



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Golden and Assemblywoman Malliotakis Calls on Nypd and Other City Agencies to Clean Up Illegal “Day Spas”

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Multiple “Day Spas” have opened up across the community, which have been suspected of illegal activity, opening during late night hours

Brooklyn, NY – State Senator Martin J. Golden (R-C-I, 22nd District) and Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis (R-C-I, 64th District) today are calling on the NYPD and multiple New York City agencies to investigate and address the ongoing issue of day spas and massage parlors that have been opening up throughout our community.

These Day Spas are opening during late night and off peak hours, some staying open well past 11:00 PM on weeknights, leaving many residents and local leaders to suspect that illegal activity is taking place in these establishments.

“While we welcome small businesses to our community, we have zero tolerance for any establishment that may be breaking the law. Multiple reports in the Newspaper’s and television over the last few days, coupled with community complaints, has led me to believe that many of these “Spa’s” are no more than fronts for prostitution,” said Senator Golden. “Today I am calling on the New York City Police Department to use all resources available to ensure that these locations are what they say they are, and if anyone is breaking the law, they are shut down as soon as possible.”

Senator Golden continued, "In order to assist the NYPD, I ask that all New York City agencies work in a coordinated effort to ensure that these places are operating within the confines of the law. In the coming days, my staff will be reviewing the licensing laws for all massage parlors and day spas, and we will be introducing legislation to ensure that State licensing procedures are strengthened to ensure that illegal facilities cannot open, so that our communities will remain a safe, clean, and friendly place to live."

"The reported activity in city "spas" brings a corrosive influence into our communities that must be investigated and eradicated immediately," said Assemblywoman Malliotakis (R,C,I-Brooklyn/Staten Island). "It is imperative that law enforcement works with city and state government to ensure that any illegitimate front operations are ridded from our communities so that the hardworking small business owners and taxpayers that make our city great can thrive in safe and secure neighborhoods."