

TACKLING TENANT & LANDLORD CASES & HOMEOWNER CONCERNS

Whether you are a renter or a homeowner, I am committed to protecting your right to stable, dignified housing. Across District 45, I have been responding directly to housing and quality-of-life concerns, from negligent landlords ignoring urgent repair needs, to homeowners at risk of losing their properties. In a number of cases, I led press conferences and walkthroughs with city agencies to hold the Department of Housing and Preservation Development and bad actors accountable, standing with tenants demanding action. At the same time, I partnered with the Department of Finance to host a Tax Lien Advocacy Day, providing outreach and support to older adults and homeowners to help them avoid foreclosure and stay in their homes. I will continue to advocate, intervene, and connect residents with resources to ensure everyone in our community can live with dignity and stability.



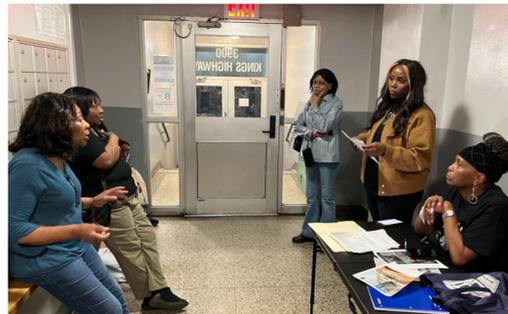
Council Member Louis Hosts Property Tax Lien Clinic With NHS Brooklyn & Brooklyn Level Up to Help Homeowners Fight to Save Their Homes



Council Member Louis Speaks to Tenant Leaders at 3900 Kings Highway to Demand Restoration of Services and Begin Rent Strike



Council Member Louis Organizes Walkthrough of 2500 Bedford Avenue with Public Advocate Williams on hazardous housing conditions by worst landlord in New York City



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IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE & ADDRESSING COMMUNITY CONCERNS

As Council Member for District 45, I remain deeply committed to addressing quality-of-life concerns and public safety issues with the urgency and seriousness they demand. In recent months, I have worked to respond swiftly to a series of incidents impacting the well-being of our residents—from gun violence involving youth, to dangerous vehicular accidents in school zones. I have coordinated with the NYPD, the Department of Education, and trauma recovery providers to deliver immediate support and ensure our communities receive appropriate services and follow-up care. In Flatlands, I convened a municipal services town hall to bring city agencies directly to residents, providing a space for public accountability and collaborative problem-solving around sanitation, traffic safety, and infrastructure maintenance, and have organized targeted inter-agency walkthroughs at key sites, such as Midwood Playground, to address pressing pest and rodent issues that have created health and safety concerns raised by neighbors. My priority remains clear: to ensure our city agencies are responsive, our neighborhoods are safe, and our families feel seen and supported.



Council Member Louis Hosts Nieuw Amersfort Community Association Municipal Services Town Hall at St. Paul's Baptist Church in Flatlands



Council Member Louis Joins State Officials for Walkthrough of Proposed Waste Transfer Station Expansion in East Flatbush



Council Member Louis Fights Food Insecurity with Fresh Food Box Giveaway Alliance Tabernacle



Council Member Louis Speaks to Newly Assigned Crossing Guard Outside of Cortelyou Academy in Flatbush



NEWLY INTRODUCED LEGISLATION IN 2025

- ▶ **Res 0861** — Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, the Beauty Justice Act.
- ▶ **Int 1273** — A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to trainings regarding sexually exploited youth.
- ▶ **Int 1224** — A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring shelters to provide free internet access to residents.
- ▶ **Res 0775** — Resolution urging New York State to increase the funeral cost limit of burial services for low-income residents of New York from \$3,400 to \$6,000.
- ▶ **Int 1186** — A Local Law in relation to requiring the department of sanitation to conduct a study regarding the feasibility of accommodations for religious practices that conflict with set-out times for solid waste and recyclable materials.
- ▶ **Int 1188** — A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to informational resource for newly married individuals.
- ▶ **Int 1187** — A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring third-party food delivery services and food service establishments to display sanitary inspection letter grades online.
- ▶ **Int 1162** — A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the commissioner of health and mental hygiene to report annually on suicides that occur in the city.
- ▶ **Int 1161** — A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the reporting and analysis of pay and employment equity data concerning city contractors.

