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Merante to Appear on GOP Ballot & Newly Created 'Term Limits Line' in Nov. for Mayor



City Councilman and Mayoral candidate Anthony Merante, with supporters, announcing his name will be on Term Limits ballot line in Nov. Newly created Restore Term Limits Line Will Appear On The Ballot in Nov.

Yonkers 6th District Councilmember and mayoral candidate Anthony Merante has succeeded in getting sufficient petition signatures to create a new political party line for this November's Election in Yonkers- The Restore Term Limits ballot line. In the choice for Yonkers Mayor Merante will now appear on both the Republican and Restore Term Limits lines.

Anthony Merante has made term limits a cornerstone of his mayoral campaign. In addition, to creating the Restore Term Limits line, Merante led a petition process to add a referendum to this year's ballot. This initiative was undertaken in alliance with Democrat, Republican, and independent voters organized to submit the restoration of term limits to the November 2023 ballot. The group collected nearly 5,000 signatures, and goes to the City Clerk's Office, and the City Council for review and approval.

Merante voted against extending the terms for mayor and City Council from 3- 4-year term to 4- 4-year terms In November 2022. Merante said "Restoring term limits for Yonkers voters to decide is not a Republican or Democratic issue, but one of moral integrity. We must free our city from the cancer of cronyism. Although the courts may have found the City Council had the legal right to extend their own terms and that of the mayor that doesn't mean it was moral or correct. That move was self-serving and a slap in the face to democracy. It is time elected officials respect the will of the people."

Merante concluded, "In all our lives we do some things we regret. For me it was voting with the Spano administration to extend term limits for the first time from the original 2 terms to 3. That was a huge mistake. I naively believed their empty assurances that it would only be a one-time extension similar to Mayor Mike Bloomberg in NYC. I underestimated their lust for power. What's their next move after 16 years? Eliminating term limits altogether? Yonkers is not Cuba or North Korea. We refuse to be ruled by a family dynasty with an absolute grip on power. We must return democracy back to Yonkers. When elected mayor, I pledge to reconstitute the Charter Revision Commission and look to return all terms back to the original two terms set by voters."

Democrats and Independent voters who won't vote on the republican line now can vote for Merante on the Term Limits line. Merante concluded, "In all our lives we do some things we regret. For me it was voting with the Spano administration

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Democratic Donors, Police & Jewish Groups Wooing Latimer to Run Against Bowman



Westchester County Executive George Latimer, left, Rep. Jamaal Bowman, right

By Dan Murphy

Last week, we reported on Congressman Jamaal Bowman's comments about the Police Shooting in New Rochelle of Jarrell Garris. Rep. Bowman, who represents more than half of Westchester in the 16th District, called the shooting "police brutality," sparking outrage among Police organizations.

Rep. Bowman also recently announced that he would not be attending the address of Israeli President Isaac Herzog to Congress. In a statement, Bowman writes, "My decision to not attend in no way stems from a lack of support for the existence of the State of Israel. On the contrary, it is out of concern that there is no sense of urgency about ensuring the safety and security of all Israelis and Palestinians in the region and finally achieving a two-state solution. This is also an informed decision out of engagement and deep listening to President Herzog, members of parliament, Israeli and Palestinian scholars, and community members in the region who experienced settler violence and dispossession. While President Herzog has stated settlements should be frozen and claims to opposes settler violence, he has remained silent as Prime Minister Netanyahu's government has expanded settlements that are illegal under international law and has appointed Ministers that seek the anti-democratic annexation of the West Bank and the demise of any two state solution with the Palestinians."

"While I appreciate and understand that the invitation to Herzog to speak to Congress over Netanyahu is a strong statement against Netanyahu's extremist actions, Herzog on his own must answer key questions on how we will arrive to a two state solution, ending annexation, child detention, home demolition, settler violence and the killing of American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh. At this time, although Herzog

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Dr. Luis Rodriguez Named Yonkers Public Schools Interim Superintendent



YPS Interim Superintendent Dr. Luis Rodriguez

At the July 19, 2023 Board of Education Stated Meeting, the Trustees unanimously appointed Dr. Luis Rodriguez Interim Superintendent of Schools effective August 1, 2023 and ending July 31, 2024. The Trustees have a contract with Hazard Young Attea & Associates (HYA) for professional services to expand the scope and community input in the search for a new superintendent of schools.

Board of Education President Rev. Steve Lopez on behalf of the Trustees congratulated Dr. Rodriguez on his new role noting, "We look forward to a successful collaboration as we continue to strive for the best for the Yonkers Public Schools community." Dr. Rodriguez is currently Yonkers Public Schools Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Pupil Support Services, the position he has held during his 9-year tenure with the school district.

Dr. Rodriguez, working collaboratively with Central Office and school personnel, embraces a vision to enrich the academic and social development of Yonkers students wherein all children succeed. Under his leadership, systems were initiated across Special Education and Pupil Support Services departments to improve efficiency, communications and to address regulatory citations.

Prior to joining Yonkers Public Schools, Dr. Rodriguez was New York City Department of Education Director of Special Education Instruction/School Achievement Coach for the Children First Network - 411 and a Special Education teacher. For 20 years, Dr. Rodriguez was Assistant Professor, Community & Prevention Medicine at New York Medical College in Valhalla, New York. In addition, he was an adjunct faculty member at Fordham University and Southern Connecticut State University.

Dr. Rodriguez holds a Juris Doctor, a Master of Science in Urban Leadership & Education and a Master of Public Health. He replaces Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada, who announced his retirement in April after 25 years of service in the Yonkers Public Schools. Quezada's retirement was effective July 3.

