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COVID-19 Updates

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NYC Mayor Tours Flatbush After Protests

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

Governor Cuomo Calls For Standardized Police Misconduct Policies;
President Trump Taken To Underground Bunker Amid Protests; and More!

NYS Confirmed: 370,770
NYS Deaths: 23,905
NYC Confirmed: 203,303
Brooklyn Confirmed: 55,900

DISTRICT NEWS



Photo Credit: Michael Appleton/Mayoral Photography Office. Council Member Farah Louis (left), staffer M. Joane Pillard, Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte, and Mayor Bill de Blasio (right).

- **Mayor de Blasio** toured Flatbush today with **Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte** and Council Members **Farah Louis** and **Mathieu Eugene** in the wake of protests and rioting.
 - **Assemblymember Bichotte** advocated for **community resources**, and discussed the

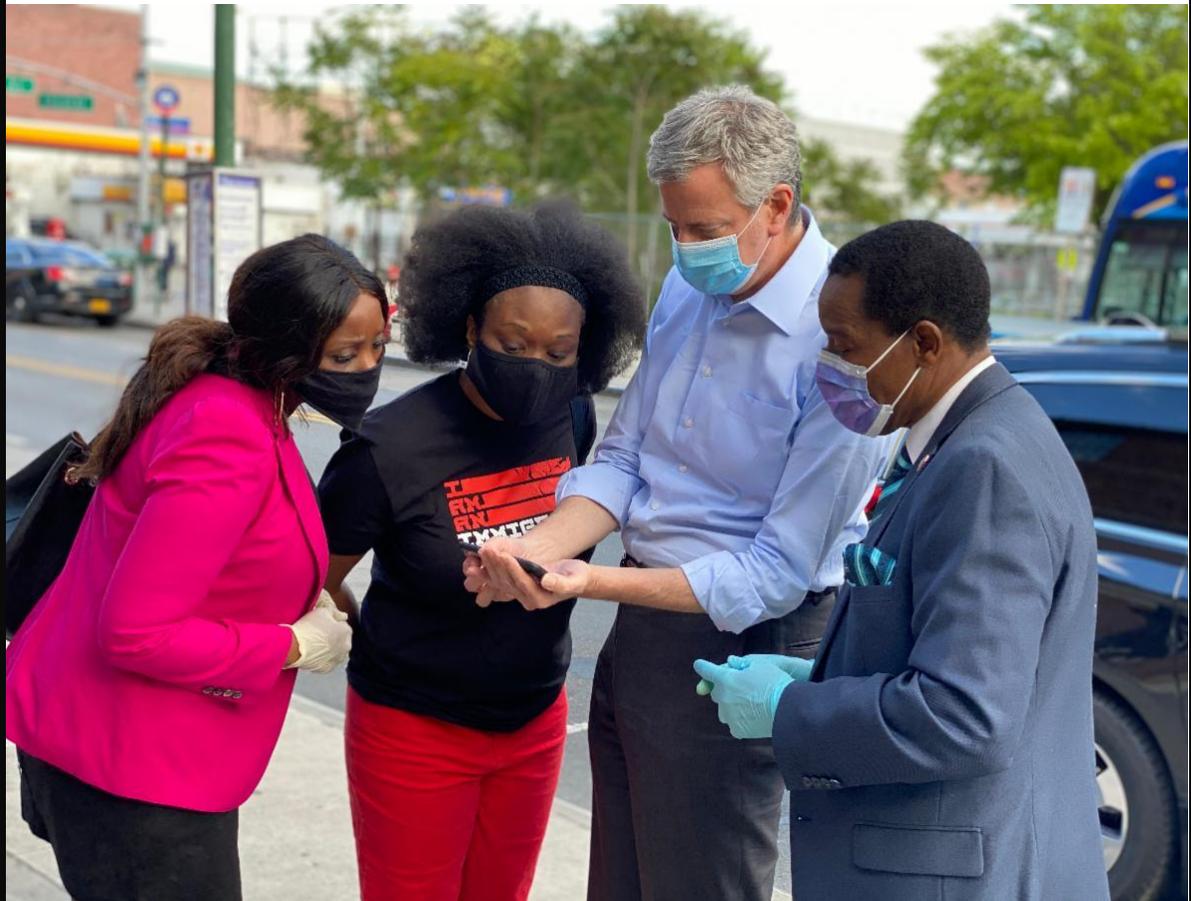
protests with the mayor and elected officials as they walked the streets, touring sites including the **COVID-19 testing center** at the Sears parking lot on Beverly Road.



