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Message from Liz...

Last month I held a community conversation with New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman in an event titled "State of the Resistance: An Update From The Frontlines". The event was an opportunity to address the role of state attorneys general in challenging Trump administration policies on a host of issues from immigration to the environment to civil and voting rights. Attorney General Schneiderman has been at the forefront of many of these efforts. We talked about his important work so far, and what more can be done to protect New Yorkers' fundamental rights and democratic institutions.

Over 300 people attended the event at the CUNY Graduate Center, including many long-time community activists and those involved in recent "resistance" efforts in response to the election of President Donald Trump.

Topics of discussion included immigrant rights and the President's travel ban, climate change, women's reproductive rights, and the Affordable Care Act. Attorney General Schneiderman described working together with attorneys general around the country as part of what he called "the legal resistance," a reaction from the legal community to what they perceive as a total disregard for the rule of law on the part of the Trump administration. When asked about ongoing lawsuits challenging President Obama's Clean Power Plan, Mr. Schneiderman said, "if the federal government is not going to defend a federal law, then we need to intervene so that there's someone watching out for our environment." Pointing out that the US Supreme Court has ruled that the EPA must regulate greenhouse gas emissions, Mr. Schneiderman said of Republican attacks on the Clean Power Plan, "if they repeal it, they have to replace it. We will insist that they follow the law."

The need for resisting the Trump administration's attacks on the environment is even clearer in the wake of his announcement that the United States will join Syria and Nicaragua as the only countries not participating in the Paris Climate Agreement (and Nicaragua's objection to the agreement was that it didn't go far enough). Since Trump can't actually withdraw from the agreement until 2019, this doesn't change the landscape in the short-term, but it does make it even more important that states show leadership in addressing climate change. I was extremely pleased that the governors of New York, California, and Washington immediately announced the formation of the United States Climate Alliance to lead continued efforts to combat global warming (they were joined the next day by the

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Republican governors of Massachusetts and Vermont). The legislature also needs to push Governor Cuomo and Comptroller DiNapoli to go further in these efforts by passing the Climate and Community Protection Act and my Fossil Fuel Divestment Act.

Mr. Schneiderman also addressed the issue of women's reproductive rights, pointing out the importance of codifying Roe v Wade into state law through the Reproductive Health Act, which I carry in the Senate. Of the Trump administration, Mr. Schneiderman said there's a "deep strain of misogyny in a lot of their policies. Women's rights are something that seems to rub these guys the wrong way, and women's reproductive rights in particular." But of Republican attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act, Mr. Schneiderman noted, "we're going to challenge any health care bill that interferes with a woman's constitutional rights."

The interview was followed by a discussion of what New Yorkers can do to leverage their own power to protect democracy, including fostering partnerships between citizens, advocates, and elected officials. Mr. Schneiderman emphasized the importance of resistance at the state level. "States have to model smart, progressive governance," he said. "The states are where the action is right now." But, Mr. Schneiderman noted, "we're not going to succeed in taking the country back just by being in opposition - we have to stand for something. We have to show how we are going to make people's lives better."

Ending the evening on a hopeful note, Mr. Schneiderman acknowledged the efforts of many of those in attendance. "The American people are rising up," he said. "It makes a tremendous difference if you speak up." I am pleased to know that those of us resisting the Trump agenda have an important ally who is ready and willing to fight that agenda in the courts.

To watch full video of the event, go to: <https://youtu.be/7gP2Hw-M0UE>

POLICY SPOTLIGHT

Tenant Harassment

Last month, Assembly Member Joseph Lentol and I introduced the Tenant Protection Act of 2017, a new bill drafted by Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman, aimed at holding New York's most unscrupulous landlords criminally accountable for tenant harassment.

Current state law requires that prosecutors reach an inexplicably high evidentiary bar in order to criminally convict a landlord of Harassment of a Rent Regulated Tenant—which is why, in the twenty years since its initial enactment by the NYS Legislature, not a single landlord has ever been convicted of that crime. The Attorney General's Tenant Protection Act would change that, setting a more reasonable standard that eliminates the need to prove physical injury to a tenant, and opening the door to prosecutions arising out of more commonplace and insidious tactics -- such as turning off heat and hot water, exposing tenants to hazardous materials, and making rent-stabilized buildings deliberately uninhabitable for current tenants and their families.

