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COVID-19 Updates

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Photo Credit: Carlos Barria/Reuters. A helicopter monitored protesters above Washington tonight.

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NYC Announces Citywide Curfew

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

President Trump Threatens To Deploy Military Against States; NYC Curfew To Start Even Earlier Tomorrow Night; and More!

NYS Confirmed: 371,711
NYS Deaths: 23,959
NYC Confirmed: 203,764

Brooklyn Confirmed: 56,053

CURFEW



Photo Credit: Scott Heins/Gothamist. Demonstrators face off with police on a Manhattan sidewalk, May 31, 2020

- To prevent looting and violence, **Mayor de Blasio** and **Governor Andrew Cuomo** announced a **citywide curfew** in New York City. The curfew tonight will take effect beginning at **11 p.m.** and will be lifted at **5 a.m.** tomorrow morning. There will also be a curfew **tomorrow** night from **8:00 p.m. to 5 a.m.** What does that mean for New Yorkers?
 - **Essential workers** will be permitted to travel to and from work, and to be in public areas while performing their job duties.
 - However, they can only travel between their residence and workplace. If necessary, they can also stop for medical supplies/ prescriptions before and/or after work.
 - You do not need to show any specific form of identification to prove your status as an essential worker.
 - A **work ID, business card, official documents** or even a **uniform** will be sufficient proof.

- **Health care workers, city employees and members of the press** can go to work.
- **Restaurants** can continue to make deliveries.
- Essential businesses (**grocery stores**) can remain open.
- **Public transit** will remain operational.
- If you are **not an essential worker**, you cannot travel to perform work between 11 p.m./5 a.m.
- You may leave if you need to seek **medical attention**, treatment or supplies during the curfew.
- **Emergency medical service** will be fully operational. **Call 911** if you have an emergency.
- If you need to take your **dog** outside, do so only in the **immediate vicinity** of your home. Dogs should be taken out **before/after** curfew.
- The **NYPD** will **double its presence** to help prevent violence and property damage.
- The mayor and governor reminded those protesting to remember to wear proper **face coverings**.

GEORGE FLOYD PROTESTS



Photo Credit: Victor J. Blue for The New York Times. Protesters sat in the street outside the Minnesota governor's residence in Minneapolis.

- New York City entered a **fifth night** of protests.
- Demonstrations are again, largely peaceful, but marred by acts of violence.
 - At least **1,000 demonstrators** walked onto the F.D.R. Drive in Lower Manhattan near the Brooklyn Bridge, blocking traffic on both sides of the highway.

- At **Washington Square Park** in Manhattan, **Terence A. Monahan**, the city's highest-ranking uniformed officer, grabbed a microphone to defuse a conflict. Watch it [here](#).
- On **14th street** the police declared an unlawful assembly.
- There are reports of looting at several stores in Manhattan.
- Read live updates on the protests [here](#).

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Photo Credit: Don Pollard/Governor's Office

- In an interview with CNN today, **Governor Cuomo** stood by the protestors saying that the majority of them had a valid point.
 - Read the transcript [here](#).
- The head of the union representing the **New York State Police** slammed Cuomo as offering "zero support," to police by not addressing the attacks directed at troopers during protests.
- **Governor Cuomo** was quick to respond to comments made by **President Trump** during a surprise press conference this evening.
 - The governor accused the president of "**calling out the American military against American citizens.**" Cuomo continued to call the president's response "shameful" and stated that "it's all just a reality TV show for this president." Read more [here](#).

- The governor and state lawmakers are moving to do away with a law, known as **50-a**, that has shielded police disciplinary records from the public.
 - The state legislature plans to reconvene in the next **two weeks** to pass that and other criminal justice reform bills.
 - **Assemblymember Bichotte** has reintroduced a bill that would end the practice of racial profiling by police. You can read it [here](#).
- The governor announced that **two more regions** of New York will enter **Phase Two** of reopening. Western New York will enter the second phase on Tuesday and the Capital Regional will follow on Wednesday.

