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## FUNDING AN IDEA

Alexander LeGall-Lambetsos, from troop 45 in Woodside, began Phase 1 of his Eagle scout project on Thursday, May 25th at St. Mary's Church. Alex raised money in front of St. Mary's so he could acquire the materials he needed to fill the hazardous cracks and reseal the parking lot. He will be repainting the parking space lines as well. This project is to revamp the entire parking lot.

"To briefly describe my project, I will be renovating the parking lot of Saint Mary's Winfield Catholic Church. Cleaning the debris, dust, dirt, weeds, gravel, glass and all sorts of garbage. Digging out many destroyed cracks, gaps or holes scattered all around the whole parking lot. In addition, this project is going to aid and resolve the damaged asphalt throughout the entire lot which is approximately ten thousand square feet. Another portion of this project will be repainting various yellow parking spaces and the posts that coordinate with the current style of the lot. My project will be very helpful to the beneficiary because it will attract more people to the church due to the look of a very maintained and well-kept parking lot surrounding it. More importantly it prevents hazardous trips or falls that are possible from churchgoers walking through the parking lot. Another benefit is the decrease in likelihood of pests, rodents, or anything of the sort," Alex stated.



## CHILD CARE GRANT PROGRAM

Governor Kathy Hochul announced a \$500 million investment in the FY 2024 Budget to bolster New York's child care workforce through the Workforce Retention Grant Program. Funding from the program will support 150,000 child care workers and can be used to provide bonus payments ranging from \$2,300 to \$3,000 to staff in caregiving roles, as well as to recruit new staff, offer sign-on and referral bonuses, and more. Applications will open on July 13.

"As the first mother to serve as Governor of New York, I know first-hand the impact that the lack of affordable child care can have on a family," Governor Hochul said. "Child care is truly at the foundation of New York's success, which is why it is central to our work to make the state more affordable and more livable. I'm proud of the investments in child care we have made in this Budget to make care more accessible for families, grow our workforce, and make a down payment on the future of our state."

The FY 2024 Budget created the Workforce Retention Grant Program, which will make \$500 million in underutilized federal funds available as grants for eligible child care programs. Funding can be used to provide bonus payments ranging from \$2,300 to \$3,000 to staff in caregiving roles, as well as to recruit new staff, offer sign-on and referral bonuses and more. Applications for the Workforce Retention Grant Program will open on July 13.

As part of a historic investment in families and child care, the FY 2024 Budget also includes a \$4.8 million investment in a new Employer-Sponsored Child Care Pilot Program. Participating employers, the state and employees will split the cost of child care. Families must fall between 85 percent and 100 percent of the state median income to qualify. The pilot will operate in three separate regions throughout the state.

The FY 2024 Budget established a new Employer Child Care Tax Credit available to businesses that create new child care seats (and expand existing options) for workers. The \$25 million annual credit will be administered through the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance (DTF) and the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS).

Additionally, \$1 million was allocated in the Budget to create a statewide business navigator program in each of the 10 Regional Economic Development Council regions to help interested businesses identify options to support employees' child care needs and will also develop a statewide employer child care guidebook. The FY 2024 Budget also invests in New York's families by expanding the Empire State Child Credit (ESCC) to include children under four years of age. This expansion will provide \$179 million in total support for over 525,000 low and middle-income taxpayers thanks to the inclusion of nearly 630,000 additional children. The ESCC, which has excluded children under four since its inception in 2006, will now provide an additional average benefit of \$340 per affected taxpayer and \$284 per newly included child.



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# 6 REASONS WHY DRUGS AND ALCOHOL ARE NOT THE ANSWERS TO YOUR PROBLEMS

by Stan Popovich

Many people turn to drugs and alcohol to help overcome their daily stresses and anxieties. This can be a very big mistake and can make your problems even worse. As a result, here are six reasons why drugs and alcohol are not the answers to your mental health issues.

1. **Drugs and alcohol are dangerous to your health:** Drugs and alcohol can ruin your health. Regardless of what you may think, drugs and alcohol do nothing but add more problems to your anxieties, fears, and depression. Many people have died because they abused drugs and alcohol.

2. **Avoiding your problems does not work:** Avoiding your fears and your problems through the use of drugs and alcohol are not the answers. Eventually, you will have to confront your fears and mental health issues. Save yourself the time and heartache and confront your problems now rather than later. You will be better off in the long run.