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CELEBRATIONS OF FAITH & THE VIBRANCY OF OUR COMMUNITY

Throughout the spring season, I have had the joy of joining residents across District 45 in observing Passover, Ramadan, and Easter through a series of gatherings, resource distributions, and celebrations. From hosting pre-holiday meetings to strategize deployment of city resources during observances, and food and essential goods distributions for families preparing for observances, I remain committed to ensuring that every household has what they need to celebrate with dignity and peace. I also participated in multiple community-based Ramadan food drives and interfaith gatherings that uplifted the values of compassion and service. For Easter, I hosted family-friendly events including egg hunts that brought children, parents, and neighbors together to share in joy and fellowship. These moments of faith and community reflect the rich diversity



Pre-Passover Agency Breakfast with Jewish Leaders and City Officials



Annual Chasdel Lev Passover Charity Distribution to Support Families during High Holidays



American Council of Minority Women Food and Gift Box Giveaway to Support Families for Ramadan



New York Restoration Project Easter Egg Celebration and Environmental Day



Council Member Louis Attends National Day of Prayer at Christian Cultural Center in Canarsie



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DEAR NEIGHBOR,

As we reach the halfway point of 2025, I am proud to share several key victories from the recently adopted Fiscal Year 2026 City Budget that will deliver critical investments in housing, education, youth programming, and public libraries across District 45. Amid rising costs and economic pressure on working families, I fought to ensure this year's budget provides real support and tangible results for our community.

These wins include a historic \$331 million expansion of afterschool programs for over 20,000 elementary students, continued funding for Summer Rising academic enrichment and extended hours for middle schoolers, and \$17.5 million to grow the Pathways program for career readiness. The budget also includes major investments in early childhood education and expanded youth programs, and support for summer jobs and youth employment. I was proud to advocate for the hiring of up to 3,700 new teachers to reduce class sizes, a \$24.7 billion investment in affordable housing over the next decade, and expanded tenant and homeowner support programs. In addition, we secured \$15.7 million to sustain operations across all three public library systems, ensuring that our families continue to benefit from vital educational resources.

Throughout the year, I remained focused on tangible results in our district. We celebrated the reopening of the Clarendon Library and welcomed another of my proudest projects and investments, the Bethany Senior Terraces affordable housing development for older adults. The Shirley Chisholm Recreation Center remains on track for completion later this year, with more than \$39 million in contracts awarded to MWBEs. I also led infrastructure and community improvement efforts along Kings Highway, convening stakeholders to accelerate construction timelines and minimize disruptions to residents and local businesses.

These legislative and capital investments are part of a broader mission to protect the dignity, opportunity, and well-being of all New Yorkers. Whether advancing maternal health equity, expanding access to housing, or ensuring our workforce reflects the diversity of our communities, I remain committed to serving and delivering for the people of District 45.

It is my profound honor to represent you, and I look forward to continuing our work together to ensure every family in our community can live, work, and thrive with dignity.

Sincerely,

Farah N. Louis,
Council Member, District 45



Council Member Louis Hosts World Hijab Day with the New Life Minority Human Rights Council For Muslim Women in Kensington/Midwood



Council Member Louis Hosts Neighbors at a Mayoral Town Hall at P.S.109 in East Flatbush



Council Member Louis Stands Against Bigotry Against Marginalized Communities at Press Conference Against President Trump Travel Bans



Council Member Louis Joins Community Board 14 for 18th Annual Youth Conference at the Flatbush YMCA



Council Member Louis Joins COJO Flatbush to Honor Dr. Steven Rudolph, Director of Neurology and Stroke Center at Mount Sinai Brooklyn

CHAMPIONING NEW YORK CITY'S WOMEN AND FAMILIES

At City Hall, I am using my role as Chair of the Committee on Women and Gender Equity to lead efforts that protect the health, safety, and dignity of women and families across New York City. This includes advancing reproductive and maternal health initiatives to address long-standing disparities in care, expanding protections for new mothers, and ensuring transparency and accountability in public systems that have historically failed women and marginalized individuals.