Under the existing Harassment of a Rent Regulated Tenant statute, a prosecutor must not only prove that the offending landlord intended to cause the tenant to vacate their home, but also that the tenant sustained physical injury due to the landlord's actions and that the landlord intended to cause (or

acted with criminal recklessness in causing) such injury. This existing Penal Law statute creates an inexplicably high bar that – in the nearly two decades since the law was enacted – has never been met. In fact, a recent analysis of NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services data shows that not a single landlord has ever been convicted of the crime of Harassment of a Rent Regulated Tenant.

Due to the high bar in the existing criminal tenant harassment statute, prosecutors often can successfully pursue criminal charges and tougher penalties against unscrupulous landlords only when there also is evidence of other serious crimes committed by the landlord. For example, the Attorney General's office has charged landlords with mortgage fraud and larceny, which can occur when a landlord looks to inflate the rental income they receive from rent-regulated buildings, upon which they re-finance their loans. While some landlords who commit mortgage fraud and larceny also engage in tenant harassment, prosecutors should not have to rely on other statutes to bring felony charges against these bad actors. Given the prevalence of this type of behavior, the public demands and prosecutors need a stand-alone statute to curb this behavior.

The Attorney General's legislation would:

- Create a new class A misdemeanor that would apply to landlords and their agents who, with the intent to induce a rent regulated tenant to vacate their home, engage in a "course of conduct" that: "impairs the habitability" of the housing accommodation; creates a condition that endangers the health or safety of the tenant; or is reasonably likely to, and does in fact, "interfere with or disturb the comfort, repose, peace or quiet" of such tenant in the use of their home;
- Expand the existing class E felony Penal Law offense to also make it unlawful for landlords or their agents, with the intent to induce two or more tenants in different rent regulated units to move out, to engage in a "systematic ongoing course of conduct" that: "impairs the habitability" of the housing accommodations; creates a condition that endangers the health or safety of one or more of the tenants; or is reasonably likely to, and does in fact, "interfere with or disturb the comfort, repose, peace or quiet" of one or more of such tenants in the use of their homes; and make it a class E felony for a landlord to commit the new class A misdemeanor offense after he or she has been convicted of that crime or the class E felony tenant harassment offense within the preceding five years.

The new class A misdemeanor carries a maximum penalty of up to one year in jail. The class E felony carries a maximum sentence of up to four years in State prison.

Over the years I have heard far too many horror stories from my constituents about the harassment they have suffered at the hands of unscrupulous landlords trying to drive them out of their homes. But as the law stands now, it is nearly impossible for criminal charges to be filed against even the worst offenders. It is high time this law was updated to protect tenants and give them a fighting chance, and to safeguard our dwindling stock of affordable housing. I commend Attorney General Schneiderman for his leadership on this issue, and I urge my colleagues in the Legislature to support this bill so that New Yorkers can live free of the fear of harassment from their landlords.

School Lunch Shaming

Last month Assembly Member Jo Anne Simon and I introduced a bill (A7376/S6444) to address the issue of school lunch shaming and school meal debt. Currently there is no statewide policy on delivery of free or reduced-price school meals to eligible children, resulting in a disparate patchwork

of approaches that varies across districts and between individual schools. The new legislation would ensure families are connected with all the meal-related benefits to which they're entitled, and prevent schools from singling out or otherwise discriminating against kids who either have meal debt or receive free or reduced-price meals.

In schools across New York State, free, reduced-price, and full-price meals are available to families based on income. But stigma and shame associated with being identified as low-income causes many children to forgo the meals altogether. Children may also be shamed or pressured if their family owes a meal debt by, for example, being offered "alternative meals" like peanut butter and jelly sandwiches instead of the standard meal.

The most effective way to address school lunch shaming and ensure more children eat school meals is through a universal school meals program. The federal Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) allows schools and districts in high-poverty areas to provide all students with meals regardless of individual need. But not every district is eligible, and only 58.7% of eligible New York State schools take advantage of CEP.

