



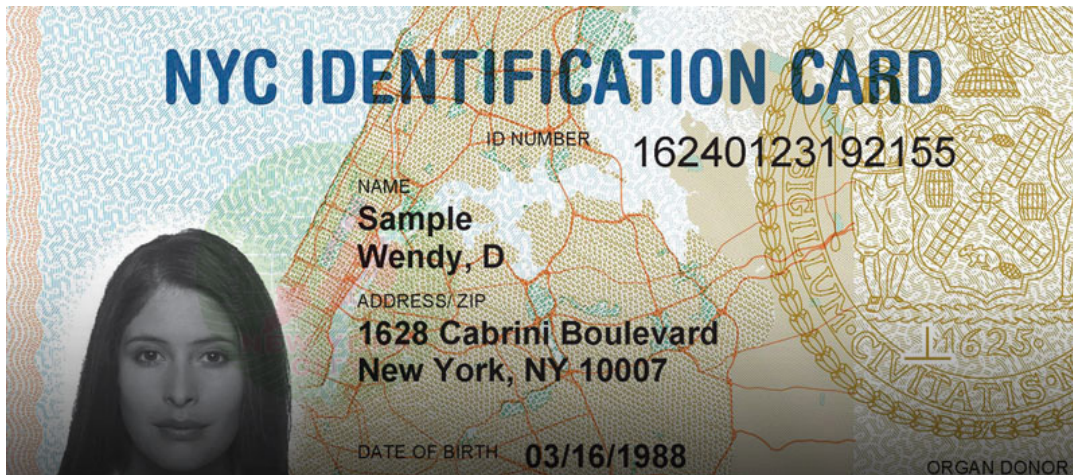
**Melinda Katz**  
President, Borough of Queens

WEEKLY UPDATES FROM QUEENS BOROUGH HALL - JUNE 5, 2015



### 2015 CELEBRATE ISRAEL PARADE

Borough President Melinda Katz was an Honorary Grand Marshal at the 51st annual Celebrate Israel Parade along Fifth Avenue in Manhattan on May 31. Thousands joined in including community leaders, dignitaries, entertainers, artists, musicians, dancers, celebrities and marching bands.

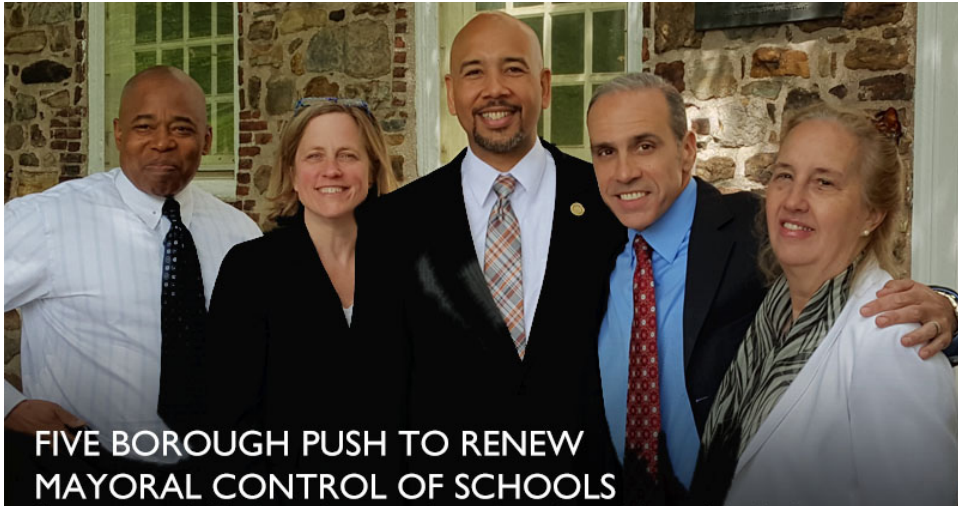


### IDNYC ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN AT BOROUGH HALL

To address overwhelming demand in Queens for the new Municipal ID, Borough President Katz and the Administration opened a temporary enrollment center now through June 16 at Queens Borough Hall. Applicants with appointments lined up at the new center for its first day on Tuesday. City officials say it's important, no matter who you are, to have identification for all sorts of situations. For more info, go to [www.nyc.gov/idnyc](http://www.nyc.gov/idnyc), and catch the full story on NY1 News.

