



**NEW YORK STATE SENATOR BRAD HOYLMAN**  
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC FORUM** **ON HATE CRIMES LAW**

**SUBJECT:** Assessment of New York State's *Hate Crimes Law* (Chapter 107, Laws of 2000)

**PURPOSE:** To assess the efficacy of New York State's *Hate Crimes Law*, how state and local government agencies are implementing and enforcing the Law, and whether amendments should be considered to expand the data collection, statistical reporting, law enforcement training requirements and/or otherwise further the Law's goals.

**Friday, June 14, 2013**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Senate Hearing Room**  
**250 Broadway, 19th Floor**  
**New York City**

Thirteen years have passed since New York State enacted its *Hate Crimes Law* (Chapter 107, Laws of 2000), which increases penalties for many crimes if they are motivated by a bias against a victim's real or perceived race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, religion, religious practice, sex, sexual orientation, disability or age. Although hate incidents are notoriously under-reported, statistics collected by the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services for the years 2005 to 2011 show the number of hate crime incidents against protected classes reported annually has fluctuated from a low of 555 to a high of 703. Such crimes against the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community in particular have been on the rise in recent years. Just since May 5, 2013, there have been at least nine suspected bias-motivated attacks against members of the LGBT community in Manhattan alone, including one murder.

**Anyone wishing to testify or attend the forum must complete and return the form attached no later than June 10, 2013. Oral testimony is by invitation only. Individuals who would like an invitation to testify should indicate so on the reply form attached.**

- The submission of written testimony is also strongly encouraged and will be included as part of the record.
- Written testimony must be e-mailed (as a Word or PDF document) five days before the forum to: [furnish@nysenate.gov](mailto:furnish@nysenate.gov).
- Witnesses should limit oral testimony to five minutes in length.
- If you are testifying, please submit one electronic copy of any written statement five days prior to the forum and submit ten hard copies at the forum registration table.

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**Questions about this public forum may be directed to Mark Furnish, Counsel to Senator Hoylman, at 518-455-2451 or [furnish@nysenate.gov](mailto:furnish@nysenate.gov).**

## **PUBLIC FORUM REPLY FORM**

Persons who would like an invitation to testify at or who plan to attend the public forum on June 14, 2013 are requested to **complete this reply form by June 10, 2013** and mail, email or fax it to:

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- I plan to attend the public forum on New York State's Hate Crimes Law to be conducted by State Senator Hoylman
- I would like to be invited to make a public statement at the forum. My statement will be limited to five minutes and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide one electronic copy five days before the forum and 10 hard copies of my prepared statement at the forum.
- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

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