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Councilwoman Williams Speaks About Racism at Rally for Black Lives



Councilwoman Shanae Williams at Rally for Black Lives in Bedford

By Dan Murphy

Yonkers City Councilwoman Shanae Williams recently spoke at a Rally for Justice to a crowd of 1500 in Bedford, to share her experiences and thoughts on racism, defunding the police and how young people will change America.

"I was surprised at first that they reached out to me, but I have met a lot of Young Democrats and they invited me to come and speak. I didn't know how large the crowd would be, all standing in solidarity," said Williams, who was re-elected last year—who joined the council in 2018 and was elected to a four-year term in 2019

"As a young black woman, I have experienced racism to my face in school," Williams told the crowd. "As a Jamaican, I didn't think about race until I came to this country. Only then did I realize that the odds were against me."

Williams said that even in Yonkers, and even in Yonkers City Hall, systemic prejudices and racism exists. "When I worked in the mayor's office as a black woman I was making significantly less than my white counterpart doing the exact same job with exact same title.

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Polling Places for June 23 Primary See Page 5- Get Out and Vote !

I Support a Real Democrat: Congressman Eliot Engel

By Eric Schoen



Eric Schoen, left with Congressman Eliot Engel

If you live in Yonkers, I urge you to vote to re-elect Eliot Engel For Congress in the 16th Congressional District on Primary Day, June 23. You can vote in person, by mail or during the early voting taking place at the Grinton Will or Yonkers Riverfront Libraries through this Sunday.

Why do I urge you to vote for Eliot? Simply he is running against a blank slate with no knowledge of Yonkers. He is running against a candidate who moved into OUR district just so that he could run for Congress. He is running against an opponent with no Yonkers credibility, a man who doesn't list any community involvement in Yonkers on his campaign literature. Why? Because he has none!

What an insult it is to those of us who work hard everyday trying to make Yonkers a better place to live. We simply cannot open the door to someone who couldn't find their way to Getty Square. Or Yonkers City Hall. Or to the schools in our city with such severe financial problems. Or to major business districts like Central Avenue, Ridge Hill, the fresh coffee brewing at everyone's favorite store in the Austin Avenue development, the McLean Ave and Yonkers Avenue business districts, you name them I doubt Eliot's opponent Mr. Bowman could find them.

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We Endorse: Daly, Shako, McGrath for City Court



L-R-Judge Brendan McGrath, attorney Verris Shako and Judge Tom Daly deserve your vote on June 23

By Dan Murphy

On June 23, Yonkers Democrats will be voting on three of their party's nominees for City Court. Five candidates are seeking the three seats on the Yonkers bench. They are: Judge Tom Daly, Judge Brendan McGrath, attorney Verris Shako, attorney Dan Romano, and Administrative Law Judge Karen Best.

The Yonkers Democratic Party held a convention earlier this year, (before COVID), and nominated Daly, McGrath, and Shako, with a supermajority of the 400 Yonkers district leaders casting their votes for the three democratic nominees.

Since then, this team of Judicial candidates has campaigned through the coronavirus and across the city. Along the way, they have picked 20 endorsements, from a wide range of groups, organizations, and Yonkers democrats, including Mayor Mike Spano, County Legislators Christopher Johnson, Jose

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50a Repealed Is Defunding Police Next?

By Dan Murphy



"We've had enough abuse of power by law enforcement... Black Lives Matter, and we've had enough of being told otherwise."

State Senate

Majority Leader

Andrea Stewart-Cousins

The New York State legislature passed, and Governor Andrew Cuomo signed into law, the repeal of 50a of the Civil Rights Law, which had provided additional protections to the personnel records of police officers, firefighters, and correction officers. This protection had been interpreted to include disciplinary records of law enforcement officers. This repeal would subject these records to FOIL, just as all other records kept by public agencies, while protecting the sensitive personal contact and health information of these officers.

In the peaceful protests across Westchester County since the killing of George Floyd, the call to repeal 50a protections had been made by many protestors and elected officials. Last week it happened.

State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said, "The murder of George Floyd shined a light--yet again--on the injustice that pervades our justice. system and the structural racism that has cut countless black lives short in our nation. This latest, horrific example of police brutality unleashed a torrent of grief and outrage across. America - from Minneapolis to our very own communities here in Westchester.

"It is a time for momentous change and civic participation. It is also a time for those of us in positions of power to act. Change is necessary, and now is the time.

"In recent days, I was happy to stand and address hundreds of my constituents at rallies and vigils in Dobbs Ferry, Yonkers, New Rochelle, Hastings and Elmsford—and others—who want real change that has so far been denied even after the killings of Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Sean Reed, Tony McDade, and so many others.

"But this time is different. This week is different. As Senate Majority Leader, I am proud to stand with my colleagues and pass legislation that will help stop bad actors and send a clear message that brutality, racism and unjustified killings will not be tolerated.

"We've had enough abuse of power by law enforcement. We've had enough of feeling our hearts break for families whose loved ones were taken by the very people who were supposed to protect them. Black Lives Matter, and we've had enough of being told otherwise," said Sen. Stewart-Cousins.