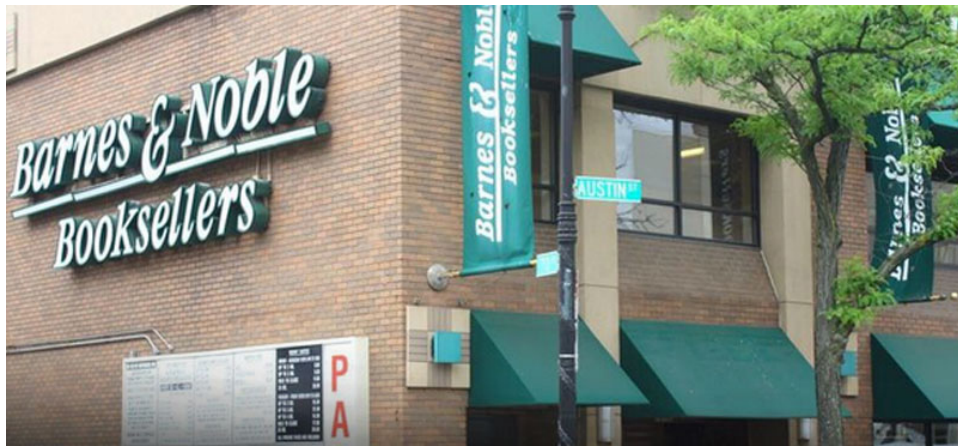
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## FIVE BOROUGH PUSH TO RENEW MAYORAL CONTROL OF SCHOOLS

The presidents of all five boroughs in a joint letter this week urged the state's leadership to renew mayoral control of the New York City public school system, citing "greater transparency and accountability that stops right at the Mayor's desk." Read the story in Thursday's *New York Daily News*.



## KEEP FOREST HILLS BARNES & NOBLE OPEN

Calling it a "neighborhood treasure and retail anchor on Austin Street for over two decades", Borough President Katz penned an Open Letter urging both the landlord Muss Development LLC and Barnes & Noble to reach an agreement to keep the bookstore open. Read the full Open Letter in this week's *Forest Hills Ledger* and *Forest Hills Times*.



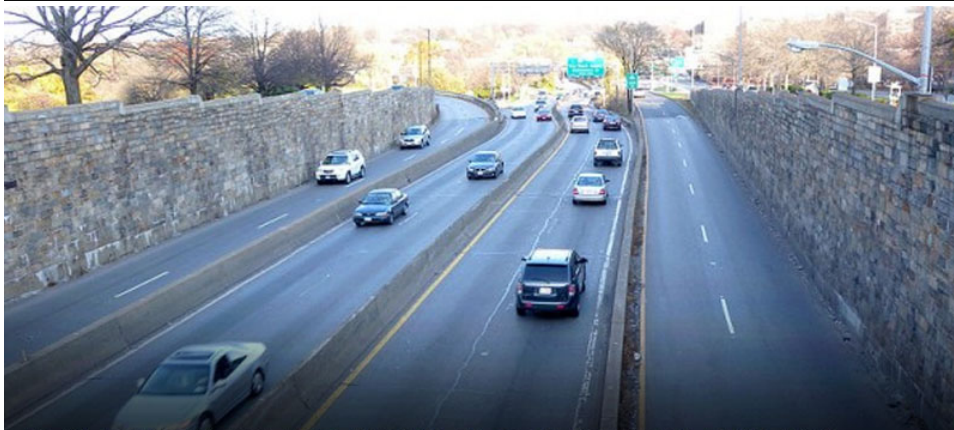
## QUEENS PARENTS REVIEW PLANS FOR PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Nearly 100 parents reviewed the School Construction Authority's proposed 2015-2019 Capital Plan at Borough President Katz's Parent Advisory Board on June 3. Under the Plan, over 14 new schools are slated to be built in Queens.



## NEW MOBILE LIBRARY UNIT AT UNISPHERE UNVEILED

The Queens Library unveiled a brand new Mobile Library unit on June 2 at its new home next to the Unisphere in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park. (From l. to r.) Library Trustees Justice Augustus Agate and Adrienne Adams; City Councilmember Karen Koslowitz; Queens Library's Interim President and CEO Bridget Quinn-Carey; Borough President Katz; Queens Library Board Chair Carl Koerner.



## RESURFACING THE JACKIE ROBINSON PARKWAY

Sections of the Jackie Robinson Parkway will be closed over the next five weeks as the state Department of Transportation begins a \$17 million paving and resurfacing project for improvements along the full five miles of the Parkway in Queens and Brooklyn. In order to minimize impacts to the travelling public, most project work will be done overnights and weekends. Once complete, the project will give the more than 82,000 motorists who use the parkway each day a smoother, safer ride.



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