

A NOTE FROM YOUR
ASSEMBLYMEMBER,
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**EVERY TIME YOU SEE THIS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD,
IT MEANS SOMEONE WAS KILLED BY TRAFFIC VIOLENCE.**



**MARIO
VALENZUELA, 14**



**KARINA
LARINO, 38**



**JAYDEN
MCLAURIN, 16**



**AMANDA
SERVEDIO, 36**

In the last two years alone, 19 people were killed by traffic violence in Astoria and Long Island City.

Here's what's happening

In 2024, 243 New Yorkers have been killed by traffic violence.

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The number of New Yorker pedestrians who lose limbs or organs, or suffer life-changing serious injuries from traffic violence every week.

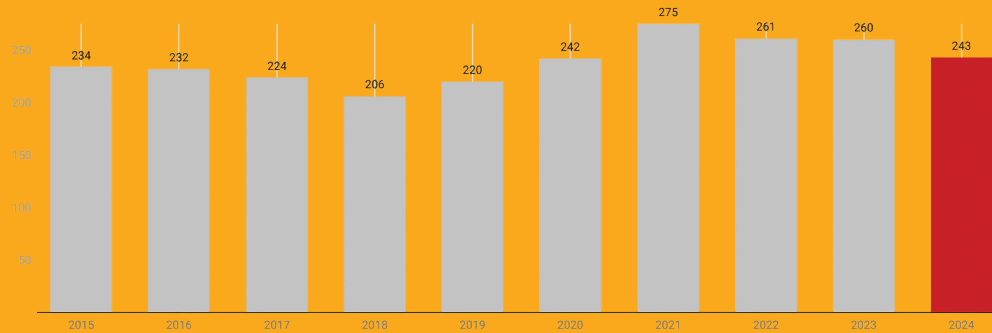
35%

The percent increase of serious injuries due to traffic violence from 2022 to 2024.

2,338

The total number of serious injuries across NYC caused by traffic violence in the first 9 months of 2024.¹

Traffic Violence Deaths per Year Over the Past Decade



This data was made publicly available by the New York City Department of Transportation in 2022 and is tracked by Transportation Alternatives. Source: Transportation Alternatives. Created with Datawrapper.

¹tinyurl.com/ppvu388m

— WHY IS IT THIS BAD?

We are witnessing an epidemic of traffic violence.

Five Astoria and Long Island City residents have been killed in 2024 so far, making this year the deadliest year on record over the past decade. This is no coincidence: our leaders have failed to treat this as the crisis it is.

The Mayor has abandoned our city's cyclists, pedestrians, and drivers. Since 2022, he has refused to build the legally mandated amount of protected bike lanes, on average roughly 20 miles fewer per year than the requirement. Without this critical safety infrastructure, cyclists face an increased risk of death or injury. Additionally, the NYPD under the Mayor's watch has ramped up deadly high-speed chases—up 644% from 2022 to 2023—which have killed three New Yorkers in 2024 alone, including our very own neighbor Amanda Servedio.² These chases violate the NYPD's own patrol guide. Moreover, the Mayor has done little to reduce speed limits across the five boroughs or increase daylighting and traffic calming measures across NYC—failing to use the full sweep of tools available to the city to change road design and slow motorists down.

[Astoria and Long Island City residents deserve better.](#)

²tinyurl.com/37hrt3ax

Here's how we are fixing it

To put an end to senseless traffic violence, my office is:

- Calling on the Mayor to **enforce the NYPD's Patrol Guide**, ending deadly high-speed chases³;
- **Supporting daylighting and traffic calming measures** to make our streets safer⁴;
- Pushing to complete the **installation of the 31st Avenue Bike Boulevard**⁵;
- Continuing to advocate for the immediate **opening of the Queensboro Bridge's South Outer Walkway**⁶;
- Championing my legislation authorizing **camera enforcement of protected bike lanes** (bill A4637);
- Pressuring the Mayor to **fully implement Sammy's Law** to reduce speed limits to 20 mph across all five boroughs (bill A7266);

With your support, we are working hard to make our streets safer for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers alike.

Contact our office at 718-545-3889 or ad36@nyassembly.gov.

³tinyurl.com/4chx9ncc ⁴tinyurl.com/4dbyxhd8 ⁵tinyurl.com/3bhm9s7j ⁶tinyurl.com/32rzn9bu



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