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How Can We Help Our Community



From the COLlive Inbox: Yossi Stern of Crown Heights writes, "I have seen many community members raise the issue of problems facing our community, and then complain that our leadership is not doing enough to correct things."

Dear community members,

I am writing to you to discuss the concerns and issues facing our community.

Time and again, I have seen many community members raise the issue of problems facing our community, and then complain that the community leadership is not addressing it, or they are not doing enough to correct things.

Even when problems are addressed, we complain about the steps taken to correct them, and whether they are effective. I have watched this happen over and over again, for many years.

And our community needs are many. For example, how many affordable housing units are available for our community? How many police officers were removed from our local precinct to other precincts over the last few years? How much public funding does our community receive for our schools and kindergartens? How much funding is invested in our community for healthy living, healthy dieting?

And the list can go on and on... with some, but not enough, coming our way in terms of government assistance.

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And the biggest question is, when you look at other Jewish communities, such as Boro Park, Williamsburg, and Flatbush: why are these communities receiving per capita a lot more city, state and federal funding for their communities' needs and municipalities?

Our community is growing and needs the help from our city, state and federal agencies. We CAN change the cycle of poor services and our complaints. We CAN start to receive what our community needs and deserves. How? By supporting our hard-working politicians (like they do in other communities) and start to see a real and lasting change in our community.

Because even though we are getting services, it is just not enough. The politicians who have worked hard for our community need to be recognized and supported so that they see we appreciate and support their efforts. By doing so, we will encourage them to advocate even more for our community.

This is why my wife and I have organized a beautiful fundraiser for Senator **Eric Adams**, to take place Wednesday, January 9, at our home, 1486 Union St., Brooklyn, NY.

NYS Senator Eric Adams has worked tirelessly in supporting our community over the years. Eric Adams is now running for Brooklyn Borough President, we need to come out and support him. We need to show Eric Adams we appreciate and acknowledge the hard work he has performed for us in the past.


We, as a community, cannot continue to watch the same cycle of poor services and then complain on the sidelines about it.

Join us at our event, and come out to support and encourage our hard working politicians - and start to see a real and lasting change in our community.

Sincerely,

Yossi & Idii Stern

Yossi & Idii Stern
 WOULD LIKE YOU TO MEET OUR GREAT SENATOR
HON. NYS SENATOR ERIC ADAMS
 AT OUR HOME FOR A FUND RAISER.
 THE HON. ERIC ADAMS WOULD LIKE TO BE OUR NEXT BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT



ENJOY YOUR EVENING WITH US AND MANY COMMUNITY RESIDENTS AND LEADERS

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 9TH 2013
8:30PM - 10:30PM
 1486 UNION STREET (BET. KINGSTON & ALBANY)

FINE WINE AND COCKTAILS WILL BE SERVED

*SHOW YOUR SUPPORT TO A GREAT LEADER AND
 A GREAT FRIEND TO THE CROWN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY.*

COLLIVE
 WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU !

Yossi & Idii Stern

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Opinions and Comments

1
yussle the L muscle
 Great idea, I will attend with my wife.
 Thank you yossi and idii stern
 (1/5/2013 8:11:00 PM)

2
channy
 Beautiful idea....will definitely attend and bring my friends too
 (1/5/2013 8:12:14 PM)

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Meir

B"H Great idea but I thought the strong point of our powers to be was appearing in photos with the politicians. You mean to say that other than a picture, nothing is gained for CH

(1/5/2013 8:22:35 PM)

4**Very nice----**

This is a very nice plan. You might want to edit before publishing, as the correct spelling is senAtor. Oh, well, everyone makes mistakes!

(1/5/2013 8:29:36 PM)

5**Mendy**

Eric adams has been there for our comminuty.

i will try to attend.

(1/5/2013 8:31:16 PM)

6**hmm**

Because the answer is always BIGGER government....

(1/5/2013 9:04:33 PM)

7**Yossy Hershkop**

Senator Adams has been one of our only true friends in the Local Government. With that said we need to question his recent public fraternizing with Al Sharpton (Front page picture in NY Daily News). If he can explain that, I would feel more comfortable voting for him (and getting my friends to do the same) as I have done in the past.....