For schools without universal meals, A7376/S6444 proactively provides a statewide policy floor to prevent shaming and takes important steps to ensure that the most egregious forms of lunch shaming are prohibited. Its introduction comes in anticipation of a USDA requirement that all schools must publish policies on unpaid meal debt by July of this year. Similar bills to prevent lunch shaming have already passed in New Mexico and California, and are pending in at least two other states.

A7376/S6444 would:

- Ensure that eligible children are certified for free and reduced-price school meals by requiring that schools work with parents to help fill out relevant paperwork. If families owe meal debt, schools must check to see if children can be directly certified for free or reduced-price meals due to participation in other programs, such as SNAP.

- Ensure that no children of any age are denied a meal because they owe school meal debt.

- Ensure that children who owe meal debt or receive free or reduced-price meals are protected from stigma and shaming by prohibiting requirements for chores, throwing away food, using identifying handstamps or wristbands, restricting after-school activities, or providing alternative meals.

- Ensure that schools do not approach children about school meal debt, but instead deal directly with parents when addressing financial matters.

In New York State in the 21st Century we simply should not allow our children to go hungry in school. Unfortunately, shame and stigma attached to free meals or meal debt can keep kids from getting the food they need. The patchwork of school meal policies throughout the state has contributed to this problem. For schools that can offer them, universal free meals are the most effective solution. But for those that can't, we need clear, statewide guidelines to ensure families get the help they need, and no child is singled-out because their family struggles to pay.

Guest Spotlight: NYC Smoke-Free

I received the following letter from Jesse Brookman, a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, who is advocating for NYC Smoke-Free, and I thought it was worth sharing. I am always inspired when young people take this kind of leadership.

My school is located 12 blocks from my home. Every day, when I walk to school, I pass 20 tobacco retailers. There is a total of 12 tobacco retailers just within a two block radius of my school. These retailers not only tempt my peers and I into smoking, but they also take up space that can be used for positive things like libraries, gyms, or health food shops. This constant exposure to the marketing of tobacco has taken a personal toll on my life and serves as nothing but harm.

As 16 year olds, my peers and I are the future voices of the world. Yet, we are the most targeted. Often, my friends and I will find ourselves talking about the latest tobacco shop that has opened up around our school. Some students just talk about it, while others talk about wanting to check it out. Either way, we are unconsciously spreading the message about these tobacco retailers and, as a result, causing more and more kids to want to try smoking.

Within the last two years, I have witnessed my friends and other students pick up the habit of smoking. At first, I thought it was a phase that would soon fade away. However, once I read that 90% of adult tobacco smokers started in their teens, I began to worry. Although smoking has not had a personal effect on me, watching my friends give in to the relentless urges of smoking has upset me. What bothers me the most is hearing my friends say they don't enjoy smoking, but are now addicted and find it hard to stop. Hearing my friends say they wish they never picked up the habit made me decide recently that enough is enough. I began to take action against tobacco.

This past February 8th, I attended "legislative day", a day where youths all over the country let their voices be heard and tried to put a stop to the "tobacco epidemic". It was a day that impacted me deeply. When my group and I arrived at the Capitol building in Albany, we immediately got to work. Throughout the day, we met with three different representatives and advocated for less tobacco retailers around our schools. The representatives were really attentive and genuinely understood the harm the congestion of tobacco retailers around schools cause. I think my experience with watching tobacco affect my friends and explaining what I found out from my mapping activity opened their eyes to the reality of the damaging effects of tobacco. Speaking with these legislators was great, but this wasn't the only aspect of legislative day that I enjoyed.

