenced to five years in prison.

Banks was never charged and went on to form a private security company, CitySafe Partnership LLC.

In his LinkedIn profile, Banks boasts of an “extensive executive level security and law enforcement experience spanning a twenty-eight year career culminating in the highest-ranking uniformed position in the New York City Police Department.”

He makes no mention of Reichberg or Rechnitz.

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Westchester County executive Rob Astorino, left, and Mayor de Blasio donors Jeremy Reichberg and Jona Rechnitz meet with then-high-ranking NYPD figures Michael Harrington and Philip Banks III.
Southern District of New York



DC—BSpeaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., joined by Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., right, and bipartisan members of House and Senate arrive to hold a moment of silence for 800,000 American lives lost to COVID-19, on the step of the Capitol in Washington, Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021.

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THE MONTH AND YEAR OF MY BIRTH IS FEBRUARY 1981.

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TWIZER

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SAMUEL

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FITZ-PATRICK (LAST) SAMUEL AKA FITZPATRICK SAMUEL, AKA PATRICK SAMUEL. THE CITY AND STATE OF MY CURRENT ADDRESS ARE BROOKLYN, NY. MY PLACE OF BIRTH IS SAINT VINCENT & THE GRENADINES. THE MONTH AND YEAR OF MY BIRTH IS MARCH 1950.

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Our World In Pictures

UNITED KINGDOM — Face mask: Britain's Prince Charles adjusted his face mask on Tuesday during a visit to Lambeth GP Federation COVID Vaccinations Walk-In Centre in London to meet volunteers and NHS staff who are providing vaccines and boosters.

Photo: Hannah McKay/Pool via AP



URUGUAY — Performance: Uruguayan rock band “No Te Va Gustar,” performed during a show at Centenario stadium in Montevideo on Tuesday.

Photo: Matilde Campodonico/AP

2ND DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICES

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OSBOURNE

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Registered nurse Noleen Nobleza, center, inoculates Julio Quinones with a COVID-19 vaccine at a clinic set up in the parking lot of CalOptima in Orange, Calif., Aug. 28, 2021. AP Photo/Jae C. Hong, File

US COVID death toll hits 800,000

By Heather Hollingsworth
Associated Press

The U.S. death toll from COVID-19 topped 800,000 on Tuesday, a once-unimaginable figure seen as doubly tragic, given that more than 200,000 of those lives were lost after the vaccine became available practically for the asking last spring.

The number of deaths, as compiled by Johns Hopkins University, is about equal to the population of Atlanta and St. Louis combined, or Minneapolis and Cleveland put together. It is roughly equivalent to how many Americans die each year from heart disease or stroke.

The United States has the highest reported toll of any country. The U.S. accounts for approximately 4% of the world's population but about 15% of the 5.3 million known deaths from the coronavirus since the outbreak began in China two years ago.

The true death toll in the U.S. and around the world is believed to significantly higher because of cases that were overlooked or concealed.

A closely watched forecasting model from the University of Washington projects a total of over 880,000 reported deaths in the U.S. by March 1.

President Joe Biden on Tuesday noted what he called a "tragic milestone." He again called on unvaccinated Americans to get shots for themselves and their children, and urged the vaccinated to get booster shots.

"I urge all Americans: do your patriotic duty to keep our country safe, to protect yourself and those around you, and to honor the memory of all those we have lost," Biden said. "Now is the time."

Health experts lament that many of the deaths in the United States were especially heartbreaking because they were preventable by way of the vaccine, which became available in mid-December a year ago and was thrown open to all adults by mid-April of this year.

About 200 million Americans are fully vaccinated, or just over 60% of the population. That is well short of what scientists say is needed to keep the virus in check.

"Almost all the people dying are now dying preventable deaths," said Dr. Chris Beyrer, an epidemiologist at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. "And that's because they're not immunized. And you know that, God, it's a terrible tragedy."

When the vaccine was first rolled out, the country's death toll stood at about 300,000. It hit 600,000 in mid-June and 700,000 on Oct. 1.

The U.S. crossed the latest threshold with cases and hospitalizations on the rise again in a spike driven by the highly contagious delta variant, which arrived in the first half of 2021 and now accounts for practically all infections. Now the omicron variant is gaining a foothold in the country, though scientists are not sure how dangerous it is.

Beyrer recalled that in March or April 2020, one of the worst-case scenarios projected upwards of 240,000 American deaths.

