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MAKING SENSE OF NYC'S TAX DEBATE

WHY IT COULD HELP — WHY IT COULD HURT

Op Ed by James Calder

New York City's new mayor, Zohran Mamdani, has spotlighted a looming \$12 billion budget deficit and is urging state lawmakers to consider raising taxes on the city's highest earners and largest corporations to help balance the books and maintain essential services.

WHY SUPPORTERS SAY IT'S NECESSARY

Proponents of the tax plan argue that the scale of the projected shortfall — one of the steepest the city has faced in decades — demands bold action. By targeting wealthy individuals who earn more than \$1 million a year with an additional surcharge and increasing corporate tax rates, supporters say the city can generate significant new revenue without burdening middle- and lower-income residents.

Backers of the proposal also point to the potential to protect funding for essential public services — including schools, housing assistance, and social programs — that could otherwise face cuts. Some analysts estimate that revising income and corporate taxes could raise tens of billions of dollars if structured broadly enough, helping offset the gap while funding other priorities such as expanded childcare and transit affordability.

There is also a philosophical argument behind the effort: a tax system that asks wealthier residents to pay a higher share of revenue aligns with progressive tax principles and can help reduce disparities in who bears the cost of city services. By focusing on those with the greatest ability to pay, supporters contend the city can maintain a more equitable fiscal balance.

WHY CRITICS WARN OF RISKS

Opposition to the mayor's tax plan has centered on economic and practical concerns. Some business groups and fiscal analysts argue that higher taxes on corporations and high-income earners could dampen economic activity, potentially leading to slower job growth or encouraging companies and wealthy residents to relocate to lower-tax states or towns. This long-standing argument holds that investment and expansion may be deterred when tax burdens increase, especially in highly mobile sectors.

Critics have also pointed out that relying on projected tax revenue can be unpredictable. Economic conditions — such as changes in investment income, real estate values, or post-pandemic labor trends — can affect how much revenue is actually collected versus what was forecast. Some analyses suggest that the revenue figures cited by proposals may be optimistic, and that new taxes could yield less than anticipated if businesses or individuals adjust their financial behavior in response.

There are also political and legal hurdles: the city cannot unilaterally impose certain tax changes. Any revision to broad income or corporate taxes must be approved by the New York State Legislature and governor, and Governor Kathy Hochul has publicly resisted major new city tax hikes on the wealthy, adding another layer of complexity to the proposal's prospects.

A DEBATE NOT EASILY RESOLVED

The debate over taxes often reflects deeper differences about how to balance economic vitality with public service needs. Those more skeptical of tax increases caution that even well-intentioned policies can carry unintended consequences, especially in a global city with many relocation options for high-income earners and corporations. Others argue that a failure to act now could result in deeper cuts to essential services that support the city's most vulnerable residents.

As negotiations unfold in Albany and within city government, the discussion continues to draw input from economists, business leaders, community advocates, and everyday city residents — each weighing the potential benefits and drawbacks of raising revenue through taxation.

Whatever the outcome, the conversation underscores a fundamental challenge in public finance: how to fairly and effectively raise funds for shared needs without unduly burdening segments of the population or stifling economic growth.



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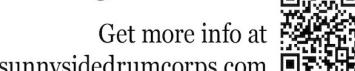
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**HOW YOU CAN BE MORE
CONFIDENT IN YOURSELF**

by Stan Popovich

Having a healthy level of self-confidence can help you become successful in your personal and professional life. Here are some suggestions on how to improve your self-esteem.

1. Be kind to yourself: Get to know yourself. Determine what makes you happy and what you value in life. You might find it helpful to write things down in a journal. It's important to challenge unkind thoughts about yourself. You might automatically put yourself down and not realize it.

2. Practice positive affirmations: These are statements that reflect your strengths, values, and aspirations. By consistently repeating positive self-affirmations, you're rewiring your brain to focus on your capabilities and worth rather than dwelling on self-doubt or criticism.

3. Do things you're good at: Your self-confidence starts to soar when you do things that you are good at. Your strengths become even stronger, which helps improve your belief in yourself. Your ability to build on your personal strengths is related to life satisfaction levels. Building on your strengths can help you increase your self-confidence in your personal and professional life.

4. Surround yourself with positive people: Take a moment and think about how your friends make you feel. The people you spend time with can influence your thoughts and attitudes about yourself. Surround yourself with people who care about you and want the best for you. Find others who are positive and can help build your confidence.