3. **Drugs and alcohol can make things difficult:** Drugs and alcohol can make your problems even more complicated. Many professionals and former addicts have said that drugs and alcohol will only add more misery to your situation. Be smart and learn how to cope with your mental health issues the right way.

4. **You won't learn how to manage your problems:** When you decide to face your fears, you will begin to learn how to manage your stresses and anxieties. As time goes by, you will become better at dealing with your problems. This will make it easier to find the answers to your fears and anxieties.

5. **Getting professional help is the best option:** There are many professionals out there who can assist you in dealing with your mental health issues. There is nothing wrong with asking for assistance and making excuses will not help your situation. Talk to a counselor who can increase your chances of getting better.

If you feel uncomfortable talking to a professional counselor then your other option is to talk to someone who has struggled with drugs and alcohol in the past. Try to find somebody that has already been down that road and who can relate to your situation. By talking to a former addict, you will get the truth on how drugs and alcohol can destroy your life.

6. **Do not make the mistake of doing nothing:** There are many people who struggled with drugs and alcohol and they tried to ignore their problems. As a result, some of these people struggled on a daily basis and eventually they became very distant and unresponsive. Do not let this happen to you.

There are many mental health support groups in your area that can help get your life back on track. The people at these groups are willing to help you, but you must be willing to make the choice of getting better. These same people can also provide additional advice that could make a difference in your life. Remember that every problem has a solution. You just have to make the effort to find the answers.

# BAN ON BARBARIC “DEVOCALIZATION” SURGERIES ON ANIMALS

Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris announced the State Senate passed his ban (S.142) on the surgical devocalization of animals, a barbaric procedure which removes the ability of animals to communicate.

“We must be the voice for animals who cannot speak for themselves and fight back against a violent procedure meant to convenience humans at great pain to their companions,” said Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris. “I am pleased the State Senate passed my legislation to ban devocalization and will continue fighting for the animals who enrich our lives every day.”

Devocalization, also known as ventriculocordectomy, debarking, devoicing, or bark softening, is a surgical procedure to alter or remove tissues in the vocal chords of an animal to muffle or eliminate their bark or meow. The brutal procedure is done either through the oral cavity or directly through the larynx and can lead to respiratory issues in animals, psychological damage, and risks putting them in danger.

Senator Gianaris is a leader on animal welfare issues in the Senate, passing the nation’s first-ever statewide ban on cat declawing and winning the fight to prevent retail pet stores from selling animals from puppy mills, instead promoting pet adoption.

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# PLASTICS: MIRACLE TO MENACE— PROMISE TO POISON

by Dr. Sharon Cadiz

The proliferation of plastics in our modern lives has turned this miracle material of convenience into a menace. The challenge becomes how to tame a monster that seems so essential to our daily lives; yet, threatens to “wash up on our beaches and into animals’ mouths and our own bodies.” The co-founder and CEO of the Plastic Pollution Coalition, Dianna Cohen refers to the fact that our planet is facing an “urgent single-use plastic pollution crisis.” Clearly, single-use bags are only part of a much larger plastics problem; and one might argue for attention to other environmental threats to our collective health and the future of the planet, but our casual disregard heightens the risk and increases the demand for our prioritized attention. There are a myriad of forms that plastics take and when we consider its centuries long afterlife, along with the damaging effects that result, we can begin to see why this is a matter for urgent attention.

The sobering realities about our use and dependence on plastics, is just the tip of the iceberg. We have to raise our awareness to see how we perpetuate the problem through our purchases and patterns of use. Next, we have to consider the political and economic implications that influence our use of plastics and fuel a profit-driven industry explaining why it is difficult to reduce or eradicate their presence in our lives. As I am writing this, I am forced to recall a purchase I made just a couple of weeks ago while on vacation. Although I knew that I had two metal water bottles at home, I purchased a new water bottle with a carrying case and shoulder strap that is all plastic; except for parts of the zipper and attached hardware. The eye-catching packaging and utilitarian presentation of the item made it so appealing that I blocked out the concerns that I would normally have had about owning it. I would venture to say that many of us experience such blockages in our consciousness as we mindlessly reach for bottles of hair care items, toothbrushes or straws. At a time when we have to carefully choose our battles this may seem insignificant; however, it is not because the environmental impact is one that continues to have a devastating effect on our planet.