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



Photo Credit: Albin Lohr-Jones/Pacific Press/LightRocket via Getty Images

- **Mayor Bill de Blasio** denounced the actions of police who **drove cruisers into a crowd** of Brooklyn protesters over the weekend.
- **The Police Union** disclosed details of the arrest of **Chiaria de Blasio**, the mayor's daughter, in a **privacy breach**. The New York Times [reports](#).
 - The mayor said he is proud of his daughter, and that she "cares so much and is willing to do something about it."
 - De Blasio said she was not involved in any violence at the protests.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Photo Credit: Nicholas Kamm/Agence France-Presse-Getty Images

- **President Trump** threatened to **deploy the military** to states if the violence in states isn't stopped.
 - The president said that if cities do not take actions to protect people and property, he would "deploy the United States military and quickly **solve the problem for them.**"
- Earlier in the day, he called violent protests "**domestic acts of terror**" which law enforcement would "**dominate the streets**" to quell.
- In **Washington D.C.**, tear gas was used against peaceful protesters ahead of Trump's walk to **St. Johns's Episcopal Church**.
 - Episcopal Diocese of Washington, **Bishop Mariann Budde**, condemned Trump's visit to the church in a statement.
 - The mayor has imposed a **7 p.m.** curfew tonight, and the city has been under curfew for much of the week.
 - Metro trains and buses are **ending service early.**
- An Army **Black Hawk** helicopter descended to rooftop level in Washington, forcing protesters to scatter hours after a **military police battalion** was deployed.
 - Live updates here.
- Meanwhile, the Daily News reports that the Trump administration shipped nearly **50,000 doses** of a promising new coronavirus drug to just **15 hospitals** in New York last month, leaving some facilities with too much medicine while dozens of others had nothing to give their critically ill patients. Read the story here.

PRIDE MONTH



Photo Credit: Todd Heisler/The New York Times. A vigil in Sheridan Square, outside the Stonewall Inn.

- June marks the beginning of **Pride Month**, which is usually marked by celebrations and parades around the city.
- Today, hundreds of protesters gathered for a vigil at the **Stonewall Inn** in Manhattan.
 - The Inn is the scene of anti-police rioting in 1969, widely regarded as a major turning point in the modern **gay rights** movement.
- The vigil today was organized to pay respect to the memory of black and Hispanic victims of **police brutality**.

FLATBUSH



Photo Credit: Hiroko Masuike/The New York Times. People line up outside the COPO Halal Food Pantry distribution, which draws families from Flatbush.

- The New York Times reported today on the parent interpreter committee at **Public School 315** in Flatbush, our district, which is one of the hardest hit by COVID-19
 - Many of the parents in the district are essential workers.
 - The committee began to deliver groceries to parents who were sick with COVID-19 and/or experiencing job loss.
 - The committee has organized a GoFundMe for parents and families in the PS 315 District, which has raised close to **\$80,000 dollars**. Read the story [here](#).

FAMILY EMPOWERMENT LISTENING SERIES

Family Empowerment Listening Series

Join DOE leaders and families to discuss
screened admissions for next year.

Bronx | Wednesday, May 27th 6-8pm

Queens | Thursday, May 28th 6-8pm

Staten Island | Friday, May 29th 6-8pm

Manhattan | Monday, June 1st 6-8pm

Brooklyn | Tuesday, June 2nd 6-8pm

schools.nyc.gov/AdmissionsEngagement



ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING



Photo Credit: NY1

Mayor de Blasio announced that **Alternate-Side Parking** is **suspended** again through **Sunday, June 7th**.

COVID-19 TESTING IN FLATBUSH



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42nd Assembly District



FLATBUSH AVENUE WALK-IN COVID-19 TESTING SITE

*This testing site is **by appointment only**.*

You **must** contact the
NYS Department of Health
at **1-888-364-3065** to
schedule an appointment.

Brookdale Family Care Center

1095 Flatbush Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11226

For more information about this or any community concern,
contact Assemblymember Bichotte's district office

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We have a **drive through** and **walk-in** COVID-19 testing site in the **42nd Assembly District**. **You must make an appointment before visiting the center or you will be turned away.** To make an appointment you **must** contact the NYS Department of Health at **888-364-3065**.



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42nd Assembly District



Sears Parking Lot

2307 Beverley Road
Brooklyn, NY 11226

Testing site is BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

For appointment call 888-364-3065

*If you experience symptoms or have been exposed
to someone with the virus, call your doctor*



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MULTISYSTEM INFLAMMATORY SYNDROME IN CHILDREN (MIS-C)