(1/5/2013 9:06:25 PM)

8**Daughter**

I will def. be there :) we all should show support . This is a great cause .

(1/5/2013 9:10:56 PM)

9**# 4**

bs"d

to #4: very cute!!!

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(1/5/2013 10:10:23 PM)

10**What good has this guy done for us and our state?**

NOTHING!!

Therefore I see no reasen to support him. But there are plenty of reasen to vote against him:

- He voted yes on G*... marriage.
- Pro-Abortion, even for pre-born humans under 3 months, in ALL cases
- He believes adoptions agency's shouldn't be allowed to deny G... couples from adopting the poor child. He believes it's discrimination and doesn't care about the fact that the kid won't grow up to be a normal child
- He is the biggest advocate in the NY sanate for banning guns; which means that criminals (which dont care about laws, and will get them anyways) will feel safer mugging you and killing you, because you have no

way to self-defense.

- He is anti- business.

- He believes that if you worked hard and were successful, you probably aren't a fair person and most of your money should be taking away.

- He is against school voucher's because he want's incompetent union teachers to keep their job's. That unions will support his campaign....

He does NOT care about you. He DOES cares about himself and His selfish pockets.

I would like to thank Collive, for being a fair and neutral site (most of the time), for posting this comment even though it might not 100% in their self-intrest

(1/5/2013 10:48:21 PM)

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Keep up the good work Yossi

Keep up the good work Yossi,
Your friend from Toronto

(1/5/2013 11:59:40 PM)

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to #4

MistAkes ;)

(1/6/2013 12:25:44 AM)

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He is a fine man

He is definitely someone who is good for us (unlike that James) What is the minimum donation? I don't have thousands or even hundreds to donate but I would like to go to show my support and I am prepared to give something.

(1/6/2013 1:02:06 AM)

14

Stop Leaching

I think that we should support politicians that will lower our taxes and stop redistributing (stealing) wealth.

(1/6/2013 1:28:10 AM)

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Certainly

1. This is well intentioned, but it would do people better to learn self-sufficiency than learning how to play the system and need/depend on gov't handouts.

2. Please xplain why I should gove money to a campaign. If elected , isn't he our representative and paid for by his salary which is covered by my taxes? Is this simply a bribe?

(1/6/2013 1:30:17 AM)

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sounds beautiful

don't forget about yayin mevushal - fine wines?... be careful please.

(1/6/2013 4:00:44 AM)

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Don't Understand

Which programs can we get that we aren't already getting?

(1/6/2013 9:36:20 AM)

18**To #14 & #15**

Right on.

(1/6/2013 11:08:30 AM)

19**supporter of these events**

1. Here is the deal, when a politician runs for office, they reach out to their communities they represent, when they do this, it is important for the community to invite the politician, and let the politician know of the particular concerns and interests of the community. When the politician meets with the residents of a community, he / she will listen to the issues and concerns raised, and then the community leaders can then follow up with the politician and insure the communities interests are met. 2. When a politician such as Eric Adams runs for office, and he is a person who has proven to be a strong advocate for the community, then he is someone the community should first, thank him for his work, and second, support his campaign for his new position, so he can continue to be in an office and advocate for our community. 3. Our community leaders (chanina, eli slavin, nuchi and the community council) work very hard to have our elected officials advocate for our communitiy, BUT it is very important for the politicians to see our community residents are appreciative of politicians good work, and will continue to support these politicians so they can continue to advocate for our community. 4. There is something called "hakaros Hatov". 5. This is something that is being done in all well organized communities such as Boro Park, willi, and flatbush. I hope this explains the questions raised in some of the above comments.

(1/6/2013 1:41:10 PM)

20**Seriously...**

Why the focus on getting more government handouts? The rest of America looks down on people who can't take care of their own families and depend on handouts. Figure out how to make a living!

(1/6/2013 1:54:15 PM)

21**To #10**

Your absolutely right! He doesn't support us and are ideals and neither shall we support him.

