

EDUCATION & YOUTH PROGRAMMING

CM LOUIS EXPANDS YOUTH SPORTS IN DISTRICT 45, HOSTS BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY



This year, I worked tirelessly to expand programs to keep our children active throughout the summer months off from school. Our office partnered with National Junior Tennis and Learning, Foster Park Sports, Marine Park Golf Alliance, Street Soccer USA, and Elite Learners to provide youth soccer, tennis, basketball, and golf programs throughout June, July, and August. To celebrate returning to school after an active summer, we hosted one of our largest back-to-school celebrations at Flatbush Junction, donating over 600 book bags filled with school supplies to the community, with snacks and music for all. As schools opened, I attended meetings with Chancellor David Banks and the superintendents of the schools in our district to ensure that all of our students are afforded a solid foundation to begin their school year and are set up for success.



Budget Highlights

- **\$5M** in funding to expand the Saturday Night Lights youth sports program
- **\$1M** in funding for Young Adult Entrepreneurship within District 45
- **\$1.5M** in funding for the West Indian American Day Carnival Association (WIADCA) and the CUNY Haitian Studies Institute to promote cultural research & development
- **\$500K** for the Kade Lewin Center @ Brooklyn Science & Engineering Academy to promote studies in STEM

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Do you need assistance or have a concern? Constituent Services are available Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, and can help you to access legal services, food assistance, or navigating government agencies and programs. Every case matters to us and I will make sure you are connected to needed resources in our city.

I am proud to partner with **Flatbush Development Corporation (FDC)**, to provide FREE in-person and virtual

affordable housing application assistance by appointment and for homeowners, we partner with **Housing and Family Services, Neighborhood Housing Services of Brooklyn** and **IMPACCT Brooklyn** to provide foreclosure prevention and tenant resources. We also offer FREE Immigration Services in-person and virtually in collaboration

with **CUNY Citizenship Now!** Make an appointment to speak to an immigration attorney on Tuesdays in our office and on Wednesdays virtually, by appointment by calling **(718) 629-2900** or **(718) 270-6292**.



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DEAR NEIGHBOR,

The New York City Council began this year by swearing in the city's most diverse group of leaders in history, being led by the first Black woman to serve as Speaker of the New York City Council. The new City Council has its first-ever female majority, including the first South Asian, Korean, Muslim, and publicly L.G.B.T.Q. Black women. While we celebrate this milestone in the advancement of our legislative body, we also realize that New York is at the crossroads of multiple crises—each competing for full attention from this body and our Mayor.

The COVID-19 pandemic has further exposed the existing inequities in our city, from healthcare and child care, to housing, public safety and support for small businesses. As we emerge from the worst parts of the pandemic and begin to rebuild, we need to ensure that no members of our community are left behind. Every single New Yorker deserves to be able to live in dignity, put food on the table, and feel safe in their neighborhood. I continue to fight every day to make this a reality. My office and I are always here for you, serving your

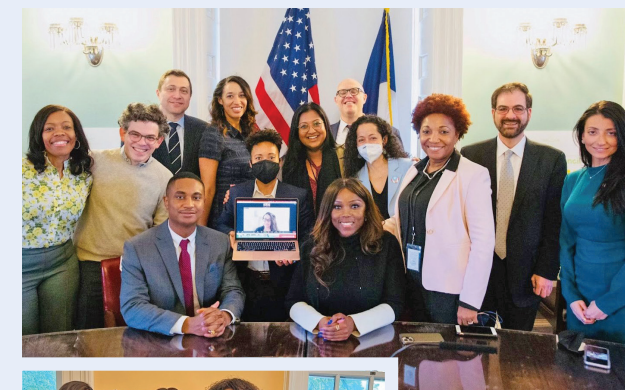
needs first, speaking truth to power, and establishing your voice throughout the community and New York City at large.

As the newly-appointed Co-Chair of the Brooklyn Delegation, returning Co-Chair of the Women's Caucus, and a member of the Council's Committee on Finance, I am proud to have helped secure incredible wins for our community during the final budget negotiation process. The City Council managed to secure a \$101 Billion budget for Fiscal Year 2023, which will allow for historic investments across all five boroughs. As a member of leadership, I am dedicated to ensuring that these investments will result in real and meaningful improvements in every community.