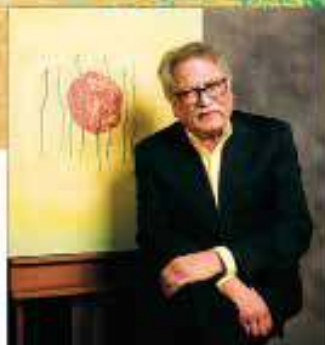
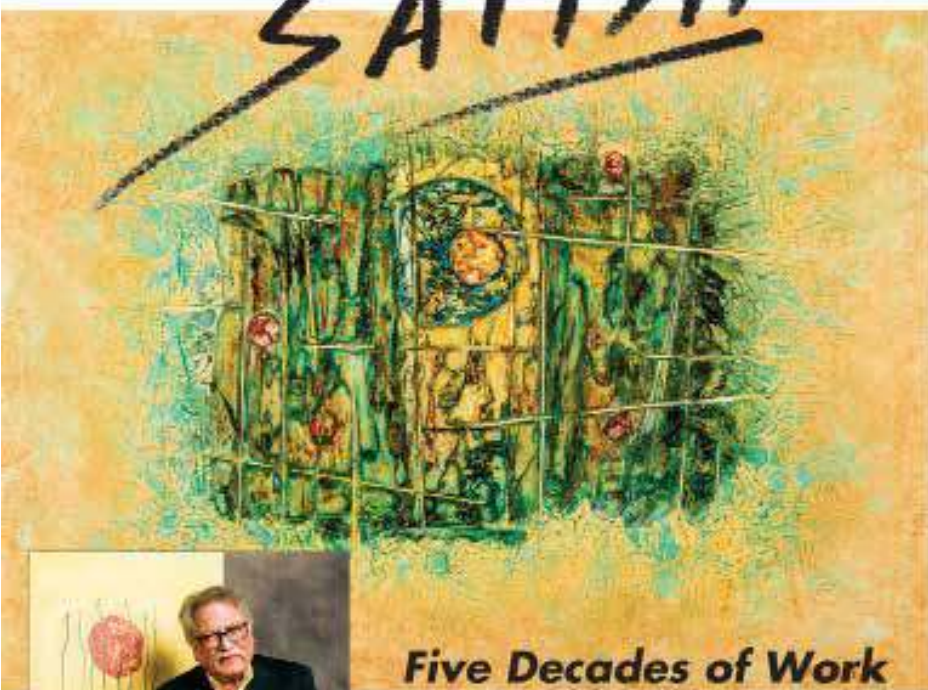
Other items adopted with the repeal of 50a aimed at police reforms, include:

• Senate Bill S.2574B: This legislation, sponsored by Senator Jamaal Bailey, will create an Office of Special Investigation within the Department of Law, under the Attorney General, which will investigate, and, if

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We Endorse: Scarpino for DA, Engel



District Attorney Anthony Scarpino Jr, and Congressman Eliot Engel deserve your vote

On June 23, democrats across Westchester will be voting, either in person, or by absentee ballot, in important primaries for District Attorney, Congress and Assembly. Two of the bigger races in Westchester are for District Attorney and for two seats in Congress. Rising Newspapers endorses Anthony Scarpino for re-election as District Attorney, and Congressman Eliot Engel for re-election to the 16th District.

Both Scarpino and Engel have served their constituents well; Scarpino in protecting and serving the people of Westchester, while at the same time enacting new progressive reforms to the criminal justice system. Crime is down 20% under Scarpino's watch. At the same time, DA Scarpino has stopped prosecuting minor marijuana offenses and began to enact bail reform for misdemeanors and nonviolent crimes in his office before it came state law.

DA Scarpino has also enforced the Red Flag Law, which takes guns out of the hands of the mentally ill. And through the COVID-19 epidemic in Westchester, Scarpino's office continued to protect the people of Westchester.

Scarpino's opponent, former prosecutor Mimi Rocah, has not made the case to remove Scarpino from office. Over the past four years, Scarpino has exhibited a combination of prosecuting cases that keep the county safe, while at the same time implementing progressive reforms to his office. That balance is the reason why we endorse Scarpino for re-election in the democratic primary June 23.

Rising Newspapers also endorses Congressman Eliot Engel for re-election in the democratic primary June 23 in the 16th District, which includes Yonkers, and all of lower -mid Westchester and parts of the Bronx.

Engel has served his constituents well over his 32 years in Washington. He is a respected member of the leadership in the House, led by Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and has used his seniority to help the district with needed Federal funding. During the pandemic, Congressman Engel delivered \$5B for New York hospitals, \$76 million for community health centers and \$400 million for COVID-19 relief for nursing homes, a hot spot for deaths in NY.

Engel enjoys strong support from African-American leaders including members of the Congressional Black Caucus, Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins, and State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins.

Engel has strong support for women's rights groups and has been endorsed by NARAL Pro Choice America, Planned Parenthood Action Fund, ProChoice Voter and the National Organization of Women PAC. County Executive Geor-

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Sara Brody Appointed Director Yonkers Downtown Waterfront BID



Sara Brody

The Yonkers Downtown Waterfront BID (YDWBID) announced the appointment of Sara A. Brody to the position of Executive Director – effective Monday, July 6, 2020. As Executive Director, Sara will be responsible for administration, financial management, strategic planning, growth, and the general day-to-day operational activities of the organization. She will also oversee supplemental services such as sanitation and maintenance. Sara’s additional responsibilities will include public safety and visitor services; expanded PR, marketing, and promotional programs; capital improvements; and the beautification of the downtown waterfront in Yonkers.

“The Yonkers Downtown Waterfront BID is thrilled to welcome Sara Brody as our new Executive Director. Sara has a proven track record of success and we are excited for her to bring her innovative ideas and expertise in strategic planning and development to our organization. We have confidence that her leadership will be the catalyst needed to move the BID forward during this difficult year,” said Kenneth Dearden, Chairman, Yonkers Downtown Waterfront BID Board of Directors.

Sara joins the Yonkers Downtown Waterfront BID from Groundwork Hudson Valley, where she is completing her tenure as the Director of Strategic Partnerships. In her role at Groundwork, Sara collaborates with the Executive Director and the Board of Directors to develop, manage, and implement Groundwork Hudson Valley’s annual fundraising plan and long-term development strategies.

Prior to her position at Groundwork Hudson Valley, Sara worked at Keep America Beautiful. There, Sara led the development of the overall individual donor strategy, created a grant writing program, and worked with their affiliate network to build mutually beneficial partnerships. For more informatoin, visit www.YonkersDowntown.com.for more info.,

Reverend William Norman Appointed Yonkers Director of Veterans Services



Rev. William Norman

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano announced the appointment of Reverend William E. Norman, Sr., a 42-year retired Vietnam Veteran, as the new Director of the Yonkers Office of Veterans Services.

“Rev. Norman has proudly served our country overseas and our communities here in Yonkers, dedicating his time to supporting both military service members and residents in need,” said Mayor Spano. “Rev. Norman will be a tremendous asset to our City and advocate on behalf of our Veterans and their families in assuring they receive the support and resources they deserve.”

