

## A Message From ASSEMBLYMEMBER HARVEY EPSTEIN



Dear Neighbor,

I need to start by saying how appalled I am at the behavior of the police officer in a [video](#) taken in our district this weekend. The video shows a police officer brutalizing an individual for allegedly violating social distancing protocols. It's disgusting and beyond unacceptable.

After seeing the video, I immediately called for the dismissal of the officer involved and a full investigation into his misconduct. This officer must be held accountable for his actions. Incidents like this one lay bare the disproportionate type of enforcement used by the NYPD on communities of color, including our district. If you're on Twitter, maybe you saw some of the other media that was posted over the weekend, including pictures in Hudson River Park where park goers, largely white, went apparently unbothered by the NYPD.

The spring weather is driving New Yorkers to congregate in our parks. People need to remember we are still in the midst of a public health crisis, with hundreds still dying every single day. Please remember for your own safety and the safety of those around you: wear a face covering, stay six feet apart, and wash your hands with soap often and for least 20 seconds.

See you around the district,

Harvey

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## Upcoming Events

*Small Business Town Hall - Thursday, May 7th at 6PM*



The poster features a dark blue background with a light blue rounded rectangle in the center. At the top left of the rectangle is a circular portrait of a man in a suit. To its right is the official seal of the New York State Assembly. The text inside the rectangle is white and light blue. At the bottom of the poster, there are three logos: Takeroot Justice, Pace University Lubin School of Business, and the Cooper Square Committee.

THURSDAY, MAY 7 AT 6:00PM

# Small Business Town Hall

Ask questions & hear about solutions for small businesses during COVID-19

Register at [bit.ly/74smallbiz](https://bit.ly/74smallbiz)

If you have any questions about this, or anything else, please email [help.district74@gmail.com](mailto:help.district74@gmail.com) or call 212-979-9696



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## **The Legislature's Work Must Continue**

The coronavirus pandemic has thrust us into a state of uncertainty. One thing is for sure: the Legislature must reconvene to address legislative priorities that existed prior to the crisis and new ones that have emerged since. To that end, I am glad to see the leadership in both houses have announced the intention to hold virtual hearings on issues related to the crisis.

One hearing will evaluate the current and future economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on small businesses, including farms, across the state, whether the federal response is sufficient in relation to the disproportionate impact on the state, and if efforts to help small businesses have been effective in targeting the businesses most in need. A second separate hearing will examine the disproportionate adverse impacts of COVID-19 on minority communities, which may include disparate impacts on industries, services and the surrounding health care system.

You can find more information about the hearings [here](#).

I look forward to taking testimony that I hope will help inform our policymaking for the remainder of the session. I will also be continuing to push for raising taxes on the ultrawelathy and corporations. My proposals include a higher tax on certain luxury items, higher personal income taxes for millionaires and billionaires, and a tax on private equity financiers. Our state desperately needs new revenue streams to prevent the loss of vital programs on which New Yorkers rely. High income earners need to pay more.

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### **Resources**

If you need help filing for unemployment, obtaining SNAP benefits, paying rent, have a small business issue, or have another concern, please call my office at 212-979-9696 and leave a message or send an email to [help.district74@gmail.com](mailto:help.district74@gmail.com). My staff and I will work to promptly return your call or email.

Check out our resources list [here](#).

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### **Volunteer if You Can**

If you can volunteer, please email us at [help.district74@gmail.com](mailto:help.district74@gmail.com). We need all the help we can get to make phone calls, put up posters or distribute food. If you can help, help in the way you feel comfortable doing.

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## **Financial Hardship Info for Kips Bay Court and Stuy Town Peter Cooper Village Residents**

If you are a resident in a Beam Living managed apartment in our district and you're having trouble paying rent, feel free to reach out to my office at 212-979-9696 or [help.district74@gmail.com](mailto:help.district74@gmail.com)

Beam Living has also created a financial hardship program for residents. Details [here](#). If you have concerns about their program, you are welcome to discuss it with my staff.

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## **Coronavirus Testing Sites**

### **Gouverneur Health**

227 Madison Street, New York, NY 10002

212-441-5000

M - F : 9 AM - 5 PM

### **Midtown Manhattan Statcare Urgent & Walk-In Medical Care**

715 9th Avenue, New York, NY 10019

917-310-3371

9 AM - 7 PM

### **ProHEALTH Pediatric Urgent Care - Yorkville/Upper East Side**

1601 3rd Ave, New York, NY, 10128

[www.solvehealth.com](http://www.solvehealth.com)

M-F : 8 AM - 8 PM

Sat & Sun : 8 AM - 5 PM

## **MEDRITE Walk-in Urgent Care**

919 2nd Avenue, New York, NY 10017

212-935-3333

8 AM - 8 PM

Make sure to call before going. Be ready to explain your symptoms. Wear a mask, gloves, and keep your distance where possible.

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### **In the News**

[Video: NYPD Officer Beats Bystander, Kneels On His Head During Social Distancing Enforcement](#) - Gothamist

[Elected Officials Address NYC College Students' Pandemic Concerns](#) - Washington Square News

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