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Left to right: Council Member Farah Louis, Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte, Mayor Bill de Blasio and Council Member Mathieu Eugene.



Left to right: Council Member Farah Louis, Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte, Mayor Bill de Blasio and Council Member Mathieu Eugene. The elected officials look at the weapons found at protests in other cities.

GEORGE FLOYD PROTESTS

- **George Floyd** protests continued today throughout NYC.
- **Flatbush, Brooklyn** was the center of many demonstrations yesterday, both peaceful and violent.
 - A video that was taken on **Flatbush Avenue near St. Marks Avenue** yesterday shows demonstrators pelting police cars with objects from the street, and blocking them in, before the cars suddenly surge forward into the crowd. Read more [here](#).
- Protests **today** were mostly peaceful, with no reports of significant arrests by sunset.
- About **47** police vehicles were damaged over the weekend.
- Deputy Commissioner of Intelligence and Counterterrorism **John Miller** said about **1 in 7 arrests**, of **686** so far, were people from **out of state**.
- At least **645** arrests were made on **Saturday**.
 - The mayor's daughter, **Chiara de Blasio**, was one of those arrested at East 12th Street and Broadway for unlawful assembly yesterday.
- New York Police Department officers in **Queens** were seen **kneeling with demonstrators** earlier in the day at Jamaica Avenue and 168th Street.
- New York Attorney General **Latitia James** encouraged New Yorkers to share any information about police misconduct, including visuals, with her office. Email: Complaints@ag.ny.gov.
 - Read more about reporting police misconduct [here](#).

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Photo Credit: Lev Radin/LightRocket via Getty Images

- **Governor Cuomo** hinted that the **National Guard** could be mobilized in NYC, if needed. Read more [here](#).
- The governor called for **standardized** police misconduct policies across America.
 - The governor said that investigations should be led by independent, **outside agencies**, not local prosecutors.
 - He urged the federal government to create on definition of **excessive force**.
 - The governor also called on disciplinary records of police officers accused of misconduct to be released.
- He also argued every public school should provide the **same level of funding** for each child so there are not two education systems - one for the rich and one for the poor.
- Cuomo said Saturday he will focus this week on providing **more testing** and **more supplies**, like masks, to neighborhoods where infection rates remain high.