An inspiring part of legislative day for me was seeing the hundreds of other students fighting for the same issue as me. Although I believe my own voice can create awareness and eventually make stricter laws regarding tobacco, I felt more empowered seeing many other students with the same initiative. I left legislative day with an even deeper understanding of how many people are affected by tobacco by hearing my peers' stories about how tobacco has damaged them and their loved ones. As a member of N.Y.C Smoke-Free, I know we can and will create a tobacco free generation. Once our voices are heard, I believe anything is possible. Join the movement here at nycsmokefree.org.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Public Meeting on Mt. Sinai Beth Israel Plans on June 8th:

On Thursday, June 8 at 1PM, the Planning Council of the State of New York and the NYS Dept. of Health are holding a public meeting on the restructuring of Mount Sinai Beth Israel and creation of the new Mount Sinai Downtown Network. Make your voice heard—public comment will be accepted—and learn more about the changes that can be expected as a result of these plans. The meeting will take place at 90 Church Street, 4th Fl, Rm 4A, and will begin at approximately 1:00 p.m. after completion of the full Council meeting. Bring I.D. for building admittance.

There will be a live stream option available to those that cannot be there in person. The link to it will go live at the time of the meeting and it can be accessed at

<https://www.health.ny.gov/events/webcasts/>

The Radical Age Movement Discussion on End of Life Choices on June 8th:

On Thursday, June 8th, the Radical Age Movement invites you to a discussion entitled “Allow me to choose:

What It Takes to Have a Humane and Peaceful Death.” Today, when medical advances can extend life, death can become quite complicated. Where is the fine line between prolonging life and prolonging death? Laurie Leonard, Executive Director of End of Life Choices NY will present. The event will take place from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM at the NY Society for Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th Street @ Central Park West. RSVP to

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/what-it-takes-to-have-a-humane-and-peaceful-death-tickets-34572107103>.

Overdevelopment Forum on June 8th:

On Thursday, June 8 at 6pm Borough President Gale Brewer, Council Member Ben Kallos, and I will be hosting a forum on overdevelopment and zoning on the East Side. We will be discussing local community initiatives, and closing zoning loopholes in our fight against overdevelopment.

The forum will be held at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, 331 East 70th Street. To RSVP, call 212-860-1950 or go to BenKallos.com/Events.

Upcoming Rent Guidelines Board Meetings:

The Rent Guidelines Board will hold two public hearings on proposed increases for rent-stabilized apartments:

Thursday June 8th, 5pm-8pm

Oberia D. Dempsey Multi-Service Center Auditorium, 127 West 127th Street

Wednesday, June 14th, 2pm-8pm

Where: US Customs House, 1 Bowling Green

Last month, the NYC Rent Guidelines Board (RGB) adopted a proposed range of increases for NYC rent-stabilized apartments between 1% and 3% for 1-year leases and between 2% and 4% for 2-year leases. If approved, these increases will negatively impact millions of low- and middle-income New Yorkers, many of whom pay more than 50% of their income in rent. I will be submitting testimony in opposition to these increases.

You can submit comment on these proposed increases by:

Webform: <http://rules.cityofnewyork.us>

Email: board@nycrgb.org

Mail: NYC Rent Guidelines Board, 1 Centre Street, Suite 2210, New York, NY 10007.

Fax: 212-669-7488

In person: Anyone who wants to comment on the proposed rule at a public hearing must sign up to speak. You can sign up before the hearing by calling 212-669-7480. You can also sign up at the public hearings.

The final vote on proposed increases will take place on Tuesday, June 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Baruch College
Mason Hall, 17 Lexington Avenue. (corner of 23rd St).

Carter Burden 2nd Annual Senior Law Day, June 12th:

On Monday, June 12th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00p.m, Carter Burden Senior Center will host its Second Annual Senior Law Day at the Carter Burden Leonard Covello Senior Center, 312 E 109th Street.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. stop by the information tables on the first floor and learn about legal and financial services in New York City.

From 1:15 to 2 p.m. there will be a workshop on: "What Every Senior Needs to Know about Legal and Financial Planning" hosted by Robert Freedman, Esq. Learn about Power of Attorney, Payment of Long Term Care Costs, Wills, Burial Planning, Health Care Advanced Directives, and more in the fourth floor piano room.

Information will also be offered in Spanish at the same time in the fourth floor media room. Hosted by Volunteers of Legal Service.

Free appetizers and refreshments will be provided generously by Mavencare Home Care Services. Reservations are required and must be made by June 5. For more information, or to register to attend, please contact Alexandra Jurenko at jurenkoa@carterburdennetwork.org or 212-423-9665 ext. 458.

