



Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall

February 6, 2020
Happy Black History Month

Updates from Albany

Co-sponsoring Students with Disabilities Advocacy Day

Years ago my younger sibling who had Down syndrome passed away at a young age. I take the issue of persons – especially youth – with disabilities to heart. I stand firmly with these students and advocates calling for equitable academic services and program opportunities toward their future success.

A disability is not something that should define or hinder anyone's quality of life, but it is also important that we have the proper safe place so that students and young adults don't experience discrimination and know how to protect themselves when faced with intolerant treatment. I am here to advocate for families like my own, who have come face to face with systems that overlook the disabled community.



Rabbi Mendy Mirocznik Conducts the Assembly Session Invocation

It was truly an honor to introduce Rabbi Mendy Mirocznik, the President of the Council of Jewish Organizations of Staten Island, to the Assembly Speaker. Rabbi Mendy had the opportunity to conduct the invocation, opening Monday's Assembly Session. The prayer focused on keeping all our communities safe from the escalation of hate crimes and how important it is for all denominations to stand together against hate and divisiveness.

[Watch here as I welcome Rabbi Mendy Mirocznik on the Assembly floor.](#)



Meeting with NYC Smoke-Free, Public Health Solutions

It was great to have Assemblyman Michael Cusick and Senator Diane Savino join me for a meeting with NYC Smoke-Free, a program of Public Health Solutions, to discuss the organization's continued advocacy for protecting the health of New Yorkers through tobacco control and public health education.

In support of such efforts, I introduced legislation (**A.8746**) that allows consumers who are 21 and older to verify the safety of many tobacco and liquid products through the Department of Health. More importantly, my bill establishes an excise tax comparable to the current tax on tobacco that would help fund tobacco and vaping cessation initiatives, including youth prevention programs.



Meeting with Students from Curtis High School Advocating for School-Based Health Clinics

Health care access and affordability are some of the most pressing issues facing all Americans today, including our youth. It was encouraging to have youth from Curtis High School meet with me in Albany to discuss their visions for improved health care. I always encourage our youth to speak out and be passionate about their future wellbeing. We should all actively take time to speak with the younger generation about the issues that matter most to them and find ways to support their advocacy.



District 61 News

Visiting New World Preparatory Charter School

Visiting schools on the North Shore can brighten up the gloomiest day. It was my pleasure to visit the 5th-8th grade students and faculty at New World Prep. During my visit, I talked to the students about their academic subjects, NYS bills that are relevant to our community, and the rich history of New York City. In 2019, New World Prep was one of 14 Staten Island schools selected as a NYS Recognition School for its academic achievements and progress. I want to thank Principal Ainley and her staff for their hard work and dedication to creating a positive school community.

While I am a strong supporter of all our public schools, I often receive inquiries from my constituents regarding charter schools and the adjustments the State could make to better assist all students, teachers, and administrators. It is important that we continue working to ensure that all students receive quality academic opportunities and school staff members are properly supported.



Response to Travel Ban

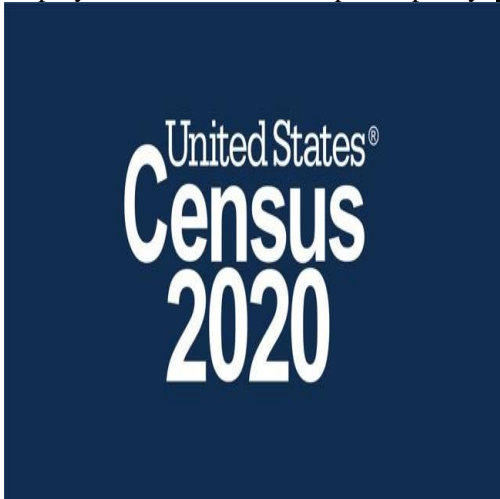
Last month I met with several Staten Island community leaders in the African community to discuss the needs of my African constituents and initiatives they have planned to increase solidarity among the dozens of African nationalities represented on Staten Island. We spoke about the power of solidarity and unity as we help to support the specific needs of the African community on Staten Island. Just this past week an announcement from the Federal administration led to six new countries (Nigeria, Eritrea, Myanmar (Burma), Kyrgyzstan, Tanzania, and Sudan) being added to the US visa and travel bans list. In response, my office joined with members of the Staten Island Immigrant Council, community organizations, and various non-profit agencies to discuss the updated policy as well as the impending impact it will have on many families in Staten Island and NYC. We will continue to work as a community to better understand the scope of this policy, the effects it will have on our residents, and the proper actions needed to support community members through times of fear and misinformation.

