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\$125.8 BILLION BUDGET WITH HOUSING, TRANSIT AND NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENTS

NEW YORK — Mayor Zohran Mamdani and City Council Speaker Julie Menin have reached an agreement on New York City's Fiscal Year 2027 budget, approving a balanced \$125.8 billion spending plan that expands housing assistance, invests in public services and adds to the city's financial reserves.

The City Council approved the budget Tuesday evening, allowing it to take effect July 1, the start of the new fiscal year.

For residents of neighborhoods including Sunnyside, Woodside, Long Island City and Astoria, the budget includes funding for programs that affect daily life, including libraries, parks, public transit discounts, affordable housing initiatives and the City University of New York.

The agreement resolves a long-running dispute between City Hall and the City Council over the city's rental assistance program, CityFHEPS. As part of the deal, the city will establish a new rental assistance program administered by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development while ending litigation over expanding eligibility for housing vouchers.

According to the mayor's office, the new program includes a \$175 million investment in Fiscal Year 2027 and will provide additional rental assistance while placing a cap on spending. City officials estimate the program will serve approximately 5,600 additional households, or about 14,000 New Yorkers. The existing CityFHEPS program currently serves roughly 67,000 households.

Unlike CityFHEPS, the new program will not operate as an entitlement program and will not include work requirements. It will serve both people living in homeless shelters and eligible rent-regulated tenants facing eviction. Some housing officials have expressed concerns that increased demand for vouchers could intensify competition for the city's limited supply of affordable apartments. Nearly 100,000 people remain in New York City shelters, including about one-third who are children.

The budget also expands Fair Fares NYC, increasing eligibility for the reduced-fare transit program to households earning up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level. The expansion is expected to benefit many working New Yorkers who rely on the subway and bus system. Mayor Mamdani said he remains committed to pursuing his campaign proposal for fare-free bus service in the future.

Another major initiative included in the agreement expands NYC Kids Rise, providing \$53 million to place \$1,000 into a college savings account for every public school kindergarten student.

The budget permanently restores funding that previously required annual negotiations, including support for the city's library systems, parks, cultural organizations, Fair Fares and the City University of New York. For western Queens residents, those investments are expected to provide greater funding stability for neighborhood libraries, parks, cultural institutions and CUNY campuses.

Additional investments include expanded mobile mental health treatment, immigrant legal services, affordable housing preservation, food assistance programs, support for homeowners at risk of displacement, and new funding for parks, playground improvements, community gardens and tree maintenance.

The agreement also creates a public online portal containing city documents related to post-9/11 air quality and health risks. The first records are scheduled to be released before the 25th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, with additional documents added over time.

Mayor Mamdani said the budget reflects his administration's effort to balance the city's finances while maintaining public services. According to City Hall, agency cost-saving initiatives identified approximately \$1.77 billion in savings across Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027, allowing the city to avoid service reductions while adding \$350 million to its General Reserve.

One notable change during final negotiations involved police staffing. Mamdani withdrew a proposal to fund approximately 580 additional police officers after discussions with Police Commissioner Jessica Tisch. The administration said it determined the New York City Police Department could continue operating with its current authorized staffing level of about 35,000 officers while meeting public safety needs.

Speaker Menin said she disagreed with the decision, stating she believes the city should increase the number of police officers. Some of the proposed positions would have supported training focused on de-escalation, crisis intervention and use-of-force instruction.

Housing advocates praised the expansion of rental assistance and the decision not to add the new police positions, while supporters of increasing police staffing argued the city should have expanded the force.

The Fiscal Year 2027 budget reflects priorities shared by the mayor and the City Council, with significant investments in housing affordability, education, public health, transportation assistance and neighborhood services while maintaining a balanced financial plan for the coming fiscal year.

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WHY YOU SHOULD GET HELP FOR YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

by Stan Popovich

Many people underestimate the impact that mental illness can have on an individual or family. It can be difficult to admit that you have a mental health problem in your life. Secondly, it can be just as difficult in getting the people you know to understand your situation without making any kinds of judgments. As a result, here are six reasons why you should make your mental health an important priority in your life.

1. **Your situation will improve if you get help:** Your anxieties and fears can be challenging to manage and more than likely you will need some help. Just as you talk to your doctor about your regular health, you should not be hesitant in seeking help for your mental health. If left untreated, your anxieties and fears may not go away.

2. **Drugs and alcohol are not the answer:** Drugs and alcohol can make your problems more complicated. Many people have said that drugs and alcohol will only add more problems to your situation. Be smart and learn how to cope with your mental health issues by talking to a qualified professional. There are many health professionals in your area that can give you some ideas on where you can go for assistance.

3. **You will save time and money:** 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 save months of struggling by getting help right away. The sooner you get assistance the faster you will start getting some relief.

4. **You are not alone:** Everyone deals with fear, stress, and anxiety in one's life whether your friends and others care to admit it. In addition, do not be embarrassed that you are getting help. We all learn new things from others on a daily basis and learning how to manage your anxieties is no different. In addition, your goal is to get your life back on track and not to get everyone's approval. If people start asking you questions, just say your dealing with stress. Most people can relate to dealing with stress and anxiety!

5. **Do not make the mistake of doing nothing:** There are many people who struggled with anxiety and other mental health related issues, and they tried to ignore their problems. As a result, some of these people struggled on a daily basis and eventually things became more difficult. It can be scary asking for assistance, but the key is to take things one day at a time.

