

## IN THE COMMUNITY



### The Bores Brief

Only have minutes to spare? Here's what you need to know:

- I was horrified by the October 7 terrorist attacks on Israel. I visited Kfar Aza earlier this year, one of the kibbutzim that was targeted. The dead and those still being held hostage remain in our thoughts. I am coordinating with the Governor, and the Mayor, to **combat rising antisemitism and islamophobia and ensure all New Yorkers are safe.**
- I released a first-of-its-kind report on the risks posed by e-bikes and mopeds, and have **introduced three pieces of legislation based on our findings.**
- Earlier this month, I called for all New Yorkers to have **the option to prepare and file their federal and state taxes for free.** The Governor announced last week NY will create a direct-file option to make this request a reality.

As always, it is my honor to represent you in Albany.

My office is here to serve you! If we can ever be of assistance, write to us at [BoresA@contactme.nyassembly.gov](mailto:BoresA@contactme.nyassembly.gov).

Sincerely,

Alex Bores  
Your Assemblymember

Assemblymember Bores joined hundreds of New Yorkers in calling for the unconditional release of all hostages taken from Israel by Hamas.

Terrorists don't get to make demands after taking civilians, including women, the elderly, Holocaust survivors, and infants from their homes.



This past Sunday, Alex joined the Muslim Volunteers for New York (MV4NY) at Ruppert Park for their Environmental Stewardship Day.

MV4NY continues to build community and connection through their work, and have been leaders in maintaining Ruppert Park.

Earlier this month, Assemblymember Bores attended Murray Hill Neighborhood Association's Annual Meeting.

He provided updates from his first session in Albany, shared goals for next legislative session, and addressed a number of community concerns.



On October 19, the Assembly held a hearing on the impact of Artificial Intelligence on the workforce.

As the first computer scientist on the Science & Tech Committee, Alex discussed AI's potential, how to address bias, the need for regulation, and how to ensure this technology supports workers.



Until recently, no one knew how many crashes, injuries, or deaths e-bikes or mopeds caused. That is because the collision report form has no option to mark an e-bike or moped as the vehicle involved. However, there was a “notes” section where officers could write a description of the crash.

Over several months, Alex and his team scanned the notes of every collision accident report from NYC from 2020 – 2023, writing 2,000 lines of code to standardize the data. Assemblymember Bores proposed three pieces of legislation based on the findings: fixing the form/data, requiring a safety class for delivery workers, and requiring mopeds be registered before they leave the store.

To view the full report, visit [bit.ly/ebikesreport](https://bit.ly/ebikesreport).

## FILING YOUR TAXES FOR FREE

Assemblymember Bores and Senator Andrew Gounardes wrote a letter last month calling for New York to allow residents to file their federal and state taxes directly for free.

This past week, Governor Hochul announced that New York State will be moving ahead with creating a direct-file option for 2024!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sutton Spooktacular Celebration

Hosted by Sutton Place Parks Conservancy  
Saturday, October 28, 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
**Sutton Place Park** | East 56th to E 57th St  
*Kids' Costume Parade at 2:00 PM*

### Cider and Constituent Service

hosted by Assemblymember Alex Bores  
Monday, October 30, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
**Ruppert Park** | 1741 2nd Ave

### Election Day is almost here!

Tuesday, November 7  
Polls are open 6:00 AM – 9:00 PM  
Early Voting starts this Saturday, October 28  
Find your pollsite at [findmypollsite.vote.nyc](https://findmypollsite.vote.nyc)

### Shred-a-thon hosted by Assemblymember Alex Bores and Senator José Serrano

Tuesday, November 14, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
**James Cagney Place** | 1625 3rd Ave

## REPORTING HATE CRIMES

Governor Kathy Hochul has announced a new hotline to report hate crimes to the state division of human rights.

Dial 844-NO-2-HATE [844-662-4283] or visit [dhr.ny.gov/nohate](https://dhr.ny.gov/nohate) to report incidents to the NYS Hate and Bias Prevention Unit.

## INITIATIVES YOU'LL SEE ON THE BALLOT THIS NOVEMBER

### Extending Sewage Project Debt Exclusion from Debt Limit

#### What the Proposal Says:

The proposed amendment to Article 8, section 5 of the Constitution extends for ten years the authority of counties, cities, towns, and villages to remove from their constitutional debt limits debt for the construction of sewage facilities.

#### What the Proposal Means:

If passed, sewage debt for treatment, disposal, and construction projects will not count as debt for counties, cities, towns, and villages in the state. This debt is already excluded but that is set to expire on January 1, 2024. This would extend the exception for 10 additional years.

### Removal of Small City School Districts Debt Limit

#### What the Proposal Says:

The proposed amendment to Article 8, section 4 of the Constitution removes the special constitutional debt limitation now placed on small city school districts, so they will be treated the same as all other school districts.

#### What the Proposal Means:

If passed, spending and debt restrictions placed on small city (with a population of less than 125,000 people) school districts will be eliminated. If this proposal passes, small city school districts would be allowed the same financial flexibility as other school districts. School districts with more residents do not have to function with specific debt limits.