

Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall

January 31, 2020

# **Updates from Albany**

## 2020 Joint Legislative Hearings on Transportation and Environmental Conservation

I joined my colleagues for a joint legislative hearing on transportation to question MTA Chairman and CEO, Patrick Foye about MTA updates. Prior to this hearing, the MTA had informed me that the implementation of new trains for the Staten Island Railway is set to begin in 2021 along with upgrades to train stations in the 61st district. During the hearing I specifically asked the Chairman for:

- Updates on the timeline for the North Shore Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Environmental Impact Study that is currently being conducted;
- Increased transparency and accountability with local and community officials on the proposed redesign of local transportation networks; and
- A timeline for the implementation of two-way tolling on the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge. This is projected to begin in June of 2020.

Staten Island residents deserve updated and innovative transportation options and I will continue to work with the MTA to ensure that those new and improved options are delivered.

## Watch here as I address MTA Chairman Foye



During the Environmental Conservation Hearing, the following issues were highlighted:

- Funding is needed to support the historic Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act passed in the 2019 Session; and
- There are funding needs for Brownfield Cleanup Programs, including locations in Assembly District 61.

No "bucket or mop," is going to clean away the memories and the loss of 44 NYC residents, including the 24 that passed on Staten Island during Hurricane Sandy. Whether we move forward with a seawall or restore existing localized flood walls, dune and wetlands or create a manmade living shoreline, climate change is real and can devastate our communities if we do not begin to make an impactful change now.



## Introducing YouthBuild Staten Island during Assembly Session

I had the good fortune to introduce and meet with Kamillah Hanks, President and CEO of YouthBuild Staten Island, and community leaders, Priscilla Marco and Kevin Love, along with youth participants of the program. It was a privilege to hear about the many success of the program, as well as some of the concerns that young adults are facing today, and how they are working as a family unit to expand leadership and mentorship opportunities for future generations.

I also had the opportunity to speak with members of YouthBuild Impact who also traveled from Staten Island to Albany for Youth Build Advocacy Day. Both YouthBuild programs are perfect examples of the positive outcomes that arise when we invest adequate time and resources into all our youth.

#### Watch here as I welcome YouthBuild Staten Island to the Assembly Chamber





#### Children's Aid Society Staten Island

I met with club directors from the Children's Aid Society on Staten Island to discuss the funding they need to continue providing great futures for our youth. Their Family Service Center on Staten Island provides people with everything from foster care support to family stabilization services and healthy nutrition education. I will continue to advocate for the funding and resources needed for these crucial programs.



## **District 61 News**

## The Staten Island HBCU Experience College Showcase 10th Anniversary

I had the pleasure of attending this year's Staten Island College Showcase of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) hosted at Curtis High School. I was able to present the event organizers with a NYS Assembly

proclamation in honor of their 10th Anniversary. For 10 years Tammy Greer Brown and members of the Staten Island HBCU Experience Committee have organized this fair to ensure students are aware of the diversity of higher education institutions that exist across the country. During the fair, students were offered free resources including onsite admissions screenings, mentorship opportunities and connections to volunteer opportunities, along with financial aid resources for guardians. It was my honor to recognize the Staten Island HBCU Experience Committee for their dedication to empowering students and their families with confidence to engage the college application process.



# Alliance of South Asian American Labor (ASAAL) 2020 Census Meeting

I joined members of ASAAL to discuss the collective roles and responsibilities that community groups on Staten Island are undertaking to ensure that Staten Island residents are fully and accurately counted when the US Census count begins in April. An accurate Census count will ensure that NYC and North Shore residents receive our fair share of the \$650 billion in federal funds for public education, public housing, infrastructure, and more — as well as an equitable number of seats in Congress. It was great to hear from members of ASAAL about their commitment to helping all Staten Islanders get counted, especially those in hard to reach communities.

