



Assemblywoman
**Aravella
Simotas**

*Report to the Community
Summer 2016*

Sponsoring Common Sense Legislation

- **Rape Kits:** Mandates the speedy processing of sexual assault evidence kits.
- **Human Trafficking:** Publicizes the 800 number that victims can call for help.
- **Improper Debt Collection:** Helps consumers who have suffered from abusive debt collection practices.
- **Dangerous Laundry Pod Packaging:** Prevents child poisonings by banning packaging that looks like candy or toys.
- **Fair Consumer and Employment Contracts:** Requires plain language and disclosure of obscure details that can deprive people of their rights.
- **Fair Pay:** Gives public employees the same right-to-sue as everyone else if they've experienced pay discrimination based on sex, race or national origin.
- **Driving Under the Influence:** Updates the law to include driving that is impaired due to inhalants and other chemical and pharmaceutical substances.

Children are the Future



Simotas at P.S. 85 Career Day

What a wonderful group of children. I talked to them about what inspired me to seek public office and encouraged them to do work that does good and that brings them joy.



Sean's Place Playground, 38th St., Astoria

This playground had become an overnight spot for illegal drug use and drinking, with broken bottles and other filth left behind. Working with Council Member Constantinides, our community board and concerned residents, we succeeded in getting the Parks Department to clean it up and lock it up at night. Now when the gates are opened in the morning, children can play safely.



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OCTOBER 6, 2016

11 A.M. to Noon

Catholic Charities

Dellamonica Steinway Senior Center
23-56 Broadway

OCTOBER 25, 2016

12:30 - 1:30 P.M.

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Harmony JVL Innovative Senior Center
27-40 Hoyt Ave. South



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