Mayor Mike Spano said, "Last night, the Yonkers Board of Education appointed Dr. Luis Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and Pupil Support Services for our Yonkers Public Schools, as interim superintendent. The Navy veteran has been with our district for 9 years and I know he will continue to move our district forward as we search for a permanent replacement for Dr. Edwin Quezada, who retired after 25 years with the district. I look forward to successful collaborations and continued educational empowerment of our Yonkers Public Schools students."

Yonkers Police Department Apprehends Escaped Prisoner



ROJAS-ALLEN, Geraldo

On July 24, the Yonkers Police Department successfully captured Gerald ROJAS, the escaped prisoner on the run for more than one day. After approximately twenty-nine hours of intensive search efforts, our Yonkers Police Detectives assigned to the Major Case Squad and Field Intelligence Division, along with Agents and Task Force Officers assigned to the FBI Westchester Safe Streets Task Force, located ROJAS after he escaped from Saint Joseph's Hospital. During the operation, ROJAS was located in the Bronx, NY, and was taken into custody without incident. The swift response from law enforcement personnel ensured the escapee could not flee further.

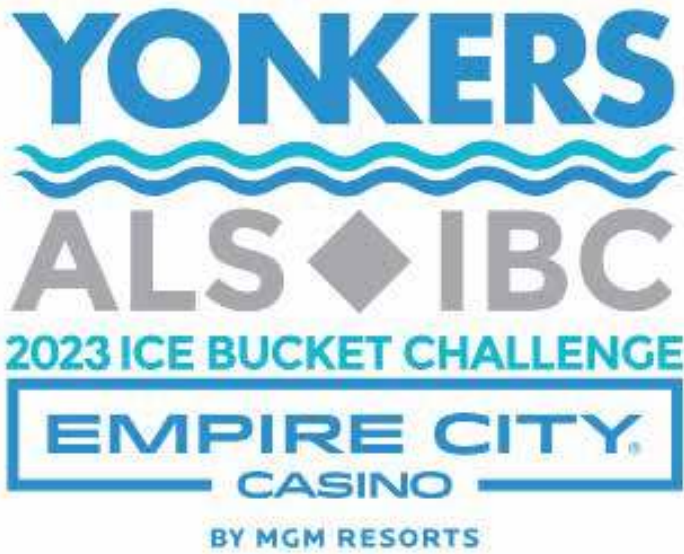
ROJAS was arrested and booked on July 21st, 2023, by members of the Yonkers Police Department for multiple robberies that occurred in Yonkers. On July 22nd, 2023, before ROJAS could appear in court, he suffered a medical event that required Yonkers Police Officers to transport him to Saint Joseph's Hospital. ROJAS was arraigned by a Judge in the hospital during the early afternoon hours on July 22nd, 2023, and remanded to the County Jail awaiting trial. However, because he was not medically discharged from the hospital, custody of ROJAS was transferred to the Westchester County Department of Correction. Correction Officers were sent to assume the prisoner watch of Rojas at Saint Joseph's Hospital, beginning at approximately 6:00 PM on July 22nd, 2023. At approximately 4:30 AM on July 23rd, 2023, ROJAS managed to escape from the custody of Westchester County Department of Correction Officers. From the onset, Yonkers Police Major Case Detectives and Officers assigned to the Yonkers Police AWARE Room reviewed hours of surveillance video around the City, tracking ROJAS' escape route to lead the investigation in the right direction.

Escape from custody, in ROJAS' case, is a crime punishable as a felony in the State of New York; therefore, the Yonkers Police Department then assumed the primary investigative role of ROJAS' crime of escape. Westchester County Department of Correction is the primary investigative agency of the internal investigation into the details of ROJAS' escape at Saint Joseph's Hospital.

City of Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano stated, "The apprehension of this felon speaks to the great Police work and collaboration among our Yonkers Police Detective Division and FBI. In just 29 hours, this individual is off the streets and in custody, ensuring the safety of our residents. Congratulations on a job well done."

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Remember Pat Quinn by Joining the Ice Bucket Challenge Aug. 5 and MGM Yonkers



Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts and the family of ALS Ice Bucket Challenge co-founder and late Yonkers native Pat Quinn announced the 2023 ALS Ice Bucket Challenge has been set for Saturday, Aug. 5.

The annual event will once again take place trackside at Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts. Festivities will begin at 1 p.m. with the ice bucket dump scheduled for 2 p.m. Participants should pre-register online at YonkersNY.gov/IBC.

The event, co-founded by Quinn after his diagnosis of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) in 2013 at the age of 29, became a global phenomenon in 2014 as millions of people around the world participated in the challenge via social media. The event continues to remain a catalyst for raising funds to support research to identify a cure for the debilitating disease.

ALS Ice Bucket challenges have also significantly increased the awareness of this deadly disease globally. According to the ALS Association, more than \$2 million has been invested into the development of a new drug, Relyvrio, that was recently approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to help slow down the effects of ALS. Approximately 130 research projects are being funded in 12 countries around the world thanks to Quinn's efforts.

ALS, often referred to as "Lou Gehrig's Disease," is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. Quinn lost his battle with ALS in November 2020, yet his drive and determination live on through his family, friends, community and beyond to raise awareness and find a cure for the approximately hundreds of thousands of Americans who currently suffer from the disease.

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- 4TH PCT - JFK MARINA Warburton Avenue/JFK Memorial Drive

"Honoring Law Enforcement and Community Partnership"

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County Legislator Christopher Johnson Resigns



former County Legislator Christopher Johnson, left

Calls for DA to investigate whether crimes were committed

On July 24, Westchester County Legislator Christopher Johnson resigned his elected office, after being embroiled in a scandal involving his residence and an affordable housing condo that he owned in Yonkers.

For more than one year, Johnson lived in a home outside of the 16th district that he represents, which is a violation of the Westchester County Charter.