Please contact my office if you or someone you know needs help getting connected with more information or supportive resources.



Community Resources

- **NYC Care is now available on Staten Island!** NYC Care is a health care access program that guarantees low-cost and no-cost care for New Yorkers who do not qualify for or cannot afford health insurance. **To enroll call 646-692-2273 or visit the NYC Care Enrollment Centers at NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health, Vanderbilt, 165 Vanderbilt Ave** to start receiving primary and preventative care services; mental health services; support; help with services for housing, food and nutrition and so much more. [Find multilingual resource information here](#)
- Target is opening a new small-format store in Port Richmond, 1520 Forest Avenue, on Sunday, April 5. The company has selected 150 team members to staff the new store. **Store hiring events will take place Tuesday, Feb. 4, through Saturday, Feb. 8, at Staten Island Central Target, at 2873 Richmond Avenue.** [Interested candidates are encouraged to apply here prior to store opening.](#) In addition to market-competitive wages, Target also offers various education benefits, such as tuition and GED reimbursement for team members' continued learning.
- **UAU, in partnership with Project Hospitality,** invites you to come learn about the history of the census and why it matters. **Event will take place on February 11, from 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM at Hub 17, 73 Wave Street.** Getting a complete and accurate population is vital! According to the Census Bureau, the census provides the basis for reapportioning congressional seats and distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to support programs that affect housing, education, transportation, employment, health care and public policy. [Click here to RSVP!](#)



- The US Census Bureau is recruiting to fill hundreds of thousands of temporary positions to assist with the 2020 Census counting. The pay is \$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.** [Click here for more information](#) or call 855-562-2020.

BE A CENSUS WORKER!
GREAT PAY WHILE HELPING YOUR COMMUNITY

- \$28/HR IN NYC
- FLEXIBLE HOURS
- MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER
- ALL MALES 18 YEARS OR OLDER MUST HAVE A SELECTIVE SERVICE NUMBER
- WEEKLY PAY
- PAID TRAINING
- SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IS REQUIRED

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
THE CENTRAL FAMILY LIFE CENTER
59 WRIGHT STREET
 STATEN ISLAND NY 10304

For more information or help applying, please call
 1-855-JOB-2020
 Federal Relay Service: 1-800-877-8339 TTY/ASCII
 www.2020census.gov/jobs
 The U.S. Census Bureau is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs

- **Beginning on March 1, 2020**, a new **bag waste reduction law** will take effect in New York State. All plastic carryout bags (with some exceptions) will be banned from distribution by anyone/business required to collect New York State sales tax. In NYC all businesses covered by the ban will be able to charge a \$0.05 fee on paper bags. I encourage shoppers to BYOBag- Bring Your Own Bag. Please share any frustrations and help the health of our communities by reducing our plastic use. With the help of NYC Sanitation, my organization will provide free reusable bags that will help you avoid fees while shopping and support the effort to reduce waste! [Click here to learn more about the Bag Waste Reduction Law.](#)

sanitation **OFFICIAL NOTICE**

Plastic Bag Ban & Paper Bag Fee

Beginning March 1, 2020

- New York State will prohibit the distribution of single-use plastic bags, with limited exceptions.
- In New York City, all businesses covered by the ban must charge a five-cent (\$0.05) fee on paper bags.
- This fee **will not apply** to any customers using SNAP or WIC.
- Civil penalties will be imposed under New York State law for violations.
- For more information on the law, please visit the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation at on.ny.gov/byobagny.

The New York City Department of Sanitation is distributing free reusable bags to residents at events across the city.

nyc.gov/sanitation | call 311 | [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#) @NYCSanitation • NYCzerowaste

- **Receive free tax prep support in preparation for the 2020 tax season!** Project Hospitality and NYC Consumer and Worker Services 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.