Sincerely,

Farah N. Louis,
Council Member, District 45

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS ELECTED TO LEADERSHIP



In a unanimous vote, my colleague, Council Member Chi Osse, and I were elected as Co-Chairs of the Brooklyn Delegation of the New York City Council. Throughout my tenure, I have championed boroughwide initiatives, public safety, cultural

projects, and inclusive policy, while ensuring that all neighborhoods of Brooklyn have equitable access to critical funding for public safety, food security, and educational programs. I remain committed to amplifying the voices of all Brooklynites—regardless of age, race, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

I also had the honor to be re-elected as Co-Chair of the Women's Caucus alongside my colleague, Council Member Amanda Farias. As this is the first female majority Council in the city's history, our Caucus has been hard at work ensuring that we finally center issues of reproductive and maternal health, pay equity, and support for survivors of domestic violence. We've already passed the Maternal Health package and the Support Survivors package, and we're only just getting started!

MATERNAL HEALTH & EQUITY CM LOUIS SECURES OVER \$3M, OPENS FIRST WOMEN'S HEALTH CLINIC IN FLATBUSH



Earlier this year, I was able to secure over \$3M in capital funds to open the first Women's Health clinic at Morris Heights Health Center on Flatbush Avenue to support one of our most vulnerable populations—Black

and Brown women—and continue to work to advance reproductive rights, racial birth justice, and gender equity in healthcare for Black families. As Co-Chair of the Women's Caucus, I have fought for strong, equitable maternal health and reproductive legislation. Black women and birthing people are more than 3 times as likely as White women to die due to complications during pregnancy or childbirth, with birthing experiences differing dramatically. In addition, after the United States Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade—the only federal protection for a woman's right to choose—I collaborated with my colleagues to pass the first comprehensive reproductive health care package in New York City history, which will protect and expand access to critical reproductive and post-partum care, including doula services. I look forward to our continued response in the wake of the overturning of Roe, as women and other birthing people continue to face increasing inequality across the country due to lack of access to reproductive care. Together, we must work to protect the rights and dignity of all people in our community.

Legislative Highlight: Int 409, Int 472, & Int 482 The Maternal Health Package

Along with my colleagues in the Women's Caucus, I was able to pass three bills as part of the Maternal Health package. They require the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to make public its annual Maternal Mortality and Morbidity report, provide education on Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) and endometriosis, and offer free doula services in marginalized communities—including a \$750,000 Doula pilot program at Morris Heights Health Center in Flatbus.

PUBLIC SAFETY

ADDRESSING MENTAL HEALTH AND KEEPING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS SAFE



To address an increasing crime-wave across our City, I am working with nonprofit organizations and anti-violence groups using innovative cure violence strategies in our community. Partnering with Elite Learners and the GodSquad, also known as the, 67th Precinct Clergy Council in the 67th Precinct confines; DRUM, KAVI, and Moving Mountains in the 70th Precinct, we have initiated programs targeting the proliferation of crime in the district using youth programs, crime intervention techniques, and family services to address violence before our community is harmed by senseless attacks. I have also written legislation Introduction 690 to address mental health crises in the city and provide a 3-digit hotline for reporting mental health emergencies that take place in our City.

Budget Highlights

- **\$100K** for public safety initiatives and victim services support in District 45
- **\$4.21M** for community-based organizations that offer crisis intervention, legal advocacy, and other resources to survivors of sexual violence
- **\$226M** for public safety initiatives on the subways, including new teams of mental health emergency responders and wraparound services for those experiencing homelessness

HOUSING

CM LOUIS FIGHTS FOR SAFE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN DISTRICT 45



More families than ever are struggling to pay rising rents amid inflation and are fighting back against tenant harassment and illegal evictions. I remain wholly committed to protecting the rights of renters and ensuring that everyone in District 45 has access to safe and affordable housing.

During my first 100 days in office, I held a three-part series of housing forums in partnership with housing advocates on the new pro-tenant reforms known as the Housing Stability and Tenants Protection Act of 2019. I continue to host community-housing forums to ensure that renters, homeowners, veterans, and seniors are informed on their rights and are connected with resources provided through city agencies and community-based organizations. Education is a tool. The more that members of our community are aware of their rights and resources available to them, the more power we will have in addressing the current housing affordability crisis.

As the newly appointed Chair of the Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Sitings and Dispositions, I joined leadership of the Flatbush Gardens Tenants Association and housing advocates in Brooklyn to protest and rally against Clipper Equity, named New York City's Worst Landlord, with over 2,000 open violations. After organizing two major rallies—with tenants attending from across the 59-building complex—I continued to advocate for these tenants by organizing a tour with Public Advocate Jumaane Williams and colleagues in the New York State Legislature to find ways to insure immediate corrective action is taken against

the deplorable conditions that the landlords have subjected them to on a daily basis. My advocacy for this development will not stop until each apartment building with open violations becomes regularly inspected and all outstanding repairs are made to ensure the safety of these residents, many of whom are low-income, elderly, and with families.