Sign up to volunteer with your NYC Neighborhood Organizing Census Committee (NOCC) and see below for job opportunities with the US Census Bureau.



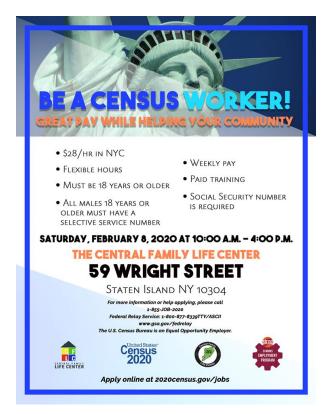
## **Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) Opportunities**

- New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) is seeking partners to address the **upskilling and tuition financing needs of low-income populations through the creation of the NYC Talent Financing Fund for accelerated learning programs**. Qualified organizations would be expected to (1) run a high-quality accelerated learning program with career-oriented outcomes; (2) launch an ISA model and service an income-based payment option for accelerated learning programs; and (3) deliver support services for low-income students. Respondents may be, but are not limited to, learning providers, student financing servicers, **wraparound** support providers, philanthropic institutions, industry partners.
  - Click here download a copy of the solicitation documents
  - Responses are due no later than 4pm on Friday, February 14, 2020.

#### **Community Resources**

- <u>NYC Care</u> is now available on Staten Island! NYC Care is a health care access program that guarantees lowcost and no-cost services to New Yorkers who do not qualify for or cannot afford health insurance. To enroll call 646-692-2273 or visit the NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health, Vanderbilt, 165 Vanderbilt Ave to start receiving primary and preventative care services; mental health support; help with services for housing, food and nutrition and so much more. Find multilingual resource information here.
- The US Census Bureau is recruiting to fill hundreds of thousands of temporary positions to assist with the 2020 Census count, which pays \$28 an hour and offers a flexible schedule. **Census representatives will host an**

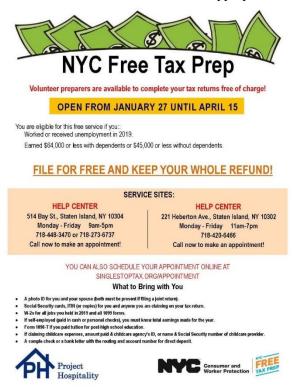
information and job registration event on Saturday, February 8 from 10am to 4pm at the Central Family Life Center, 59 Wright Street. <u>Click here for more information</u> or call 855-562-2020.



• This January, the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) is contacting all residents with annual notices on lead paint, window guards, stove knob covers, and fire safety. All NYCHA residents are encouraged to complete and return their annual notices before February 15.



• Receive free tax prep support in preparation for the 2020 tax season! Project Hospitality and NYC Consumer and Worker Protection are offering free tax prep services from January 27 until April 15 for individuals that earned \$64,000 or less with dependents, or \$45,000 or less without dependents. See the flyer below for locations and details on the appropriate documents to bring.



• The office of Comptroller Scott Stringer is accepting applications for its 2020 Summer Internship **Program!** This is a paid, 9-week program (June 8<sup>th</sup> to August 6<sup>th</sup>) and it is open to both undergraduate and graduate students. Interested applicants should click here to apply! **The application will close on March 6<sup>th</sup>**.



#### **OUALIFICATIONS**

Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited undergraduate or graduate degree program for the Fail 2020 semester. Successful candidates will have excellent communication and research skills and relevant education and experience.

#### **O COMPENSATION**

Undergraduate interns will receive an hourly salary in the range \$15.50 - \$16.50, based on college year level. Graduate and Law students will receive an hourly salary in the range \$19 - \$22.50, also based on year of study. Program term is 9 weeks, from June 8 to August 6, 2020. Interns work 28 hours a week on a Monday – Thursday schedule.