Rev. Norman received several medals and commendations for his service in the United States Marine and was also awarded Meritorious Mast for his bravery in the line of duty. In addition to his military service, Rev. Norman, an ordained minister, is a Yonkers Police Chaplain, serving as a spiritual adviser to the department and their families. Rev. Norman served eight years as the City of Yonkers Human Rights Commissioner and was a part of the NYC-9/11 Clergy Task Force, where he received an award from the Red Cross for services rendered during 9/11.

“I would like to extend my gratitude to Mayor Mike Spano, for his vote of confidence in me,” said Rev. William Norman. “To the Veteran community, I pledge to provide and advocate for services for you and your families. I look forward to building on the outstanding programs that the Office of Veterans Services offers the servicemen and women of Yonkers.”

Rev. Norman will fill a vacancy at the Yonkers Office of Veterans Services left by former Director Louis Navarro, who recently retired. His service as the new Director is effective immediately.

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Open Letter to Mr. Jamaal Bowman

News reports indicate that you were recently endorsed by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, whose record on Israel is deeply distressing and disappointing. Following your expression of gratitude regarding her endorsement, I began looking into your position vis a vis Israel.

You're quoted as saying that American aid to Israel should be conditional on exploring Israel's human rights record. I am of the opinion, as noted by others, that there is no country anywhere facing the same threats as Israel, that has a better human rights record.

I am especially alarmed that at no time have you mentioned Palestinian violation of human rights - specifically, the Palestinian Authority's policy of funding the families of those who have committed murderous terrorist acts.

Those murderous acts have not spared our own district. Just a year and a half ago, Ari Fuld, son of Rabbi Yonah Fuld who is a past principal of the SAR academy, one of the largest schools in our area, the Riverdale section of the Bronx, was knifed to death by a Palestinian terrorist.

And let us not forget Taylor Force, an American veteran who was murdered in Tel Aviv by Palestinian terrorists. In 2018, the Taylor Force Act was passed in Congress. The bill calls for America to decrease aid to the PA until it stops supporting terrorist families.

Due to the PA's "pay to slay" policy, the families of these terrorists will be receiving financial support from the PA for life. Knowing that their families will receive money, this policy has inspired many to commit more heinous acts of terror.

Countless Riverdalians now live in Israel, including our daughter and her family. Some live in the town of Efrat, just south of Jerusalem, in Gush Etzion. In the center of Gush Etzion, many, including Ezra Schwartz, a teenager from Boston, were viciously murdered by Palestinian terrorists.

Furthermore, the human rights abuses of the PA (and the Hamas terrorist organization, for that matter) don't merely extend to Israelis, but Palestinians as well. In fact, according to a 149-page report released in 2018 by Human Rights Watch, the organization describes what it calls "arbitrary arrests" and "systematic torture" by the PA and Hamas towards innocent Palestinians.

Mr. Bowman, you have said before that "this is not about singling out Israel and targeting Israel." Yet it seems to me, at least in regard to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, that this is exactly what you are doing.

And so, in light of all this, my questions are very specific: Do you support the Taylor Force Act? Are you prepared to say that you oppose the PA's policy of financially supporting families of terrorist murderers? And will you condemn the human rights abuses of the PA and Hamas?

Additionally, your position on BDS is not clear. Most recently, there was a bill in Congress entitled "Opposing Efforts to Delegitimize the State of Israel and the Local Boycott Divestment Sanctions Movement Targeting Israel." When the time came to vote on it, 398 Congresspersons voted yea, 17 voted nay. Reps. AOC, Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib were amongst the few nay votes.

How would you have voted on this resolution? How can we be sure that having received a strong endorsement from AOC (who also co-sponsored a different pro-BDS resolution proposed by Omar), that you are not beholden to her? Are you able to definitively commit yourself to never supporting BDS?

Speaking of Reps. Omar and Tlaib, you tweeted that "@IlhanMN @RashidaTlaib do not hate Israel." As many know, both Omar and Tlaib have made highly anti-Semitic statements in recent years, and their anti-Semitism has been condemned by the Anti-Defamation League and the Simon Wiesenthal Center. Do you still stand by your defense of these Congresswomen?

Mr. Bowman, you have raised questions about Israel's human rights record and labeled Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as an "authoritarian." However, Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East. It has just gone through its third election in 18 months.

Yet you've said nothing about the PA, whose president Mahmoud Abbas, is now in his twelfth year of a four-year term. Will you similarly label Abbas an authoritarian? Our community is proud of its commitment to American values including, of course, racial harmony and equality for all.

And amongst the issues most important to us is the well-being of the State of Israel, one of America's greatest allies. Unfortunately, your comments on Israel have fallen, far, far short. I look forward, and I believe our community looks forward, to hearing your responses to the specific questions that I've raised.

Rabbi Avi Weiss, Founding Rabbi of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale,

A Letter to the Editor for Political Civility

Mr. Murphy, I would like to add my support for Ann Muro, the former Chair of the Yonkers Democratic Party, in her bid to remain a member of the party that she has worked for the past 45 years!

In years past, it was traditional to give the former Chair's of the Yonkers Democratic Party their own District Leader's vote. Ann Muro has been a district leader in the 5th Ward for as long as I can remember.

There is an effort underway to take over the democratic party. I am not taking a stance on that matter, whoever has the most votes wins, its that simple.

But what I am calling for is a little bit of political civility, and tradition, which gives the former Chair's of the party a small seat at the table.

Hasn't Ann Muro deserved as much?

Thanks for you consideration, Alberta Vetriano, a proud Yonkers Democrat

Editor's Note: Mrs. Vetriano, thanks for your letter and we agree. Yonkers Rising endorses Ann Muro, for Democratic District Leader, 5th Ward, on June 23.

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How insulting to the people who make Yonkers great. Not a bit of community service on his campaign literature. I know people who have lived in Yonkers two years that at least have some roots to their community.

Before I sing Congressman Engel's praises you need to know more about his blank slate opponent. He claims he is an 'Award Winning Educator!' In 2018 alone NYC Board of Education Records on his school state 81% of students 'failed math standards' and '66% failed English.'

And sadly, Mr. Bowman doesn't bring up the New York Post October 25, 2018 story that told how he as a Principal was fined a thousand dollars by the New York Conflicts of Interest Board for using his school for political purposes. Our hard working parent and community organizations have to pay to use our school buildings after school. Is he going to let his political cronies use our school facilities for nothing?

