

**Letitia James,
Doug Kellner,
and Danny
O'Donnell
Speak to TPID**

At the Three Parks Club meeting held via Zoom on May 13, nearly one hundred club members and friends logged on to hear from NY State Attorney General Letitia James, NY State Board of Election Co-Chair Doug Kellner, and Assembly Member Danny O'Donnell.

Attorney General James described the many activities that she and her staff have undertaken during the current COVID pandemic. Her office has worked to remedy the racial disparities that

were evident in police enforcement of social distancing and mask-wearing rules. It has also monitored the moratorium on evictions for non-payment of rent and aided victims in the domestic violence cases that have increased under the stay-at-home order. Her office has also investigated and prosecuted the numerous scammers and profiteers who have sought to benefit from the crisis.

Board of Elections
Co-Chair Kellner described the many issues involved with holding an election in the midst of a pandemic, including the need to protect poll workers and avoid overcrowding at polling places. He

also detailed potential problems with switching quickly to voting by mail, such as the sheer volume of paperwork required and possible problems with the US Postal Service. Defending his decision to bring a suit to uphold cancellation of New York's Presidential primary, he said he was awaiting a ruling on the matter from a federal judge. [*Editor's note:* On May 19 a federal judge ruled that the Presidential primary should go forward.]

Assembly Member Danny O'Donnell, in a cameo appearance, described his efforts to aid New Yorkers threatened with eviction or suffering from food insecurity during the pandemic. He also

stressed the importance of having the Assembly exercise oversight of stimulus funding.