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### **Take the 2015 Budget Priorities Survey.**

Each year, my office requests input and recommendations from the public regarding the needs of the borough, to be included in the annual Borough Budget Priorities Report. This year, we're conducting a "virtual town hall" to find out which issues are of most concern to borough residents. Fill out the short survey at <http://bit.ly/mbpobudgetsurvey> by March 17th at 5pm to help create a report that truly reflects Manhattan's budgetary needs.

### **DOE seeks technology mentors for high school students.**

The NYC Department of Education is searching for companies/organizations willing to host 9th and 10th graders in a six-week software engineering job shadow/mentoring program, "Pathfinders." The pilot program is an effort to help prepare students for the 21st century workforce, providing exposure to potential career paths and context for their schoolwork. It's simple for host companies/organizations to participate, and the experience can be extremely rewarding. Thanks to a generous grant from the AT&T Foundation, there's no cost to host organizations.

Students will log roughly 4-6 hours per week at their work site and can be given tech/IT projects to complete. To prepare for their mentorships, students receive intensive training on workplace etiquette, careers, and interviewing. Host organizations receive a brief orientation session either in-person or by phone, a site visit from DOE staff, and ongoing check-ins to ensure a successful engagement for all. DOE is asking organizations to host a minimum of two students.

To apply to be a host organization for the two remaining cycles, which start April 20 and June 29, please visit [bit.ly/nycpathfinders](http://bit.ly/nycpathfinders), apply directly at [bit.ly/applypathfinders](http://bit.ly/applypathfinders), or contact Richard Robbins at [rich@upperweststrategies.com](mailto:rich@upperweststrategies.com).

### **Community Board session with SLA leadership March 12.**

To provide an opportunity for Community Board chairs, district managers and relevant SLA subcommittee chairs to discuss liquor licensing, enforcement and response to community concerns, my office is sponsoring a session with Michael Jones, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the State Liquor Authority (SLA) on Thursday, March 12 at 9:00 am. Please, if you're planning on attending, email your questions and agenda items in advance to [mchan@manhattanbp.nyc.gov](mailto:mchan@manhattanbp.nyc.gov).

## **EVENTS**

### **March 9: Celebrate Women's History at the Metropolitan Museum.**

In celebration of Women's History Month, please join me for a special evening at the Met, as I help to honor guests Gail Bruce, Vy Higginsen, Melissa Mark-Viverito, and Edie Windsor. Enjoy a free private viewing of the Egyptian section, including the Temple of Dendur, presented by the museum's Multicultural Audience Development Initiative. Don't miss this rare opportunity to view the incredible collection and celebrate four wonderful women! RSVP required: please visit <http://>

[madireception3.eventbrite.com](http://madireception3.eventbrite.com) or contact 212-650-2525 by Sunday, March 8. The event is Monday, March 9, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, enter at the 82nd Street & Fifth Avenue main museum entrance.

### **March 10: Immigrant Small Business Town Hall.**

My office's African Immigrant Task Force is sponsoring a Town Hall jointly with the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs, Dept. of Small Business Services, and the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs. Please join us for a presentation on how to obtain city resources to help manage your small business better, moderated by Lloyd Williams of the Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce. Panelists include myself; Julie Menin, Commissioner, Dept. of Consumer Affairs; Alejandro Alvarez, Director of Community Affairs, Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs; Maria Torres-Springer, Commissioner, Dept. of Small Business Services. Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Touro College of Pharmacy, P2 Lecture Hall (enter at 231 West 124th St.). Guests must have ID and sign in at the security desk. French and Spanish translation available.

### **March 11: Community and parental engagement under Mayoral Control of Schools.**

I am cosponsoring with Public Advocate Tish James a Manhattan Forum on Mayoral Control of schools-- one in a series of forums taking place in all five boroughs. The forum will focus on one aspect of mayoral control: community and parent engagement and provide a platform for educators, parents, guardians, and elected officials to discuss what real community and parent engagement should look like under mayoral control, which is set to expire this June. Wednesday, March 11, 2015, 6:00 - 8:00 pm at John Jay College, 524 W 59th Street, Room L63.

### **March 11: Let's talk about reforming the Rent Guidelines Board.**

Join Council Member Corey Johnson, housing policy experts and tenant organizers for a discussion about reforming the Rent Guidelines Board and confronting New York's affordability crisis. Panelists include attorney Timothy Collins, tenant representative to the RGB Sheila Garcia, and Delsenia Glover, Campaign Manager for the Alliance for Tenant Power. Wednesday, March 11, 2015, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, P.S. 3 Auditorium, 490 Hudson Street.

### **March 21: Tuberculosis Awareness Walk and Rally.**

Tuberculosis remains a major health concern for many New Yorkers. My office is co-sponsoring the City's Dept. of Health and Mental Health (DOHMH) initiative to bring awareness to the need for TB prevention. MBPO and DOHMH will join our community partners from various public health and ethnic community non-profits to participate in a walk and rally that will seek to encourage survivors to come forward and help people learn about TB. Saturday, March 21, 2015; Kickoff at 11:00 am at Washington Square Park; Rally at 12 noon at Project Space, 72 Allen Street, 3rd Floor.

### **March 30: Tech Mixer for public school partnerships.**

My office is sponsoring this technology mixer to help improve technology education by bringing together public schools seeking partnerships with technology organizations. Monday, March 30, 4:30-6:30pm, Civic Hall, 156 5th Ave. (for easiest access, use entrance on 20th St). Please RSVP at <http://mbptech.eventbrite.com> or 212-669-4039.

### **In the MBPO Gallery: Federation of Modern Painters and Sculptors.**

The 75th anniversary show of the Federation of Modern Painters and Sculptors is the exhibit in the MBPO Gallery in my offices at 1 Centre Street through March 27. Artists include Sharon Ascher, Lynda Caspe, Nicholas Christopher, Edward Eichel, Robert Feinland, Marty Goldblum, Jerilyn Jurinek, Dorothy Koppelman, Penny Kronengold, Jacqueline Sferra Rada, Jon Rettich, John Servetas, Philip Sherrod, Richard Sloat, and Phillip Southern.