Our support will be taken for granted, if we keep voting for the same politicians. They will have no reason to support us, because they will get our support in any case, no matter what they do.

It is therefore necessary, one's in a while, to go off from tradition and vote against the legislator.

(1/6/2013 2:11:11 PM)

22**Zalman to #7**

Why are you upset about his public fraternizing with Al Sharpton. Because, he caused the deathly riots in crown height, isn't that right?

Now did you know that Eric Adams is the biggest supporter of gun control. What does that man for you?

That next time a criminal (who doesn't care about gun laws) want's to set up a mugging in crown heights, he will be at a huge advantage. Since he has a gun and his victim doesn't, he will feel safe mugging you at gun point and you will have no way to self defense.

I wouldn't want to support Eric Adams, even if he where against Al Sharpton. You shouldn't support any politicians that is willing to give the criminal the advantage (Gun).

(1/6/2013 2:29:21 PM)

23**To #19**

Just read comment #10 and #21. You obviously he have no clue of what

this guy is about. And you defiantly have no clue the way politics works.

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To #23

A record is a record.

All his votes are on record for the rest of time.

#23 wrote: "And you defiantly have no clue the way politics works."

You mean I don't know that to be a politician one must lie and play doubled faced? I do know that.

If it's something else (other then lying and being doubled faced), then please educate us, right here right now.

(1/6/2013 3:16:36 PM)

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Correction on comment #10

You said

"Pro-Abortion, even for pre-born humans under 3 months, in ALL cases"

Your probably meant Pro-Abortion, even for pre-born humans OVER 3 months, in ALL cases

(1/6/2013 3:17:14 PM)

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Gun crime

For all those raving about gun control being so terrible, we have far less gun crime here because of the gun control. The facts prove it is safer with gun control. Dont get carried away with a Political action group's Mishagas.

(1/6/2013 4:33:17 PM)

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his letters to the community on how can I help you

I for one took him lit and ask if he can help spread the 7 laws of noach,thia was a few years ago,I do not know what came of it serel chana maness

(1/6/2013 6:52:44 PM)

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To Yossi & Idii

It is very good of you, but you might get more results from the average non-politically inclined comm. member if you post exactly what this Eric Adams has done for the CH Jewish comm. members.

(1/6/2013 7:07:04 PM)

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To Yossi & Idii

Kol Hakovod

There will always be someone who tried to knock you down when you try to do the right thing.

Yossi you have always been a true advocate for the Crown Height Community, whether it was through Shmira or your own block association. Some of us truly appreciate all the good that you do, you never seem to care what people think of you or the negative feed back that articles such as this get, and yet you continue to do what you feel is best for the Crown Heights Community.

Again Thank you Yossi Stern for all that you do, this community needs more people like you and less of all the people who only have negative comments to make. Please notice that you dont see anyone here who has made a negative comment taking any other action to help better our community.

May you continue to strive and be successful in all your endeavours.

(1/6/2013 7:25:19 PM)

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for the record

When I approached COL earlier this week about posting an editorial on my fundraiser for Eric Adams, I offered an idea to COL. Over the coming weeks and months, I will inform the community through COL the monthly work of our politicians...no BS, no sugar coating, just their work, efforts, and accomplishments (and I am sure, a few failures too). Hopefully this will educate each of us in the community about our political friends and the work they do.... As for "haters" or critics? I learnt a long time ago, life is short, I will stay focused to what I believe is right...you have two choices in life, you can either stand on the side and complain and critic everyone and everything that people do that is not to your liking, OR you can roll up your sleeves and try to make a difference to correct things.

(1/6/2013 7:55:43 PM)

31**to 19 and poster**

there's no explanation why I should have to give money. one thing to come to speak to a politician and tell him what's on my mind. quite another to have to pay to have him hear me.

(1/6/2013 7:56:00 PM)

32**Comment #17 Reply to #29**

First off, I would like to remind you that I'm not attacking Yossi Stern and neither was anybody else. I actually understand where Yossi is coming from. He is trying to help our community, which is very noble of him and which I agree with him #100.

