

# INSIDE CITYWIDE

## Message from the Commissioner's Office

June 14, 2021

It has been a busy month at DCAS, with exciting news about how we are taking new steps to protect pedestrians, cyclists, and other road users; honoring our Veterans and connecting them with careers in city government; re-opening our civil service testing centers; and investing in the infrastructure needed to support electric vehicles in our city.

We recently announced the installation of surround-view cameras on 1,500 trucks in the City of New York vehicle fleet. These cameras will help eliminate blind spots and protect all road users. This is the latest investment we have made to enhance the safety of the City's vehicle fleet - a key component of Mayor de Blasio's Vision Zero initiative.

On Memorial Day, we announced that Veterans can now take City civil service exams free of charge. Registration fees range from \$40 to \$101, so reducing this financial barrier will make it easier for Veterans to find careers in City government. We want to thank our Veterans and open doors for those who have served our country to serve our city.

As New York City continues its re-opening process, our agency continues as well. We have re-opened four of our five Computer-based Testing and Application Centers (CTACs) at limited capacity for civil service testing. To be granted entry, visitors must first make an appointment, wear a face covering, and pass a health screening assessment. To learn more, visit the [FAQ on our website](#).

We also released the second episode of our [Inside Citywide podcast](#) on the future of electric vehicles in New York City. Our guests are Keith Kerman, NYC Chief Fleet Officer and DCAS Deputy Commissioner for Fleet Management, and Jen Robertson, Senior Transportation Policy Advisor for the Mayor's Office of Climate and Sustainability. Be sure to [give it a listen](#) and remember to subscribe (it's free!) to be alerted about future episodes.

Read more below about these and other happenings at DCAS.

## DCAS Installs 360 Degree Cameras on City Fleet Trucks

As part of Mayor de Blasio's Vision Zero initiative, DCAS has begun [installing surround-view cameras on 1,500 fleet trucks](#) to eliminate blind spots and visual impairments for truck operators. These additional cameras will help ensure the safety of pedestrians, bikers, and children.



The installation of surround-view cameras on city fleet trucks is part of the [DCAS Safe Fleet Transition Plan](#) (SFTP), which formalizes a set of best-practice vehicle safety technologies for all City fleet vehicles to prevent and mitigate crashes.

Through the SFTP, DCAS is specifying the highest level of safety available on new cars and trucks and implementing safety retrofits. DCAS has already installed over 60,000 safety improvements to City fleet units, including driver alert systems, telematics, truck side-guards, automatic braking, back-up alerts, dash cams, and heated mirrors.

To learn more about this initiative, check out the [NY1 story](#) or view our [press release](#).



### ***Episode Two of the DCAS Inside Citywide Podcast***

Will electric vehicles replace the internal combustion engine and break the world's dependency on fossil fuels?



### ***DCAS Waives City's Civil Service Exam Fees for Veterans***

United States Armed Services Veterans are no longer required to pay application fees for the City of New

As the City of New York builds towards an all-electric municipal vehicle fleet by 2040, the city is also preparing for widespread public adoption of EVs.

In [Episode 2 of the DCAS Inside Citywide Podcast](#), hosts Nick Benson and Belinda French discuss the City's electric vehicle future with Keith Kerman, NYC's Chief Fleet Officer and DCAS Deputy Commissioner for Fleet Management, and Jen Robertson, Senior Transportation Policy Advisor for the NYC Mayor's Office of Climate and Sustainability.

The Inside Citywide Podcast is available on [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), [Google Podcasts](#), [Amazon Music](#), [Stitcher](#), and [BuzzSprout](#).

York's civil service examinations. Fee waivers may be used an unlimited number of times and on all exams.

In addition to attracting a talented workforce, waiving civil service application fees for Veterans offers a small way to thank them for their service.

Read more about this in the [New York Daily News](#).

Additional details are also [available on our website](#).

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### ***DCAS and Together for Safer Roads Honor Late DCAS Staff Member With Creation of New Fleet Safety Award***



In May, DCAS and *Together for Safer Roads*, a coalition of global private sector companies dedicated to preventing road crashes, announced the creation of the

Lenin Fierro Vision Zero Fleet Advocacy Award. This award will be given out annually to an individual who has the leadership, positivity, commitment, approachability, and personal dedication to transforming organizations towards the goals of the Vision Zero initiative.

The award was named in honor of DCAS staff member Lenin Fierro (pictured above in the middle), who was a leading advocate for fleet safety. Lenin passed away in March 2020 in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Lenin Fierro immigrated from Ecuador, served in the Navy and then joined DCAS to help implement Vision Zero from the beginning," said Mayor Bill de Blasio. "He personally trained thousands of City drivers— truly a life-saving gift to New Yorkers."

To learn more, check out this article in the [Queens Chronicle](#).

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### *Ranked Choice Voting in the Upcoming Primary Election*