Just a few months ago, I visited the Hudson River Museum and saw an exhibit symbolically showing the damage done to our oceans by plastics. It was on that visit that I picked up a copy of a little book entitled: “Taking on the Plastics Crisis” by Hannah Testa, a sustainability advocate and founder of Hannah4Change; an organization dedicated to addressing issues related to the harming of the planet. At fourteen, she spoke at the Georgia State Capitol on Plastic Pollution Day; a day that she helped to create. In her book, she states: “Over the course of 2017, I started to see the plastics industry for what it really was: powerful corporations and lobbyists, people paid by companies to influence politicians. And the last thing they wanted was for a speech like mine to be heard. In fact, the plastics industry came out in full force to stop this event from happening, and when I really think about it, their actions can be summed up in one word: fear...Fear that I might shine a light on the realities of single-use plastics and their negative impact on the environment, animal welfare and our health. Fear that the industry could lose money, as I saw a decline in the use of plastic.”

Hannah cites the advancements that have been made because of plastics including “prosthetics and heart valves;” parts for lunar space travel and airplane parts. She concludes that “too much of anything can be a problem.” By 2050, it is projected that plastic production is expected to quadruple, “further adding to carbon dioxide emissions that contribute to climate change.” It is stated that “some studies are finding plastic in rain, arctic snow and human feces,” according to the Medical University of Vienna in Austria. There are also reports that “300 million tons of plastic are produced each year around the globe, which is equivalent to the weight of the entire human population.” Hannah points out that “Plastic begins in the ground as crude oil,” and “Roughly eight million metric tons of plastic make their way into the ocean each year which is equivalent to five grocery bags filled with plastic for every foot of coastline in the world. Plastic debris uses up oxygen as it degrades, decreasing oxygen levels necessary for the survival of marine life and ultimately humans who rely on the ocean for oxygen.” In case there is anyone who needs more reasons to address the plastics crisis, she highlights a link to cancers, birth defects, impaired immunity, hormone disruption and other illnesses. Other countries where we export our trash struggle with their own issues and certainly don’t want to continue to endanger their people or environment with our problem. It may be difficult for us to conceptualize this problem, but if we think that the plastic cup in our hand holds the possibility of being part of something called an ocean “gyre” where circulating ocean currents create a vortex that draws this refuse, over time becoming a massive area of collected plastic debris with the potential for a centuries long shelf-life, we might want to reconsider some of our choices. I certainly have.

As I am writing this, I can’t help but do my own soul searching to realize that my “draft” was written with a plastic pen. If I walk down the hall in my apartment, I see a plastic shoe rack and a plastic basket. I urge us all to become mindful of how plastics dominate our lives and consider what we can do individually and collectively to address the negative outcomes associated with their overuse. There are things that we can do and some actions have already started with the laws banning the use of single-use bags; however, implementation has been inconsistent. I am still seeing single-use bags littering the sidewalks, gutters and trees; and most of the purchased bags are made of plastic. Hannah mentions that she worked with “a coalition of approximately twenty organizations to collect nearly one million petitions to convince Starbucks to eliminate their plastic-lined coffee cups. Due to this pressure, Starbucks pledged \$10 million to develop a sustainable coffee cup.” Another obvious step is to bring reusable cloth bags for shopping. Hannah has some other strategies to consider including: 1. Swap out plastic straws for sustainable ones because 500 million straws are used daily in the United States. 2. Use reusable bottles and cups because plastic ones leach chemicals into the drinks they come into contact with. 3. Use metal or bamboo utensils to replace plastic ones because 100 million plastic utensils are used by Americans every day. 4. Seek out reusable containers and alternatives for wrapping food such as butcher, waxed, or parchment paper, beeswax wraps and reusable pouches. 5. Create beauty products from simple ingredients at home because cosmetics and beauty products use a lot of unnecessary plastic packaging. There are a few sustainable alternatives that use hardly any plastic packaging for their products. 6. Shop at second hand stores to reduce the amount of clothes that are made. Avoid polyester, nylon and polypropylene and try to buy clothes made from 100 percent cotton. 7. Buy in bulk and use reusable products whenever possible. Select products with small amounts or no plastic packaging and support eco-friendly businesses. Remember that our most powerful and effective response to address the plastics crisis is not to buy plastic items because if we stop buying them, the industry will be unable to make money and profit from the sale of them leading to a decline in the production of these items. Hannah makes this very clear when she speaks by saying: “I ask my audience to imagine that there is an overflowing tap and water is spilling everywhere.” She asks: “What is your first reaction? You don’t grab a mop to first clean up the mess. You run to turn off the tap.” Hannah points out another important fact; namely, that “Most people probably think that because they recycle, they are doing everything they can to fight plastic pollution.” She is not suggesting that we stop recycling, but it isn’t enough if we are not doing it properly and she states that “shrewd industry

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marketing has created the great recycling myth” that has lulled us into nearly guilt-free consumption of plastic products.” Hence, our recycling has not fully led to a reduction in the damage produced by the plastics crisis, as long as we continue to produce and use more.