Mr. Bowman calls himself a Democrat. When did he become a Democrat? When he moved to Yonkers less than 2 years ago and decided to run for office. Before that he was a member of the Independence Party. You remember them. The party that supported Sarah Palin. Yes, that Sarah Palin.

He wants you to care who the Democratic Candidate for the 16th District is but did he care who the Democratic Candidate for President was in 2008? In 2016? He did not vote in any Democratic Primary when he lived in Brooklyn nor Manhattan through 2016. And he calls himself a Democrat?

Matter of fact he didn't even register as a Democrat when he moved to Yonkers in 2017 not voting for County Executive that year nor in the June 2018 Congressional Primary for the seat he currently seeks. Something seriously wrong with this picture!

Let's look at Bowman's literature. He's a coalition builder and community organizer. Not in Yonkers. He will push universal health care, bring down prescription drug prices, defend a woman's right to choose, immigrants rights, voting rights, support labor Unions and green deal jobs, stand up to Trump's division, reduce gun violence, enact police reform, fight for affordable housing. That's what Engel's literature says he will do.

Wait a minute. That's Bowman's literature. Funny but Eliot Engel has been doing this and more since Bowman was a child. By the way, funny how Mr. Bowman didn't mention any support for Israel. It's not funny. It's sad!

Bowman is supported by NYC Comptroller Stringer who probably couldn't tell you the name of the Yonkers Controller. Congresswoman Andrea Ocasio-Cortez who know bupkis (little) about Yonkers. She went to school in Northern Westchester. Probably had more opportunities than those of us who grew up in South Yonkers. And State Senator Alessandra Biaggi whose grandfather, Mario Represented many parts of Yonkers for years and is probably rolling over in his grave knowing his granddaughter is endorsing someone with no roots to Yonkers nor the Bronx.

And as we go to press comes support from Senator Elizabeth Warren. Let me not insult my Native American brothers and sisters (my cousins sister is married to a real Native American) by bringing up her name.

Engel has a lifetime 'F' voting record from the NRA. He fought for needed funds to combat the coronavirus. He demanded money for NY hospitals. He demanded Personal Protection Equipment for emergency services frontline workers. He obtained 1000's of FDA approved coronavirus antibody tests.

Most importantly, he has done all the things his opponent Bowman says he will try to do and more. Did you know that Engel spends most of his Congressional Budget in his district with workers solving your federal issues?

I was sponsoring a candidates night at the Yonkers Public Library Will Library during Hurricane Katrina. I was shocked that Eliot showed up as some lesser officials failed to show. He was waiting for a call on his flip phone from the White House. Cell service stunk. I said, 'Eliot, thanks for showing up, you can go you have more important things to worry about. He stayed for the event, answered questions from the audience and took notes for follow-up. All while holding on for the President on his flip phone from Washington.

I'm tired of carpetbaggers coming into Yonkers asking us how long we have lived in our city. Telling us how to solve the problems of a city we know so well. I have never felt as strongly about asking you to vote for a candidate as I do with Eliot Engel. He's not perfect. He made a gaffe on a local cable channel he should not have. He should have been in district during the coronavirus situation but hey, I would not have put my grandfather on a plane. I don't think you would have either.







I hope you will join me in voting for someone who knows the needs of our district, Congressman Eliot Engel on Primary Day, June 23. God Bless America.

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisonkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @ericyonkers. Listen to Eric Schoen and Dan Murphy on the Westchester Rising Radio Show Thursday's from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, go to WVOX.com and click the arrow to listen to the live stream or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge.

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- 2-Lincoln HS 357 Kneeland Ave
- 3-Yonkers Middle/HS 150 Rockland Ave
- 4-Cross Hill Academy 160 Bolmer Ave
- 5-Nepperhan Comm. Ctr. 342 Warburton Ave
- 6-Cesar Chavez School 20 Cedar Place
- 7-School 29-Westchester Hill 47 Croydon Road
- 8-Will Library 1500 Central Park Ave
- 9- Yonkers Montessori Acad.160 Woodlawn Ave

Schumer: Domestic Violence Cases up 33% Durng COVID

Citing a recent New York State report that details a very troubling 33% rise in domestic violence cases across New York amid COVID, U.S. Senator Charles Schumer demanded the United States Senate take up the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), which passed the House with bipartisan support all the way back in April of 2019. Schumer demanded Leader McConnell take VAWA 'off the shelf' and rightfully pass it in the Senate. Schumer said that New York is not alone in worrisome statistics, either. Other states, like Texas and Illinois, according to the New York Times, have seen similar domestic violence surges and capital resources for many programs could dry up fast.

"The data from New York's report mirrors similar statistics across other parts of the country that are also seeing a rise in domestic violence amid the coronavirus pandemic. It's up to all of us to heed the warning in these numbers and not allow a pandemic to fuel an epidemic of domestic violence so many have devoted their lives to preventing," said U.S. Senator Charles Schumer. "Since I first helped write the Violence Against Women Act in 1994, countless individuals have been saved. Whether the funds provided were for local shelters, counseling or other critical efforts, the law has given so many a second chance and we cannot rest until the Senate acts, the law is fully reauthorized and the help New York and other states need is on the way."

