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["I Still Believe in Our City"](#) is a public awareness campaign by multidisciplinary artist Amanda Phingbodhipakkiya and developed with the NYC Commission on Human Rights.

March 2021

Dear Friend,

ICNY joins Asian Americans and other New Yorkers concerned by the [sharp rise in Anti-Asian hate crimes and bias incidents in New York this past year](#). In 2019, there was one reported hate incident. In 2020, there were thirty and sixteen of those were violent crimes. Learn what you can do today at [Stop Asian Hate](#).

If you believe you are a victim of or witness a hate crime, call 911. Help document the recent rise in hate crimes against Asian American elders by going to [stopaapihate.org](#). Stop AAPI Hate is the nation's leading coalition

documenting and addressing anti-Asian hate and discrimination amid the COVID-19 pandemic. We are grateful to our partners, the Buddhist Council of New York and other groups, successfully advocating for the creation of the NYPD Asian Hate Crimes Task Force.

As you can see in this newsletter, ICNY is proud to graduate and celebrate our second cohort of Interfaith Civic Leadership Academy Fellows, whose capstone community projects include anti-racism training for Hasidic Jews and low-tech, cash-only support for Asian businesses that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. To learn more about these and other projects, go to interfaithcenter.org/icla-fellows-projects. Also, you can support religious diversity education in New York City more generally by [signing up for the March 4th press conference on City Council Resolution 1257](#) (see below).

On a final note, NYPD Commissioner Dermot Shea apologized for systemic racism in New York policing and its "*historical role at times in the mistreatment of communities of color*" at a Black History Month event at the Grater Harlem Chamber of Commerce. See the full speech [here](#). The Commissioner's apology comes after an [important agreement was signed at St. Paul's Chapel at Trinity Wall Street between the NYPD and the Civilian Complaint Review Board that created a shared disciplinary matrix](#). It took place just before the anticipated public-comment period on the [Mayor's Office proposed plan for reforming the NYPD](#). Stay tuned for ways to comment on these proposed reforms before April 1, 2020.

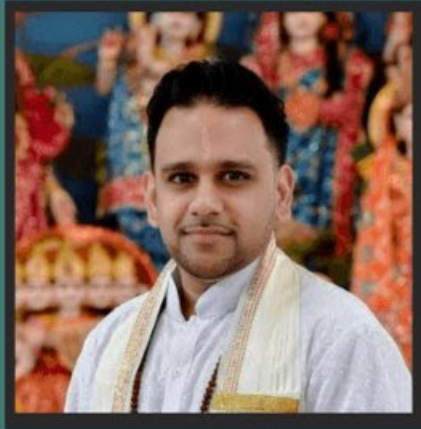


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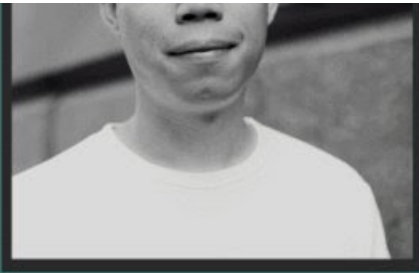


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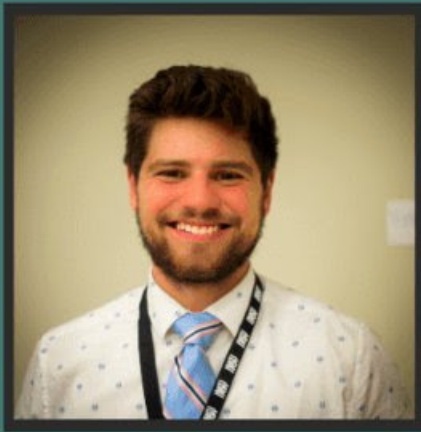
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Cosponsored Events

Press Conference

Support Resolution 1257: Religious Diversity Education

March 4, 10:00 am - 11:00 am EST

PRESS CONFERENCE

**SUPPORT
RESOLUTION 1257:
RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY
EDUCATION**

**THURS.
MARCH
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VIA ZOOM
March 4th, 2021
10 AM - 11 AM

The poster features a dark blue background with a faint image of people. The text is in bold, orange and white colors. A white horizontal line is positioned above the Zoom information.

Council Members Daniel Dromm and Ben Kallos stand with advocates in support of Reso 1257, calling on the NYC Department of Education to adopt age-

appropriate religious diversity education curricula for all K-12 students and provide professional development in this area for teachers.

[Register](#)

Multifaith Candidate Forum For Manhattan District Attorney

March 4, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm EST



District Attorneys are the elected officials most responsible for deciding whether to prosecute, what charges to file, what sentences to seek, and what bail will be set. Deciding who to elect is one of the most concrete ways you can impact our criminal justice system.

Join us for a conversation with candidates for Manhattan District Attorney about racial justice and de-incarceration, as well as other issues of concern for our

spiritual communities. We will invite questions from the audience and expect a robust conversation.

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