A dramatic feature of the environmental movements to address this and other issues, is that they are being led by young people like Hannah Testa and Greta Thunberg. Robbie Bond was 12 years old when he founded “Kids Speak for Parks,” and he has been educating people on plastic pollution for three years sponsoring clean-ups in Hawaii. Hannah talks about a clean-up on Kahuka Beach in Hawaii that yielded 500 pounds of plastic back in 2015. Another youngster named Lilly Platt from Netherlands retrieved “ninety-one pieces of trash on a fifteen minute walk.” At seven, she founded the organization “Lilly’s Plastic Pickup” which conducts pickups across the world. She is described as someone who reminds us that there is plenty that one person can do. My own crusade to address single-use bags began about 2012 when I started collecting black bags and fabric scraps to design bracelets. I sold and gave away many over the years, but found little interest among most folks when it came to extending this type of effort or showcasing its merit as a small-scale solution to a big problem. Perhaps that will change, or is changing.

As we enter the Summer of 2023, with 2050 prognostications looming in the distance, let us remember to think about enjoying the outdoors, beaches and picnics by making choices for items to use that include biodegradable or reusable items like metal, wood or bamboo utensils; paper or recyclable plates and cups; glass or metal containers for drinks; parchment or waxed paper for wrapping; and mesh or fabric bags for carrying items. I am starting now to restock my supply of bamboo forks and knives and thinking of ways to repurpose the plastic straws in my cupboard, replacing them with metal or paper straws. I know that it is challenging to rethink our consumer habits and practices, but the future of our children, grandchildren and planet are certainly worth the effort. Sending you best wishes for a joyful environmentally-conscious summer season.

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# NEW EARLY VOTE BY MAIL LEGISLATION

Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris and Assembly Member Karines Reyes announced new legislation (S.7394/A.7632) to expand early voting options to include an Early Vote by Mail choice for all New Yorkers.

The bill would give all New Yorkers the option of Early Voting by mail. While the state constitution requires a prescribed excuse for Election Day absentee voting, it does not constrain the Legislature from enacting a unique process for Early Voting. Similar proposals have been enacted and survived challenges in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.

New Yorkers would request an Early Voting ballot from their local Board of Elections and it would need to be returned before the close of polls on Election Day.

# ENDING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ZONE TAX GIVEAWAY

Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris announced the State Senate passed his legislation (S.543/A.2170) to completely eliminate the state tax giveaway for the Qualified Opportunity Zone program.

“The Opportunity Zone program was intended to help economically distressed areas but is being abused to grant tax breaks to already overdeveloped neighborhoods, including Hudson Yards” said Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris. “This giveaway to wealthy investors does little to help communities in need and should be eliminated.”

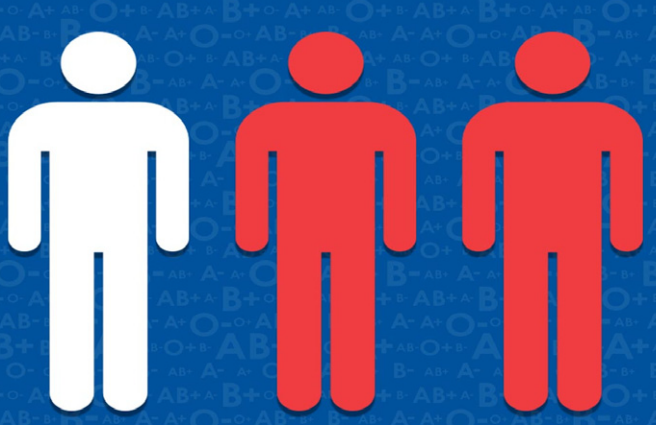
The federal tax change passed in 2017 and included a provision aimed at incentivizing investment in economically distressed areas. In 2018, the state designated census tracts that qualified as “Opportunity Zones” but included areas already being overdeveloped and gentrified. Among these areas are wealthy parts of Manhattan and Long Island City, already among the fastest growing neighborhoods in the United States.