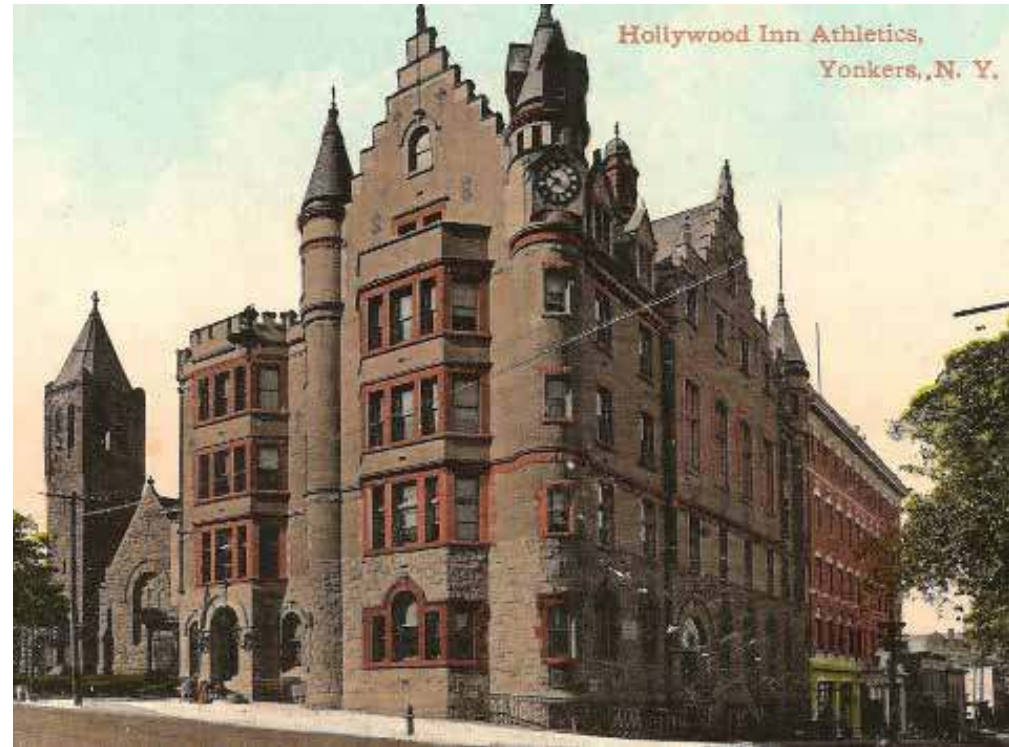
According to New York's domestic violence task force, "...in the first few months of the COVID-19 pandemic, data reported by law enforcement and domestic violence service providers pointed to an increase in domestic violence, with the New York State Domestic & Sexual Violence Hotline recording a 33 percent increase in calls for April 2020 compared to April 2019, and shelter occupancy rates upstate rising to 78 percent in April 2020, versus 59 percent in April 2019.

"Right now, because of the uncertainty around the Violence Against Women Act's future reauthorization we have states preparing to turn over the couch cushions for this life-saving funding, and that cannot sustain," Schumer added. "Philanthropy is certainly one way to 'fill in the gaps' but existing federal funding cannot be allowed to simply 'fall short.' That's why we need the Senate to act here, because government has a job to do and lives to save."

The original 1994 VAWA bill, which was authored by Schumer when he was a member of the House, has been reauthorized three times—in 2000, 2005 and 2013—with unanimous Senate approval the first two times. Since its enactment, the bill has reduced domestic violence by more than 50 percent. Additionally, the legislation, over the course of its history, has provided more than \$7 billion in federal funding towards reducing these types of violence.

On this day in Yonkers history...

By Mary Hoar, President Untermyer Performing Arts Council, President Emerita the Yonkers Historical Society



The Hollywood Inn

Monday, June 22nd

June 22, 1907: Mrs. Alexander Smith formally laid the cornerstone of the Sprain Ridge Hospital Administration Building. The hospital, founded by Alexander Smith Cochran, was created to treat tuberculosis. Other speakers were Thomas Ewing, Dr. William Sherman, and Mayor John Coyne, who expressed the gratitude of the citizens of Yonkers.

June 22, 1918: Chairman of the Yonkers National War Savings campaign Alfred McCann announced that Yonkers would no longer use the yellow or "Pro-German" cards. He stated the card was not "abandoned because it was not properly designed by the government to separate the loyal from the disloyal in certain doubtful districts, but because it is believed it does not apply to a city that stands foremost in the Nation with an oversubscription of 252% to its credit." Anyone who did not sign a white card promising to purchase war stamps regularly was issued a yellow card and labeled as a traitor or pauper. Leading citizens such as Hampton Ewing and Judge Webster Thayer denounced this intimidation technique.

Tuesday, June 23rd

June 23, 1780: Grenadier and English regiments pitched camp at the Philipse house

June 23, 1906: The Hollywood Inn opened its roof garden; highlight of the garden were soft drinks, ice cream and outdoor furniture.

June 23, 1927: After receiving a legal opinion that the proposition to changed the length of Yonkers' elected offices from two to four years did not require a referendum vote, Mayor William Walsh sent the proposal to the Common Council with his approval.

Wednesday, June 24th

June 24, 1919: Ellen Cox Ewing, wife of Civil War General Thomas Ewing, passed away at home on Belmont Terrace. Before the war, General Ewing had been the Chief Justice of Kansas. Active in community affairs and connected to the Homeopathic Hospital and Maternity since its inception, Mrs. Ewing serving as Hospital President for many years. Her son Thomas married Anna Cochran, daughter of carpet shop heiress Eva Smith Cochran.

June 24, 1929: Sir Mortimer Singer, High Sheriff of the County of Berkshire, passed away in London. Son of Isaac Merritt Singer, inventor of the Singer sewing machine, he was born in Yonkers on July 25, 1863. He studied at Cambridge, was one of the earliest pilots in England and earned an Aviator's Certificate on the biplane. He became a British citizen in 1900 and was created a Knight of the British Empire in 1920.

Thursday, June 25th

June 25, 1942: Additional guards were placed at all Yonkers and New York City water systems in our city; a team of eight Nazi saboteurs was captured on Long Island, with a second group still loose. Their targets were hydro-electric plants, factories, railroad tracks, bridges, and the New York City water system. Found guilty after their trial, six were electrocuted at the District Jail in Washington. The other two cooperated and later were deported to Germany.

July 25, 1943: The "Section Five Club," Yonkers Giants fans who regularly attended games at the Polo Grounds sitting in Section Five, actually got to play on the field! While their favorite team was playing out of town, Giants officials allowed them to use the grounds for a picnic. The highlight of the afternoon was a game between the Section Fivers, wearing the Giants home game uniforms, and the Captain Edward Grant Post, American Legion, a post named after the former Giants third baseman killed in action during World War I. After seven innings, with a score of 21-21, the game was called on account of... food!

Friday, June 26th

June 26, 1926: Federal agents seized 1,833 quarts of whiskey, 221 quarts of gin, one case of champagne, 109 gallons of wine and 305 gallons of assorted spirits worth \$25,000 from a house on Buena Vista Avenue.