Forum on the New York Health Act on June 29th:

On Thursday, June 29th I will be speaking at a Forum sponsored by the Manhattan Community Board 8 Health, Seniors and Social Services Committee entitled "Medicare for All New York State Residents: Understanding New York State's Bill and How it will Affect All New Yorkers," with Assembly Member Richard Gottfried and Dr. Oliver Fein of Physicians for a National Health Program. The forum will take place at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 316 East 88th Street, Draesal Hall. For more information, contact Community Board 8 at (212) 758-4340 or info@cb8m.com.

Free Class for Newcomers to Medicare:

If you are new to Medicare or soon will be eligible, join one of DFTA's upcoming monthly orientation classes. The class includes information on Medicare Part A and Part B, Medigap insurance, Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare Part D drug coverage and the Medicare Savings Programs. Orientation is held at 2 Lafayette Street, room 624 once a month throughout the year. Here is the current schedule of classes – each class covers the same material.

Monday, June 26: 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Space is limited so please register in advance by emailing ehausman@aging.nyc.gov.

NYU Langone’s Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias Family Support Program:

If you are caring for a family member with memory loss, who’s caring for you? NYU Langone’s Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias Family Support Program was created to assist family members and friends through education, individual and family care consultation, and community support. This program is offered free of charge to caregivers who are residents of the five boroughs of New York City. For more information about our services, please call 646-754-2288, e-mail family.support@nyumc.org or visit nyulangone.org/memorydisordersupport.

Zika Virus Travel Alert:

If you are pregnant or trying to become pregnant, do not travel to a Zika-affected area. Zika is still affecting parts of Central and South America, Mexico, the Caribbean, the United States and other places listed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at <https://www.cdc.gov/zika/geo/index.html>. The type of mosquito linked to the current outbreak, *Aedes aegypti*, lives in these places. *Aedes aegypti* has not been found in New York City.

Zika is not dangerous for most people. However, Zika causes birth defects. One birth defect linked to Zika is a smaller than normal head. This condition is called “microcephaly.” Health experts are still learning about the link between Zika and microcephaly. Since January 2016, sixteen newborns with birth defects consistent with Zika virus infection during pregnancy have been born in New York City.

People usually get Zika through a mosquito bite—but only certain kinds of mosquitoes (*Aedes* mosquitoes) can spread Zika. Zika can also be spread through sexual contact and blood contact (i.e. blood transfusions, sharing injection equipment, etc.). Zika is not spread by casual contact.

A different *Aedes* mosquito is found in New York City. This mosquito is called *Aedes albopictus*. *Aedes albopictus* is able to spread Zika to people, but health experts are still learning whether it is likely to spread Zika to people. Just because a mosquito can carry the virus does not mean that it will cause an outbreak. Health experts have not found Zika in any local mosquitoes but are planning for the possibility that *Aedes albopictus* could get infected with Zika locally and are taking aggressive steps to monitor this and take action if needed.

For more information on Zika, avoiding infection, and public health measures being taken in the New York area, visit <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/zika-virus.page>.

Study of Employment Challenges for Older Workers and Jobseekers:

Peter Gosselin, an investigative journalist with *ProPublica* is seeking input from workers and jobseekers over 50 about their experiences of discrimination and specific challenges that they face. I’ve heard many of these stories from my constituents and thought that some of you might want to share them with him as well. You can find out more about his work at <https://propublica.forms.fm/age-discrimination>. If you would like to share your experiences, you can contact Mr. Gosselin at: peter.gosselin@propublica.org or by leaving a message at 917-512-0258.