NYC Free Tax Prep

Volunteer preparers are available to complete your tax returns free of charge!

OPEN FROM JANUARY 27 UNTIL APRIL 15

You are eligible for this free service if you:
Worked or received unemployment in 2019
Earned \$84,000 or less with dependents or \$45,000 or less without dependents.

FILE FOR FREE AND KEEP YOUR WHOLE REFUND!

SERVICE SITES:

HELP CENTER

514 Bay St., Staten Island, NY 10304
Monday - Friday 9am-5pm
718-448-3470 or 718-273-6737
Call now to make an appointment!

HELP CENTER

221 Heberton Ave., Staten Island, NY 10302
Monday - Friday 11am-7pm
718-420-6466
Call now to make an appointment!

YOU CAN ALSO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT ONLINE AT
SINGLESTOPTAX.ORG/APPOINTMENT

What to Bring with You

- A photo ID for you and your spouse (both must be present if filing a joint return)
- Social Security cards, ITIN (or copies) for you and anyone you are claiming on your tax return.
- W-2s for all jobs you held in 2019 and all 1099 forms.
- If self-employed (paid in cash or personal checks), you must know total earnings made for the year.
- Form 1098-E if you paid tuition for post-high school education.
- If claiming childcare expenses, amount paid & childcare agency's ID, or name & Social Security number of childcare provider.
- A sample check or a bank letter with the routing and account number for direct deposit.



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



OFFICE OF THE NEW YORK CITY COMPTROLLER

2020 Summer Internship Program

The Office of the New York City Comptroller will accept applications for 2020 summer internships for its various bureaus from January 2 - March 6, 2020.

Interns participate in hands-on departmental projects as well as an enrichment program that includes networking opportunities, professional development programming, and community service activities.

QUALIFICATIONS

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

COMPENSATION

Undergraduate interns will receive an hourly salary in the range \$15.50 - \$18.50, 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

Program term is 9 weeks, from June 8 to August 6, 2020.

Interns work 28 hours a week on a Monday - Thursday schedule.

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

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

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



- Applications to enroll young children in **NYC Pre-K for All** and **3-K for All** for the **2020-2021 school year are open!** The programs, which provide free, full-day care and education, are part of a broader effort to create more high-quality early care programs for children from birth to 5 years old. **An information session will be held on Tuesday, February 11 at Petrides at 6:30pm and 7:30pm.** The three methods to apply are:
 - Online at [MySchools.nyc](https://www.schools.nyc.gov/Enrollment)
 - 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

You're Invited to a 3-K/Pre-K Information Session

Come to a 3-K/pre-K information session to explore your early childhood education options and learn how to apply!

New York City's free, full-day, high-quality 3-K for All and Pre-K for All programs help ensure that your child has a strong start in school and life. Learn more at nyc.gov/3K and nyc.gov/PreK.



Learn about programs and apply at [MySchools.nyc](https://www.schools.nyc.gov/Enrollment).

Apply to 3-K by Friday, April 24, 2020

Apply to Pre-K by Monday, March 16, 2020

Learn more about 3-K and pre-K admissions:

تعرفوا على الخيارات التعليمية المتاحة لطفلكم في 3K و Pre-K.
 3K و Pre-K ھو ھذا البرنامج التعليمي المجاني الذي يغطي السنوات الثلاث الأولى من التعليم.
 了解3K和Pre-K的招生信息。
 3K和Pre-K是免费的、全天的、高质量的学前教育项目，旨在确保您的孩子有一个良好的学校和生活起点。
 Recevez nos conseils sur les admissions au 3-K et au Pre-K.
 Junteți-ne pentru a afla mai multe despre admiterea la 3-K și la Pre-K.