This year, I have prioritized urgent issues such as young victims of human trafficking, pay equity for municipal employees and contractors, promoting equitable representation across the public and private sector, and advancing opportunities for economic development among women in New York City. These efforts reflect a sustained commitment to building a more just, inclusive, and responsive city for all residents.

The recently passed municipal budget approved by the City Council includes investments that deliver meaningful support to those most in need. During negotiations, I fought for funding for services that assist survivors of gender-based violence, resources for maternal and reproductive health care, leadership development programs for young women, and initiatives that support workforce development and the success of minority- and women-owned business enterprises. These priorities are essential to achieving equity and long-term opportunity for all communities.



Council Member Louis Co-Hosts Press Conference with Women's Caucus To Announce Legislative and Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2023



Council Member Louis Invited as Presenter at NYC Health+Hospitals/Gotham Black Maternal Health Conference To Highlight Maternal & Reproductive Health Policy Agenda For Medical Professionals

CITYWIDE POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES

Introduction 1061 → Local Law 33 of 2025

This year, I was proud to pass Introduction 1061, legislation that closes critical gaps in how the Department of Correction reports sexual harassment and abuse. With over 700 women suing the City under the Adult Survivors Act for abuse at Rikers Island, it is clear these are systemic failures. My bill requires unique identifiers for each incident and victim, consistent definitions, and explanations for why substantiated cases are not referred to District Attorneys. These reforms are key to restoring transparency, accountability, and justice for those harmed while in custody.



Council Member Louis Questions Administration During Hearing on Response to Human Trafficking in NYC

Introduction 891 → Local Law 108 of 2024

This session, I passed Introduction 891, requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to publish an annual report on the membership of the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee. Prompted by the preventable deaths of women of color during childbirth, this law ensures transparency around who is responsible for reviewing these cases. It is a vital step in holding institutions accountable and addressing maternal deaths in public hospitals.



Council Member Louis Joins Philip Howard NORC for Women's History Month Celebration with Older Adults

Introduction 892 → Local Law 109 of 2024

I also passed Introduction 892, which strengthens protections for new mothers by requiring employers to provide written lactation accommodation policies at hiring and throughout employment. Too often, working mothers lack access to private, dignified spaces to express milk. This law promotes safe, equitable workplace conditions by ensuring clear policies and accountability from employers.

CELEBRATING THE BEST IN OUR CITY'S ADVOCATES AND LEADERS



Unapologetically Black History Month Celebration

To close out Black History Month, I was proud to host our Third Annual Unapologetically Black Celebration—a powerful gathering that uplifted Black excellence, history, and the ongoing fight for justice. This year's program brought together elected leaders, cultural icons, and community advocates for an afternoon of reflection, celebration, and inspiration. We were honored to be joined by Congresswomen Yvette Clarke and Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, and we celebrated the legacies and leadership of Ilyasah Shabazz, L. Joy Williams, and Belize Opposition Leader Moses "Shyne" Barrow. These honorees have each played a critical role in pushing for racial equity, civic empowerment, and cultural pride—values that guide my work in District 45.



Shirley Chisholm Women of Distinction Awards

In celebration of Women's History Month, I proudly hosted the Fifth Annual Shirley Chisholm Women of Distinction Awards to honor the extraordinary women shaping our communities and advancing equity across Brooklyn. We recognized Erica Ford, founder of LIFE Camp, Inc., for her national work in youth violence prevention; Angela DeFilippis, founding principal of the Brooklyn Science and Engineering Academy; Dr. Redetha Abrahams-Nichols, a healthcare advocate fighting for quality care at SUNY Downstate in Central Brooklyn; Zahah Roohi, founder of the American Council of Minority Women; and the Brooklyn chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated for their continued advocacy on behalf of Black mothers and babies.