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO

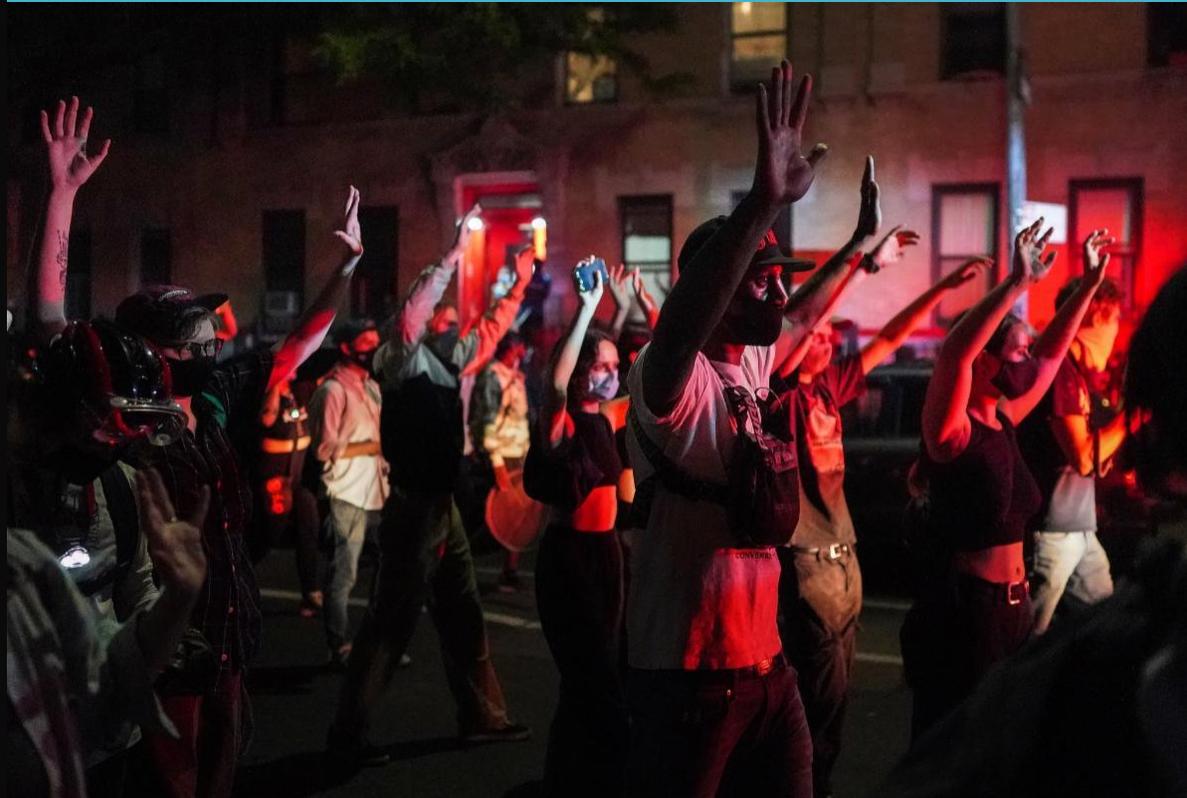


Photo Credit: Chang W. Lee/The New York Times

- **Mayor de Blasio** announced he was appointing his corporation counsel, **Jim Johnson**, and Department of Investigation Commissioner **Margaret Garnett** to conduct a **full investigation** into the police response to protests.

- De Blasio praised **Governor Cuomo's** remarks from Saturday morning, in which he said he would sign legislation updating **New York's 50-a law**. Read more [here](#).
- The Taskforce on **Racial Inclusion and Equity** Co-Chairs First Lady **Chirlane McCray**, Deputy Mayor **J Phillip Thompson**, and Deputy Mayor **Raul Perea-Henze** released a statement today on the death of George Floyd.
 - Read the statement [here](#).
- In an interview with NY1, the mayor said he is on a text thread with other mayors all over the country.
- He also said there are no plans for a **curfew** in NYC.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Photo Credit: Nicholas Kamm/Agence France-Presse-Getty Images

- News broke today that **President Trump** was briefly taken to an **underground bunker** Friday as protesters gathered outside the White House.
 - The president was there a little under an hour.
- The White House cautioned staffers who must go to work on Monday to **hide their passes** until they reach a Secret Service entry point and to hide them as they leave.
 - Read more [here](#).
- The U.S. says it has send **2 million** doses of **Hydroxychloroquine** to Brazil. Read more [here](#).

ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING



Photo Credit: NY1

Mayor de Blasio announced that **Alternate-Side Parking** is **suspended** again through **Sunday, June 7th**.

COVID-19 TESTING IN FLATBUSH



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42nd Assembly District



FLATBUSH AVENUE WALK-IN COVID-19 TESTING SITE

*This testing site is **by appointment only**.*

You **must** contact the
NYS Department of Health
at **1-888-364-3065** to
schedule an appointment.