5. Remember your successes: Some people downplay their successes and focus on the things they struggle with. Remind yourself of your past accomplishments no matter how small they may be. Stop focusing on the negative parts of your life and remember your past achievements.

6. Create realistic goals: Set achievable goals on a regular basis and take small steps to accomplish them. Make sure your goals are measurable and monitor your progress. Don't get upset if you don't accomplish all your goals. You can always change direction. The more you achieve things, the greater your confidence in yourself and your abilities.

7. Step outside your comfort zone: Those with low self-esteem tend to avoid challenges and new opportunities. This can be due to fears or self-doubt. When you succeed in any big or small way, this will show you that you can persevere through life's rough moments.

8. Do not compare yourself to others: Your self-worth shouldn't be connected to how well other people are doing. People only share the best, most flattering parts of their life. A person who looks happy doesn't mean they really are. Do not be deceived by outward appearances. Rather, look for ways to improve yourself. Remember there are always other people who are worse off than you. It is all on how you look at things.

9. Determine whose feedback matters: Just because someone gives you feedback, and criticism doesn't mean you have to accept it. When it comes to opinions that do not make the cut, just listen as it comes in. Focus on finding the truth in what's being said that you can grow from. Distinguishing constructive criticism from that is unhelpful and meant to damage your self-esteem.

10. Learn from your mistakes: Understanding your mistakes is crucial for building self-confidence. By acknowledging errors, analyzing what went wrong, and focusing on growth, you can transform setbacks into opportunities for improvement and build resilience. Mistakes are usually inevitable when implementing plans and goal-setting strategies.

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QUINN MINUTE – AFTER THE HOLIDAYS

by Rix Quinn

Many folks say that after a busy December, January can be a snoozer. So, here's something to ponder: What is Santa Claus doing now? How about those reindeer? Ever wonder what they do? Me neither. Donner, Blitzen, Comet and other first stringers have enough seniority to draw vacation pay.

I've heard that the substitutes — Delbert, Elmore, Hubert, Fester — often get called at the last minute to fill in for the main guys. This is called "passing the buck." Idle thoughts fill the mind of Post-Holiday Man, and make him long for cold-weather diversions. This leads some of them to do wild things, like jump naked into a frozen lake and call it a sport. Or even worse, he will go out to an icy pond, dig a hole, and try to catch frozen fish, which already come packaged at the grocery.

Here are some ways to get over the winter whines. I can't guarantee they work, but I plan to test them...soon as I get back from ice fishing.

1. "If all the world were playing holidays, sport would be as tedious as to work." — Shakespeare reminds us we must toil again to pay off credit cards.

2. "Spring is right around the corner." — Yeah, right. That's what they told Columbus about the New World. But on the plus side, he discovered the Bahamas.

3. "Begin anew." — This new year gives you plenty of time to re-invent yourself. Last year one of my lazy friends did just that, and he succeeded brilliantly.

He rents himself to self-help groups as a "bad example."

THREE GRANDMAS WALKOUT TO FREE AMERICA

by Dr. Sharon M. Cadiz

I marvel at the heroic act undertaken by the Buddhist monks making a 2,300 mile walk that began on October 26th, 2025 from Fort Worth, Texas to Washington, D.C. bringing attention to peace, compassion and unity in America. I noted their invitation to symbolically walk with them in solidarity with their goal to ignite intentions for peace, so when I heard about the "Free America Walkout" scheduled for Tuesday, January 20th at 2pm, I was all in. My first impulse was to invite a friend to join me in walking out. This blossomed into an effort to spread the word by sending out over one-hundred messages by text and email. I even got inspired enough to submit an event to the "Women's March" organizers. To my surprise, they approved by event which proposed a walk over the 59th Street Bridge returning on the Roosevelt Island Tram. In addition to the friend who initially agreed to participate, another friend expressed interest, and I waited to find out if she would be able to join us. In total, we were three Grandmas soon to be on the road for freedom in America.

On the day, everything was carefully timed and two of us arrived at the checkpoint at 2pm in the frigid temperature and gusty winds feeling like we were about to climb Mt. Everest. We were in contact with our third Grandma who was on her way. Finally, after some time passed without seeing her, we valiantly struck out on the path over the bridge. It wasn't the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama in March of 1965, but it was our Queens Borough 59th Street bridge in January of 2026. What we had in common with those other folks walking over a bridge was that both were done with a peaceful intention.

