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THIS MONTH IN THE DISTRICT

Fighting Against the HDFC Crisis

The crisis in Housing Development Fund Company cooperative buildings (HDFCs) developed over a

number of years and is growing exponentially in the 71st Assembly District. In response to the crisis, the Office of Assemblymember Taylor is hosting a four-part forum series for constituents to voice concerns and to work with experts to develop solutions via legislation, litigation or negotiation. The third forum in the series, which concerned regulatory agreements, was held on October 15, 2018 from 6-8pm in the NAC Ballroom at the City College of New York (CCNY) to address concerns about predatory lending. Panelists included Edwin Vega from Legal Aid Society, Glory Kerstein from the HDFC Coalition, Shimlee Lambert, Treasurer to 936-938 Cliffcrest HDFC, Yetta Kurland, Attorney for 936-



HDFC Forum Panelists at City College on October 15, 2018

938 Cliffcrest HDFC. Assemblymember Al Taylor and Darlene Bruce, Esq. moderated the event. WeAct and Neighborhood Housing Services also were present to table and act as resources for HDFC residents. The feedback from these forums has been taken back to the appropriate committees to help produce legislative solutions. As the Chair of the New York State Assembly Subcommittee on Regulated Mortgage Lenders, Assemblymember Taylor wants to hear from constituents to produce positive results and pledges to fight to stabilize buildings, empower the community and bring an end to the crisis facing HDFCs.

Pursuing Justice for Tenants of the Dunbar Apartments

Over the past several months, the office of Assemblymember Al Taylor has partnered with Legal Aid Society to protect tenants of the Dunbar Apartments located on the block between Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Boulevard and Frederick Douglass Boulevard at 149th Street. Our office has been receiving reports from tenants of lack of gas, heat, and hot water and of long waiting periods for apartment repairs. With a recent increase in participation from tenants, Legal Aid Society and Assemblymember Taylor hope to put more pressure on the Dunbar Apartments' management company to fix the ongoing issues facing tenants.



Assemblymember Taylor and Dunbar Tenants

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Assemblyman Al Taylor partnered with Assemblywoman Inez Dickens to sponsor W.A.R.M's (We All Really Matter) 8th annual Domestic Violence Awareness forum. The key note speaker was holistic practitioner, the wise Queen Afua. Stephanie McGraw is pioneer in women's right and non-for profit sector that addresses domestic violence in Upper Manhattan, especially in Harlem. Women and children are disproportionately affected by domestic violence.



In the United States, one in every four women and one in seven men will experience severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime. It is organizations like

W.A.R.M, Safe Horizon, NYPD and District Attorney's offices that support our community members in times of dire need and distress. Overall, this issue is a large part of women's rights. As we await the results from the November 6th elections, we hope that with a more democratic senate, we can pass bills such as A10272.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY:

Assemblymember Taylor seeks qualified individuals to intern at his District Office

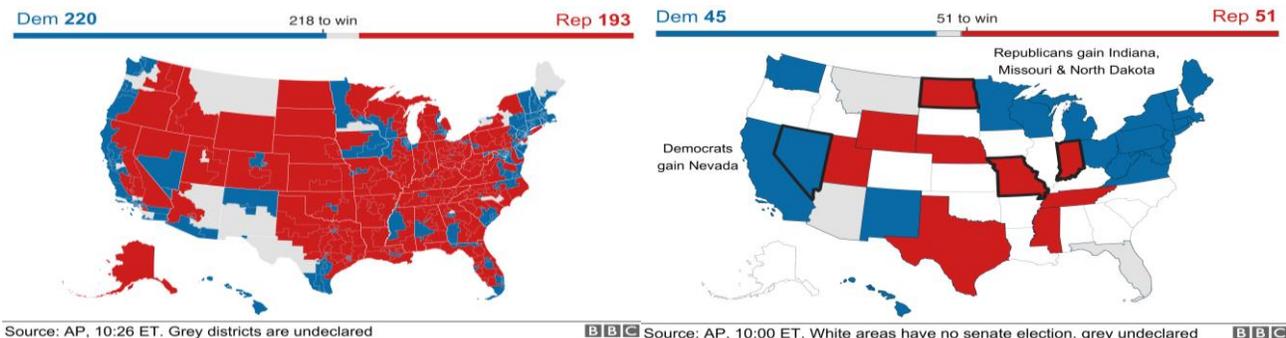
The internship typically runs throughout the year and offers flexible hours to accommodate student schedules, but is generally during office times (Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm). Though unpaid, the position offers invaluable work experience and mentorship. Please consider the following applicant requirements before you apply:

- Have a background in journalism, public relations, public administration or advertisement
- Possess general office etiquette and strong writing skills
- Be well-versed in using multiple social media platforms

Interested candidates can forward their resumes and cover letters to ruedam@nyassembly.gov for further instructions on how to apply.

2018 Mid-Term Election Results

The 2018 Mid-Term elections took place on Tuesday, November 6. The election was seen by many in the country as a referendum on President Donald Trump's policies since taking office following his election in 2016. In the national results, Democrats won control of the U.S. House of Representatives, but Republicans remain the majority in the Senate. In New York State, incumbents Governor Andrew Cuomo and State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli were reelected and in a historic first, Public Advocate Letitia James was elected as the new Attorney General, the first time an African-American woman has been elected to a statewide post.



Alzheimer's Awareness Month

On Wednesday November 7, 2018, Assemblyman Al Taylor is collaborating with Riverstone Senior Life Services, and the Alzheimer's Association: New York City Chapter. There will be a presentation on the Basics of Alzheimer's by MSW, Licet Valois for community members throughout the 71st Assembly District. This presentation will be in English. There will be a second presentation for Spanish-speaking individuals and families on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 from 5pm-7pm. The location is Riverstone Senior Life Services: Memory Center at 99 Fort Washington Avenue NY, NY 10032.