Prior to moving into the \$800,000 home with his wife and son, Johnson lived in an affordable housing condo that was in the 16th district and was Johnson's official residence. But during his democratic primary reelection, it was discovered that other persons were living in the one-bedroom condo, which is a violation of the City of Yonkers Affordable Housing Ordinance.

Yonkers Inspector General Liam McLaughlin issued a report which found that Johnson and his wife Tai had purchased a home outside of the 16th BOL district, and that Johnson had listed the new home as his primary residence on mortgage documents.

Johnson had called the accusations a "political hit job," but later admitted under oath to IG McLaughlin all of the allegations made against him. He then lost the democratic primary to Shanae Williams.

More recently, Johnson had tried to find an apartment in the 16th district, apparently in an attempt to hold his office until the end of the year. But many on the Westchester County Board, and other elected officials, wanted Johnson out of office as soon as possible.

In a statement after his resignation, Westchester BOL Chair Vedat Gashi said, "Today, the Westchester Board of Legislators received a resignation notice from County Legislator Christopher Johnson. We have a responsibility as elected representatives to serve in the best interest of our constituents. While we understand that Legislator Johnson's decision to resign was not an easy one for him to make we believe it was the correct one and serves the best interests of the constituents of the 16th District.

"We thank County Legislator Johnson for his years of service to the people of the 16th Legislative District and the people of Westchester. Going forward, as ever, the Board of Legislators remains committed to our collective mission of fostering a prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable future for the people of Westchester County."

In his resignation letter, Johnson writes, "At this time, my service has become an interference on centering the improvements of this county...I know that stepping away will allow more time and energy to be spent on the most challenging and pressing issues that people face.

Some in Westchester are calling for a criminal investigation to be conducted about Johnson's residential status and whether his salary over the past year should be returned. Dan Branda, a candidate for Westchester County Legislator in the 4th district said, "The moment he moved into his new home, he vacated his legislative seat, and he admitted this to the IG. For an entire year, he collected a salary for a seat that he vacated, with the intent of hiding that fact.

His role in the redistricting process, to make sure his new home would be in the district, needs to be investigated. Who else on the Board of Legislators knew what he was doing? The Westchester District Attorney should investigate this, and the Board of Legislators should have kept their investigation open, instead of closing it when he resigned," said Branda.

Note: Other elected officials have spoken to this reporter about a taxpayer lawsuit seeking to claw back of Johnson's salary. Yonkers Rising columnist Eric Schoen wanted the taxpayers of Westchester to stop paying Johnson's salary in his column.

On To Our Next Project: Stop Congestion Pricing



By Eric W. Schoen

I attended the WCBS AM 880 Radio Anniversary Celebration in New York City in 2017. Special musical guest was Tony Bennett. It was raining, and he was waiting for his car in a walkway next to the theater. I ran into him, asked if I could get a picture with him and he said yes. He was that rare musician that whether it was with Frank Sinatra or Lady GaGa made beautiful music all generations could enjoy. 'The Song has Ended but the Melody lingers on!' R.I.P. to a man who through song left everyone with a smile on their face!

Boy oh boy it's been a busy summer for our readers. Now on top of everything else New York City is building a first in the nation Congestion Pricing system. Together with our neighbors to the north, east, south and west we have to work to stop it.

Want to kill what's left of New York City? Install congestion pricing. The prohibitive cost will prevent most people from entering New York for business or pleasure. What is congestion pricing? Drivers entering Manhattan south of 60th Street will be charged for entering the Manhattan Central Business District by car possibly up to \$23 during rush and \$17 during off peak times. Its' goal is to collect billions of dollars to fund mass transit while discouraging drivers from jamming up an already overcrowded Midtown Manhattan.

Cleaner air, cleaner streets and better mass transit are other goals of the plan. If it works it will be an ambitious undertaking that will be either a model or a disaster for cities across the country with climate change and traffic reduction goals.

A local panel will decide toll rates, discounts, exemptions and other allowances. The group was appointed by the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) with a goal of implementation next spring. Key details have not been figured out, which simply is not fair to those who will get stung like a bee by this major toll increase.

At the same time the equipment for charging motorists for the tolls is starting to go up this week. Another sneaky job by a government agency? Don't tell the people how much the tolls are going to be but get everything ready so that you can't go back and tell the courts we are ready to rumble and you can't take it away from us.

The simple solution is to have mass transit that is safe, secure and meets the needs of the New York City region. That is not the case now and every time large amounts of money are given to the MTA the money is misspent as the agency has a history of delayed projects with major cost overruns.

So just what is congestion pricing all about. Raising large sums of money that will be misspent by bureaucrats. They will spend the money on political projects not giving a damn about improving mass transit or air pollution or traffic congestion. The poor will suffer, the rich will get richer and the folks in the middle, the little people will get hurt.

There are so many questions on how the program will work. #1 is what will the tolls cost? This is the big question. Rumors run from \$23 at peak times to \$17 at non peak. Will there be exemptions for people with disabilities, people who live inside the district, low income people and others? Why was 60th Street set as a boundary? How will the MTA track tolls, will there be an appeals process for those who claim they didn't enter the zone?

Will taxis, Ubers, Lyfts get charged the tolls and will it be a per day charge or per entry to the district charge. What about fees for trucks and oversized vehicles? What about fuel efficient and electric vehicles?

The NYS Thruway Authority has had its troubles tolling vehicles on its roadways how will this more congested tolling system do its' job efficiently and fairly. How will drivers pay congestion tolls, will drivers without EZ PASS be charged more or have a surcharge on their toll bills? Will fees be higher for those without EZ PASS? Can you use cash or other mechanisms to pay the fee? What will late fees be for not paying your tolls promptly. London which also uses congestion pricing charges users 270 pounds in penalties if the miss payment deadlines and officials can tack on enforcement fees. Will drivers pay penalties or have their cars impounded if they don't pay mandatory fees. Will cars decide to park north of 60th street and continue their trips via public transit to avoid the fees? Is there sufficient parking north of 60th street to allow them to do this?