"And I saw that number, and I thought that is incredible — 240,000 American deaths?" he said. "And we're now past three times that number." He added: "And I think it's fair to say that we're still not out of the woods."

'It goes by pretty quickly': Van Bramer reflects on time in City Council

By Jacob Kaye
Queens Daily Eagle

It's hard for Queens City Councilmember Jimmy Van Bramer to pick one moment across the past dozen years as the one he is most proud of.

For 12 years, Van Bramer has represented parts of Sunnyside, Woodside, Long Island City, Astoria and Dutch Kills – District 26 – in the City Council and a lot has happened.

Eventually, though, Van Bramer settles on one moment, one that was in the works long before he took his first oath office – it's the fall day in 2019 when the Hunters Point Library finally opened.

"That community had been promised a free-standing library for so many years and I promised the community that I would finish the job and get it done," Van Bramer told the Eagle. "The truth is that that library died and was on life support several different times and I wouldn't let it go and kept fighting."

"That day was a really important day, in the community and in my tenure as a council member, but also in my life," he added. "It demonstrated one of the things about myself, which is that I keep fighting."

The fight is one that predates his time in elect-

ed office, which, by January, will come to an end.

Van Bramer spent a decade in the late 90s and early 2000s working as the chief external affairs officer for the Queens Public Library. He also worked as an organizer for campaign reform causes and LGBTQ+ rights. Those efforts spilled over into his life as a councilmember – he's chaired the council's Cultural Affairs, Libraries and International Intergroup Relations Committee for his entire tenure and served on the council's LGBTQ caucus. Van Bramer said he's often been referred to as "the library guy."

But throughout his time in office, the causes he has fought for have expanded, he said.

"I was always a progressive and I always cared about and fought against inequality, obviously, as a gay man, and as someone who's been involved in social justice work," Van Bramer said. "But I was deeply, personally impacted by the murder of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor and the Black Lives Matter marches, many which took place in my district, and I marched in all of those and felt like I, and all of us, needed to redouble our efforts."

After over a decade of being a lawmaker, Van Bramer said the summer of protests "reawakened" the activist inside him. The feeling has stuck with

him, and he says that it will influence whatever it is he chooses to do next.

Van Bramer said he wouldn't rule out a run for elected office but added that he wants to do something that helps keep engaged in social justice work and that he wants "to do something maybe a little different."

"I want to stay involved, but I definitely want the work that I'm doing to contribute towards ending inequality, one way or another," he said. "This work is an incredible privilege and honor to do what I've done for 12 years. It is also a very difficult job."

One of the things he'll miss when he leaves the council is Republican Councilmember Eric Ulrich, who will also be term-limited out of office at the end of the year.

"It might surprise a lot of folks, but Eric Ulrich is someone that I have had a lot of fun with," Van Bramer said. "Obviously, we don't agree on some things politically but we have always been friends and we've had some incredible, unforgettable moments together."

But Van Bramer and his colleagues likely won't go too far in their lives post-council, and the last weeks of the council's term will give them



City Councilmember Jimmy Van Bramer is leaving office after serving Western Queens for 12 years.

Eagle file photo by Andy Katz

plenty of time to say goodbye. The past two weeks in the legislative body have been packed with meetings and plans to pass bills members want to push before they leave.

"It's sort of fitting that the last week is really what a councilmember's life feels like to me – a busy life where you're just never stopping, you're always running, you're always late to the next thing," he said. "And it just goes by pretty quickly."

Check back with the Eagle in the coming days and weeks for more from Queens outgoing councilmembers.



Department of Correction documents can now be used to obtain an ID NYC Card. Photo via NYC.gov

By Rachel Vick
Queens Daily Eagle

Formerly incarcerated individuals will now be able to use identification information maintained by the Department of Correction to secure an IDNYC card, city officials announced Wednesday.

IDNYC applicants can now use DOC records

The DOC information can be used as one form of identification used to obtain the card, intended to ease the burden of securing necessary photo ID some reentering individuals might not have the ability to get.

"At the Department of Social Services, our top priority has been improving social services delivery through a range of reforms that make it easier for New Yorkers in need to access the resources to which they are entitled," said Department of Social Services Commissioner Steven Banks. "This common-sense reform will help us better support more New Yorkers, regardless of background, which includes addressing the unique needs of individuals who've experienced criminal legal system involvement, who deserve the same access to opportunity and services as other New Yorkers."

To apply for the municipal program, appli-

cants need to establish four points from documents proving their identity and residency.

IDNYC cards serve as a form of official picture ID and as a pass to many of the city's services and institutions — benefits include museum access, discounts and health services.

