



COMMUNITY UPDATE

ASSEMBLYMEMBER DEBORAH J. GLICK

Assemblymember Deborah Glick Reports to the Village and SoHo April 23, 2026

Update from Albany

Legislative Update

I was encouraged that my long-championed bill to establish a progressive surcharge on luxury non-primary residence real estate, known as a **Pied-à-Terre tax**, is gaining momentum in this year's budget negotiations. Since 2014, I have sponsored legislation for a surcharge on high-end investment properties, often purchased by out-of-state and international buyers.

This proposal applies only to non-primary residence owners of residential property valued above \$5 million, with higher rates for more expensive properties. It will not affect any New Yorker's primary residence, regardless of its value.

This commonsense measure ensures that wealthy investors contribute more fairly to the infrastructure and services that protect and sustain the value of their investments. New York City's luxury real estate market remains strong, and we should ensure that these properties help support the essential services that keep our city the premier destination it is.

It is important that this measure is included in any final budget agreement.

Budget Work Continues

As you may know, each year, the Governor presents an executive budget to the Legislature, and we are tasked with advocating for our constituents and the state, and negotiating to achieve a final budget by April 1st that will fund the critical services we all rely on and set priorities for years to come. In March, the Assembly and State Senate each presented our budget proposals in response to the executive budget, kicking off this year's negotiations. You can learn about the Assembly's one house budget proposal here: <https://nyassembly.gov/2026budget/?sec=assembly/>

Recent reporting about the issues holding up this year's budget is true. I strongly prefer to keep policy changes out of the budget, so that the legislature can evaluate individual bills on their own merits. The Governor, however, is advocating for certain policies to be included in the final budget, in three main areas.

- A change in the way NYS measures its emissions, which would undermine our ambitious climate goals as passed in the 2019 CLCPA (Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.) While I could see a path toward changing certain deadlines given economic challenges and the pandemic recovery, I am strongly opposed to changing the methodology by which we measure our emissions using a 20-year metric rather than the more permissive 100-year accounting favored by many states.

- Governor Hochul has proposed streamlining parts of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) to accelerate construction. While addressing the housing shortage is critical, these changes warrant very close scrutiny to make certain they do not unintentionally weaken important environmental safeguards or lead to yet more lucrative luxury development with insufficient affordable housing construction.
- The Governor has also proposed overhauling New York's auto insurance system. These changes merit careful consideration to ensure they do not unintentionally restrict legitimate claims and prevent injured New Yorkers from having their fair day in court.



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**Deborah J. Glick's Statement on Supreme Court Decision
Overturning Colorado's Conversion Therapy Ban**

March 31, 2026

The discredited and pernicious practice of so-called "conversion therapy" has been widely rejected by the medical and mental health community as ineffective and harmful, especially to young people. As the sponsor of this legislation for many years before passing it into law in New York State, I have personally seen the damage that is done to young people and how it can persist throughout adulthood. Major professional organizations in the field, including the American Psychological Association, the American Medical Association, and the American Academy of Pediatrics oppose this practice because it is associated with documented harm to patients, and is based on the false belief that LGBTQ+ expressions of gender and sexuality are deficiencies in need of correction.

LGBTQ+ children with unsupportive families who are forced into this cruel and degrading practice are left with deep scars from which their family connections and even their own self-worth may never recover.

By striking down Colorado's law restricting licensed professionals from engaging in this discredited practice, the Supreme Court has not only opened the door to more formative adolescent trauma for LGBTQ+ children; it has undermined states' ability to regulate the professional standards for medical and mental health practitioners. This will immediately harm LGBTQ+ youngsters, but it also sets a troubling precedent for further judicial meddling of the regulation of the public health, the implications of which will extend beyond the LGBTQ+ community.

**My Letter to the Attorney General about Concerns Regarding
Online Prediction Markets**

I wrote to Attorney General James to communicate my concern about the growth of online prediction markets like Polymarket and Kalshi. A summary of my statement is below:

These markets effectively allow customers to gamble on anything from the outcome of a baseball game to an election to the number of migrants crossing the United States border. However, they have used rhetorical tools to skirt the regulations applied to other gambling enterprises by calling bets made on their platforms "futures contracts" and arguing that these bets do not constitute "games." By stating that they are dealing in futures contracts, prediction markets have ensured that they are regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading

Commission (CFTC), a federal agency that prohibits gaming but has acted in defense of predictive markets under the current administration.

