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Assemblywoman Joyner Holds Self-Defense Classes for Women at Roberto Clemente State Park



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner hosted free self-defense classes for women at Roberto Clemente State Park. The classes, which were highly attended by community members, helped to empower local women by teaching self-defense skills and strategies that can help to better protect themselves and their families in dangerous situations.

Assemblywoman and NYC Parks Repaint Plimpton Playground



Focused on improving parks and playgrounds for our community, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner was happy to celebrate the repainting of Plimpton Playground with community members and local children. The repainting included the park's playground equipment, adjacent walls and playground sculptures.

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LATOYA'S LINE

Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner's statement on improving community health in the Bronx:

As the saying goes, it takes a village to raise a child, and it will take an entire community to change the overall health and well-being of Bronx families for the better. Ensuring that we have these conversations about health will help to raise the overall health of all Bronxites, and I thank Mayor Bill de Blasio and Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett for holding an all-important Health Summit on September 24 at Hostos Community College. By talking about the problems that plague our community, such as the high incidences of asthma, obesity, diabetes and HIV, we can enhance the commitment to healthy lifestyles for countless Bronx families.

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Assemblywoman Joyner Celebrates Official Reopening of Cedar Playground



BRONX, N.Y. — **Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner** (D-Bronx, 77th AD) joined NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver and her colleagues at Cedar Playground to celebrate the park's reopening.

Along with Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., Council Member Vanessa L. Gibson, Bronx Borough Parks Commissioner Iris Rodriguez-Rosa, Community Board 5 Parks Committee Chair Kavan Brandon and students from P.S. 226, Assemblywoman Joyner joined in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly renovated Cedar Playground. DJ Kool Herc and his sister Cindy Campbell, emcees

Coke La Rock and Grandmaster Caz were also in attendance at the park along Sedgwick Avenue, where hip hop originated.

The completed project at Cedar Playground includes renovation of the play area, basketball courts and adjacent landscape. Additional features include a new spray shower, new adult exercise equipment, and added security lighting.



“The rejuvenation of Cedar Playground is a blessing for the families and children of Morris Heights,” said **Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner** (D-Bronx, 77th AD). **“By having an updated playground, basketball courts and adjacent landscape upgrades, Bronxites can continue to enjoy the great outdoors in their favorite borough. These recreational and safety upgrades are welcome news, and I thank Mayor de Blasio, NYC Parks Commissioner Silver and my fellow Bronx elected officials for their vision in making sure Bronx parks remain beautiful for future generations.”**

JOYNER FIGHTS FOR TENANTS

Assemblywoman Joyner Supports Right to Counsel for All Low-Income Families



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Testimony of Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner
Submitted to NYC City Council regarding Intro 214-A
September 26, 2016

Hello Chairperson Rory I. Lancman and members of the New York City Council Committee on Courts and Legal Services, I am Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner and I appreciate the opportunity to speak before you today regarding Intro No. 214-A.

As the state elected representative for the 77th Assembly District, an area that includes the Bronx Housing Court, I am fully aware of the many needs and concerns of my more than 125,000 constituents, which call home the communities of Clarendon, Concourse, Highbridge, Mount Eden and Morris Heights sections of The Bronx.

Nearly three-quarters of families live in apartments that are under rent regulation and approximately 81.8% of all Bronxites are listed as renters, according to the NYU Furman Center. These issues hit home and affect my constituents' livelihoods on a daily basis. Intro No. 214-A – legislation that is sponsored by my Bronx colleague Council Member Vanessa L. Gibson – will require the Office of Civil Justice (OCJ) to create a program that will ensure legal counsel for low-income tenants whom are subject to eviction, ejection or foreclosure proceedings. Quality legal representation is needed – especially in the Bronx. As indicated in a recent report by OCJ, more than 200,000 residential evictions petitions are filed on an annual basis in New York City – nearly two-thirds of which are concentrated in the Bronx and Brooklyn. The Bronx is seeing a small, but steady increase in residential evictions petitions, however.

While I am thankful for Mayor Bill de Blasio and New York City's overall investment in civil legal services for low-income families, there is an urgent need to expand even further. The Housing Court can be a very scary place for Bronxites – it is even scarier if you are struggling to make ends meet for your family. In my district, the latest available data indicates that the median household income is \$26,436 – one of the lowest median household incomes of any district in New York City. As a direct consequence, the 77th Assembly District is also one of the most rent burdened communities in New York. These families need these services so that they can remain in their homes without and are protected from unsavory landlords that will do everything in their power to jack up rents into unaffordability. Legal representation will empower tenants and protect the very fabric of our community – those hardworking individuals that have grown up here in the Bronx and have chosen to remain here to raise their families.

As always, I look forward to working with my City Council colleagues on issues of shared concern.

Thank you.

BRONX, NY - **Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner** (D-Bronx, 77th AD) submitted testimony to the **NYC City Council Committee on Courts and Legal Services** in favor of **Intro 214-A**, legislation that would require the Office of Civil Justice to establish a program for the provision of legal counsel for low-income tenants who are subject to eviction, ejection or foreclosure proceedings.

Assemblywoman Joyner said: “The Housing Court can be a very scary place for Bronxites – it is even scarier if you are struggling to make ends meet for your family...These families need these services so that they can remain in their homes without and are protected from unsavory landlords that will do everything in their power to jack up rents into unaffordability. Legal representation will empower tenants and protect the very fabric of our community – those hardworking individuals that have grown up here in the Bronx and have chosen to remain here to raise their families.”


