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NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL
THIS WEEK IN THE NEWS

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this week at the council

City Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley carrying on a family tradition

The City Council has several second-generation members who have followed in the footsteps of their parents. But newly minted member Elizabeth Crowley has them doubly beat. Both her father and mother [served in the Council](#) - though very briefly in 1985, and in a different seat than the one she now occupies after three hard-fought campaigns. Crowley, 31, was sworn in Wednesday to represent Queens' 30th District, which includes Middle Village, Glendale, Maspeth and parts of Ridgewood, Richmond Hill and Woodhaven.

Council Mandates Reporting of Race in Police Shootings

[The New York City Council voted unanimously](#) on Wednesday to require the Police Department to file annual reports about the use of deadly force by officers, including the race, gender and age of the people who were shot. The measure approved by the Council, which the mayor is expected to sign, would make mandatory what has been a voluntary system of disclosure by the department about shootings. Before May, when police officials handed over 11 years' worth of firearms-discharge reports, the reports were disclosed sporadically and the type of data disclosed sometimes changed.

2,000 to Watch Inauguration at City Hall

More than [2,000 New Yorkers have already registered](#) to watch the inauguration on several large-screen televisions in City Hall, Ms. Quinn said on Wednesday. As a result, there is simply no more room — not in the Council's Chambers, not in its Committee Room, not in the Red Room, not even in the Rotunda. "I'm sorry that it got so full so quickly, though I think that's an incredibly exciting thing that so many people want to come to City Hall, want to be in their local seat of government, to watch this incredibly exciting event," said Ms. Quinn, a Democrat who, like almost 80 percent of city voters on Nov. 4, backed Mr. Obama. Ms. Quinn had announced the public screening on Dec. 22 as a way of offering residents who could not travel to Washington.



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