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Dear Neighbor,

As we come to the end of March, we are days away from passing the budget. While we've already had some preliminary victories, I am hoping I can push more for what's important to us in the next week.

See you around the district,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harvey Epstein".

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News from Albany

Assembly Passes Legislation to Establish a Maternal Mortality Review Board

Last week, the Assembly passed legislation that would establish the Maternal Mortality Review Board to closely examine maternal mortality in New York and develop strategies to improve health outcomes for pregnant women and new mothers.

The legislation (A.3276, Joyner) would establish the Maternal Mortality Review Board, which would be tasked with assessing the cause of death, factors leading to death and preventability in cases of maternal death. The findings would be used to develop strategies for reducing the risk of maternal mortality.

New York currently ranks 30th out of 50 states in its maternal death rate. The issue is compounded by significant racial and ethnic disparities, with black women nearly four times more likely to die during pregnancy and childbirth compared to their white counterparts.

Speed Camera Program Saves Lives, Holds Reckless Motorists Accountable

Last week I also helped to pass legislation that would expand New York City's school zone speed camera program to better protect students and their families (A.6449).

No parent should ever have to worry about their child's safety on their way to and from school. Yet, many Local Borough students attend schools that lack proper speed enforcement protections. By expanding the speed camera program more than fivefold, we can save lives and ensure careless drivers aren't let off the hook. This plan will cover every elementary school in New York City.

The effectiveness of speed cameras is clear. From 2014 to 2017, speeding during school hours decreased by 63 percent in camera-monitored school zones. We look forward to this new law saving additional lives.

News from the District



M14 SBS

The City has proposed a real change in M14 bus service. This proposed change will sacrifice local stops to increase efficiency. I agree we need to increase bus service speed, but we should not sacrifice seniors and the disabled. I support a plan with an SBS and local bus for the M14.

The MTA and DOT have called for an expedited community review process of less than three months before SBS service begins in June. Last Friday, I attended a rally organized by Councilwoman Rivera and earlier had signed on to a letter authored by MBP Gale Brewer with our Congressional representatives, every local state Legislator and Councilmembers Rivera and Chin.

The L Train is not shutting down entirely, but the impacts on L service of the new plan are not negligible. The bottom line is that our community needs more and enhanced public transit options. The 14th Street Busway would deliver that and so would M14 SBS service. My hope is that that the outcome of community outreach process mounted by the MTA and DOT will be a plan that fills the gap in L Train service, speeds up bus travel times for the thousands

that rely on the M14, and respects the legitimate concerns of residents who live along the 14th Street corridor and adjacent streets.

First Ever 74th District Youth Council Meeting



Last Thursday, I met with the 12 members of the 74th Assembly District Youth Council for the first time. I am excited for this new endeavor to engage with youth in our community. In the first meeting we already laid the groundwork for ways to improve our district and make meaningful, lasting change.

Upcoming Events

NYC Department of Sanitation Spring 2019 SAFE Disposal Events

The New York City Department of Sanitation has announced the first five SAFE Disposal (Solvents, Automotive, Flammables, and Electronics) events of 2019. The events provide city residents an easy way to safely dispose of potentially harmful household products. Last year, more than 25,000 attendees brought more than two million pounds of materials for recycling.

Household products such as pesticides, strong cleaners, mercury-containing devices, paints, automotive fluids, and medications may be brought to the drop-off events. Residents can also bring electronics, which may no longer be collected with trash and other recycling, due to a New York state law. To identify harmful products, look for items marked DANGER, WARNING, POISON, or CAUTION. Only city residential waste will be accepted.

Event is rain or shine, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Manhattan - Sunday, June 2, 2019

Columbia University/Teachers College – W. 120 St between B'way & Amsterdam Ave. Cars approach from Seminary Row down Amsterdam Ave

Fall 2019 SAFE Disposal Events will be announced in the late summer. For more information, or locations in other boroughs: [click here](#).

Village Award Nominations Are Open!

The Annual Village Awards honor the people, places, and organizations that contribute significantly to the quality of life in Greenwich Village, the East Village, and NoHo. Since 1991, GVSHP has recognized the unique

contributions our small businesses, residents, and special streetscapes make to our lives. Please nominate an individual, business, organization, streetscape, restoration, or garden you feel makes an impact on life in our neighborhoods, or find out more, at www.gvshp.org/awards. Nominations are due April 2nd!

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