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Winter saw long lines at the Staten Island Business Center on St. Mark’s Place. The city has since adopted an appointment system for the IDNYC application. (Staten Island Advance/Patton Flusser)

CITY HALL

New municipal ID inspires brisk trot, if not a stampede

With 3,500 enrolled, borough brings up the rear in demand for popular card

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More than 3,500 Staten Islanders have enrolled for the city’s municipal identification card aimed at undocumented immigrants. IDNYC is available to anyone with an address in the five boroughs. But the program is particularly intended to improve the lives of undocumented immigrants, the homeless, seniors, elderly and others without government-issued identification.

The Island, the borough with the smallest population, also saw the least number of IDNYC enrollees during the program’s launch, on Jan. 12, through Monday, according to city figures released on Thursday. There have been more than 30,000 enrollments across the five boroughs.

Cardholders are eligible for free memberships at numerous cultural institutions, including Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden, the Children’s Museum, Historic Richmond Town, the Staten Island Museum and the Zoo.

The card proved more popular than city officials anticipated, prompting complaints. More processing centers were added, hours were extended and the city switched to an appointment-based system. An additional $5 million was allocated to IDNYC this fiscal year to increase staffing in order to address the high demand.

Through Monday, more than 350,000 New Yorkers had scheduled appointments for the card.

Luis Cordillo, an Ecuadorian carpenter, waits in line at Make the Road New York in Queens to apply for the ID, which is a boon to immigrants and the homeless. (Associated Press/Mark Lennihan)

STATE HALL

More classes for autistic students

8 schools on South Shore, Mid-Island will benefit

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Schools Chancellor Carmen Farina announced Thursday the addition of new classes in city schools to serve students diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

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