Brookdale Family Care Center

1095 Flatbush Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11226

For more information about this or any community concern,
contact Assemblymember Bichotte's district office
718-940-0428 | bichotter@nyassembly.gov | www.nyassembly.gov/mem/Rodneyse-Bichotte

We have a **drive through** and **walk-in** COVID-19 testing site in the **42nd Assembly District**. **You must make an appointment before visiting the center or you will be turned away.** To make an appointment you **must** contact the NYS Department of Health at **888-364-3065**.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte
42nd Assembly District



Sears Parking Lot

2307 Beverley Road
Brooklyn, NY 11226

Testing site is BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

For appointment call 888-364-3065

*If you experience symptoms or have been exposed
to someone with the virus, call your doctor*



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MULTISYSTEM INFLAMMATORY SYNDROME IN CHILDREN (MIS-C)



Photo Credit: Norton Children's

Governor Cuomo announced that a new investigation is underway regarding potential COVID-19 related **cases in children**. Symptoms can be compared to Kawasaki disease and toxic shock-like syndrome. The Department of Health issued an advisory of what's called the Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children, or MIS-C, and now **requires** health care providers to **immediately report** all related cases. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene released a [health advisory](#) detailing current findings.

- New Yorkers should **seek immediate** care if a child has:
 - Prolonged fever (more than five days)
 - Difficulty feeding (infants) or is too sick to drink fluids
 - Severe abdominal pain, diarrhea or vomiting
 - Change in skin color - becoming pale, patchy and/or blue
 - Trouble breathing or is breathing very quickly
 - Racing heart or chest pain
 - Decreased amount of frequency in urine
 - Lethargy, irritability or confusion

THANK YOU ESSENTIAL WORKERS



Thank You
Nursing Home
Attendants...

*... for assisting
our elders with care*

During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **nursing home attendants** for assisting our elders with care.

COMPLETE THE 2020 CENSUS



As we face unprecedented challenges in the fight against COVID-19, we must remember to complete the the 2020 Census . The census asks just 10 simple questions that can be answered in just a few minutes online by visiting here or by calling 844-330-2020.