PROGRAM TERM

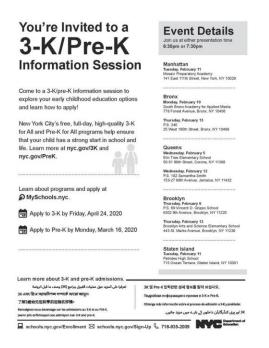
Application period opens from January 2 - March 6, 2020.

• Fair Fares, half-price fare on the subway and eligible bus fares are now available to residents at or below the Federal Poverty Line. <u>Visit the NYC Fair Fares website to find out about eligibility and apply.</u>



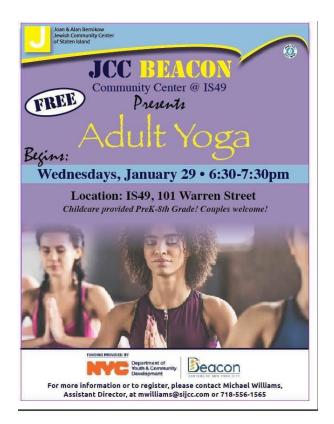
To Apply, visit https://comptroller.nyc.gov/jobs/summer-internship-program

- Applications to enroll young children in NYC Pre-K for All and 3-K for All for the 2020-2021 school year will open on February 5. The two programs, which provide free, full-day care and education, are part of a broader effort to create more high-quality early care and education programs for children from birth to 5 years old. An information session will be held on Tuesday, February 11 at Petrides High School at 6:30pm and 7:30pm. The three methods to apply are:
  - Online at <u>MySchools.nyc</u>
  - Over the phone at (718) 935-2009
  - In-person at a Family Welcome Center. The Staten Island Center is located at 715 Ocean Terrace, Building



#### **Community Events**

• The JCC Beacon Community Center at I.S 49 hosts free adult yoga classes every Wednesday from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Free childcare will be provided for young kids pre-K through 8th grade! For more information or to register, please contact Michael Williams at <u>mwilliams@sijcc.com</u> or call 718-556-1565.



• First Central Baptist Church will host their first Women Empowerment Tea of 2020, "A Celebration of the Rich Legacy of Womanhood" on Saturday, February 15, from noon to 3pm at 59 Wright Street. HIV screenings will be provided by CHASI Beauty and Health Units. RSVP to Tdonegan@centralfamilylifecenter.org or call 718-273-8414.



- The Staten Island Family Justice Center will offer an Overdose Prevention Training facilitated by Planned Parenthood on Friday, February 28 from 11 am to 12:30 pm at 126 Stuyvesant Place. Participants will learn how and when to administer Naloxone, an antidote that can reverse the fatal effects of an opioid overdose and potentially save a life. All participants will receive a free Naloxone kit after completing the training. <u>Click here to register.</u>
- The Central Family Life Center will be hosting its 15th Annual Staten Island Black Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, February 29. Breakfast will be served at 9:30am at 59 Wright Street and the discussion will take place at noon at 117 Wright Street.



• Applications for the National Council of Negro Women- Staten Island, High School Achievers Award are open! NCNW-SI is seeking high school students, grades 9-12, with a history of community involvement and academic achievement to apply. Applications are due by March 1. NCNW-SI will hold an information workshop on Thursday, February 20 from 10am to noon at Brighton Heights Reformed Church, 320

Saint Marks Avenue. <u>Click here to download an application or RSVP for more information on the</u> <u>workshop</u> and contact Dr. Janet Leslie at 917-692-3000 or Ms. Nicole Meyers at 718-530-592 for more information.

• On Thursday, March 12 the NYPD will host an Active Shooter training at the Christian Pentecostal Church, 1020 Targee Street. Doors will open at 6:30pm and the training to begin at 7pm. The primary focus of this presentation is to teach community members how to identify potential threats and tips for improving security within a facility. The NYPD strongly encourages representatives from all houses of worship, sensitive locations and publicly accessible facilities to attend this training. For more information and to RSVP email PBSI@nypd.org or call (718) 667-2219.



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