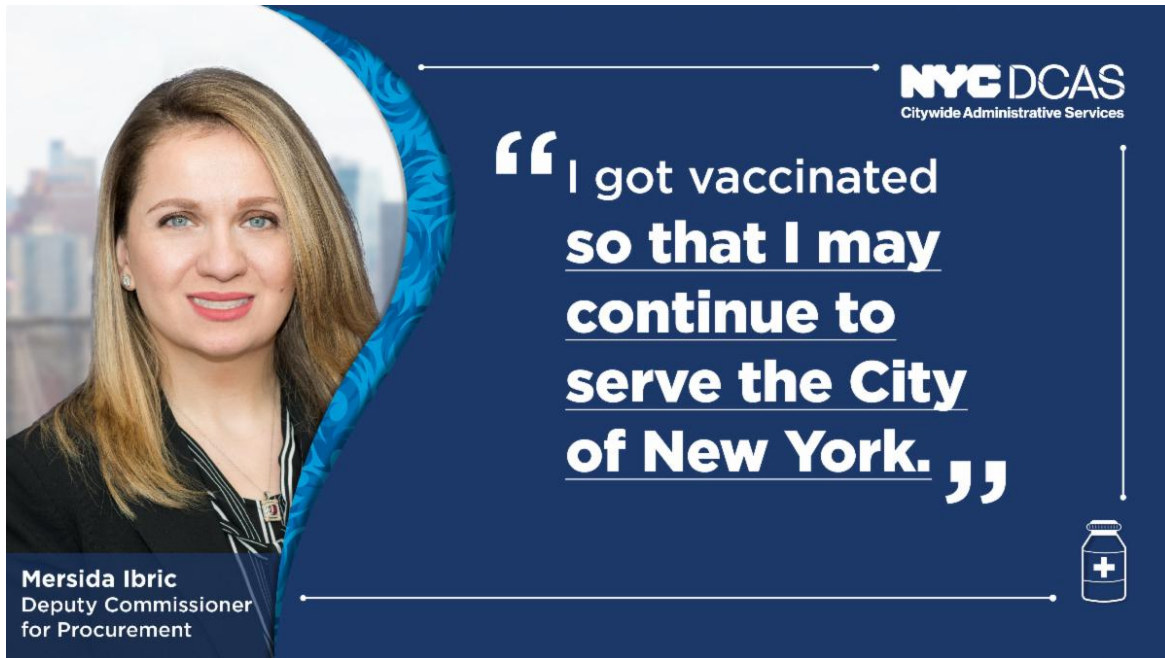
On June 22, New Yorkers will be using [ranked choice voting](#) in an important citywide primary election. Ranked choice voting is a new system of voting in which you can rank up to five candidates in order of preference.

#### **How does Ranked Choice Voting Work?**

1. Pick your first-choice candidate and completely fill in the oval next to their name under the 1st column.
2. If you have a second-choice candidate, fill in the oval next to their name under the 2nd column.
3. You can rank up to five candidates. **You can still choose to vote for only one candidate if you prefer.** Ranking other candidates does not harm your first choice.

Still unsure about ranked choice voting? Try filling out a [practice ballot](#). For more information on ranked choice voting and the upcoming election, visit [voting.nyc](#).


## Get Vaccinated, NYC!



**NYC DCAS**  
Citywide Administrative Services

“ I got vaccinated  
so that I may  
continue to  
serve the City  
of New York. ”

**Mersida Ibric**  
Deputy Commissioner  
for Procurement



COVID-19 vaccines have been shown to be very safe and effective in protecting people from severe COVID-19 illness, hospitalization, and death. These vaccines are the best protection we have against COVID-19 and that is why our DCAS leadership team encourages our staff and all New Yorkers to get vaccinated. You can see why DCAS leadership has chosen to get vaccinated in [our Flickr gallery](#).

**A vaccination site is now open at the David N. Dinkins Municipal Building at 1 Centre Street.** The location, in the building's north mezzanine, is open 24/7 and does not require an appointment. Those who are eligible can simply walk-in to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. To view other vaccination sites and schedule an appointment, visit [this City of New York vaccination website](#). To see all vaccine sites that allow walk-ins, visit the city's [Vaccine Command Center page](#).

City employees should be aware that the city issued a temporary time and leave policy for employees to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The policy provides up to four hours of paid leave during work hours to get vaccinated. The four hours cover travel time to a vaccination site, time for the vaccine to be administered, and travel time back from the vaccination site. The four hours of paid leave are available for each required dose of the vaccine. Upon successful completion of vaccination, eligible employees may also receive three hours of compensatory time.

To read the full policy, see [PSB 600-4: Temporary Citywide Policy for Vaccination of City Employees against SARS-CoV-2](#).

The DCAS Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Report highlights the accomplishments of our agency during the past fiscal year. The report tells the story of who we are and what we've done to ensure that equity, effectiveness, and sustainability are at the core of every service we provide. The annual report is available on the [DCAS website](#).

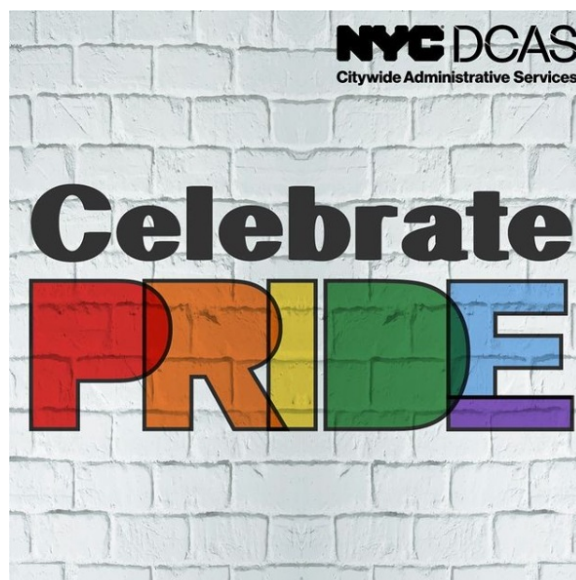


## Social Media Highlights



*From 6/07/2021*

All of our CTACs have re-opened for civil service testing except the Bronx location. For entry, you must make an appointment, wear a face covering, and pass a health screening assessment. To learn how to schedule an appointment, check out



*From 6/02/2021*

☐ Happy #PrideMonth2021. DCAS celebrates the history and the accomplishments of the LGBTQ community and supports the continuing fight for LGBTQ rights throughout this country!

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