With so many unanswered questions and so little time to put this system in place in New York, isn't this system designed for failure. And why oh why again are motorists being hit up for a mass transit system on the brink of collapse.

It is my hope that you will join me in opposing Congestion Pricing for New York City. This gimmick is a money grabber and serves no other purpose than that.

The numbers to call to stop this idiocy are:
Governor Kathy Hochul. 15184748390
Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins 5184552584
Senator Shelly Mayer 518-455-2031
Assemblyman Nader Sayegh 914-779-8805
As we saw when we fought the Councilman who didn't his in his district if we work other we can stop this foolishness. And we all have friends in New Jersey, Upstate New York, Staten Island, the Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens that can join us in our fight!

Let the battle begin! We are tired of being overtaxed by the liberals!
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Lawsuit Against Term Limits Change Over: Court Rules that Council Vote Valid and Ethical

A lawsuit filed by 12 Yonkers residents against the decision by the Yonkers City Council to modify the City's Term Limits law had ended, with the NYS Court of Appeals denying a request to be heard by New York's highest court. The case is now over and the lower courts decision, written by State Supreme Court Judge George Fufidio has been upheld.

Judge Fufidio ruled that the vote by the council to modify the number of terms that councilmembers and the Mayor can run from 3-four year terms to 4-four year terms was lawful, writing, "there were no ethical violations committed by the Yonkers City Council by increasing their own and the Mayor's term limits," and "this Court does not find that the increase in term limits for the City of Yonkers Mayor and the Yonkers City Councilmembers violates the Yonkers City Charter."

That decision was upheld by a NYS Appeals Court in a unanimous vote, ruling that the argument filed by the 12 yonkers residents, and their attorney Michael Sussman, was without merit, and tha the Council vote and Mayor Mike Spano signing the change in the law was not an ethics offense.

So far, the 12 Yonkers plaintiffs Anne Marie McArdle, Carolyn Solieri, Michael Represa, Christine Peters, Eric Johnson, Frank Coleman Jr., George Mcanama, Joan Gronowski, Joe Pinion, Kisha Skipper, Mark Parolis and Ron Matten, have lost their legal argument.

Letter to the Editor:

Thank you for telling us the full story of the recent police shooting in New Rochelle. Some New York newspapers (believing they have all the news fit to print) ran the story under the questionable headline "Man Shot Dead by Police After a Report of Stolen Fruit." And they go on to say "The police said he tried to grab an officer's gun" implying there might be another version of the event. The death of Mr. Garris is unfortunate, but his actions alone led up to the final result. And Congressman Bowman is an embarrassment. He defends the actions of convicted criminals (which only Yonkers Rising makes us aware of) and ignores the rights everyone else. How any law abiding citizen could possibly vote for him next year is beyond comprehension.

John Farrell, Yonkers, NY

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"We are relieved that Geraldo Rojas is back in custody," said Yonkers Police Commissioner Christopher Sapienza. "Our dedicated Detectives and Task Force Officers worked tirelessly to locate and apprehend Rojas to ensure the safety of our citizens. Their unwavering commitment to upholding the law serves as a powerful reminder that fugitives will not evade justice in Yonkers and that public safety remains a top priority for our city."

ROJAS is now lodged in the City of Yonkers Jail, awaiting transport to the Westchester County Jail. This successful capture stands as a testament to the diligence and expertise of our local law enforcement professionals in collaboration with our top-tier investigative partners in the FBI.

Developer Withdraws 177 Unit Rental Plan:

Withdraws application for 11 Ordinances from ZBA meeting after Residents, Community Groups Speak Out Against

A proposed development of a 177-unit apartment tower – (Glenwood Hill Manor), has been halted, after significant opposition to the project from Community groups and neighborhood associations.

The proposed development called for the construction of a 14-story multifamily building with ten floors being 177 affordable residential units and four levels of parking providing 138 parking spaces of the required 271 parking spaces, at 273 – 297 Glenwood Avenue, 146 Lake Avenue, and 164 Lake Avenue fronting on both Father Finian Sullivan Drive and Somerville Place.

The developers, Lemor Development Group LLC and Empire Development Capital Holding, LLC, had applied for 11 variances for the 15 different parcels that they were putting together for the project.

The application was on the agenda for the Yonkers Zoning Board of Appeals at their July 19 meeting.

Steve Simpson, President of the Lake Avenue Community Association, gives us a good summary in an email he sent out. Both Simpson and the Lake Ave. Comm Assoc. were instrumental in getting the word out about the concerns of many other residents and community groups.

"Project Withdrawn from the Zoning Board of Appeals! Our Association and community partners, including the North Yonkers Preservation, were successful in communicating the reasons why the proposed project would be harmful to us!

"Over the past five months, we submitted hundreds of letters and signatures on petitions in opposition. We rallied and spoke a number of times before the Zoning Board of Appeals and, on July 19th, we arranged for transportation to City Hall for 14 seniors so they would have an opportunity to speak.

"Our Council Majority Leader, Tasha Diaz, attended our July 18th community meeting, expressed her support for our community, and assured us that she stands with us.

"As promised, we appeared before the ZBA on July 19th with dozens of residents, 14 of whom were seniors ready to voice their opposition to the project and respectfully communicate our Association's concerns. At the beginning of the hearing, we were informed by Chairwoman Kimball that the Zoning Board had denied a request from the developer that the hearing be adjourned until September. Then she read a letter from the developer's attorney received after 4 pm stating they "the Applicants will not appear tonight and hereby withdraw this ZBA application for area variances bearing Case No. 5809." The Chairwoman then announced that the ZBA would no longer hear the case!