Assemblywoman Joyner Voices Community Concerns About Jerome Ave Rezoning



BRONX, NY - **Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx, 77th AD)** submitted to **NYC City Department of City Planning** regarding the Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Study – ensuring that our community's concerns are heard.

Assemblywoman Joyner said: “As the state elected representative for the 77th Assembly District, my priorities in this process are to advocate for affordable housing, creating jobs, local hiring, and ensuring that all Bronx families have access to quality education. For those who were born and raised in the Bronx, and have remained here, we must ensure we hear their concerns so that they are able to stay in their homes and in our community.

This includes the local businesses, restaurants, and auto workers located in my district.”



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Testimony of Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner
Submitted to NYC City Department of City Planning regarding
Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Study Public Scoping Meeting
September 29, 2016

Good evening everyone – I would like to thank you for the opportunity to present remarks regarding the Jerome Avenue rezoning which will cover an area of roughly 73 blocks.

As the state elected representative for the 77th Assembly District, which includes the communities of Claremont, Concourse, Highbridge, Mount Eden and Morris Heights, my priorities in this process are to advocate for affordable housing, creating jobs, local hiring, and ensuring that all Bronx families have access to quality education. For those who were born and raised in the Bronx, and have remained here, we must ensure we hear their concerns so that they are able to stay in their homes and in our community. This includes the local businesses, restaurants, and auto workers located in my district.

Throughout this process, we must:

- Ensure that no family is priced out of their home or is a victim of landlord harassment; and
- Create long-term employment opportunities for local residents; and
- Support business development opportunities for our small business owners; and
- Limit overcrowding in our great borough and reduce traffic congestion; and
- Increase the availability of parking; and
- Expand public transportation accessibility; and
- Provide more green spaces for all community members.

This project will have an impact on generations to come and we must get this decision right. I would like to thank all of the advocates, community residents and our elected officials for voicing your vision of our future today.

We can only build a better Bronx through a collaborative effort involving all stakeholders.

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JOYNER IN THE COMMUNITY

Assemblywoman Joyner Attends Back-to-School Community Events



Assemblywoman Joyner Attends Citizen Preparedness Training with Senator Serrano



BRONX, N.Y. – **Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner** joined **Senator Jose M. Serrano** for Gov. Andrew Cuomo's **Citizen Preparedness Corps Training Program**, which was held at the BronxWorks Heights Neighborhood Senior Center. The highly attended program helped to better train our community for natural disasters and other instances where our families should be better prepared. For more information about the **NY State Citizen Preparedness Corps**, please visit <http://www.dhss.ny.gov/aware-prepare/nysprepare/>

FIRE SAFETY FOR FAMILIES

Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner, American Red Cross and FDNY Invite You to #GetAlarmedNYC for Fire Prevention Month

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**NYS ASSEMBLY MEMBER
LATOYA JOYNER**
invites you to sign up for a
**FREE combination smoke
alarm/CO detector, plus
installation from the
American Red Cross &
#GetAlarmedNYC.**

For an appointment:

Call: 1-877-REDCROSS (Press * option)

Visit: www.redcross.org/



#GetAlarmedNYC is a partnership of the American Red Cross, the FDNY, the FDNY Foundation, the NYC Council and the Office of the Mayor. All residents of New York City (Brooklyn, Bronx, Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island) are invited to call and register for a free combination smoke alarm/CO detector.

October is Fire Prevention Month, which is why Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner, the American Red Cross and FDNY invite you to sign up for free smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detectors

Free installations are available from the American Red Cross and #GetAlarmedNYC.

For an appointment, please call 1-877-REDCROSS or visit www.redcross.org.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Free Housing Legal Services!



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

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



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

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



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

TENANT SUPPORT SPECIALISTS AVAILABLE:	N.A.I.C.A LEGAL PROFESSIONALS AVAILABLE:
OCTOBER 6	OCTOBER 13
OCTOBER 20	OCTOBER 27
NOVEMBER 3	NOVEMBER 10
NOVEMBER 17	NOVEMBER 24

AVAILABLE BRONX AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS

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

For more information, please visit [NYC Housing Connect](http://nyc.gov/housingconnect) or [HCR Affordable Rental Units](http://HCR.AffordableRentalUnits.org) and NYHousingSearch.gov.

ADDRESS	APTS AVAILABLE	HOW DO YOU APPLY?	DEADLINE
950 Summit Ave, Bronx, NY 10452	57	Apply online or through mail. To apply online, please go to nyc.gov/housingconnect . To request an application by mail, send a self-addressed envelope to: Summit Ridge, 87-14 116th Street, Richmond Hill, NY 11418.	Oct. 7, 2016
3677 White Plains Rd, Bronx, NY 10467	24	Apply online or through mail. To apply online, please go to nyc.gov/housingconnect . To request an application by mail, send a self-addressed envelope to: Paulding Avenue Realty, LLC. P.O. Box 9, Purchase, NY 10577.	Oct. 7, 2016
6469 Broadway, Bronx, NY 10471	77	Applications can be downloaded from the marketing agent's website: www.BronxProgroup.com . Applications can also be requested by mail by sending a double-stamped, self-addressed envelope to Bronx Pro Real Estate Management Inc., 1605 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Bronx, NY 10453, ATTN: VAN CORTLANDT GREEN	No deadline