3K 및 Pre-K 입학 관련 상세 정보를 찾아 보십시오.
 Podglądajcie informacje o procesie rekrutacji do 3-K i Pre-K.
 Obtenha más información sobre el proceso de admisión a 3-K y Pre-K.
 3K اور Pre-K کیلئے داخلے کے بارے میں مزید جانیں۔

[schools.nyc.gov/Enrollment](https://www.schools.nyc.gov/Enrollment) [schools.nyc.gov/Sign-Up](https://www.schools.nyc.gov/Sign-Up) [718-935-2009](https://www.schools.nyc.gov/718-935-2009)

Event Details

Join us at either presentation time
6:30pm or 7:30pm

Manhattan
 Tuesday, February 11
 Moses Preparatory Academy
 141 East 111th Street, New York, NY 10029

Bronx
 Monday, February 10
 South Bronx Academy for Applied Media
 776 Forest Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456

Thursday, February 13
 P.S. 240
 25 West 195th Street, Bronx, NY 10468

Queens
 Wednesday, February 5
 Elm Tree Elementary School
 50-51 98th Street, Corona, NY 11368

Wednesday, February 12
 P.S. 182, Samantha Smith
 153-27 88th Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11432

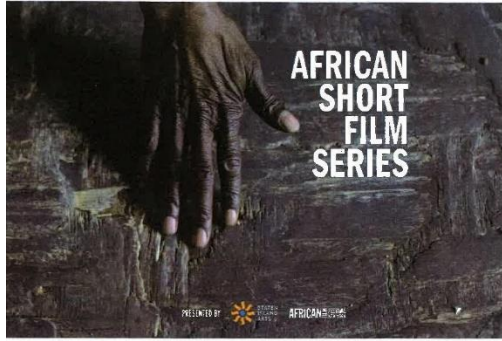
Brooklyn
 Thursday, February 6
 P.S. 60 Vincent D. Giglio School
 6302 9th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11220

Thursday, February 13
 Brooklyn Arts and Science Elementary School
 443 St. Marks Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11228

Staten Island
 Tuesday, February 11
 Petrides High School
 715 Ocean Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10301

Community Events

- **Staten Island Arts is hosting the African Film Festival (AFF) for the third time through the Cinema Connex program.** On **Saturday, February 8** and **Sunday, February 9**, AFF will bring five contemporary films from African filmmakers to the theater at **71 Wave Street**. Three of the filmmakers will be leading Q&A discussions with the audience after the films. **Reserve your free ticket!**



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020 | DOOR: 7:30PM, FILM: 8PM
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020 | DOOR: 5:30PM, FILM: 6PM
SEARCH PARTY STUDIO | 71 WAVE ST., STATEN ISLAND, NY 10304
FREE - RSVP at statenslandarts.org

As part of the Downtown Dinner and a Movie series, African Film Festival is proud to partner with Cinema Connect on Staten Island for an exciting program. Doors open an hour before each showtime. A Q&A with the filmmakers will take place after each screening.

FILM PROGRAM

Farewell Mwa Amor (Ehwa Mwangi, USA, 2017, 10m)
 Soko Soko (Ehwa Mwangi, Kenya/USA, 2014, 22m)
 He Who Dances on Wood (Jessica Beshir, USA, 2017, 6m)
 Hairat (Jessica Beshir, Ethiopia, 2016, 7m)
 dance/dance/RE#VOLUTION (Mark Freeman, South Africa/USA, 2016, 27m)

Learn more! Visit africanfilmny.org | Follow Us! @africanfilmfest facebook.com/africanfilmny

All Community Engagement Programs are made possible by the generous support of The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, New York State Council on the Arts, Le Frayre Family Foundation, the Domenico Pecore Foundation and New York City Department of Small Business Services.



- **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 CHA Health Units. **RSVP to Tdonegan@centralfamilifecenter.org or call 718-273-8414.**



- **Richmond University Medical Center** will be hosting **Breast Cancer Screening Day** for members of the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) on **February 22 and February 29 from 8am to 2pm**. Please call **(718) 818-1161** to set up an appointment. Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women, no matter your family history, it is important to get screened today!

BREAST CANCER SCREENING DAY
 Exclusively for the
 United Federation of
 Teachers Welfare Fund




**3D
 MAMMOGRAMS**

- How To Prepare:**
- Obtain your prior mammogram images. If you are unable to, we can assist when you come in for your appointment.
 - Have a referral, or the name of your physician to receive your results.
 - Refrain from wearing deodorant, lotions, and perfume.

February 22 & 29 | 8am - 2pm | 1161 Victory Blvd.

*Copayments are waived for all NYC health plans.