"I am humbled by the support received in this campaign from Association members, our partners and those living within our community. Everyone on the ground team was terrific as they knocked on doors, talked about the project with neighbors, collected letters and spoke at the ZBA hearing.

"In rejecting this project, I believe that we have sent a message to future developers of projects to involve us when planning projects in our community," writes Simpson.

The Yonkers Ledger published two documents from the meeting are also helpful in learning more about the project. The first was a letter from attorney Neil J. Alexander, Esq., on behalf of City of Yonkers, owner, and Lemor Development Group and Empire Development Capital Holdings. "As the ZBA is aware, the Applicants have expended significant resources, time, and effort to navigate the various land use entitlement processes in the City of Yonkers since the Summer of 2020 and have received to date for the Project a SEQRA Negative Declaration in October 2022 from the Planning Board and a Rezoning Approval in February 2023 from the City Council, where both of these approvals are final, binding, and non-appealable. Nonetheless, the Applicants will not appear tonight and hereby withdraw this ZBA," writes Alexander.

The second document is a summary of the internal ZBA meeting by an unidentified member of the Yonkers ZBA.

"The Zoning Board reviewed comments from the community and members of the Board and made multiple site visits to inspect the site.

"Madam Chair, I make a motion to deny the requested variances based on facts, findings, information, and testimony presented to this Board at the public hearing, site visits by members of the Zoning Board of Appeals, or otherwise obtained. In denying these variances, the Zoning Board of Appeals has taken into consideration the hardship faced by the applicant as weighed against the detriment to the health, safety, and welfare of the neighborhood and community. Specifically, in making its determination the Board has considered the following:

"Whether the benefit sought by the applicant can be achieved by other feasible means: The benefit of affordable housing can be achieved by other feasible means. For example, the applicant notes in a letter from Cuddy+Feder dated April 6, 2023 that, "The need for the heigh parking, and other required area variances are necessary in light of...the volume needed to provide a sufficient number of parking spaces, the difficult topography of the Premises (with a steep slope); the need to build to a density that provides a reasonable return in light of the significant expected appraisal value the...development firms have agreed to spend to purchase the Premises from the City...". The benefit of affordable housing could be achieved by the applicant at a different, less expensive, and easier to build on location that does not require as many variances. This conclusion was also reached by the Westchester County Planning Board and noted in a letter from same dated March 21, 2023, "The extent of the variances may indicate that the site is too small and steeply sloped for this scale of development."

"Two, whether granting the requested variances would result in an undesirable change in the neighborhood character or a detriment to nearby properties: The granting of the eleven (11) separate variances would result in an undesirable change in the neighborhood. Additionally, the Yonkers Planning Department noted in a memo to the ZBA, "The community into which this proposal is being offered is one of the oldest and most densely developed neighborhoods in the city. Both because of its age and the population that it was designed to serve most housing in the area is wholly without parking and relies upon on-street parking spaces." Thus, it is unlikely the on-street parking on both sides of Somerville Place could be or would be controlled through city ordinance.

"Clearly, granting the requested variances would result in an undesirable change in the neighborhood character and a detriment to nearby properties because the over two-dozen homes on Somerville Place would be struggling to park their cars to accommodate garbage trucks, emergency vehicles and move-in trucks. Further, Father Finian Sullivan Drive, a congested, steep, and winding road with limited visibility, would now be the vehicular entrance and exit point into the Subject Property.

Business Council of Westchester Innovator, Yonkers Native, Receives \$150k Google grant



Andre Peart

Untapped Solutions, a participant in the Westchester Innovation Network (WIN), will receive a \$150,000 start-up grant from Google to grow its online employment platform.

Untapped Solutions, formerly known as ConConnect, is one of 46 U.S. recipients of this year's Google for Startups Black Founders Fund and Latino Founders Fund. Untapped Solutions helps individuals facing barriers to employment by connecting them with employment resources, mentors, and networking tools via an easy-to-use app.

"We are honored to be accepted into the Black Founders Fund, which will support Untapped Solutions as we grow into a national platform that connects job seekers with employers," said Untapped Solutions' CEO Andre Peart, a Yonkers native.

This is the second Google grant for a participant in WIN, a Business Council of Westchester (BCW) initiative designed to connect innovative products and services with local partners to support their development. Last year, WIN innovator Lessonbee received a Google grant to grow its online children's health education platform.

"The WIN initiative was designed to be a launch pad to growth and new investment. The Google grants for two of our tech innovators validates our value pitch to WIN participants," said Dr. Marsha Gordon, the BCW's president and CEO. "We look forward to seeing more of our WIN participants enter funding programs like the Google for Startups Initiative."

Beyond \$150,000 in equity-free cash, participants in the Founders Fund program receive sales and fundraising training, technical support from Google mentors, up to \$100,000 in Google Cloud credits, and mental health coaching from a team of Black and Latino therapists.

The Google grant is the latest success for Untapped Solutions. In 2022, WIN helped Untapped Solutions reach new audiences for its job-resources app through a match with the Yonkers Housing Authority. The collaboration ignited policy initiatives making it easier for previously incarcerated people to qualify for rental leases.

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is viewed as a centrist statesman, he has not yet shown the actions of pro-democracy and a pro-peace agenda. I strongly support a democratic Israel and a Palestinian state that are able to thrive with peace and security."

Bowman's comments have drawn rebukes from many members of the Jewish community in Westchester, and combined with his comments against the Police, a number of wealthy donors, members of police organizations and Jewish groups, have begun to look for a candidate who might challenge Bowman in a democratic primary next year.

