



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

James Sanders Jr.

## Senator James Sanders Jr. Hosts Successful Census Rally & Rockaway Resource Pop-Up

JAMES SANDERS JR. September 29, 2020



In response to low Census 2020 participation numbers in parts of his district, Senator James Sanders Jr. partnered with a number of community organizations to reach out to residents. He distributed sanitizers, masks and non-perishable groceries while representatives and volunteers assisted constituents with onsite sign-up for the 2020 Census. This was the third in a series of events being conducted by Senator Sanders to increase census numbers.

The event took place in the St. John's Episcopal Hospital parking lot in Far Rockaway on Saturday, September 26, 2020 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Ensuring a more accurate count is so important because census numbers will decide how precious federal funds will be allocated annually for programs and services including education, housing, community development, healthcare, job training and services for the elderly," Senator Sanders said. "The more people who participate in the 2020 Census, the better our communities will be and the more equitable federal dollars will be distributed."

We would like to thank our co-sponsors: the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Phi Zeta Zeta Chapter, St. John's Episcopal Hospital, The Campaign Against Hunger, Queens Public Library, Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, Queens Borough President Sharon Lee, City Council Member Donovan Richards; and our community partners: Girls Set the Ground Rules, Rockaway Community Justice Center - Queens Defenders, Supporting Our Mothers Initiative LLC, Flying 3Sixty, Journey Through Seth's Eyes, Rock Safe Streets, REMA4US, Far Rockaway NAACP, Far Rock Greek Council, Rockaway Cultural Group, SLP Empowered, Battalion Pentecostal Assembly Church, Inc. Sickle Cell Awareness Foundation Corp., First Church of God, and Sheltering Arms.

On the same day Senator Sanders also co-sponsored another Census sign-up event in Richmond Hill at Smokey Oval Park in partnership with the Richmond Hill Economic Development Council.