AVOID SCAMS

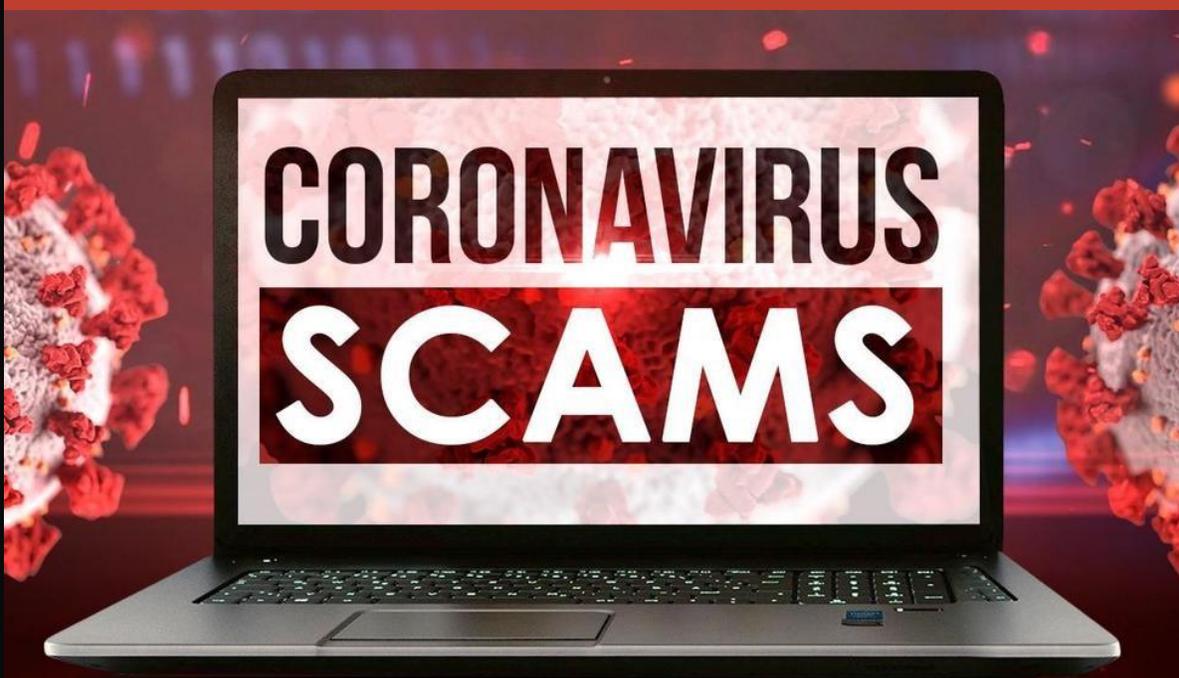


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- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or [NYC.gov/dcwp](https://www.nyc.gov/dcwp). You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office by filling out a [complaint form](#).
- **NYS Price Gouging Hotline**: 800-697-1220.
- CDC staff will **NOT** go door-to-door. If you experience this, call 911.

SERVICES AND RESOURCES



Photo Credit: Ansi.org

Due to the impact of COVID-19 on New York City's workforce, the City of New York has developed a list of resources for those who may be unemployed due to COVID-19 or are seeking additional assistance. The list below will be updated frequently.

It has information on the following categories:

- **Employment Resources**
- **Food Assistance**
- **Health & Medical Assistance**
- **Financial Assistance**
- **Rent Arrears and Public Assistance**
- **Emotional Support & Spiritual Care**
- **Other Assistance**

Visit this [website](#) for resources.

NYS Department of Health Hotline for people who want to be assessed and get appointment for test ([888-364-3065](tel:888-364-3065)). NYC residents should call ([844-692-4692](tel:844-692-4692)).

Volunteer to Support

Others: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/helpnownyc/resources/covid-19-relief.page#healthcare_workers.

Free Internet Services:

Charter is offering free spectrum broadband and WiFi access for 60 days to household with K-12 and/or

college students who do not already have Spectrum broadband subscription. To enroll, **call 844-488-8395** . Until further notice, all Xfinity WiFi Public Hotspots are now open to everyone on the "xfinitywifi" SSID. For more information visit [here](#).

FreshDirect meals:

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams in partnership with **FreshDirect** is providing free food packages. Each box contains the following:

- Rice, 2 bags, 16oz
- Pasta, 2 boxes, 16oz
- Canned beans, 2 cans, 10-16oz
- Canned Meat/Fish, 2 cans, 3 to 5 oz
- Canned Vegetable, 2 cans, 8 to 15 oz
- Raisins / Dry Fruit, 4 boxes, 2 oz per box
- Cereal/Oatmeal, 1 Box, 10 to 20 oz
- Milk / Milk Substitute, 1 container, 32 oz
- Corn, 2 ears
- 2 Potatoes
- 1 Onion
- 1 Carrot
- Orange / Apple, 2 in total

The packages will arrive by FreshDirect vehicles to locations listed [here](#) . If you have any questions, call (718) 802-3700.

- \$800/couple or single parent with children
- \$1,000/family with multiple adults and children
- for more information, click [here](#).

SMALL BUSINESS

- The Federal Government is offering programs to support small businesses:
 - **Paycheck Protection Program** provides a loan that will be forgiven if employees are retained on payroll for a period of time. For more information, click [here](#).
 - **Economic Injury Disaster Loan** is a low interest loan to cover expense beyond payroll costs. For more information, click [here](#).
- New York City Small Business Services has a host of other services for small businesses including grant and loan opportunities. For more information, click [here](#).

