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## **Justice for Joseph Holladay**

*Statement by Assembly Member Micah Z. Kellner on Apparent Bias Attack*

“This past Sunday, New York celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Stonewall uprising, when the LGBT community drew a line against violence and oppression. On the same Sunday, one former New Yorker was apparently the victim of a brutal homophobic attack outside an apartment building on East 85<sup>th</sup> Street.

“My thoughts and my very best wishes are with the victim, Joseph Holladay, as he recovers from this horrific assault. I am also determined that he should find justice, both against the perpetrators and in a society where such violence continues to take place.

“I am personally outraged by this attack, not just because it happened in the neighborhood where I live, in the district I represent, but because as a New Yorker and as an American I recognize it as an assault on our shared values of dignity, security, and freedom.

“I will work with the New York Police Department, as well as the Anti-Violence Project and my fellow elected officials, to ensure that the investigation into the assault is vigorously pursued and Mr. Holladay’s attackers are brought to justice. And I will continue to work for a better New York in which such obscenities no longer occur.”

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