I am deeply concerned that these markets pose a risk to consumers and to the industries and individuals being gambled on. Consumer protections are much weaker for futures contracts than they are for gambling. Additionally, being able to wager on events as far ranging as elections or someone's death has the potential to create perverse incentives for interference or even violent actions.

I asked the Attorney General what actions her office is taking to push for regulation of predictive markets as the gambling enterprises they are. I am extremely skeptical that the CFTC will take any action to further regulate these markets given recent actions to reassert their jurisdiction, the role of the president's son, Donald Trump Jr. as an advisor to Kalshi, and plans for the president's social network, TruthSocial, to launch its own prediction market service.

Preservation in the District at 139 Thompson Street

I was heartened to see that the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) refused to accept the proposal to demolish the building at 139 Thompson Street, as a designated landmark building. Here is an excerpt from testimony I submitted to the LPC to oppose the proposal to demolish 139 Thompson:

"This building, located in the Sullivan-Thompson Historic District of Manhattan, is a landmarked 1875 tenement building that is evocative of the character seen in our neighborhood. I am deeply concerned that the proposed demolition by the applicant is dependent on reports of deterioration that are incomplete or unreliable. For that reason, **I join the community I represent in our strong opposition of complete demolition of 139 Thompson unless the LPC affirms that restoration is impossible and that the NYC Department of Buildings verifies that the building owner bears no responsibility for the current deteriorated condition.**

It is troubling to lose landmarked buildings as they are finite resources that preserve our city's history and especially so, if those losses could have been avoided or were actively perpetrated in order to profit from fewer, luxury units. I am also worried about the reduction of housing in my district - one that desperately needs more affordable units not less. The proposal will result in the loss of 19 dwelling units, 12 of which were rent-regulated, and will be replaced by 6 ultra-luxury condos...

I urge the LPC to deny the application for demolition until a more thorough investigation can be completed to determine whether the building can be restored and preserved safely and appropriately, and to assess whether the building owner acted in compliance with their obligation to preserve the building to the best of their ability."

Download the new MTA App!

There's a **new MTA app** that's all about giving subway and bus customers the smoothest ride possible. The new and improved features include:

- The most accurate subway arrival info
- Track buses in real time
- Get up-to-minute service updates, plus planned service changes and information about elevator and escalator outages.
- Save a subway line or bus route for quick access to arrival info and status updates for your frequently used stops and stations.
- Access-A-Ride customers can continue using the app to book and manage their trips



- Chat with customer support teams 24/7
- Available in English and Spanish

The MTA app is available for iOS and Android in the Apple Store or Google Play—download or update your app now to get live subway and bus info, straight from the source.

Cooper Square Committee Training on Rent Overcharges

Cooper Square Committee in partnership with TakeRoot Justice are offering a **free training on rent overcharges**. Tenants of rent regulated apartments may be eligible to file rent overcharge complaints if their landlord increases their rent more than the lawfully permitted guidelines. In the training, you can learn if you're being illegally overcharged and, if so, how to challenge your rent.

Details to RSVP can be found at bit.ly/rent-overcharges

Cooper Square Committee

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Learn if you're being illegally overcharged, and, if so, how to challenge your rent.

Tuesday, April 28, 6:30pm on Zoom
RSVP: bit.ly/rent-overcharges

Join the 15th Annual "I Love My Park Day"!

Parks & Trails New York (PTNY), the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation and the Department of Environmental Conservation invite you to participate in the 15th annual **I Love My Park Day**, New York State's largest single-day volunteer event on **Saturday, May 2, 2026**.

More than 155 events are scheduled throughout the state, in and around the district. Volunteers will be planting trees and native plants, mulching playgrounds, cleaning up trails, removing invasive plants, and working to ensure our public lands are ready and beautiful for the upcoming busy season.

Get involved at: www.ptny.org/events/i-love-my-park-day/

JOIN US FOR I LOVE MY PARK days

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 2



IT FEELS GOOD TO GIVE BACK!

Show your public lands some love on Saturday, May 2 and join us at an I Love My Park Day volunteer event. Events are held across New York State and might occur at your local park or trail!

Join family, friends, and neighbors to:

- ✔ Clean up park lands and beaches
- ✔ Restore trails and wildlife habitat
- ✔ Plant trees and flowers, and much more!



Volunteer
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Apply for a Cooling Assistance Benefit

As the weather warms up, the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) opened their applications for the 2025-2026 Cooling Assistance Component. **Eligible New Yorkers can apply for a benefit for the purchase and installation of an air conditioner or fan.** Benefits include up to \$800 for a window, portable air conditioner, or fan or up to \$1,000 for an existing wall sleeve unit.



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