One name that has surfaced, and perhaps the only Westchester democrat with the gravitas to challenge Bowman, and win, is Westchester County Executive George Latimer. And while several media reports have confirmed that Latimer has been approached to consider a run against Bowman, the County Executive has made no decision on what his future political plans are.

News 12 reporter Tara Rosenblum was the first to report about Latimer being approached to run against Bowman. "I am thinking about the advice I have been given and will have more to come," said Latimer.

City and State and Politico also ran stories about the possible Bowman v Latimer matchup, and most of those interviewed gave Latimer a chance at victory. Republican strategist Bill O'Reilly pointed out that Latimer "is a tenacious campaigner."

Several other political strategists said that Latimer will run as a moderate democrat, which would contrast with Bowman's far left, progressive ideology, evident in his membership in "the squad," a group of progressive democrats in Congress, including Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Rep. Pramila Jayapal, who recently said that the country of Israel is racist.

Jake Dilemani, a Democratic consultant with Mercury told City and State, "His antics in the last week was, for many people, the straw that broke the camel's back. He was one of only nine people that didn't vote for a bill that said a very simple phrase: Israel is not a racist country.

Also, in City & State, Public Affairs partner at Dynamic SRG, Darren Rigger called Bowman a "professional protestor" and that there are "senior members of the Jewish community in New York who would very much like to see a George Latimer candidacy" Rigger said. "What I heard a lot of people say is Jamal Bowman does performative politics - it's the person who flips over a table in the back of a room or wears a T-shirt and leads a protest. There's no evidence of doing the legislation and passing bills."

Jewish Insider also ran a story about Bowman and a possible challenger. Justin Brasch, President of the White Plains Common Council said, "The Jewish community is furious, and it comes from a long and recent chain of events. People text, email and call me every single day expressing frustration with Congressman Bowman."

"There's no doubt that this constant approach of Congressman Bowman's that's against Israel has had a tremendous impact on the community," Brasch said. "Many people are actively looking for a strong candidate to oppose him."

Jewish Insider also reported that "AIPAC, (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) has met with Latimer in an effort to convince him to run, according to a source familiar with the outreach who was granted anonymity to discuss a confidential matter. (A spokesperson for AIPAC declined to comment.)"

Bill Schrag, President of the Westchester Jewish Council, added in the Jewish Insider story, "Congressman Bowman's recent boycott of President Herzog and his 'no' vote on the recent congressional bill supporting Israel and condemning antisemitism did not occur in a vacuum. This is not the first time Congressman Bowman has disappointed us."

Last year, Rep. Bowman was challenged in a democratic primary by County Legislators Vedat Gashi and Catherine Parker. Bowman won with 57% of the vote, with Gashi second with 23% and Parker third with 18%.

Gashi is now BOL Chair and said he has no plans to run. Parker said she is "not contemplating running" but is "willing to work with others to try to" unseat Bowman.

One Sound Shore Democrat analyzed those results. "Last year, 41% of democrats in the district voted against Bowman. I think George (Latimer) can get another 10% based on who he is and what he has done as County Executive. I think he can do it if he wants it."

And that is the question-does 70-year-old George Latimer want to rock the boat and run against a sitting democrat incumbent Congressman? Does he want to travel to Washington DC and back every week? Does he want to be attacked by Indivisible and other progressive democrats for challenging a black progressive congressman? What would be the response from black democrats in Mt. Vernon, Yonkers and the Bronx?

And if Latimer were to run, it would be national news. "For Latimer to run, this would be to nationalize a primary around a discourse that is deeply counterproductive and a daily headache, frankly, for American Jews," said strategist Alexis Grenell.

Latimer also enjoys his job as County Executive and has two years left in his last term. But if he does have the fire in the belly—look out. Latimer's recent leadership during COVID has endeared him to the people of Westchester. And whenever underestimated in past elections, Latimer comes out on top.

"He was told not to run for State Senate but beat Bob Cohen. Then he ran against Rob Astorino and beat him badly. He works his ass off and campaigns like nobody else. And in a debate, there may be nobody better. I will say look out Jamaal if he wants to do it. But that is a big if," said a Yonkers democrat.

NYS GOP Chair Ed Cox has also had enough of Rep. Jamaal Bowman. "I call upon Kathy Hochul, Jay Jacobs, Hakeem Jeffries, Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand to take a clear and unambiguous stand against anti-Semitism in their own party and condemn Rep. Bowman. Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Shelley Meyer live in Jamaal Bowman's district. Do they have anything to say?"

Indiana Jones recently made his last adventure in the movie, The Dial of Destiny. Does George Latimer have one last election in him?

On This Day in Yonkers History...



**NY Governor and
Presidential candidate Sam
Tilden called Yonkers and
the Greystone mansion his
summer home**

By Mary Hoar, City of Yonkers Historian, President Emerita Yonkers Historical Society, recipient of the 2004 Key to History, Member of the Yonkers Landmarks Preservation Board, and President Untermyer Performing Arts Council

Monday, July 31st

July 31, 1927: Yonkers was in the midst of its first theater strike. Licensed operators, members of the AFL, walked out because unlicensed and nonunion operators were used by some New York theaters. Yonkers police were busy "enforcing employment" of licensed operators. Strikebreakers, none of whom had the Yonkers license required by city law, operated the picture machines in all four Yonkers houses and... all four had failed the exam given by the Examining Board of the Motion Picture Operators a few days earlier in anticipation of the strike.

July 31, 1939: After cutting salaries by 7% the previous September, the Alexander Smith & Sons Carpet Company and Local 122 of the Textile Workers Union of America, CIO, announced they had reached an agreement! The union accepted the company's offer of a 5% raise, although they had requested it be bumped up to the previous salary level. The company created an additional 5% increase for night workers, one-week paid vacation, two hours reporting pay, and agreed to hold hearings on all disciplinary discharges with union representation if the fired employee requested union presence, all considered union wins. Reporting pay applied to workers who arrived at work to find they could not work because of operating changes; previously they were sent home without pay.