June 26, 1926: The Chamber of Commerce announced it had given up on the plan to build a hotel at South Broadway near Morris Street as it only raised one-third of the needed 1.5 million dollars for the project. They refunded the \$500,000 raised, and hoped private money would build a hotel in the city. The Chamber wanted to recapture money being spent for Yonkers events held in New York City hotels.

Saturday, June 27th

June 27, 1897: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle thanked John Kendrick Bangs for dedicating his book, "The Pursuit of the Houseboat," to him. Bangs' dedication read, "To A. Conan Doyle, with the author's sincerest regards and thanks for the untimely demise of his great detective, which made these things possible."

Doyle responded, "How very good of you to inscribe your most amusing and original book to me! I begin to have hope of immortality now that I have got onto your flyleaf. With all kindest remembrances to you and yours, Ever truly yours, A. Conan Doyle." An intriguing postscript was added: "I still live in hopes of playing round the Yonkers links once more." Doyle gave no indication to which Yonkers' fine golf course he referred.

June 27, 1944: Yonkers Marine and Quartermaster Sergeant Hubert Lloyd of Caryl Avenue received cigarettes supplied by the "Yonkers Cigaret Fund" while in the South Pacific; he promptly write to City Clerk Francis Heafy, his Caryl Avenue neighbor and Chairman of the fund. He said, "It might interest you to know the fine record shown by labor and industry there (Yonkers), a record which tops the entire Country, is greatly appreciated out here... it is, indeed, heartening to know that your home town is in there pitching."

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROJECT BASED VOUCHER PROPOSALS

The Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers ("MHACY") hereby solicits proposals from private property owners (landlords) for the use of Project Based Vouchers to expand the affordable housing opportunities in Yonkers' neighborhoods that are not negatively impacted by poverty and/or race.

Proposals will be accepted for one year. The first round of proposals must reach MHACY no later than 4:00 p.m. on July 14, 2020. Thereafter MHACY intends to solicit proposals on a quarterly basis

All responses to the RFP must be emailed or enclosed in a sealed envelope. Email submissions must contain the Subject Line: Project Based Voucher RFP and sent to the following email: procurement@mhacy.org. Mailed and/or hand delivered submissions must contain an original and four (4) copies; be labeled Project Based Voucher RFP; and be addressed to Wilson Kimball, President & CEO, Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers, 1511 Central Park Avenue, P.O. Box 35, Yonkers, New York 10710.

This RFP contains submission requirements and other pertinent information for submitting a proper and responsive proposal. Prospective applicants desiring any explanation or interpretation of the solicitation must request it at least seven (7) calendar days before the RFP due date. The request must be addressed to Wilson Kimball, President & CEO, at the address stated below. Any information given to a prospective applicant about this solicitation will be furnished to all other prospective applicants as a written amendment to the solicitation.

Proposals will be evaluated on the criteria stated in the RFP. Negotiations may be conducted with landlords who have a reasonable chance of being selected for an award. After evaluation of the proposal revisions, if any, Housing Assistance Payment ("HAP") contracts will be awarded to the landlord(s) whose proposals are the most advantageous to MHACY. MHACY reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

Notice: Contact with members of the MHACY Board of Commissioners, or MHACY officers and employees other than the contact person shown above, prior to the execution of a HAP contract could result in disqualification of a proposal. In fairness to all firms, during the RFP process MHACY will not meet in person with anyone representing a potential bidder to discuss this RFP. This does not exclude meetings required to conduct business not related to the RFP, or possible personal presentations after written proposals have been received and evaluated.

Wilson Kimball
President, CEO
Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers
1511 Central Park Avenue
Yonkers, New York 10710

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Latimer, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and New Rochelle Mayor Noam Bramson also support Engel's re-election, as we do.

As Chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Engel continues to speak out against injustice across the world and against Trump administration when he sees fit.

Engel's opponents, Jamall Bowman, Chris Fink and Sammy Ravello, have not provided a compelling reason why Engel should not be re-elected. We endorse Eliot Engel for re-election to Congress in the 17th district June 23 in the democratic primary.

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Sunday, June 28th

June 28, 1885: Yonkers carpenter John Platt, working in Santo Domingo, was staying at the Hotel San Pedro, the same hotel as exiled former President Sesario. Local authorities believed Sesario wanted to overturn the government and tried to arrest him, but he escaped during the shoot out. Platt stepped into the hall to see what was happening, and was shot by officers who mistook him for the ex-President. Platt's wife and children had sailed for New York on the steamer G. W. Clyde a few days earlier; Platt was scheduled to sail home the next day.

June 28, 1936: Yonkers resident Earl Browder was nominated to run for President; his running mate was James W. Ford of New York City. Ford was the first African-American to run on a presidential ticket in the twentieth century.

For more information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood House and our upcoming events, visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/YonkersHistoricalSociety. For information on membership in the Yonkers Historical Society, please call 914-961-8940 or email yhsociety@aol.com.

LEGAL NOTICE

The ordinance, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on May 29, 2020, and approved by the Mayor on May 29, 2020, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such ordinance may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the CITY OF YONKERS, in the County of Westchester, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Vincent E. Spano
City Clerk
City of Yonkers, New York

SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO.18 -2020

BOND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, NEW YORK AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF BOOKS AND EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$4,600,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF SAID CITY IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$4,600,000 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

The bonds are authorized to finance the acquisition of books and equipment for use by the Board of Education.

The amount of obligations to be issued is not to exceed \$4,600,000.

The period of probable usefulness of the acquisition of books, software and equipment for use by the Board of Education, is five (5) years.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 17 of the Special Local Finance and Budget Act of the City of Yonkers, constituting Chapters 488 and 489 of the Laws of 1976 of the State of New York (herein called the "Act"), the City is authorized and directed to include the pledge and agreement of the State of New York (herein called the "State") contained in said Section 17 of the Act, in the ordinance, and the Act provides that upon payment for the bonds or notes by the original and all subsequent holders thereof the inclusion of such pledge and agreement shall be deemed conclusive evidence of valuable consideration received by the State and City for such pledge and agreement and of reliance upon such pledge and agreement by any holder and that any action by the State contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of such pledge and agreement shall be void.

A complete copy of the Bond Ordinance summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the City Clerk, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York 10701.

