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## <u>QUEENS DISTRICT ATTORNEY CO-HOSTS GUN BUY BACK EVENT</u> <u>WITH NYS ATTORNEY GENERAL LETITIA JAMES & NYPD</u>

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz, along with New York Attorney General Letitia James and the New York City Police Department will sponsor a Gun Buy Back event this Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, at St. Mary Magdalene Roman Catholic Church in Springfield Gardens, Queens.

District Attorney Katz said, "In these difficult days, it is important that we continue to come together as a community to reject the notion that the scourge of guns is insurmountable. We must take every step we can. Every gun surrendered this Saturday is a potential life saved."

The Gun Buy Back event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene R.C. Church, 136-20 219<sup>th</sup> Street in Springfield Gardens, Queens.

Those with firearms are invited to surrender them – no questions asked. For each operable handgun turned in, the reward is an iPad (while supplies last) and a \$200 bank card. A \$25 reward is given to anyone turning in a BB gun or air pistol. Participants can collect a \$75 bank card for any rifle or shotgun. A single person can turn in as many firearms as they have, however, the reward is a maximum of three \$200 bank cards per individual. The bank cards can be used as a debit card for purchases with merchants or at ATMs to get cash.

The DA stressed that this event is 100 percent anonymous. There will be no questions asked about the firearm surrendered.

Participants should bring the unloaded weapon in a paper or plastic bag or inside of a shoe box to the church. If transporting by car, the gun must be placed in the trunk of the vehicle.

This event is also sponsored by Gateway JFK, St. Luke Cathedral of Laurelton, St. Mary Magdalene R.C. Church and the New York City Police Foundation.

Please note that, weapons from gun dealers and active or retired law enforcement will not be accepted.

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