FIGHTING ILLEGAL DUMPING, UNSANITARY CONDITIONS & COMBATING RODENT INFESTATIONS FOR A CLEANER & HEALTHIER DISTRICT

Ensuring a clean, safe, and healthy environment across District 45 continues to be a core focus of my office. In response to serious environmental and public health concerns raised by residents, I led a walkthrough of a private waste hauling and construction site adjacent to P.S. 109. Community members, parents, and students have long endured potential hazards tied to the facility's daily operations and proposed expansion, including air quality risks and excessive noise. I have demanded transparency and accountability from city agencies and coordinated with

Community Board 17 and local stakeholders to ensure all impacts are properly assessed. In Flatbush, I intervened in a chronic illegal dumping case that has unfairly penalized a small business owner with thousands of dollars in sanitation fines by engaging the Department of Sanitation, the local civic association, merchant organizations and city agencies in pursuit of lasting enforcement and fair resolution. My efforts to advance composting, reduce rodent infestation, and expand equitable sanitation policy reflect a broader mission: to build a greener, more just, and sustainable Brooklyn.



Council Member Louis Celebrates Environmental Day and Distributes Trees and Compost Containers with CB17 at the Wyckoff House Museum



Council Member Louis Hosts Community Walkthrough with Brooklyn College, Local Schools, and Rat Czar to Address Rodents in Midwood Playground



Council Member Louis Conducts Walkthrough with DSNY, Little Haiti Bk, and Vanderveer Place Block Association to Combat Illegal Dumping on Flatbush Avenue

REVITALIZING PUBLIC SPACES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Investing in safe, inclusive, and accessible public spaces remains a cornerstone of my work to strengthen our neighborhoods and support the quality of life for all residents. From housing and libraries to green infrastructure and commercial corridors, I am proud to share significant progress on several public works and community development projects across District 45.

resources, offering a modern, welcoming environment that fosters learning, connection, and growth. I also had the privilege of celebrating the opening of the Bethany Senior Terraces in East Flatbush, which provides 39 new affordable housing units tailored to the needs of older adults—complete with shared social spaces designed to promote social connection and community wellness.

Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBEs), this project exemplifies our commitment to equitable economic development. I have also remained closely engaged in the ongoing Kings Highway Mall and B82 Crosstown reconstruction efforts, both of which will modernize our infrastructure, improve accessibility, and enhance the commercial vitality of our corridors.

Earlier this year, I joined residents to celebrate the long-awaited reopening of the Clarendon Branch of the Brooklyn Public Library. This beloved community hub has undergone extensive renovations to expand its services and

Construction is progressing on the Shirley Chisholm Recreation Center, a transformational facility that will serve as a premier destination for health, fitness, and community events. With over \$39.6 million awarded to Minority and Women-

I remain committed to ensuring that every capital project reflects the needs and priorities of our neighborhoods. From revitalized libraries and affordable housing to enhanced infrastructure and expanded green spaces, we are building a stronger, more connected District 45—together.



Council Member Louis Successfully Completes Construction & Re-opens Clarendon Library on Nostrand Avenue and Launches Youth Media Programs



Newly Constructed Medians and Greenery on Kings Highway and Avenue K in Flatlands



Council Member Louis Funds and Helps Build IS 285 Meyer Levin JHS First Ever Community Garden



Council Member Louis Features Completion of Bethany Senior Terraces—Newly Constructed Affordable Senior Housing

ADVOCATING FOR THE SUPPORT AND GROWTH OF SMALL BUSINESS



This year, my priority has been supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs, which are the backbone of our local economy in Central Brooklyn. I have worked to connect business owners with vital resources, including grants, low-interest loans, and city-sponsored technical assistance, to help them launch, grow, and recover. From Midwood to East Flatbush to Marine Park, I have partnered with City agencies to revitalize our commercial corridors, enhance storefronts, and improve neighborhood infrastructure. Whether through direct outreach, resource fairs, or policy advocacy, I remain committed to ensuring that local enterprises have the tools and support they need to thrive in every corner of District 45.