Investors who create opportunity funds to invest in these census tracts are able to defer large amounts from their federal taxes. Much of New York’s tax code is linked to the federal tax code and Senator Gianaris’ legislation would decouple state taxes from this wasteful program and prevent a massive and unjust giveaway of state resources to the wealthy.

Senator Gianaris previously passed legislation that ends the tax incentive for putting money into an Opportunity Fund; this legislation ends the state benefit for keeping money in such a fund for a 10-year period.

*Groups supporting the legislation include Reinvent Albany, NYSUT, 1199 SEIU, CWA District 1, Make the Road NY, ALIGN-NY, NYPIRG, Chinese-American Planning Council, Citizen Action of NY, Coalition for Economic Justice, Community Service Society of NY, Fiscal Policy Institute, Good Jobs First, Institute on Taxation and Policy, Legal Aid Society, Long Island Progressive Coalition, Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition, Nobody Leaves Mid-Hudson, Pratt Center, PSC-CUNY, RWDSU, Strong Economy For All, Tenants PAC, and UFCW Local 1500.*

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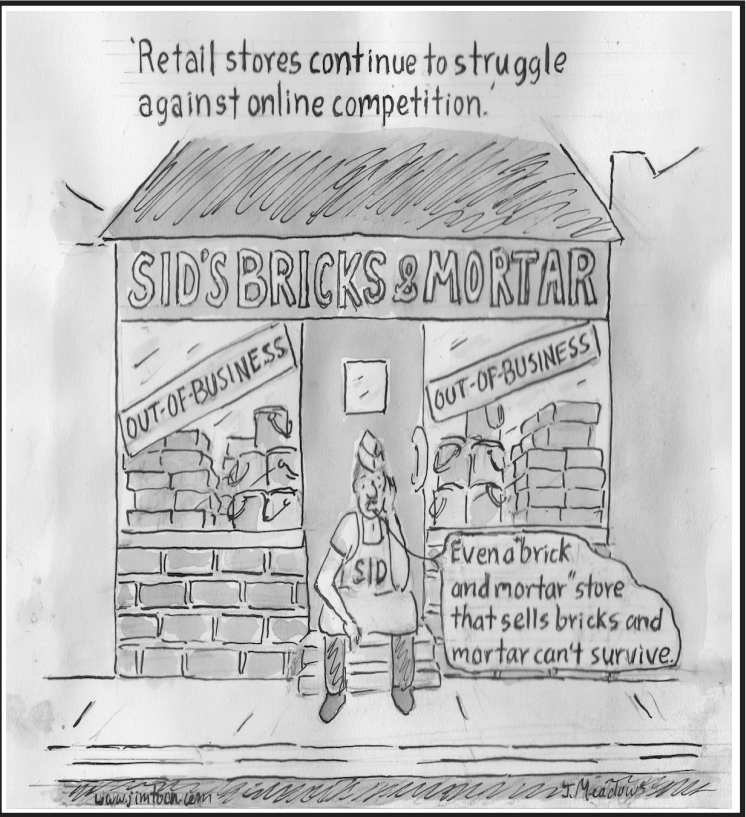
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# CRIME VICTIMS’ BILLS

New York State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. and his Senate colleagues approved legislation to strengthen crime victims’ rights, protections for survivors and expand SNUG programs. In addition to passing legislation, the Senate secured \$13 million for state victim and witness assistance, \$5 million in grants for assistance to survivors and victims of domestic violence, and \$4.5 million for rape crisis centers in the 2023-2034 state budget.

“Fighting crime is a top priority in Albany, so these bills will help to improve protections, services, and compensation for victims, expand access to sealed records for prosecutors, and expand critical SNUG programs,” Addabbo stated. “This legislative package is vital to ensuring victims have the necessary support to heal and recover from their trauma. By strengthening victims’ rights and holding offenders accountable for their actions, we can continue restoring public safety in our communities,” added Addabbo.