"Formerly incarcerated individuals are often left vulnerable due to the transient nature and varied circumstances when released from DOC cus-

tody," said Raquel Batista, Commissioner of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs. "This effort will allow the procurement of necessary identity documents after their release so they can experience a safe integration back to society and experience IDNYC's wide variety of benefits."

For more information about documents accepted by IDNYC and to book an appointment, visit nyc.gov/idnyc or call 311 and say "IDNYC."



The Bay Terrace Library is headed for major upgrades in the new year.

Rendering courtesy of QPL

Bay Terrace Library slated for refurbishment

By Rachel Vick
Queens Daily Eagle

Queen Public Library officials broke ground on a multi-million dollar upgrade to the Bay Terrace branch Wednesday.

President and CEO Dennis M. Walcott was joined by local electeds and library staff to announce the \$5.7 million modernization expected to begin in March 2022.

"With these renovations, the Bay Terrace branch will be more welcoming, inspiring and technologically efficient, and will reinforce its role as the center of community life," Walcott said.

He thanked local legislators "for securing the funds to modernize the Bay Terrace branch, helping ensure Queens Public Library can continue to provide free access to information, knowledge

and opportunity for all."

The full interior renovation will feature new furniture and technology. Exterior upgrades will include a new ADA-compliant ramp, an energy efficient roof and improvements to the branch's garden space.

Upgrades will include a space just for teens and a state-of-the-art multipurpose community room complete with audiovisual equipment.

"Our libraries are essential to the lifeblood of a healthy community," said State Sen. John Liu. "This is where our children can go to discover Where the Wild Things Are, or find inspiration in the Little Engine that Could. The modernization of the Bay Terrace Library will provide even more opportunities for learners both young and old with new technology, reimagined spaces, and upgraded infrastructure."



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The Nominating Committee is accepting applications to serve on the Queens County Bar Association Board of Managers

Please take notice that those members who wish to be considered for nomination as Members of the Board of Managers of the Queens County Bar Association should submit written requests and resumes highlighting your activities in the Association prior to January 14, 2022.

A virtual meeting of the Committee will take place on February 2, 2022. Said meeting is scheduled for 5:00 P.M.

You may present the names of the persons whom you desire to have considered by the Nominating Committee for nomination to offices to be filled at the Annual Meeting. A hearing will be held as indicated above for that purpose pursuant to the by-laws.

Zenith T. Taylor
Secretary

Please submit your requests in writing to the attention of the:

Nominating Committee
Queens County Bar Association
90-35 148 Street
Jamaica, N.Y. 11435

The Annual Election of Officers and Managers will be held on March 4, 2022. The newly elected Officers and Managers will assume their duties on June 1, 2022.

Dated: December 9, 2021
Jamaica, NY

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Court of Appeals tosses suit brought by judges denied recertification

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fiscal crises,” Lucian Chalfen, an OCA spokesperson, said in a statement to the Eagle.

Chief Judge Janet DiFiore, who leads the Court of Appeals and was named as a defendant in the lawsuit, recused herself from the proceeding. Judge Eugene Fahey, who will retire at the end of the year, also recused himself from the proceeding, though the Court of Appeals’ publishing of its decisions did not state why.

Roman, a Queens judge, serves in the Appellate Division, Second Department, where she’s been since 2009. Gesmer and Friedman, who was originally designated to the Second Department in 1999, serve in the Appellate Division, First Department, where they have both been since 2016.

Queens Supreme Court Justice Carmen Velasquez, who also serves as the president of the Association of Supreme Court Justices of the State of New York, said that the Court of Appeals decision was disappointing.

“It’s deeply disappointing that the Court of Appeals dismissed this lawsuit,” Velasquez told the Eagle.

Velasquez and the Association of Supreme Court Justices fought against the OCA’s initial decision not to recertify the judges over the age of 70, and further fought for Roman, Gesmer and Friedman to be redesignated.

The months-long wait period between the judges’ recertification and their designation was a break from tradition. Typically, judges are redesignated soon after they are deemed fit to serve.

“Normally, you have a position, you’re recertified, you’re immediately redesignated – period,” election attorney Jerry Goldfeder told the Eagle in August.

The lawsuit brought by the judges, which named the OCA, DiFiore and Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence K. Marks as defendants, alleged the OCA “violated their statutory and constitutional duties, committed acts of blatant age discrimination in violation of the New York State and New York City Human Rights Law, and violated state constitutional provisions thereby creating direct conflict with the prerogatives of the other branches of our state government.”