In-District Businesses open/closed provided by **Flatbush Avenue BID and Church Avenue BID**: Visit Flatbush Avenue Business Directory [here](#) and Church Avenue Business directory [here](#). Businesses open/closed list provided by **Flatbush Development Corporation**: Visit Flatbush Business Corridor Directory [here](#). Includes businesses located in:

- Cortelyou Road (Coney Island Ave. - Ocean Ave.)
- Coney Island Avenue (Cortelyou Road - Foster Ave.)
- Newkirk Plaza
- Newkirk Avenue (Coney Island Ave. - Ocean Ave.)
- Foster Avenue (Coney Island Ave. - Ocean Ave.)
- Ditmas Park

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE SICK WITH COVID-19



What to do if you are sick with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

If you are sick with COVID-19 or suspect you are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, follow the steps below to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and community.

Stay home except to get medical care

You should restrict activities outside your home, except for getting medical care. Do not go to work, school, or public areas. Do not use public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.

Separate yourself from other people in your home

As much as possible, you should stay in a specific room and away from other people in your home. Also, you should use a separate bathroom, if available.

Call ahead before visiting your doctor

If you have a medical appointment, call the healthcare provider and tell them that you have or may have COVID-19. This will help the healthcare provider's office take steps to keep other people from getting infected or exposed.

Wear a facemask

You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then people who live with you should not stay in the same room with you, or they should wear a facemask if they enter your room.

Cover your coughs and sneezes

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw used tissues in a lined trash can and wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, immediately clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry. Soap and water should be used preferentially if hands are visibly dirty.

Clean your hands

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry. Soap and water should be used preferentially if hands are visibly dirty. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Avoid sharing personal household items

You should not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding with other people in your home. After using these items, you should wash them thoroughly with soap and water.

Monitor your symptoms

Seek prompt medical attention if your illness is worsening (e.g., shortness of breath or difficulty breathing). **Before** seeking care, call your healthcare provider and tell them that you have, or are being evaluated for, COVID-19. Put on a facemask before you enter the facility. These steps will help the healthcare provider's office keep other people from getting infected or exposed.

Ask your healthcare provider to call the local or state health department. Persons who are placed under active monitoring or facilitated self-monitoring should follow instructions provided by their local health department or occupational health professionals, as appropriate. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/risk-assessment.html>.

Discontinuing home isolation

Patients confirmed to have COVID-19 should remain under home isolation precautions until the risk of secondary transmission to others is thought to be low. The decision to discontinue home isolation precautions should be made on a case-by-case basis, in consultation with healthcare providers and state and local health departments. Current information on COVID-19 is limited; home precautions are conservative and based on general recommendations for other diseases, like Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

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about
coronavirus



Health officials are working tirelessly to protect public health and contain this virus. And, as your representative in Albany, I am working to ensure that our state is putting the health and safety of our families first.

Remember **COVID-19** can affect any community and we must stand by one another during this time, not alienate, threaten or discriminate against others.

For questions you can also reach out to the New York State's novel coronavirus hotline at **1-888-364-3065** . For continuous updates, you can visit the following websites:

- [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

The CDC also now has the option for you to sign up for weekly updates on COVID-19.

New Yorkers Can Sign Up for Email Updates [Here](#) and Ask Questions About COVID-19 [Here](#)

New Yorkers Can Find More Information About the New COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave Law [Here](#)

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte represents the 42nd Assembly District in Brooklyn covering Ditmas Park, Flatbush, East Flatbush and Midwood. She is currently the **Chair of the Subcommittee on Oversight of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBs)** , and serves on the following committees: **Housing, Government Operations, Education** , **Banks, Health, and Higher Education** . She is also a member of the Task Force on

Women's Issues and sits on **Governor Cuomo's Domestic Violence Advisory Council and Mayor De Blasio's MWBE Task Force.**

As a current Assemblymember, District Leader, and Chair of Brooklyn Democratic Party, Rodneyse Bichotte has been an outspoken advocate on issues concerning **immigration, education, economic development, unemployment, education reform, health care access, senior citizen centers, affordable housing, school safety, women's and LGBTQ rights** , as well as other issues affecting the quality of life in the community.

Learn more about
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