City Council Seeks Input on School Planning, Siting and Overcrowding:

This year the City Council established a Working Group on Planning for Schools, and they are seeking input from stakeholders on the school planning and siting process. This can include problems

you see in the current projection of seat need, challenges in the siting process, or recommendations for improving the planning and siting process in general. They are also interested in hearing about your experience with school planning, siting, and/or overcrowding in your neighborhood. If you would like to submit comments, visit <http://council.nyc.gov/land-use/plans/schools-working-group/>

Legal Advocacy Clinics At Lenox Hill Neighborhood House:

The Lenox Hill Neighborhood House Legal Advocacy Center Offers assistance on a number of different issues. Here is a list of their ongoing programs and clinics:

- SNAP (formerly Food Stamps) Clinics: Wednesdays from 10am to 1pm at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, 331 East 70th Street. First come, first served. Bring proof of identity, income information, utility bill, proof of housing costs, information on any dependents and if you are 60 or over or on SSI/SSD, information on medical costs. For more information, call [212-218-0431](tel:212-218-0431).
- SCRIE Clinics: call [212-218-0503 ext. 6](tel:212-218-0503) for assistance in applying or recertifying for the Senior Citizens Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) program. The SCRIE clinic is open to tenants city-wide. Please note that due to the volume of calls, it sometimes takes up to two weeks for staff to respond to messages.
- Eviction Prevention: Walk-in clinic, every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, from 10am to 1pm at 331 East 70th Street, for tenants who live, work, or go to school on Manhattan's East Side above 59th Street and on Roosevelt Island.
- End-of-Life Planning/Advance Directives: volunteer attorneys may be able to assist you with one-on-one counseling and individualized drafting of Advance Directives including Health Care Proxies, Living Wills, Powers of Attorney, and simple, low-asset Wills. If you are interested in being screened for a possible appointment, call the intake hotline at [212-218-0503 ext 4](tel:212-218-0503).
- Health Care Access/Medicare/Medicaid: call [212-218-0503 ext 3](tel:212-218-0503). Find out about Medicare Savings Programs, Medicaid home care, Medicare Part D, Medicaid Spend-down, EPIC and if you are eligible for Medicaid.
- Health Insurance Enrollment: call [212-218-0432](tel:212-218-0432). Assistance with finding and enrolling in an affordable health insurance plan.

Affordable Housing Opportunities in Manhattan:

Essex Crossing Site 6 is now accepting applications for 99 affordable 1-bedroom apartments newly constructed at 175 Delancey Street in the Lower East Side neighborhood in Manhattan. Individuals or households with at least 1 household member who is 55 years of age or older at the time of the application who meet the income and household size requirements listed in the table below may apply. Rents for these apartments range from \$396 to \$1254 depending on income. To be eligible, applicants must have incomes below 57,150 for singles and 65,250 for families of 2. Preference will be given to Community Board 3 residents for 50% of units, mobility-impaired persons for 5% of units, visual- and/or hearing-impaired persons for 2% of units, and City of New York municipal employees for 5% of units. A full description of the building and application process is available at <https://a806-housingconnect.nyc.gov/nycclottery/AdvertisementPdf/347.pdf>.

Households may elect to submit an application by one of two methods: EITHER online OR by mail. To submit your application online now, please visit NYC Housing Connect at www.nyc.gov/housingconnect and select "Apply for Housing." To request an application by mail, mail a self-addressed envelope to: Essex Crossing Site 6/ Triborough Finance New Station, PO Box 2010, New York, NY 10035-9997.

Completed applications must be submitted online or returned by regular mail only to the post office box that will be listed on the application. Applications must be submitted online or postmarked by June 16, 2017. Applicants who submit more than one application may be disqualified.

321 EAST 60th STREET is now accepting applications for 20 affordable 1- and 2--bedroom apartments newly constructed at 321 East 60th Street in the Sutton Place neighborhood in Manhattan. Rents for these apartments range from \$1254 to 1511 depending on unit size. To be eligible, applicants must have incomes between \$44,950 and \$72,480 depending on unit and family size. Preference will be given to Community Board 8 residents for 50% of units, mobility-impaired persons for 5% of units, visual- and/or hearing-impaired persons for 2% of units, and City of New York municipal employees for 5% of units. A full description of the building and application process is available at <https://a806-housingconnect.nyc.gov/nyclottery/AdvertisementPdf/344.pdf>.

Households may elect to submit an application by one of two methods: EITHER online OR by mail. To submit your application online now, please visit NYC Housing Connect at www.nyc.gov/housingconnect and select "Apply for Housing." To request an application by mail, mail a self-addressed envelope to: 321 E.60th St., c/o Housing Partnership Development Corporation, 242 West 36th Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10018.