Tuesday, August 1st

August 1, 1939: Albany officials ordered dismissals of Yonkers WPA workers stop! Although the original order was to dismiss 1400 people who had been on the rolls for 18 months, the new order was to wait until Congress finalized their action on a spending-lending bill that would affect the layoffs. Unfortunately, this did not affect the status of the 900 people already let go.

August 1, 1940: President Franklin Roosevelt nominated Joseph Warren Stilwell, former Yonkers High School Senior Class President and Captain of Yonkers High School Football Team, to the rank of a full general, the first from the City of Yonkers. Others with the title of General at the time were Brigadier General Frederick M. Hopkins of the Army Air Forces; Major General Levin H. Campbell, Army Chief of Ordnance; and Brigadier General Frank Brady, Air Force.

Wednesday, August 2nd

August 2, 1939: Gambling took place under the stars at Pelton Field... with police protection! An estimated 400 people took part in the bingo fundraiser run by the Eighth Ward Republican Club; they planned to use the proceeds to buy Christmas baskets. At the time, Yonkers rented Pelton during the day to use as a playground, but it was the only playground in Yonkers without swings, seesaws, or a sandbox.

August 2, 1939: Yonkers Labor Party Chairman Maurice Klein announced the party had nominated the first Yonkers woman to run for Eighth Ward Supervisor, Emma Jordan of Lawrence Street! A Smith Carpet worker, she also was Secretary of TWU Local 122.

Thursday, August 3rd

August 3, 1939: Yonkers Postmaster William Cronin, Westchester County Democratic Chairman, announced he was resigning his political post immediately... not because of scandal, but because he was "Hatched!" The Hatch bill forbid federal employees from taking part in any political affairs; Cronin made the announcement as soon as he learned President Roosevelt signed the bill.

August 3, 1943: Besides processing sugar, employees of Refined Syrups and Sugars grew tomatoes on the roof of their riverfront plant as part of the war effort. Their goal, to raise 20,000 pounds of tomatoes for employees and their families, was met and surpassed.

Friday, August 4th

August 4, 1886: Samuel J. Tilden died in Yonkers at his Greystone estate. Tilden purchased the estate in 1879, a few years after his run for the presidency. He loved living in Yonkers and made it his main home, only returning back to his New York City home for the coldest winter months.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 75 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS ENTITLED “POLICE” BY AMENDING ARTICLE VI ENTITLED “PUBLIC NUISANCE ABATEMENT”

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Yonkers has adopted the abovementioned legislation that amends Subsection A(2) of Section 75-23 of Article VI thereof entitled “Public nuisance abatement,” to update the Penal Code designation for violation of Cannabiss. The penalty for violation of this ordinance is as follows:

“§ 75-28. Enforcement of order

A. No sooner than five business days after the issuance of the order pursuant to §§ 75-25 and 75-28, and upon the directive of the Commissioner, officers of the Yonkers Police Department are authorized to act upon and enforce such order

B. Where the Commissioner closes a premises pursuant to this article, such closing shall be for such period as the Commissioner may direct, but in no event shall the closing be for a period of greater than one year from the issuance of the order.

C. Upon receiving a copy of the order issued by the Commissioner, pursuant to §§ 75-25 and 75-28, the Corporation Counsel shall maintain a special proceeding to affix a civil penalty in the amount of up to \$5,000, and to collect any costs and expenses incurred by the City of Yonkers, in commencing the proceeding, closing the premises and in relocating any occupants on the premises. The Corporation Counsel shall file a notice of pendency of the proceeding in the Westchester County Clerk’s Office.

D. The judgment in such proceeding, in favor of the City of Yonkers, shall establish the penalty sued for with costs and disbursements as a lien upon the premises, subject only to taxes, assessments, water rates, mortgages and mechanic’s liens as they exist thereon.”

The complete text of the ordinance is on file and may be examined at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 40 S. Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701.

Dated: July 18, 2023

Vincent Spano, City Clerk

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August 4, 1944: Private First Class Sterling Wildey of Yonkers was doing his war duty right here at home, serving as an Army military police officer at a Midwest prisoner of war camp. He wrote TheHerald Statesman he had “just delivered 700 desuped supermen in good (?) condition.” Although he did not state it, he hinted they were German prisoners captured in the Mediterranean and Normandy area

Saturday, August 5th

August 5,1927: The trial of Yonkers Alderman William McGeory, President of the Westchester County Building Trades Council, began before Federal Judge Jacob Trieber in New York City on government charges of conspiracy. The government alleged those on trial agreed not to “permit others to set any cast stone manufactured outside the district,” and that the allegedly monopoly cost NYC builders more than \$1,000,000 a year. Attorney James Vahey of Boston represented McGeory.

August 5, 1946: Thousands of Yonkers residents listened to Councilman Edith Welty being interviewed on CBS national radio about our tercentennial celebrations. Mrs. William Gibbs McAdoo, widow of the former US Secretary of State and Yonkers resident, interviewed her in an informal chat.

Sunday, August 6th

August 6, 1936: Bill Slater, top sports announcer for NBC radio, told The Herald Statesmanhe was tired of being confused with Yonkers Alderman William Slater. Alderman Slater’s campaign against women wearing shorts in Yonkers apparently had caused many of sportscaster Slater’s listeners to write angry notes to the station stating they intended to dress as they wanted and defied him “to do something about it!”

August 6, 1941: Alderman Robert Goodwillie’s “Little Hatch Act,” his attempt to take politics out of local government by preventing political activity by government employees, was voted down by the Council.

Questions or comments? Email YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com.