DATED: May 29, 2020 Yonkers, New York

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Vincent E. Spano
City Clerk
City of Yonkers, New York

SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO.21 - 2020

BOND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF VARIOUS TAX CERTIORARI JUDGMENTS, COMPROMISED CLAIMS AND SETTLED CLAIMS APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL DURING FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$15,000,000, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF SAID CITY IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000,000 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

The bonds are authorized to finance various tax certiorari judgments, compromised claims and settled claims against the City.

The period of probable usefulness is a minimum five (5) years and maximum twenty (20) years, dependent on the total amount of tax certiorari claims paid in a single fiscal year.

The amount of obligations to be issued is \$15,000,000.

A complete copy of the Bond Ordinance summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Clerk of the City at City Hall, in Yonkers, New York.

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50a repeal, continued from pg 1-

warranted, prosecute any incident of a person whose death was caused by a police officer or peace officer.

“This is not a bill that is aimed against the police, it is a bill that increases transparency with the goal to improve community and police relations, and help regain trust in police,” said Senator Jamaal Bailey, Senate lead sponsor of the bill to repeal 50-a. “I would like to thank the families of victims, the advocates, and my colleagues in government for consistently and tirelessly advocating for this reform. Change is coming in New York, and I am proud that it is under the leadership of Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins and Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie.” Sen. Bailey, represents Mt. Vernon and the Bronx in the 36th District.

· Senate Bill S.3253B: This legislation, sponsored by Senator Kevin Parker, will clarify that a person not under arrest or in the custody has the right to record police activity and to maintain custody and control of that recording, and of any property or instruments used to record police activities.

· Senate Bill S.6670B: This legislation, the “Eric Garner Anti-Chokehold Act,” sponsored by Senator Brian Benjamin, will prohibit the use of chokeholds by law enforcement and establish the crime of aggravated strangulation as a Class-C felony.

· Senate Bill S.8493: This legislation, the New York State Police Body-Worn Cameras Program, sponsored by Senator Kevin Parker, will direct the Division of State Police to provide all State police officers with body-worn cameras that are to be used any time an officer conducts a patrol and prescribes mandated situations when the camera is to be turned on and recording.

· Senate Bill S.2575B: This legislation, sponsored by Senator Jamaal Bailey, will require state and local law enforcement officers, as well as peace officers, to report, within six hours, when they discharge their weapon where a person could have been struck, whether they were on or off duty.

In spite of what police unions and police departments have falsely claimed for years, the goal of repealing 50-a has never been to make addresses or phone numbers of police publicly available through release of police misconduct and discipline records.

In fact, separate from the 50-a statute, FOIL already provides police departments with the option of redacting that information, separate from the 50-a statute -- and police departments routinely redact this info in their responses to records requests.

#Repeal50a bill changes this to require law enforcement redact this personal privacy information for survivors, complainants, witnesses and family members of those who have been killed or brutalized.

“The obligation to admonish our brothers and sisters when they do wrong is sacred to our Jewish tradition. “Rebuke, yes, rebuke your brother lest you carry his sin.” (Leviticus 19:17) The NYPD has shown itself incapable of admonition, discipline or correction when it comes to crimes committed by officers and bears responsibility for those crimes. The values of our democracy demand a transparent institution that can be held publicly accountable for its mistakes,” said Leo Ferguson, Movement Building Organizer at Jews for Racial and Economic Justice.

State Senator Shelley Mayer said during the debate, “I have decided Section 50-A of the Civil Rights Law, adopted over 40 years ago, can no longer be the standard for the release of disciplinary records of officers. Rather, law enforcement officers, like so many other public officials, must be accountable to the public in order for trust to be restored.

“In the military, there is an expectation that all officers are held “to a higher standard”; that they have an affirmative duty to speak up and stop unlawful behavior when they witness it, and that the disclosure of information about prior incidents is actually necessary to ensure fundamental trust in the military system of justice. We should take this comparison to heart as we move to change the laws that have contributed – unfortunately, but justifiably – to a fundamental distrust in our law enforcement system by black and brown Americans.

“These bills will not harm the tens of thousands of professional, compassionate and responsible officers I have supported, who have nothing to fear and with whom I will continue to stand. However, it will change the culture of secrecy, the patterns of illegality that have been allowed to fester and the legalized denial of accountability that have held us back for too long,” said Sen. Mayer.

Legal Notice

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Yonkers Joint Schools Construction Board (“YJSCB”) and the Yonkers City School District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees (“BOE”), will hold public hearings on Monday, June 29, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. concerning the development of a comprehensive joint schools construction and modernization plan (the “Plan”) and the proposed construction, pursuant to the Plan, of a new public school facility at the site of the former St. Denis school at 121 McLean Avenue, Yonkers, New York 10705 and 469-470 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue, Yonkers, New York 10701 (the “Proposed New School”).

The purpose of the public hearings is to ensure sufficient public input and allow for significant public discussion concerning: (a) the Plan; (b) the Proposed New School and cost related thereto; (c) school building and technology needs in the City; (d) proposed schedule; (e) a diversity plan for projects to be undertaken pursuant to the Plan, which will include, among other things, diversity goals to ensure a diverse workforce for such projects; and (f) matters related to the foregoing. The public hearing to be held on Monday, June 29, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. is for comments on all of the foregoing topics, including, but not limited to, comments on the Plan, in general, while the public hearing to be held on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. shall be focused on the Proposed New School.

Due to public health and safety concerns related to COVID-19, the public hearings will not take place in-person. In accordance with the Governor’s Executive Order, said public hearings will be held via videoconferencing, with a transcript provided at a later date.

The public may watch the public hearings live on channel 78 (Cablevision) or 39 (Verizon Fios), and live online from the Public Meetings link on the City of Yonkers website (<https://www.yonkersny.gov/services/virtual-public-meetings>) or the City of Yonkers Facebook page.

Interested members of the public may participate by asking questions or providing comments regarding any of the above items by: (i) calling in during the meeting, noting that a conference number for such purpose will be made available on the above website at least 24 hours prior to the start of each hearing; (ii) by emailing written comments and/or questions to the Secretary of the Yonkers Joint Schools Construction Board at: marlyn.anderson@yonkersny.gov; and/or (iii) by mailing such written comments and/or questions to: City Hall, Attn: Marlyn Anderson – 2nd floor, 40 S. Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701. In order to be addressed at the meeting questions or comments sent via mail or email must be received no later than 12:30 p.m. on the day of each public hearing.