We forged ahead in the bitter cold clinging to each other and staying focused on our goal. The upward incline of the bridge eventually turned downward recalling to me the relief I used to feel during the many times I used to peddle myself to work in Manhattan along this same path. I remembered how I would coach myself through the challenges of the course as I went over the bridge before arriving at the end facing the next leg of my trip amid the crazy traffic on Second Avenue. Checking back into the moment, I shared this memory with my friend and we began trading stories to pass the time on what felt like an endless journey. My friend remembered walking over the bridge during a "black out" and the fact that there were many others walking with her. I shared my memory of walking over the bridge on "911," and we continued sorting out our experiences to pass the time.

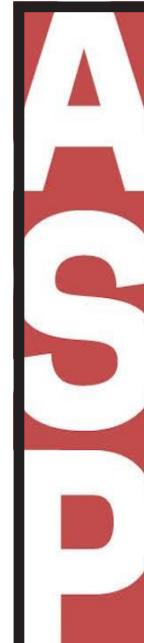
At long last, we were at the end where the path emptied out to the street and there was still no sign of our other friend. When I got her on the phone, she described where she was and gave us a place to meet. It was then that we found out that she bravely set out alone to catch up with us thinking that we had gone ahead. As she started out, she was cautioned, unlike the two of us, not to take the path that was ahead of her because it was only for bikers. She sought the assistance of an officer who helped her find the correct entry point to the walking side of the bridge. This explained why we didn't see her and why my other friend and I were harassed by the bikers. It also illuminated the fact that we were in danger of getting hit by those on motor bikes and others moving rapidly to get to the other side. This change in the walking path was not something that any of us was aware of prior to making the trip, although it was clearly done to prevent accidents that were quite regular when both traversed the same path.

As I reflect on this experience of three Grandmas walking out to free America, I am both amused and inspired by our courage and determination in the face of danger, confusion, uncertainty and a visible lack of collective support for this endeavor. When we were united, I urged us to derive a sense of unwavering pride from this simple act of not only walking out at 2pm; going over a bridge on a brutally cold day with high winds, but sharing kinship with those Buddhist monks and the civil rights activists in Selma. I am pleased that we undertook this challenge, and I am confident that we are on the right track even when we are on the less convenient path. There were many who wanted to be with us, but were unable to do so for a variety of important reasons. They may have been unable to overcome something in their circumstances and that is exactly the thread that connects us all; we are striving to be overcomers doing what we can do to give form and meaning to our lives and our world. It is not for us to judge each other; it is our mission to show compassion; practice unity and strive for peace which benefits us all.

My final message is that none of us walks alone. I was pleased, thankful and proud to be flanked by the other two Grandmas, and I know that there were others who were with us in spirit. There is always someone somewhere joined with us as we walk this journey of life through turbulence, discouragement, fear and despair; celebrating us in the good and joyful times, as well. These things are not suspended while we endeavor to find peace; they are amplified so that we understand why it is that we need peace. Once again, I am remembering soulful songs by Roy Hamilton that were on an album played in my home when I was growing up. The particular song from that album that I am thinking about today was written in 1945 by Rodgers and Hammerstein and included in the film "Carousel." The song is entitled, "You'll Never Walk Alone." I hope you will find a way to hear the poignant Roy Hamilton version, but if not here are the words:

YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE

"When you walk through a storm
Hold your head up high
And don't be afraid of the dark
At the end of the storm
Is a golden sky
And the sweet silver song of a lark
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Walk on through the rain
Though your dreams be tossed and blown
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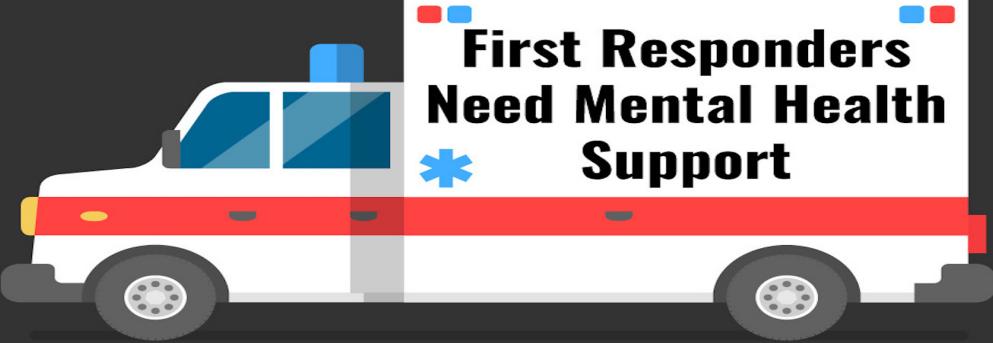
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HOW TO STORE YOUR BIKE [RE-PRINT]