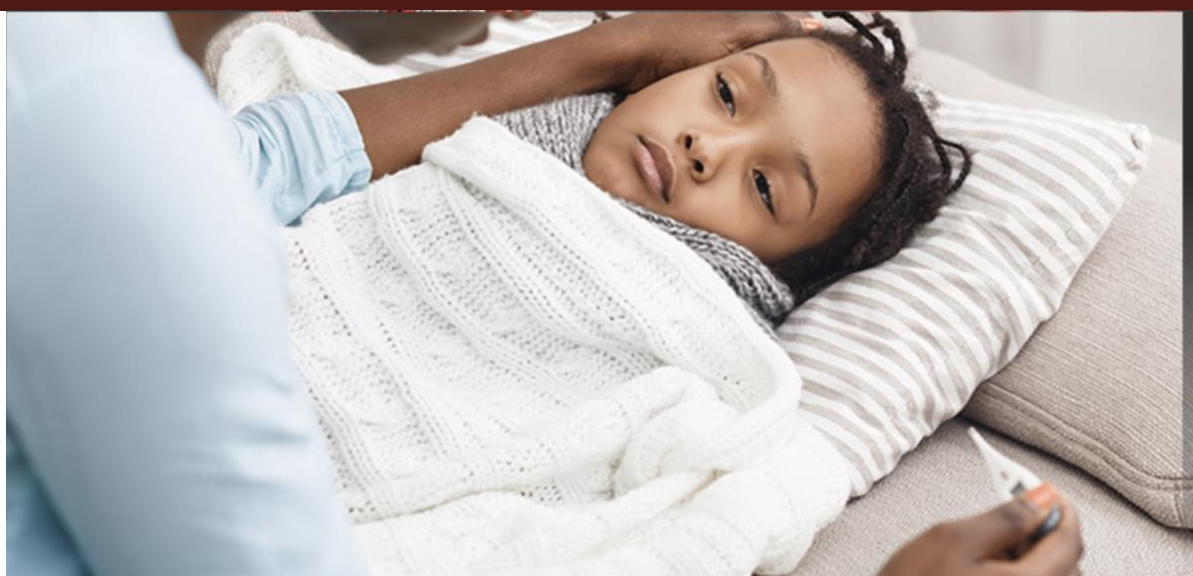


Photo Credit: Norton Children's

Governor Cuomo announced that a new investigation is underway regarding potential COVID-19 related **cases in children**. Symptoms can be compared to Kawasaki disease and toxic shock-like syndrome. The Department of Health issued an advisory of what's called the Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children, or MIS-C, and now **requires** health care providers to **immediately report** all related cases. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene released a [health advisory](#) detailing current findings.

- New Yorkers should **seek immediate** care if a child has:
 - Prolonged fever (more than five days)
 - Difficulty feeding (infants) or is too sick to drink fluids
 - Severe abdominal pain, diarrhea or vomiting
 - Change in skin color - becoming pale, patchy and/or blue
 - Trouble breathing or is breathing very quickly
 - Racing heart or chest pain
 - Decreased amount of frequency in urine
 - Lethargy, irritability or confusion

THANK YOU ESSENTIAL WORKERS



During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **ridesharing service providers** for helping us safely reach our destination.

COMPLETE THE 2020 CENSUS



As we face unprecedented challenges in the fight against COVID-19, we must remember to complete the the **2020 Census** . The census asks just 10 simple questions that can be answered in just a few minutes online by visiting [here](#) or by calling 844-330-2020.

AVOID SCAMS



Photo Credit: Pixabay/CDC

- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or [NYC.gov/dewp](https://www.nyc.gov/dewp). You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office by filling out a [complaint form](#).
- **NYS Price Gouging Hotline**: 800-697-1220.
- CDC staff will **NOT** go door-to-door. If you experience this, call 911.

SERVICES AND RESOURCES



Photo Credit: Ansi.org

Due to the impact of COVID-19 on New York City's workforce, the City of New York has developed a list of resources for those who may be unemployed due to COVID-19 or are seeking additional assistance. The list below will be updated frequently.

It has information on the following categories:

- **Employment Resources**
- **Food Assistance**
- **Health & Medical Assistance**
- **Financial Assistance**
- **Rent Arrears and Public Assistance**
- **Emotional Support & Spiritual Care**
- **Other Assistance**

Visit this [website](#) for resources.

NYS Department of Health Hotline for people who want to be assessed and get appointment for test ([888-364-3065](tel:888-364-3065)). NYC residents should call ([844-692-4692](tel:844-692-4692)).

Volunteer to Support

Others: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/helpnownyc/resources/covid-19-relief.page#healthcare_workers.

Free Internet Services:

Charter is offering free spectrum broadband and WiFi access for 60 days to household with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have Spectrum broadband subscription. To enroll, call [844-488-8395](tel:844-488-8395).

Until further notice, all Xfinity WiFi Public Hotspots are now open to everyone on the "xfinitywifi" SSID. For more information visit [here](#).

