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Legislative Update for the Stated Meeting of April 27, 2023

Today, Council Member Eric Dinowitz introduced legislation to enhance the educational experiences of New York City students and to honor the contributions of veterans in New York City:

- [Res. No. 0578-2023](#) - This resolution calls on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, S.285/A.1502, to incorporate arts and music education into the public school curriculum
- [Res. No. 0579-2023](#) - This resolution calls on the New York City Department of Education to ensure that the New York State Seal of Biliteracy is awarded in all New York City public high schools to eligible students.
- [Res. No. 0580-2023](#) - This resolution calls on the City University of New York to ensure that all campuses award an appropriate number of college credits to students who earned a New York State Seal of Biliteracy in high school and, where required, accept that Seal as fulfillment of any foreign language requirement.
- [Res. No. 0581-2023](#) - This resolution calls on the City to recognize November as Veteran Appreciation Month in New York City

Council Member Dinowitz also voted on and sponsored a number of bills to promote safety, security and the dignity of New York City communities:

- [Int. No. 0190A-2022](#) - This bill would require the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) to produce a statement of rights for those living in shelters, which would inform clients experiencing homelessness about the rights and services available to them.
- [Int. No. 0273B-2022](#) - This bill would require that NYPD to provide officers with training related to recognizing and interacting with individuals with autism spectrum disorder
- [Int. No. 0679A-2022](#) - This bill would require the Department for the Aging (DFTA) to designate certain senior pedestrian zones in the City and annually install one traffic calming device, like a speed bump, in each zone.
- [Int. No. 0704A-2022](#) - This bill would require the Human Resources Administration to provide landlords the option to accept rental assistance payments via an electronic transfer into a bank account.
- [Int. No. 0805A-2022](#) - This bill would require the Department of Transportation (DOT) to accelerate the schedule on which the agency conducts the study of traffic crashes involving a pedestrian fatality or serious injury required by local law from every five years



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to every four years, and to provide such studies and plans arising from such studies to all Community Boards in addition to the Mayor and Speaker. DOT would also be required to submit reports concerning investigations undertaken by its crash investigation and analysis unit to the Speaker and to all Community Boards.

Council Member Eric Dinowitz also voted on resolutions to fully fund the MTA, combat anti-Semitism and remove bureaucracy in government:

- [Res. No. 0460-2023](#) - This resolution, which was co-sponsored by Council Member Dinowitz, calls on the New York State Legislature and Governor to fully fund the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) in the State's upcoming Fiscal Year 2024 Budget in an effort to ensure that: public transit riders have effective, affordable public transportation; the MTA maintains fiscal stability in the face of a looming fiscal cliff; and the MTA operate more frequent bus and train service statewide.
- [Res. No. 0487-2023](#) - This resolution, which was co-sponsored by Council Member Dinowitz, recognizes April 29 as End Jew Hatred annually in the City of New York
- [Res. No. 0566-2023](#) - This resolution approves the Report and Advisory Board Review Commission's determination recommending waiver of eight reporting requirements that was communicated to the City Council on January 24, 2023.

Members of the community are highly encouraged to view, attend, or testify at NYC Council Hearings. [The calendar of hearings can be found here](#). To testify in person or online, or to submit written testimony, community members can visit <http://www.council.nyc.gov/testify>.

Council Member Eric Dinowitz also has an [intake form](#) where you can submit questions or comments directly to him pertaining to a particular committee hearing. (Please note, the google form is for internal purposes only and is *not* official testimony.)



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Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Dinowitz".

Committee on Higher Education, Chair

Committee on Aging

Committee on Civil Service & Labor

Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries, and International Intergroup Relations

Committee on Education

Committee on Housing & Buildings

Committee on Parks & Recreation

Committee on Standards & Ethics