by Cyclo Pete

Hello Woodside cyclists! Hope you fared well with the huge storm last weekend. Due to the snow and icy weather, we are going to start with a reprint on bike storage. So where do you keep your bike? It's hard enough to use it at this time of year, but not using it can be even worse. Read on for some bike storage tips!

Bring It Inside!

The most basic rule of bike storage is to store your bike inside. Parking outside, even in good weather, is not at all safe for your components and because of the potential for theft. So, bring it into your garage, bike room, or apartment if you have the room for it. There are many interesting storage racks to be found online or at your local bike shop that won't break the bank. If your bike is in a sheltered but not temperature-controlled space, like a garage, try to elevate the tires so they don't freeze to the ground.

Mind Your Components

If you know you aren't going to use your bike for a month or more, that's a good time to give it a rudimentary cleaning or take it for a nice winter tune-up. It is best practice to remove all lights, water bottles, and even lock holders from the frame. If you have rechargeable lights, read the instructions as some brands have guidance on how to store and whether to run out the battery or keep it charged. If you can take it to your bike shop, the lubrication of the chain, pedals, and cables can help the bike weather a long period of inactivity, though keep in mind that you'll often want to take it back to the mechanic after taking it out of storage.

If you do nothing else, bring that bike inside. Consider the investment of a small amount of money and space as a potential savings over having to buy service, new components, or even a new bike. A well-stored bike should only need a cursory wipe down, some air in the tires, and you should be good to ride again. So, for all the fair-weather riders, store your bike this winter, and until better weather comes, prepare to ride safe, Woodside!

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SUPREME COURT OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF QUEENS:
Index No.: 702696/2024
Filed February 5, 2024
MORTGAGE ASSETS
MANAGEMENT, LLC
V.
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE
ESTATE OF JULIANNA
HENRY;
STEVNEY HENRY, HEIR-AT-
LAW;
UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA;
TRANSIT ADJUDICATION
BUREAU;
NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION
AND FINANCE;
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE
SERVICE.;
"JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN
DOE #12," the last twelve names
being fictitious and unknown to
plaintiff, the persons or parties

intended being the tenants,
occupants, persons or
corporations, if any, having or
claiming an interest in or lien upon
the Subject Property described in
the Complaint,
PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE NAMED
DEFENDANTS:
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE
ESTATE OF JULIANNA
HENRY;

YOU ARE HEREBY
SUMMONED to answer the
Amended Complaint in the above
captioned action and to serve a
copy of your Answer on the
Plaintiff's attorney within twenty
(20) days after the service of this
Summons, exclusive of the day of
service, or within thirty (30) days
after completion of service where
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within the State. The United States
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Defendant in this action may
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days of service hereof. In case of
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judgment will be taken against you
by default for the relief demanded
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NOTICE
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Summons and Amended
Complaint by serving a copy of
the answer on the attorney for the
mortgage company who filed this
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you and filing the answer with the

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entered and you can lose your
home. Speak to an attorney or go
to the court where your case is
pending for further information
on how to answer the publication
and protect your property. Sending
payment to your mortgage
company will not stop this
foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY
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ANSWER ON THE
ATTORNEY FOR THE
PLAINTIFF MORTGAGE
ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC
AND FILING
THE ANSWER WITH THE
COURT.

To the above named defendants:
The foregoing Publication is
served upon you by
publication pursuant to an order
of the Hon. Kevin J. Kerrigan
J.S.C, a Justice of the Supreme
Court of the State of N.Y., dated
October 16, 2025 and filed along
with the supporting papers in the
Queens County Clerk's Office.
This is an action to foreclose a
mortgage on the property located
104-57 116th Street, South
Richmond Hill, NY 11419
Block: 9570 Lot: 49

Queens County is designated as
the place of trial based upon the
location of the property being
foreclosed. Attorneys for Plaintiff:
STERN & EISENBERG, PC, 20
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