Please check the City of Yonkers website (<https://www.yonkersny.gov/services/virtual-public-meetings>) for copies of the proposed plan and related materials, as well as for further instructions or for any changes to the instructions to access the public hearings, and for updated information.

Dated: 6/17/2020

Secretary of the YJSCB, Yonkers, New York

We Endorse: Daly, Shako, McGrath**for Yonkers City Court continued from pg 1--**

Alvarado and Ruth Walter, The Hudson Valley Stonewall Democrats, and the Yonkers PBA.

This group of three judicial candidates has become a team that everyone can agree on. Well almost everyone. While the campaign has included a number of negative attacks, not seen before in a judicial race, Daly, Shako and McGrath have focused on their experience, integrity and character that will best serve the people of Yonkers when they become City Court Judges. For this reason, Yonkers Rising endorses Judge Tom Daly, Judge Brendan McGrath, and Verris Shako for Yonkers City Court Judge.

Judge Tom Daly has served the people of Yonkers for 20 years. If elected he will become the Chief Judge of the Yonkers City Court, and we look forward to him leading the Yonkers City Court, Judges, and staff. Judge Daly has let an exemplary life of public service, honesty, and decency during his time on the court, and his decades in Yonkers, and we want to see him on the bench as Chief Judge because he has earned it.

Judge Brendan McGrath was recently appointed to the City Court by Mayor Mike Spano last year. Prior to becoming a judge, McGrath served as the Yonkers City Inspector General where he uncovered bribes by an inspector in the Building Department and kept a watchful eye over City Hall and the Yonkers Public Schools for the people of Yonkers. He also served as a County Attorney and in the Yonkers Corporation Counsel’s office. McGrath brings all of this experience, plus more than one year on the City bench, to the June 23 Primary.

Attorney Verris Shako, if elected, would become the first African American woman to serve as a Yonkers City Court Judge. And Shako has earned the right to join the Yonkers City Court and make history in November, based on her courtroom experience, here in Yonkers, and in the Westchester Family Courts, where she has advocated for women and families for more than 15 years.

Shako is also deeply involved in the Yonkers community, with children in the Yonkers Public Schools and as a PTA mom. That investment in Yonkers, will serve her well on the City Court.

Shako has also served as a Yonkers Democratic District Leader and has helped other Yonkers Democrats seeking office. This concept, that serving your fellow Yonkers democrats before seeking office yourself, has been tossed out by Daly, McGrath, and Shako’s opponents, as being wrong or something to be ashamed of.

We believe that working within the Yonkers Democratic party, and helping to elect Yonkers Democrats, shows a commitment of helping others, exhibiting teamwork, and having the ability to listen to others. During this campaign and in their public life, Daly, Shako and McGrath all have shown these abilities; their opponents, during this campaign, have not.

We have also seen the hashtag #do your research, tossed around social media in the final days of the campaign. And we STRONGLY encourage our readers to follow this recommendation, and research the experience that each judicial candidate brings to this race.

Now more than ever, elections matter in our Country, and in Yonkers, this is your chance to get out and vote on June 23. Yonkers Rising endorses Tom Daly, Verris Shako and Brendan McGrath for City Court Judge.

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I dealt with racism and sexism. He was making \$75,000 and I was making \$45,000. Why is that? There is systemic racism and systemic sexism in our society. It’s a problem and I want to focus on these issues and how we can break them down and change them.”

Williams, who spoke at the rally with Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins and County Legislator Christopher Johnson, both from Yonkers, told the crowd, “You are privileged as white people. But that’s ok because you can use your privilege to help those not so privileged

“If you work with a black person that not getting the same pay, it’s your job as a white person to advocate for the black person. Make sure it doesn’t go unnoticed or without recognition. Speak up

“If you sit on a board in a black community that is predominately white, that’s a problem that needs to change. We have a growing Hispanic population in Yonkers, but the majority of the workforce is white. These are the challenges that we need to start talking about and addressing.

“Young people are waking up and getting consciousness. They don’t want the future to look like today and are very motivated for change, equality and acceptance. We need to build that type of world and give people that platform and the tools to support them.

“I don’t believe you are born with racism, it is something that is learned, and you can unlearn it. We are learning how to unlearn ceterain bias and prejudices, and with the help of young people, we will continue to bring about change and shake things up,” said Williams, who does not support another call frequently made at recent rallies: Defund the Police.

“I don’t think in yonekrs we need to defund the police. We need to bring in new police officers that reflect the comm of Yonkers. In Yonkers, we have 35 black officers out of 600. That is not reflective of our city. We have 5% black officer, it should be 18%. We need to bring in more people from the community so that community policing is real and works. Defunding the police is not an option,” said Williams who is hosting a virtual forum on Friday June 19, or Juneteenth, a historic day in African American history.

Juneteenth is a holiday celebrated on 19 June to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved people in the US. The holiday was first celebrated in Texas, where on that date in 1865, in the aftermath of the Civil War, slaves were declared free under the terms of the 1862 Emancipation Proclamation.

“I am hosting a forum on the history of law enforcement and race, and why black people look at police officers today the way they do and what we can do to change the system,” said Williams.

The forum can be broadcast at 5pm on June 19, on the Yonkers Voice-Facebook Live.

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Bowman did not vote for Obama in 2012.

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Bowman did not vote for Obama in the 2008 Democratic Presidential Primary.

He wasn't a Democrat. He was an 'Independence Party' member. Bowman's party tried to defeat Obama in 2008 with John McCall and Sarah Palin.

This is official voter history when he lived in Brooklyn and Manhattan from 2002 to 2018. He was not a Democrat. Bowman didn't vote. His voting record is proof.

Bowman only became a Democrat in 2018, two years after Trump was elected, when he decided to run for Congress. He is not a real Democrat.

You can read all about it in Manhattan's Journal News (2/11/20).

<https://www.journalnews.com/politics/2020/02/11/jamaal-bowman-18-voting-record-didnt-vote-republican-primary-2008-2018/>

Jamaal Bowman voted only 3 times from 2002 to 2018 when he lived in Brooklyn and Manhattan.

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