Queens Supreme Court Justice Carmen Velasquez called the Court of Appeals’ decision to dismiss a lawsuit brought by three judges alleging age discrimination “deeply dissappointing.”
Photo courtesy of Assembly of Ecuador

The lawsuit was originally filed in Suffolk County Supreme Court, Civil Term, was elevated to the Appellate Division, Third Department in March and eventually made its way to the Court of Appeals.

Velasquez said the fight now turns to a bill which has passed in both the State Senate and Assembly that would make recertification of judges nearly automatic.

The state’s judiciary law currently states that judges over 70 years old “may” be recertified if they’re proven to be mentally and physically fit and if there is a need for them on the bench. If

the bill is signed into law, it will be amended to read that judges “shall” be recertified if they meet both qualifications.

The bill is currently awaiting the governor’s signature.

“We are hoping that Governor Hochul signs the bill, which is extremely important for the independence of the judiciary,” Velasquez said.

Anti-vaccine protesters arrested in Queens Cheesecake Factory

By Jacob Kaye
Queens Daily Eagle

Half a dozen anti-vaccine protesters were cuffed for staging a “sit in” inside the Cheesecake Factory in Queens Center Mall earlier this week.

Six people, two of whom are from Queens, were arrested on Tuesday, Dec. 14, after they blew past the restaurant’s host stand, refused to show proof of vaccination and sat themselves down at several empty tables, according to the NYPD.

A restaurant employee, who had asked the group to leave after they violated the restaurant’s COVID-19 policy, called the cops around 7 p.m., according to the authorities.

Police arrived and charged six of the approximately 30 people in the group with criminal trespassing.

Those arrested include Eric Bascon, a 38-year-old from Yonkers, Mitchell Bosch, a 42-year-old from Brooklyn, Graig Young, a 37-year-old from Queens, Raymond Velez, a 36-year-old from Queens, Augusto Alarcon, a 39-year-old from the Bronx, and Steven Wavra, a 67-year-old from the Bronx.

“The events that took place at our Queens, NY restaurant on 12/14 were unfortunate,” the Cheesecake Factory said in a statement. “The health and safety of our staff members and guests is our top priority and we are complying with the local ordinance concerning COVID-19 vaccine requirements.”

An hour long video posted to Instagram by a user with the account name “newyorkfree-

domrally2” shows the incident unfolding.

The group of protesters had spread themselves out across the restaurant, sat down at several tables and at the Cheesecake Factory’s bar, where they claimed they were refused service.

“No drinks, bro,” one of the protesters said to the person filming the video.

One of the people who appeared to be part of the group but not one of the people arrested was John Tobacco, a former candidate for state comptroller and Staten Island resident who has been arrested for staging anti-mask wearing protests in the past.

The video shows protestors of all ages, including children younger than 10, demanding service. The person filming the video repeatedly asked the NYPD officers what laws the group was breaking.

The protest came a day after a new policy from Governor Kathy Hochul and the state’s Department of Health went into effect. The new policy requires masks be worn inside unless a business requires patrons to show proof of vaccination.

One of the members of the group recounted



Several anti-vaccine mandate protesters were arrested in Queens Center Mall’s Cheesecake Factory on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021.
Screenshot via newyorkfreedomrally2

a conversation she had with a Cheesecake Factory employee in the video and claims that she had been discriminated against.

“You’re going to discriminate against me because I refuse to show you my vaccination card?” the protester said. “I refuse to give you my medical history even though you know it’s illegal, and he kept saying he knew it was illegal

but there was nothing that he could do.”

Refusing service to a person who doesn’t show their vaccination card is not illegal.

At one point in the video, a bartender tells members of the group that he would serve them but was following orders from his superiors not to.

“The Nazis were just following orders,” one of the group members said before being admonished by the person filming who said that they “don’t want to cause a disturbance.”

About 45 minutes into the video, several members of the group begin to discuss the prospect of getting arrested. Some say they can stomach it, others say they can’t, including the person filming who said he had a “fight to catch.”

“This is a defining moment for everybody over here who has been coming to these rallies,” one of the protesters said. “Your kids are going to remember this.”

“We are rebels,” he added. “We must remember the fact that we are rebels.”

Toward the end of the video, police officers began to arrest members of the group.

“I decided to stay, have some cheesecake and now I’m being arrested by the NYPD,” one of the protesters said as he was being led out of the restaurant in handcuffs.