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**REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE**

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## THIS MONTH IN THE DISTRICT

### Fighting Against the HDFC Crisis

The crisis in Housing Development Fund Company cooperative buildings (HDFCs) developed over a number of years and is growing exponentially in the 71<sup>st</sup> Assembly District. In response to the crisis, the Office of Assemblymember Taylor is hosting a four-part forum series for constituents to voice concerns and to work with experts to develop solutions via legislation, litigation or negotiation. The third forum in the series, which concerned regulatory agreements, was held on October 15, 2018 from 6-8pm in the NAC Ballroom at the City



HDFC Forum Panelists  
at City College on October 15, 2018

College of New York (CCNY) to address concerns about predatory lending. Panelists included Edwin Vega from Legal Aid Society, Glory Kerstein from the HDFC Coalition, Shimlee Lambert, Treasurer to 936-938 Cliffcrest HDFC, Yetta Kurland, Attorney for 936-938 Cliffcrest HDFC. Assemblymember Al Taylor and Darlene Bruce, Esq. moderated the event. WeAct and Neighborhood Housing Services also were present to table and act as resources for HDFC residents. One more meeting is scheduled at City College to discuss the HDFC environment and quality of life (November 5, 2018, 6-8pm). The feedback from these forums will be taken back to the appropriate committees to help produce legislative solutions. As the Chair of the New York State Assembly Subcommittee on Regulated Mortgage Lenders, Assemblymember Taylor wants to hear from constituents to produce positive results and pledges to fight to stabilize buildings, empower the community and bring an end to the crisis facing HDFCs.

### INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY:

**Assemblymember Taylor is looking for qualified individuals to intern at his District Office**

The internship typically runs throughout the year and offers flexible hours to accommodate student schedules, but is generally during office times (Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm). Though unpaid, the position offers invaluable work experience and mentorship. Please consider the following applicant requirements before you apply:

- Have a background in journalism, public relations, public administration or advertisement
- Possess general office etiquette and strong writing skills
- Be well-versed in using multiple social media platforms

Interested candidates can forward their resumes and cover letters to [ruedam@nyassembly.gov](mailto:ruedam@nyassembly.gov) for further instructions on how to apply.

### Protect Yourself from Legionnaires' Disease

On October 1, 2018, The New York City Health Department notified the public of a second outbreak of the potentially lethal Legionnaires' disease in the Washington Heights area. Sadly, we lost another life and 16 other community members were sickened in this outbreak. The source of the outbreak of the Legionella bacteria is still under investigation by the Health Department, which is waiting for results from over 20 cooling towers tested so far. The bacteria can live in cooling towers, hot tubs, humidifiers, hot water tanks, and large air-conditioning systems. Please be aware of the symptoms, which include fever, cough, chills, muscle aches, headache, fatigue, loss of appetite, confusion and diarrhea and generally surface two to 10 days after contact with the bacteria. See a doctor right away if you or a loved one is experiencing symptoms.