But donating to this man's political campaign, will only make matters worse. One's Eric Adams has the power, he will institute all his beliefs. Something, we would not like to happen.

I for one, agree with Yossi Stern, We must show up to this event. But when we show up we shall not keep quiet with our disappointment in him. We shall be straight forward with him. We shall tell him that we highly disagree with his positions. That we are deeply disappointed on his record with G marriage, abortion and gun control.

One last thing: if we do go to the event, we should defiantly NOT make any political contributions. That would just send him a message, that we don't care about what he does, we'll just always support him anyway. Now that, is no help to our community!

(1/6/2013 8:04:39 PM)

33**Are We Asking for Higher Taxes?**

"How much public funding does our community receive for our schools and kindergartens? How much funding is invested in our community for healthy living, healthy dieting?"

Are you kidding me?

Who is supposed to pay for this public funding? It doesn't come from nowhere, it comes from OUR tax money!

Are you suggesting an increase in the already over-excessive taxes?

(1/6/2013 8:46:52 PM)

34**A little hakaras hatov please.....**

For the record, Senator Adams has been to our community many times and has supported the community in good times and challenging times. In addition, he gave bullet proof vests for several community volunteers from his own funds. He has signed off on funding to support community mosdos at a time when funding was available, and he has honored several women in the community at past Women's events. Lastly for those who need assistance from a NYS office, his office is open Monday-Thursday for constituent services; where many have been helped to interface with State agencies. The office is always professional and helpful.

One can always find negative if we look for it; but being that this site is a public forum, we should be weighing our words as many from the outside DO read these comments. In addition, we do live in a diverse society (not all life takes place in our dalet amos only) and as Jews, besides the mitzva of Kiddush Hashem, we will get much farther by showing a little hakaras

hatov rather than finding fault.

(1/6/2013 9:24:13 PM)

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To #30

When you support a politician that votes against your community's value's, you are essentially sending him/her a message, that 'I don't care about what you do', It is therefore critically important that we do not support politicians that don't represent our values.

It's NOT about "haters and critics". It is about our community and our future!

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Don't be a "Hater"!

"haters" or critics?

I didn't notice any haters in the comments here. You must be projecting.

As for critics, yes, there are critics and that's good. People are practicing their right to free speech, this is why we have the comments to begin with.

Why must those who disagree with you and your views be labeled "haters". Are you trying to intimidate people in to not criticizing you?

Why is any view different from yours labeled "Negative", as a frum Jew I actually see those comments who are not in support of Eric Adams as a positive thing (Some people have some great points regarding his record).

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Yankel

Eric Adams has supported the Jewish Community whether it be Crown Heights Flatbush Williamsburg Boro Park or even Monroe , the incident at Aliyah he attended every protest even though some of his friends on the police force felt he should not get involved., ask Barry Sugar how many times he has come to the aid of the Jewish community of Crown Heights,if you have a problem with his platform come and discuss it with him he is willing to hear your point of view. He is someone who appreciates when people try to do something positive in the community ie Aliyah ,Friendship Circle. Chevra Simchas chasan v kallah he has honored all of these organizations, what other politician Has?Don't put down someone we need open your eyes see the big picture.

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yossi

@the person who is worried about higher taxes. If you understand the politics of funding different municipalities, then you will understand, your taxes are divided into many different budgets and programs, if we don't fight for our share of these funds, two things happen 1. Another community gets the money, 2. When the budgets are drawn up for funding, we are completely cut out of it. So it is important for our community to fight and have leaders advocate for these funds. To the person who said "we should donate: it is your choice to do so or not to do so, I respect all opinions. Having said that, I believe in helping someone who has helped me before so they can continue to help me in the future. Simple principle, and it works....it is done in many communities, or you can look at the lobbyists in Washington, the lobbyists support those politicians that support their issues. Another example: contributing to the presidential campaign....same idea,to the person who said "I will not support Eric because he voted against my beliefs and my issues: again, I respect your opinion and your willingness to not support eric. That is fine, but consider this. I bet you have 4 neighbors on your block who have. A complete opposite opinion of yours. We live in a society where we must be able to agree that we will all not agree on everything. Further, the politician elected, must represent your opinions and your neighbors, it cannot go all or nothing. You do not live in a single home on the top of a hill with no one else around you. You live

amongst many people with many different opinions and values. What we need to do is to be able to say "I may not agree with this policy or that vote, but how can this politician ALSO vote for my needs and address my concerns. The israelies and the russians do this every day. The israelies do it with the arabs, america does it with the iranians, and so on.....if you ignore every person who disagrees with you, you may find yourself alone.....I hope you come to the event, and enjoy the wine cocktails