Completed applications must be submitted online or returned by regular mail only to the post office box that will be listed on the application. Applications must be submitted online or postmarked by June 16, 2017. Applicants who submit more than one application may be disqualified.

DRAPER HALL SENIOR APARTMENTS is now accepting applications for 51 affordable 1-bedroom apartments newly constructed / rehabilitated at 1918 First Avenue in the East Harlem neighborhood in Manhattan. Rents for these apartments will be 30 percent of eligible resident income. To be eligible, applicants must have incomes below \$33,400 for singles and \$38,200 for couples, and at least one household member must be 62 years of age or older. Preference will be given to Community Board 11 residents, mobility-impaired persons for 5% of units, and visual- and/or hearing-impaired persons for 2% of units. A full description of the building and application process is available at <https://a806-housingconnect.nyc.gov/nyclottery/AdvertisementPdf/353.pdf>.

Households may elect to submit an application by one of two methods: EITHER online OR by mail. To submit your application online now, please visit NYC Housing Connect at www.nyc.gov/housingconnect and select "Apply for Housing." To request an application by mail, mail a self-addressed envelope to: Draper Hall Apartments; 98 Cuttermill Road, Suite 342 South, Great Neck, New York, 11021..

Completed applications must be submitted online or returned by regular mail only to the post office box that will be listed on the application. Applications must be submitted online or postmarked by July 10, 2017. Applicants who submit more than one application may be disqualified.

Metrocard Bus and Van Schedule:

The MTA offers MetroCard-related services throughout New York City through mobile buses and vans. Buses provide a full range of services, including applying for or refilling a Reduced-Fare MetroCard, buying or refilling a regular MetroCard, or getting answers to a MetroCard-related question. Vans sell Unlimited Ride MetroCards and Pay-Per-Ride MetroCards, and they refill MetroCards and Reduced-Fare MetroCards. Buses and vans will be in my district on the following

dates and locations:

June 7, 9 - 10:30 am, 79 Street & 3 Avenue – Bus
June 7, 11 am - 1 pm, 79 Street & York Avenue – Bus
June 7, 1:30 - 2:30 pm, 72 Street & York Avenue – Bus
June 13, 9 - 10:30 am, 92 Street & Lexington Avenue – Bus
June 13, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm., 86 Street & Lexington Avenue – Bus
June 13, 1:30 - 2:30 pm, 68 Street & Lexington Avenue – Bus
June 15, 8:30 - 10:30 am, 47 Street & 2 Avenue – Van
June 15, 1:30 - 3:30 pm, 28 Street & 2 Avenue – Van
June 21, 9 - 10:30 am, 79 Street & 3 Avenue – Bus
June 21, 11 am - 1 pm, 79 Street & York Avenue – Bus
June 21, 1:30 - 2:30 pm, 72 Street & York Avenue – Bus
June 27, 9 - 10:30 am, 92 Street & Lexington Avenue – Bus
June 27, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm., 86 Street & Lexington Avenue – Bus
June 27, 1:30 - 2:30 pm, 68 Street & Lexington Avenue – Bus
July 5, 9 - 10:30 am, 79 Street & 3 Avenue – Bus
July 5, 11 am - 1 pm, 79 Street & York Avenue – Bus
July 5, 1:30 - 2:30 pm, 72 Street & York Avenue – Bus
July 6, 7 – 9 am, 91 Street and York Avenue - Van
July 6, 8:30 - 10:30 am, 47 Street & 2 Avenue – Van
July 6, 1:30 - 3:30 pm, 28 Street & 2 Avenue – Van
July 7, 9 - 10 am, 57 Street and 1 Avenue – Van
July 7, 10:30 - 11:30 am, 57 Street and 3 Avenue – Van
July 7, 12:30 - 2:30 pm, 68 Street and 1 Avenue – Van

The full mobile MetroCard schedule is available at <http://mta.info/metrocard/mms.htm>. Please note that MetroCard buses and vans do not take credit cards.