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# My Visit to City Hall

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# Intro

- New York city hall is the oldest city hall building in the country that still gets used for its original purpose.
- Reservation tours every Thursday at 10am. Also, first come first serve every Wednesday at noon.



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# Why I chose city hall?

- I felt the need to visit this government institution because it is important to know where bills are proposed and where I can voice my opinion on these bills.
- I've lived in New York for almost my whole life, so bills that are passed and even the ones that are rejected can potentially affect my life.

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# Governors Room

- This room is used for receptions and serves as a museum.
- Many distinguished guests have visited the Governor's Room, including President James Monroe, President Andrew Jackson, Albert Einstein, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- The room hosted President -elect Abraham Lincoln in 1861, and served as the backdrop for his coffin in 1865 as he lay in state.



## Fact

**Lying in state** is the tradition in which the body of a dead official is placed in a **state** building, either outside or inside a coffin, to allow the public to pay their respects.

# City Council Chamber

- The city holds public events here.
- Most of the Council's legislative work is done in committee hearings.
- Proposed legislation is initially debated and representatives of other government branches and the public have a chance to comment and offer their opinion.

We were not allowed inside but the Mayor's office is right across.



Governors Room



City Council Chambers



# Important Bills Passed in NY

**April 2017**

Illegal for employers to ask for potential employees salary histories.

**December 2017**

Authorizes some employees or contractors in public and private schools in New York to administer EpiPens to students in case of a health emergency.

**April 2017**

Prohibits possession of e cigarettes on school grounds

**March 2018**

New job placement resources for veterans.

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# References

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## Summary

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Throughout the years of American history, we have seen many significant historical events. One of the most historically cultured cities is New York City. One landmark of huge importance is city hall, upon a recent visit to city hall I was mesmerized by past historical events that through these doors and the bills that were passed. Located not too far from BMCC, I felt the need to visit this government institution because it is important to know where bills are proposed and where I can voice my opinion on these bills. It is also important to have a City Hall because it serves as a cultural icon for our city. Without city halls implementation of rules and laws, we wouldn't have a foundational layout of rights to provide structure and safety which are essential for each individual New York civilian.

The first room in the Hall I visited was the Governor's room. This room holds the most historical value. Many distinguished guests have visited the Governor's Room, including President James Monroe, President Andrew Jackson, Albert Einstein, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The room hosted President-elect Abraham Lincoln in 1861, and served as the backdrop for his coffin in 1865 as he lay in state. It also used for receptions and serves as a museum. The city council chamber is perhaps the most important room. Here senators bring their ideas, and representatives weigh in as well as the public. It's here that bills of significant importance come to light, and their laws are solidified.

This trip has provided me with new insight of my city's cultural and historical importance. It is definitely worth checking out being that it is free!

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