**The legislation passed by the Senate includes:**

- S.936 (Addabbo co-sponsor) – Requires statewide housing authorities to grant domestic violence survivors the same preference as granted to other prioritized populations.
  - S.303 - Expands the definition of “welfare” in order to enable victims of crime to receive reimbursement for personal property that was lost, damaged, or stolen. The reimbursement or replacement of property will assist the victim in regaining stability and maintaining a reasonable standard of living.
  - S.3340 - Requires reporting of extreme risk protection orders to the statewide, computerized registry of orders of protection and certain arrest warrants.
  - S.1901 - Enacts Emma’s Law, which provides for victim statements at the sentencing of a defendant for a misdemeanor.
  - S.1951 - Removes the current 10-year period from the crime of persistent sexual abuse.
  - S.3071 (Addabbo co-sponsor) - Allows prosecutors to access orders of protection issued in association with sealed prior domestic violence cases if the offender commits a new domestic violence offense.
  - S.3236 - Adds to the definition of a victim of a sexual offense by including a victim of unlawful dissemination or publication of an intimate image.
  - S.5916 (Addabbo co-sponsor) – Provides clarification that claims filed against governmental entities under the Adult Survivors Act do not require filing a notice of claim or a notice of intention to file a claim.
  - S.2364 (Addabbo co-sponsor) – Establishes an operation SNUG program to provide educational, youth justice, gang prevention, social work, street outreach, and more programs and services that aim to reduce, prevent, or respond to gun violence.
  - S.214A - Expands eligibility for victims and survivors of crimes to access victim-compensation funds by removing the mandatory law-enforcement reporting requirement, providing alternative forms of evidence that show a qualifying crime was committed, and the confidentiality of certain records.
  - S.5502 - Provides additional rights to crime victims and requires the court or district attorney, at sentencing or at the earliest time possible, to provide the victims of said crime with an informational sheet explaining their rights.
- “I hope the Assembly will act swiftly to pass these important bills so they can be delivered to the Governor and signed into law. Constituents are counting on us to enact these measures to help address the rise in gun violence and return some stability to the lives of crime victims,” concluded Addabbo.

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File No.: 2021-4489/B  
CITATION  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE  
OF NEW YORK  
BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE  
AND INDEPENDENT  
To:  
Attorney General of the State of  
New York  
The unknown distributees,  
legatees, devisees, heirs at law and  
assignees of **MARTINE  
BILLOIS**, deceased, or their  
estates, if any there be, whose  
names, places of residence and  
post office addresses are unknown  
to the petitioner and cannot with  
due diligence be ascertained  
A copy of this citation and the  
accounting, as well as all  
amendments to it, if any, shall be  
served on the Guardian Ad Litem,  
Peter Metis, Esq.  
Being the persons interested as  
creditors, legatees, distributees or  
otherwise in the Estate of **MARTINE BILLOIS**, deceased,  
who at the time of death was a  
resident of 34-41 85th Street, Apt  
1X, Jackson Heights, NY 11372,  
in the County of Queens, State of  
New York.  
**SEND GREETING:**  
Upon the petition of **LOIS M.  
ROSENBLATT**, Public  
Administrator of Queens County,  
who maintains her office at 88-11  
Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica,  
Queens County, New York 11435,  
as Administrator of the Estate of  
**MARTINE BILLOIS**, deceased,  
you and each of you are hereby

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cited to show cause before the  
Surrogate at the Surrogate’s Court  
of the County of Queens, to be  
held at the Queens General  
Courthouse, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 88-11  
Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City  
and State of New York, on the 6<sup>th</sup>  
day of July, 2023 at 9:30 o’clock  
in the forenoon, why the Account  
of Proceedings of the Public  
Administrator of Queens County,  
as Administrator of the Estate of  
said deceased, a copy of which is  
attached, should not be judicially  
settled, and why the Surrogate  
should not fix and allow a  
reasonable amount of  
compensation to **GERARD J.  
SWEENEY, ESQ.**, for legal  
services rendered to petitioner  
herein in the amount of \$17,838.46  
and that the Court fix the fair and  
reasonable additional fee for any  
services to be rendered by  
**GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ.**,  
hereafter in connection with  
proceedings on kinship, claims  
etc., prior to entry of a final Decree  
on this accounting in the amount  
of 6% of assets or income collected  
after the date of the within  
accounting; and why the Surrogate  
should not fix and allow an amount  
equal to one percent on said  
Schedules of the total assets on  
Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any  
additional monies received  
subsequent to the date of this  
account, as the fair and reasonable  
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the Public Administrator for the  
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to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why  
each of you claiming to be a  
distributee of the decedent should  
not establish proof of your kinship;  
and why the balance of said funds  
should not be paid to said alleged  
distributees upon proof of kinship,  
or deposited with the  
Commissioner of Finance of the  
City of New York should said  
alleged distributees default herein,  
or fail to establish proof of kinship.  
Dated, Attested and Sealed  
5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023  
**HON. PETER J. KELLY**  
Surrogate, Queens County  
Janet Edwards Tucker  
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