FreshDirect meals:

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams in partnership with **FreshDirect** is providing free food packages. Each box contains the following:

- Rice, 2 bags, 16oz
- Pasta, 2 boxes, 16oz
- Canned beans, 2 cans, 10-16oz
- Canned Meat/Fish, 2 cans, 3 to 5 oz
- Canned Vegetable, 2 cans, 8 to 15 oz
- Raisins / Dry Fruit, 4 boxes, 2 oz per box
- Cereal/Oatmeal, 1 Box, 10 to 20 oz
- Milk / Milk Substitute, 1 container, 32 oz
- Corn, 2 ears
- 2 Potatoes
- 1 Onion
- 1 Carrot
- Orange / Apple, 2 in total

The packages will arrive by FreshDirect vehicles to locations listed [here](#) . If you have any questions, call (718) 802-3700.

Don't Go Hungry!



Hello neighbors!

Help is on the way as the **Brooklyn Museum** launches a partnership with **The Campaign Against Hunger** to offer food distribution starting on **Monday, June 1, 3–5 pm**.

To ensure we have the right amount of food, **sign-up by emailing is required:** healthymeals@brooklynmuseum.org

The Campaign Against Hunger (TCAH) is one of the most trusted nonprofits working to end hunger and build health in our local communities. As we witness the vastly disproportionate economic and social impacts of COVID-19 on already-struggling New Yorkers, we know many of our neighbors are in need of emergency food for their families. Learn more at <https://www.tcahnyc.org>.

Where

Brooklyn Museum
Biergarten (in the parking lot behind the Museum)
200 Eastern Parkway
Brooklyn, NY 11238

When

Weekly starting
Monday, June 1,
3–5 pm

Spread the word!

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IMMIGRATION

- If you or a loved one is in need of free immigration assistance, please call **CUNY Citizenship Now** at 646-664-9400 or text at 929-334-3784, Monday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Visit their [website](#) for more information.
- **Open Society Foundation** has established the **Immigrant Emergency Relief Program** which is a \$20 million fund that will provide 20,000 undocumented immigrants with a one-time monetary emergency relief.
 - \$400/individual
 - \$800/couple or single parent with children
 - \$1,000/family with multiple adults and children

- for more information, click [here](#).

SMALL BUSINESS

- The Federal Government is offering programs to support small businesses:
 - **Paycheck Protection Program** provides a loan that will be forgiven if employees are retained on payroll for a period of time. For more information, click [here](#).
 - **Economic Injury Disaster Loan** is a low interest loan to cover expense beyond payroll costs. For more information, click [here](#).
- New York City Small Business Services has a host of other services for small businesses including grant and loan opportunities. For more information, click [here](#).

In-District Businesses open/closed provided by **Flatbush Avenue BID and Church Avenue BID**: Visit Flatbush Avenue Business Directory [here](#) and Church Avenue Business directory [here](#). Businesses open/closed list provided by **Flatbush Development Corporation**: Visit Flatbush Business Corridor Directory [here](#). Includes businesses located in:

- Cortelyou Road (Coney Island Ave. - Ocean Ave.)
- Coney Island Avenue (Cortelyou Road - Foster Ave.)
- Newkirk Plaza
- Newkirk Avenue (Coney Island Ave. - Ocean Ave.)
- Foster Avenue (Coney Island Ave. - Ocean Ave.)
- Ditmas Park

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE SICK WITH COVID-19



What to do if you are sick with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

If you are sick with COVID-19 or suspect you are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, follow the steps below to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and community.

Stay home except to get medical care

You should restrict activities outside your home, except for getting medical care. Do not go to work, school, or public areas. Do not use public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.

Separate yourself from other people in your home

As much as possible, you should stay in a specific room and away from other people in your home. Also, you should use a separate bathroom, if available.

Call ahead before visiting your doctor

If you have a medical appointment, call the healthcare provider and tell them that you have or may have COVID-19. This will help the healthcare provider's office take steps to keep other people from getting infected or exposed.

Wear a facemask

You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then people who live with you should not stay in the same room with you, or they should wear a facemask if they enter your room.

Cover your coughs and sneezes

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw used tissues in a lined trash can and wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, immediately clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry. Soap and water should be used preferentially if hands are visibly dirty.

Clean your hands

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry. Soap and water should be used preferentially if hands are visibly dirty. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Avoid sharing personal household items

You should not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding with other people in your home. After using these items, you should wash them thoroughly with soap and water.

Monitor your symptoms

Seek prompt medical attention if your illness is worsening (e.g., shortness of breath or difficulty breathing). **Before** seeking care, call your healthcare provider and tell them that you have, or are being evaluated for, COVID-19. Put on a facemask before you enter the facility. These steps will help the healthcare provider's office keep other people from getting infected or exposed.

Ask your healthcare provider to call the local or state health department. Persons who are placed under active monitoring or facilitated self-monitoring should follow instructions provided by their local health department or occupational health professionals, as appropriate. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/risk-assessment.html>.

