



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Andrew J. Lanza

SENATOR ANDREW LANZA & NYLAG OFFER FREE LEGAL HELP TO STATEN ISLAND STORM VICTIMS THURSDAY, DEC. 27th

ANDREW J LANZA December 19, 2012

Senator Lanza is partnering with the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) in bringing a legal aid disaster relief program to Staten Island to help victims of the storm deal with a range of legal issues. Senator Lanza secured state funding for NYLAG's Mobile Legal Help Center – a vehicle staffed with lawyers and equipped with private meeting rooms and technology inside, which functions as a full-service office.

NYLAG's staff has engaged in rigorous trainings on FEMA benefits and other related legal needs in order to handle storm related legal matters for clients. NYLAG also sought the assistance of legal agencies that served victims of Katrina in order to apply best practices and lessons learned in the wake of that disaster to better serve individuals affected by Sandy. Senator Lanza has arranged for NYLAG's legal aid disaster relief team to be located at the following locations on Staten Island:

Thursday, Dec. 27th

Senator Andrew Lanza's Hurricane Relief Headquarters
4212 Hylan Blvd.
10 am – 4 pm

*****SPACE IS LIMITED. AN APPOINTMENT IS REQUIRED. For more information or to make an appointment please call Senator Lanza's office at 718-984-4073.*****

The legal aid disaster relief team will be available to help victims of the storm deal with a range of legal issues, including:

FEMA CLAIMS

- Filing for FEMA and other disaster program benefits
- Appealing denied claims
- Documenting damage to homes and small businesses

CONSUMER MATTERS

- Bankruptcies and credit problems
- Contractor and other disaster-related fraud
- Financial and debt counseling

ACCESSING & CONTINUING PUBLIC BENEFITS

- Food stamps
- Medicare/Medicaid
- Social Security Disability
- Public Assistance

FAMILY LAW MATTERS

- Domestic violence
- Custody and divorce

HOUSING

- Insurance claims
- Eligibility for housing vouchers
- Landlord/tenant disputes
- Wrongful evictions
- Mortgage issues for affected homes

IMMIGRATION

- Immigrant eligibility for various public benefits
- Emergency immigration legal issues

EMPLOYMENT ISSUES

- Accessing emergency unemployment benefits

OTHER

- Replacing lost documentation/identification

- Wills and advance directives
- Special education services for displaced disabled

Individuals seeking assistance with legal issues can also call NYLAG's hotline at 212-584-3365 or email StormHelp@nylag.org.

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