6. **You have a variety of options:** There are many mental health support groups, organizations, and counselors in your area that can help get your life back on track. Talk to your doctor to get more details on where you can go for some assistance. Help is available but you must be willing to make the choice of getting better. Remember that every problem has a solution. You just have to make the effort to find the answers.

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QUINN SIMPLE SCENES – FIRST KISS

by Rix Quinn

We Baby Boomers grew up watching semi-romantic movies, most of which included a smooching event. The leading characters might be pictured in a car, with the man's arm draped over the lady's shoulder. At some point the conversation would turn romantic. "I feel so comfortable being here with you," he might say. "This has been the greatest night of my life." He would kiss her cheek. She would turn her face toward his, and close her eyes. That was his signal to lock lips.

But that never happened to me. I would sit with my date in the car, talking about everything...but nothing romantic. I didn't know what to say. At some point she would utter, "Well, I guess I better go in." So I would take her to the door, say "I had a great time," and give her a warm, sincere handshake.

My first kiss was accidental. I took the girl to her front porch, tripped and fell forward. My head fell against her neck, my lips brushing her cheek. She thought that was a kiss. I was glad. From that point forward, my dating life improved. But for me, "falling in love" was an actual event.

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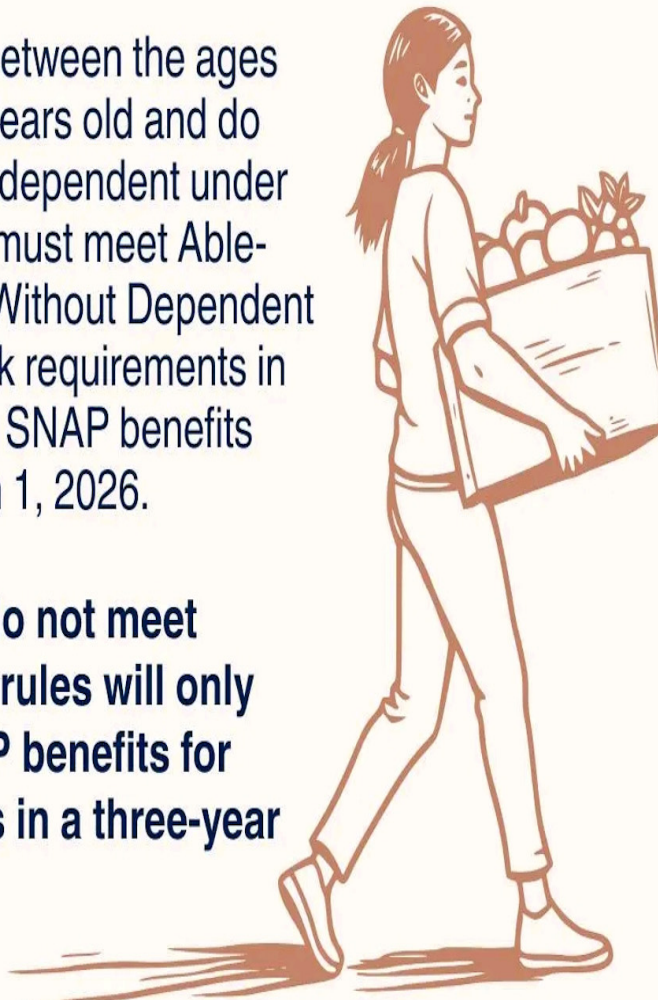
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If you live in a rent-stabilized building with six or more units built before 1974, or in a building receiving certain tax breaks or government subsidies, your rent will not increase under a new lease signed during that period. Approximately 2.4 million New Yorkers are covered.

I encourage all constituents to know whether their apartment is rent-stabilized. You can check your status at portal.hcr.ny.gov/app/ask.

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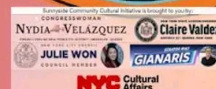


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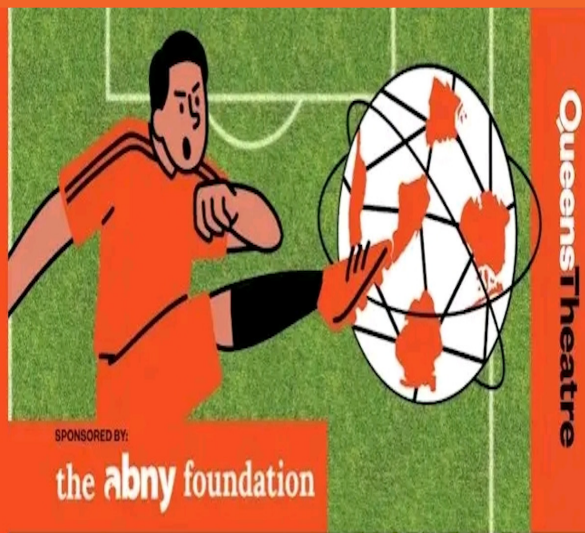
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 File: No 2025-1730/A

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YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, **Queens County**, at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd, **Jamaica**, New York, on **July 16, 2026** at 9:30 o'clock in the **forenoon** of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of **Ann Molina a/k/a Ana Molina a/k/a Anne Marie Molina** lately domiciled at **35-13 91st Street, Jackson Heights, NY 11372**

admitting to probate a Will dated **August 30, 2021**

(a Codicil dated [X] a Codicil dated a copy of which is attached, as the Will of **Ann Molina a/k/a Ana Molina a/k/a Anne Mary Molina** deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that

[X] Letters Testamentary issue to Debbie Adam

[] Letters of Trusteeship issue to [] Letters of Administration c.t.a.

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June 03, 2026

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[NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.]

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