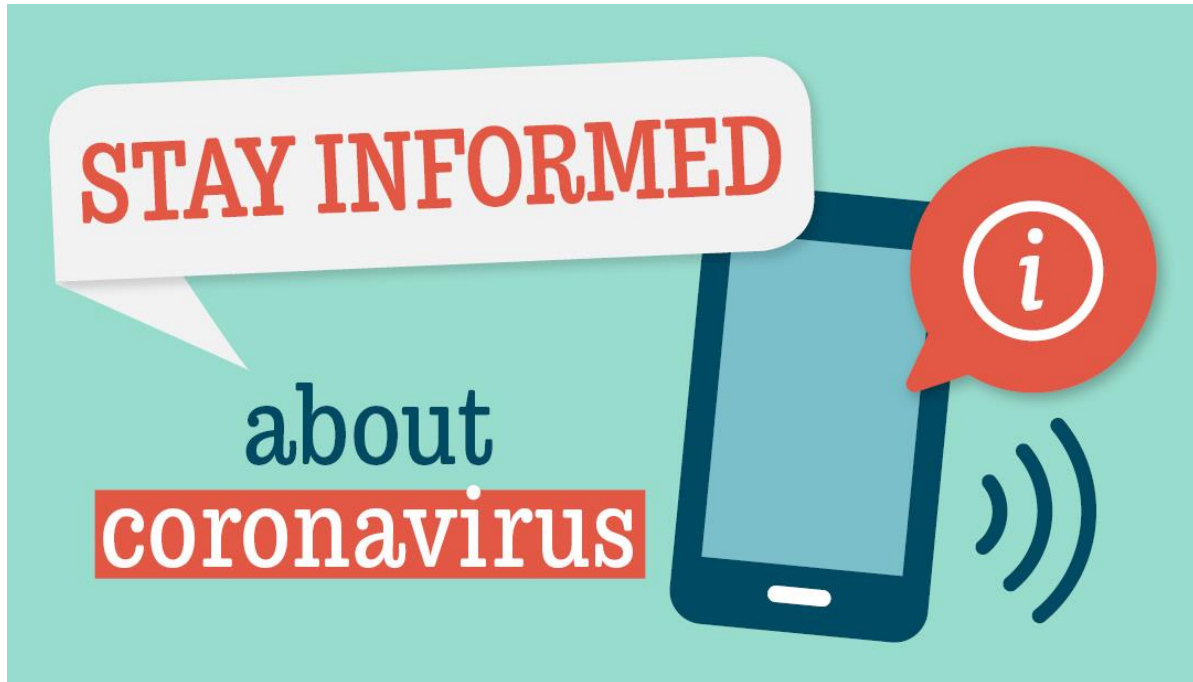
Discontinuing home isolation

Patients confirmed to have COVID-19 should remain under home isolation precautions until the risk of secondary transmission to others is thought to be low. The decision to discontinue home isolation precautions should be made on a case-by-case basis, in consultation with healthcare providers and state and local health departments. Current information on COVID-19 is limited; home precautions are conservative and based on general recommendations for other diseases, like Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

STAY INFORMED



Health officials are working tirelessly to protect public health and contain this virus. And, as your representative in Albany, I am working to ensure that our state is putting the health and safety of our families first.

Remember **COVID-19** can affect any community and we must stand by one another during this time, not alienate, threaten or discriminate against others.

For questions you can also reach out to the New York State's novel coronavirus hotline at **1-888-364-3065** . For continuous updates, you can visit the following websites:

- [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

The CDC also now has the option for you to sign up for weekly updates on COVID-19.

New Yorkers Can Sign Up for Email Updates [Here](#) and Ask

Questions About COVID-19 [Here](#)

New Yorkers Can Find More Information About the New COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave Law [Here](#)

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte represents the 42nd Assembly District in Brooklyn covering Ditmas Park, Flatbush, East Flatbush and Midwood. She is currently the **Chair of the Subcommittee on Oversight of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBEs)** , and serves on the following committees: **Housing, Government Operations, Education , Banks, Health, and Higher**

Education . She is also a member of the Task Force on Women's Issues and sits on **Governor Cuomo's Domestic Violence Advisory Council and Mayor De Blasio's MWBE Task Force.**

As a current Assemblymember, District Leader, and Chair of Brooklyn Democratic Party, Rodneyse Bichotte has been an outspoken advocate on issues concerning **immigration, education, economic development, unemployment, education reform, health care access, senior citizen centers, affordable housing, school safety, women's and LGBTQ rights** , as well as other issues affecting the quality of life in the community.

Learn more about
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