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## MONTHLY UPDATE



On October 8<sup>th</sup>, I joined Congressman Adriano Espailat and Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine, and several integral figures of our Jewish community to remember and grief the loss of innocent lives amid these difficult times in our country. Many of us, including myself, were faced with an overwhelming sense of grief and sadness when hearing about the innocent Israeli civilians that were harmed by the attacks initiated by Hamas. The vigil held in Bennett Park was one of many held across New York City in hopes of providing support to those who have been directly and indirectly impacted by these atrocities.

On Thursday, October 19, I attended a hearing held by Chair of the Committee on Labor, Assemblymember Latoya Joyner, to assist in the investigation on the impact and future of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in New York State. The introduction of Artificial Intelligence in the work force present opportunities for job creation, and efficiency but its impact does not end there; AI marks the intersection of labor and the sciences and has a profound impact on the future of the labor force. The application of AI varies and is dependent on the industry; existing applications AI include productivity monitoring and cost efficiency and pose concerns for worker privacy and algorithmic biases. Assemblymembers heard from important stakeholders in the AI industry including but not limited to the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF), Center for Democracy and Technology, and Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC).



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On October 12, P.S. 28 celebrated the opening of their long awaited community garden in collaboration with Harlem Grown. The creation of the garden would not be possible without the enthusiasm and commitment of students , P.S.28 faculty, and Tony Hillery, founder of Harlem Grown. On opening day, I, alongside the spectacular students at PS 28, were able to get our hands dirty to not only plant new vegetation for the upcoming produce season but also created a fresh salad using the existing greens we cultivated from the garden beds. This garden presents a myriad of possibilities for the students of P.S. 28 to continue their education on sustainability, climate change and environment beyond the classroom doors. We wish P.S. 28 the best in all their future endeavors for a long time relationship with Harlem Grown and the success of their community garden.

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On October 16th, an emergency meeting was held at Esplanade Gardens for residents at 700 Lenox Avenue. In attendance was Senator Cordell Cleare and Tiffany Brown from the Mayor's office, and together we aimed to address the concerns regarding a broken steam pipe in the basement of the development. Due to the long-standing problem with the heating system residents did not have access to heat or hot water, and it is unacceptable for residents to be faced with such problems amid the turn of the season; other city agencies have been notified of the issue to help assist with the repair. As a result of the meeting, it was determined that the heating pipe would need to be replaced but would continue the disruption of heat service to residents. The Department of Buildings, as well as the Mayor, Senator and Assemblymember offices, have made this issue a priority. Our office, along with A. Philip Randolph Center will be available to assist residents struggling with the lack of heat during this time. My office will continue to provide updates with changes and discuss concerns as necessary.