For appointments
 please call
 (718) 818-1161





**Richmond University
 Medical Center**
 Breast and Women's Center

- On **Thursday, February 27** the **JCC Beacon Program at I.S. 49** will host a **Black History Month Celebration for Unsung Service Leaders** to shine a light on the work of changemakers in Staten Island. The event will take place at **I.S. 49, 101 Warr** **6:30pm to 9:30pm**. All are welcome to attend! **Contact Dorcas Meyers at 917-406-7736 or email ran@rocanatural.com** for information or to learn how you can participate.
- **The Staten Island Family Justice Center will offer an Overdose Prevention Training** facilitated by Planned Parenthood on **February 28 from 11 am to 12:30 pm at 126 Stuyvesant Place**. Participants will learn how and when to administer Naloxone that can reverse the fatal effects of an opioid overdose and potentially save a life. All participants will receive a free Naloxone completing the training. **Click here to register.**
- **The Central Family Life Center will host 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**.



**15TH ANNUAL STATEN ISLAND BLACK
 TOWN HALL
 MEETING**
"STANDING UP TO THE CHALLENGE"
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH
"THE EVOLUTION OF NETWORKING"

**\$10
 Breakfast
 Donation**

9:30am 12:00pm
 59 Wright St. 117 Wright St.
 Staten Island, NY 10304

- **Applications for the National Council of Negro Women- Staten Island, High School Achievers Award are open!** NCNW high school students, grades 9-12, with a history of community involvement and academic achievement to apply. **Applications March 1.** NCNW-SI will hold an information workshop on **Thursday, February 20 from 10am to noon at Brighton Heights Church, 320 Saint Marks Avenue.** **Click here to download an application or RSVP for more information on the workshop** contact **Dr. Janet Leslie at 917-692-3000 or Ms. Nicole Meyers at 718-530-592 for more information.**

**The National Council of Negro Women
North Shore - Staten Island Section**

Proudly presents



**2020
HIGH SCHOOL
ACHIEVERS
AWARD**

Award Eligibility:

- * Currently attend a High School within NYC or the State of New Jersey
- * Outstanding Academic Achievement
- * Demonstrate Community Involvement
- * Obtain a letter of recommendation

For more information

www.NCNWSI.org

NCNWSIAwardsScholarship@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/groups/NCNWSI



- On Thursday, March 12 the NYPD will host an **Active Shooter training** at the **Christian Pentecostal Church, 1020 Targe 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** email PBSI@nypd.org or call **(718) 667-2219**.

Counterterrorism Division
NYPD shield
in collaboration with
PBSI Community Affairs
Presents...

**COMMUNITY ACTIVE SHOOTER
TRAINING SESSION**

NYPD SHIELD

CALL 911 WHEN IT IS SAFE TO DO SO

<p>1. AVOID</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RUNNER TO OTHER SAFETY ROUTE • LEAVE BEHIND YOUR BELONGINGS • KEEP HANDS VISIBLE <p>2. BARRICADE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HOLD ON TO WEAPONS • BLOCK ENTRY TO ROOMS • STAY IN SHELTER LOCATIONS <p>3. COMEBACK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALWAYS IN CONTACT OR VISIBILITY WITH OTHERS • USE INFORMATIONAL WEAPONS, USE EYEGLASSES 	<p>INFORMATION TO PROVIDE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT ON 911 OR BUREAU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOCATION OF CALLER • IS THE OFFICE IN PROGRESS? • NUMBER OF SUSPECTS • PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SUSPECTS • TYPE OF WEAPON • LAST LOCATION OF SUSPECT • NUMBER OF SUSPECT VICTIMS • PRESENCE OF IED / BOMBING DEVICE
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Join us as NYPD shield conducts this vital **ACTIVE SHOOTER** training session. This training is designed to give recommendations in the event you are involved in an active shooter situation.

Date & Time:
Thursday, March 12, 2020
From 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm
(Doors Open at 6:30 pm)

Location:
Christian Pentecostal Church
1020 Targe Street
Staten Island, NY 10304
(FREE Parking Available On-Site)

If anyone with disabilities/handicap needs assistance please contact:
Det. Nunez or Det. Kelly (718) 667-2219

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles Fall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and "F".

Charles D. Fall
Member of Assembly

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