

Senator Adriano Espaillat: September 3, 2014 Update

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West End Avenue Redesign: Senator Espaillat expressed his support for the West End Avenue redesign. The plan will improve pedestrian safety on an avenue that has seen over 50 pedestrian injuries over the past two years, including two pedestrian fatalities. By removing one lane in each direction, creating a turning lane, and adding pedestrian islands to prevent unsafe turns, this residential corridor will become safer for all.



People's Climate March: With the UN Climate Summit occurring this month, a broad coalition of over 1,000 organizations are joining together to march for a global approach to keep us safe from a changing climate. To ensure we have clean air and water, good jobs, and healthy communities, tens of thousands of New Yorkers will meet at Columbus Circle for the People's Climate March on September 21st at 11:30am. Several Upper West Side organizations, including B'nai Jeshurun, West End Synagogue, and Goddard Riverside Community Center, are partner organizations. *(Flip over this page for additional information).*

Senator Espaillat Marches in Response to Eric Garner's Death: Senator Espaillat joined community leaders and activists in a march titled "We Will Not Go Back" in response to Eric Garner, an unarmed man in Staten Island who died while being arrested for allegedly selling individual, untaxed cigarettes.



Senator Espaillat Hosts Successful Job Fair: On August 21, Senator Espaillat hosted a job fair with Borough President Gale Brewer, Councilman Mark Levine, and additional community leaders and organizations in Washington Heights. With representatives from dozens employers, ranging from Fairway to the Parks Department, and over 350 attendees, it was a successful event that we plan to replicate throughout the district.

Juan Pablo Duarte Park: In recent years, volunteers the district have worked hard to make Juan Pablo Duarte Square at the intersection of Broadway and Saint Nicholas Avenue along 169th Street, a verdant urban oasis for local residents and workers from local employers like Columbia University Medical Center. However recent security complaints have alarmed community members, and a spike in discarded alcohol bottles and other litter has made the square a less inviting place to rest. At Senator Espaillat's urging, there has been a stepped-up Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) and Department of Sanitation presence, which will return Juan Pablo Duarte Square to an attractive seating area.

Adriano Espaillat represents New York State's 31st Senatorial District, stretching from Chelsea & Hell's Kitchen through the Upper West Side, Manhattanville, West Harlem, Hamilton Heights, Washington Heights, Inwood and Marble Hill.

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