(1/6/2013 11:38:45 PM)

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To #24

You, #24 wrote that, a recorder a recorder.

His record you want? Yea on G** marriage vote. (why do we have to say everything 1000 time's?) That's alone is enough of a reason for you to get out, and PUBLICLY oppose Eric Adams.

Yossi stern was talking about what Boro Park does. Yep, they don't only vote against the politician that voted yes on G** marriage. They oppose almost all candidate's from the G** marriage (Democratic) party

When I wrote: "And you defiantly have no clue the way politics works." I was saying, that the worse thing we can do, is support a politician that has constantly voted against our wishes.

That being said, Yossi did an amazing thing by organizing this event. Yossi organized this event for us to share our thoughts and concerns with our senator.

The donations are not a must, so we shall not give them because at the end of the day Eric Adams betrayed us and we do not want to give him a message, that it went unnoticed

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accomplishments by Eric Adams

June 08 2009

Picture of the Day! - Senator Gives \$2.7 Million to CHJCC!

New York State Senator Eric Adams recently met with Dr. Harvey Lang and Shmuel Plotkin, representing the Crown Heights Jewish Community Council to hand over a \$2.7 million dollar stimulus package to provide jobs in the community. Jobs in the city's Housing Department are available through the Council.

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eric Adams is again for the community

The orthodox Jewish community in Crown Heights joined elected officials at a press conference Monday to protest what they feel is the wrongful arrest and beating of an innocent citizen.

Public Advocate Bill De Blasio, State Senators Eric Adams and Karim Camara, City Council Member Latisha James and other elected officials gathered with key advocates in Crown Heights' Hasidic community to call for an investigation into an incident caught on video they feel showed NYPD officers using

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To #40

and how was the money spent?

who actually received assistance from those funds?

(1/7/2013 10:18:30 AM)

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yossi

@the person who commented on my word "haters"...I am not intimidating

anyone, nor was I trying to single out the ppl making their comments as "haters"..I was referring to in the general terms.....I believe in what I am doing is correct, I may disagree with some of his policies, but I will not exclude him from the opportunity to DO good for our community. Otherwise we are left with nothing. I invite all of you to come and support this event, if you disagree, pls don't stay silent, come and express your views in a respectful way, and I hope you will bring about change. As for boro Park and the other communities...they may be vocal when a policy is raised against the interest of the community, but I can assure you, they do not dismiss the politician for all the good he IS able to bring to their communities.....:)

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To #40

Ok, I don't know if the money actuely came from his own pocket, Or maybe (unlike the BIG check suggest) it was money that would have came to our community in any case.

But money is not what matters (in this case)...

Let's follow the lead of boro park and other jewish communities. Which in 2011 voted in Bob Turner to the U.S. Congress and in 2012 voted David Storibon into the NY state senate.

Bob Turner was running for congress against a JEW, in a district that was 2/3 democrat, and he won! Why? Because his opponent voted YES on G** marriage.

Same thing with David Storbin. His opponent was known for helping the community with money - he probably gave more then 2.7 million.

Why did a heavy democratic district vote Storobin? Because his opponent, Lewis Fidler, supported G** Marriage.

Wan't to have the same support Boro Park gets? Then don't support candidates that vote against your values!

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To #41

Although I highly appreciate Eric Adams support in that case. I highly doubt that any other politician wouldn't have supported his district in such a situation.

That case was such a miscarriage of justice, that like you said, we even had politicians form out of crown heights, coming to support us.

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yankel

for # 42 the money went to renovate buidings and homes in Crown Heights

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