For information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood House and upcoming events, please visit our website www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org, call 914-961-8940 or email info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org

Notice of formation of My Mind Is Magic, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 3/14/2023. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 20 South Broadway Suite 420, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of LIVE LONG LIVE STRONG FITNESS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/07/22. Office location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 33 Sherwood Ave, apt. 3w, Yonkers, NY 10704. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Formation of LIMESMASHER LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/2/2023. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Michael Lime-killer, 938 Saw Mill River Rd., Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of True to Life Counseling Psychotherapy Services, LCSW PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 5/26/2023 Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC at 50 Riverdale Avenue Suite 15J, Yonkers, Ny 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

CORPORATION NOTICE CITY OF YONKERS-NEW YORK PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the Mayor of the City of Yonkers, New York, will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 8th, 2023 at 5:00 pm, Mayor’s Reception Room, 2nd floor, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, to hear all interested parties and citizens regarding the adoption of the following Local Law, to wit:

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 15-141 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, IN RELATION TO EXTENDING THE CITY OF YONKERS MORTGAGE RECORDING TAX.

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information, including access to a copy of said proposed local law, may be obtained at the City Clerk’s office, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, and on the City’s Website.

MIKE SPANO, Mayor

Date: July 26, 2023

CORPORATION NOTICE CITY OF YONKERS-NEW YORK PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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A LOCAL LAW AMENDING PARTS OF ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS ENTITLED “SALES AND USE TAX” TO CONFORM TO THE 2023 AMENDMENTS OF THE NEW YORK STATE TAX LAW.

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information, including access to a copy of said proposed local law, may be obtained at the City Clerk’s office, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, and on the City’s Website.

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A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS ENTITLED “TAXES” IN RELATION TO THE IMPOSITION OF A CITY OF YONKERS INCOME TAX SURCHARGE TO CONFORM TO THE 2023 AMENDMENTS OF THE NEW YORK STATE TAX LAW.

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information, including access to a copy of said proposed local law, may be obtained at the City Clerk’s office, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, and on the City’s Website.

MIKE SPANO, Mayor

Date: July 26, 2023

Notice of formation of 54 TOWER PLACE LLC of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/10/2023. Office: Westchester County. RAED MALAMMARI designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to the LLC, 54 TOWER PLACE YONKERS, NY 10703 Purpose: Real Estate.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS IN A FORECLOSURE ACTION Index No.: 60397/18-SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK-COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER-T11 FUNDING Plaintiff(s), against THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, LEGATEES, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTES AND/OR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ESTATE OF ANNA BELLE WARWICK AND ALL PERSONS THAT MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY REFERRED TO IN THE COMPLAINT BY, THROUGH OR UNDER ANY OF THE FOREGOING (THE AFORESAID UNKNOWN HEIRS, LEGATEES, DEVISEES AND/OR REPRESENTATIVES BEING ALL SUCH HEIRS, LEGATEES, DEVISEES AND/OR REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR THAN THOSE SPECIFICALLY NAMED AS A DEFENDANT HEREIN- THE IDENTITY AND ADDRESSES OF ALL THE FOREGOING NOT BEING KNOWN TO PLAINTIFF), RINICO SAWYER, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ANNA BELLE WARWICK, WEL-LINGTON SAWYER, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ANNA BELLE WARWICK, RONALD SAWYER, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ANNA BELLE WARWICK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA , NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE , CITY OF YONKERS, "JOHN DOES", AND "JANE DOES" said names being fictitious and unknown to the Plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the fee owners, occupants, tenants, persons or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the liened premises if the aforesaid individual defendants if living, or if said individual defendants are dead, their respective heirs -at-law, next-of-kin, distributes, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, through, or, against the said defendants named as a class, of any right, title or interest in or lien upon the premises described in the verified complaint, Defendant(s)-To the above named Defendants: You are hereby summoned to appear and Answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or, within 30 thirty days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. WESTCHESTER COUNTY is designated as the place of trial, the basis of venue is the location of the premises that is subject of the tax lien. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE TAX LIEN HOLDER WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO PLAINTIFF/TAX LIEN HOLDER WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (TAX LIEN HOLDER) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Charles D. Wood J.S.C., dated June 2, 2021. Nature and Object of Action-The object of the above action is to foreclose City of Yonkers Tax Lien covering the premises located at Section 5 Block 5030 Lot(s) 88-89 and also known as 2 Ashford Place, Yonkers, New York 10701.

Dated: April 29, 2020
 GLENN FINLEY & ASSOCIATES, Attorneys for Plaintiff By: Glenn Finley, Esq.
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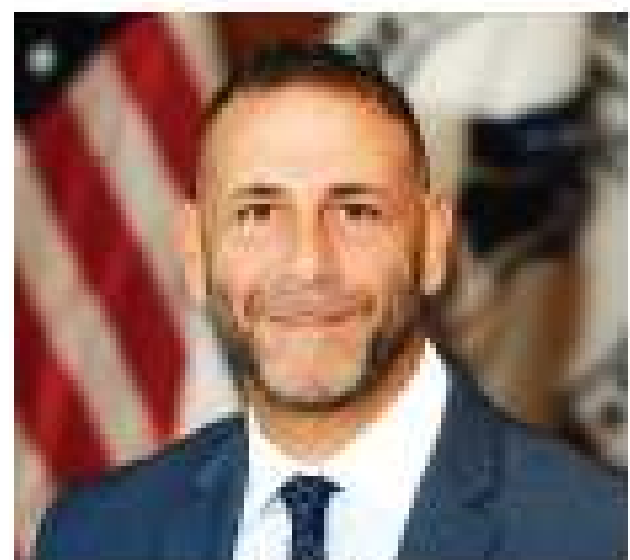
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