Legislative Highlight: Int 348 & Int 652

Tenant & Homeowner Protections

I was proud to be a Prime Sponsor on two pieces of legislation that expand protections for tenants and homeowners. The first bill creates the Office of the Homeowner Advocate, which will advocate on behalf of New York homeowners and connect them with financial and technical resources. The second requires the Department of Social Services to conduct inspect.

SANITATION

KEEPING OUR STREETS CLEAN



For two years, as New York City grappled with labor shortages, budget pitfalls, and changing neighborhood dynamics, our city's trash problems mounted. This year, I joined newly-appointed Sanitation Commissioner Jessica Tish and Joan Bakkoirdin, Chair of Community Board 17, for a tour of areas in our community that need urgent attention and remediation. This collaboration with the Department of Sanitation coincides with the Rat Action Plan, a series of bills aimed to target areas with high levels of rat infestation and requires buildings to implement solutions to stop current and future infestations across the city.

Legislative Highlight: Int 414, Int 442, Int 459, & Int 460

The Rat Action Plan

The Rat Action Plan contains four bills aimed at addressing chronic rodent infestation across the five boroughs. The legislation requires the establishment of rat mitigation zones, implements new requirements for infested buildings and constructions sites, and directs the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to issue an annual report on the efficacy of these measures.

POLICY & LEGISLATIVE CORNER



This legislative snapshot provides a brief overview of some of the bills that Council Member Louis has introduced, passed, and /or was later enacted. She has also been a prime co-sponsor of several bills that ensure our city is inclusive and fair for all.

- **Int 0541:** amending the reporting of pay and employment equity data.
- **Int 0482:** requiring the department of health and mental hygiene to report on polycystic ovary syndrome and endometriosis.
- **Int 0405:** creating an online posting requirement for statements outlining consistency or inconsistency with criteria established for the siting of city facilities.
- **Int 0409:** increasing access to data and maternal mortality and morbidity.
- **Int 0406:** A Local Law establishing a missing person alert system.
- **Res 0165:** calling on the State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, A.1847/S.843, authorizing certain shelters for victims of domestic violence to be reimbursed for any payment differential for housing a single individual in a room intended for double occupancy.
- **Int 0407:** A Local Law requiring the civilian complaint review board to investigate any injury or death caused by police action.
- **Int 0408:** A Local Law concerning the police department's 911 operational time analysis report.
- **Int 0054:** A Local Law concerning financial literacy education in the department of youth and community development programs.
- **Res 0208:** calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, S.9077/A.10372, which would provide judicial protections to abortion providers in New York.

- **Int 0509:** A Local Law concerning the public education and outreach campaign on the risks of cesarean sections.
- **Res 0205:** calling on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation making doulas more accessible to individuals with Medicaid and those without health insurance.
- **Int 0472:** A Local Law establishing a pilot program in the department of health and mental hygiene to train doulas and provide doula services to residents in all five boroughs.
- **Int 0442:** A Local Law concerning abating rodents as a requirement for the issuance of certain construction permits.
- **Int 0447:** A Local Law concerning unlawful methods of restraint during an arrest or attempted arrest.
- **Int 0316:** A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, concerning reporting on contract awards made from discretionary funds allocated by a council member.
- **Int 0458:** A Local Law requiring the department of health and mental hygiene to maintain language access services for abortion providers.
- **Int 0355:** A Local Law permitting incarcerated individuals in city jails to choose the gender of their doctor.
- **Int 0507:** A Local Law to make medication abortion available at no cost to a patient at its health clinics.
- **Res 0200:** Resolution declaring January 22, 2023, as **Roe v. Wade**

- Day in the City of New York** to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the landmark United States Supreme Court decision.
- **Int 0478:** A Local Law concerning an outreach and education campaign on the benefits and services provided by doulas and midwives.
- **Res 0195:** calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, **The Reproductive Freedom and Equity Program (S.9078/A.10148A)**, which would establish a grant program to provide funding to New York abortion providers and non-profit organizations to increase access to abortion care.
- **Int 0314:** A Local Law requiring nightlife establishments to post signage for patrons about harassment and to train employees about harassment among patrons.
- **Int 0437:** A Local Law improving young adults' access to voter registration materials by requiring the department of education of the city of New York and the board of elections of the city of New York to provide students with registration materials in appropriate languages and to track and report on the efficacy of distributing registration materials to students.
- **Res 0070:** calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign **A.1926/S.758**, an act to amend the tax law and the state finance law, concerning allowing taxpayers to make a gift to the abortion access fund on their income tax returns.