

NY STATE

For NY State Assembly Bills, you may submit a vote to support/oppose directly on the State Senate website

1. Find the number of the bill you wish to support/oppose (e.g. A5688)
2. You can search for the bill at <https://www.nysenate.gov/search/legislation>

Advanced Legislation Search

Fill out one or more of the following filter criteria to perform a search.

FILTER BY CONTENT TYPE

BILLS

PRINT NO

SESSION YEAR

Any

TITLE / SPONSOR MEMO / FULL TEXT **enter your bill number here**

A5688

SENATE SPONSOR

BILL STATUS

Any

Any

IN COMMITTEE

ISSUE

Any

SEARCH

or Google “NY state senate A5688” to find the web page for the bill. The bills for this workshop have also been linked for convenience.

3. Once you find the web page for your bill, you will see an option to click “support” or “oppose”

The image shows two versions of the NY State Senate website. On the left, the mobile version displays a 'YOUR VOICE' section with a 'DO YOU SUPPORT THIS BILL?' prompt and 'AYE' (checked) and 'NAY' buttons. On the right, the desktop version shows the 'Assembly Bill A5688' page for the 2023-2024 Legislative Session. The desktop page includes a description: 'Authorizes the city of New York to discontinue the use as parkland and alienate certain land within Flushing Meadows Corona Park'. It also features a 'DOWNLOAD BILL TEXT PDF' link and a sidebar with 'DO YOU SUPPORT THIS BILL?' (AYE/NAY buttons), a 'BETA ID' button, and a 'GET STATUS ALERTS FOR A5688' button. The desktop page also has a navigation bar with 'SENATORS & COMMITTEES', 'BILLS & LAWS', 'EVENTS', and 'ABOUT THE SENATE'.

on mobile

on desktop

4. You will be directed to a form to fill out your name, address (which is used to automatically find your representative), and an optional message

To call your representative:

1. Find your NY State Assembly representative: <https://nyassembly.gov/mem/search/>
2. You will be directed to your assemblymember’s website, where you have the option of calling the Albany office and/or district office. Be sure to leave your zip code to show that you are a constituent of their district.

Stop A5688! Save Flushing from the construction of the Mets Willets casino

"By allowing the Mets Willets casino plan to succeed, we are allowing the rich to exploit our community, and further line their pockets at the expense of our community."

Reading and sources:

- <https://asamnews.com/2023/04/07/fear-gambling-addiction-higher-rents-exploitation-new-york/>
- <https://www.instagram.com/p/CrMH9TWuJJz/>

Points to mention:

- The bill has already been protested by local community organizations based in Flushing, such as Minkwon Center and Fight4Flushing
- The casino would further harm our AAPI and immigrant populations, already-vulnerable communities, many of whom are still recovering from the effects of COVID-19
- The casino would exacerbate issues such as gentrification, displacement, and gambling addiction

A6579: Require AANHPI history to be taught in New York State public schools

Reading and sources:

- <https://qns.com/2023/05/liu-bill-inclusion-asian-american-public-schools/>
- https://www.instagram.com/p/CsZcIVkNqjF/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igshid=MzRIODBiNWFiZA==

Points to mention:

In addition to the fact that violence and "hate crimes" have surged in recent years, it is imperative that we demand that schools teach the history of US imperialism and foreign policy in Asia, Hawaii, and the Pacific.

STOP THE NYC CHINATOWN MEGAJAIL

"In 2017, Mayor Deblasio approved a \$8.3 billion borough based jail program that includes building the world's tallest jail in Chinatown. Construction would last at least until 2027. The proposed jail will use both Centre Street and Baxter Streets for construction, an already densely populated area with senior housing, green space, and small businesses. Chinatown still has not fully recovered from September 11th, the closure of Park Row, ongoing construction of Brooklyn Bridge, and COVID-19."

Reading and sources:

- <https://www.thecity.nyc/2023/4/26/23699969/pause-demolition-manhattan-detention-center>
- https://www.democracynow.org/2022/12/5/new_york_city_chinatown_mega_jail
- <https://welcometochinatown.com/news/stop-the-jail>

Points to mention:

- This jail would harm an **already-vulnerable population (Asian-Americans face the highest poverty rate in NYC)**, in a diverse neighborhood with many immigrants, minorities, and senior citizens
- Construction of the jail would cause further **environmental damage** as well as **health-risks** to residents
- The money could be better spent on **education, healthcare, housing, mental health**, etc.

Write a message to Mayor Adams at <https://www1.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/mayor-contact.page>

You may additionally write to NYC City Hall staff (tweak your message so it doesn't get caught in spam filters):

- Eric Ulrich, Senior Advisor (eulrich@cityhall.nyc.gov)
- Fred Kreizman, Community Affairs Unit (fkreizman@cityhall.nyc.gov)
- Dawn Miller, First Deputy Chief of Staff (dmiller@cityhall.nyc.gov)
- Tiffany Raspberry, Senior Advisor for External Affairs (traspberry@cityhall.nyc.gov)
- Stefan Ringel, Senior Advisor (sringel@cityhall.nyc.gov)
- Ryan Lynch, Deputy Chief of Staff at City Hall (rlynch@cityhall.nyc.gov)
- Madeline Labadie, Deputy Chief of Staff (mlabadie@cityhall.nyc.gov)