



Information from
Catherine Nolan
Helping Our Community

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Dear Neighbor:

I am happy to share my latest newsletter with you. Please find the latest updates from Albany and our community. It is an honor to continue to serve our community, and a privilege to work with you. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to call, to drop by our new office, or to send me an email at nolanc@nyassembly.gov.

Sincerely,

Catherine Nolan
 Member of Assembly



STATE BUDGET UPDATE

State budget moves New York forward

This year's enacted state budget of \$153.1 billion is a detailed blueprint for moving our state forward. We are investing in public education, establishing a first-in-the-nation free tuition plan to help students go to college, and making a significant investment toward our commitment to ensuring every New Yorker has clean drinking water.

Investing in our schools and our children

The 2017-18 state budget increases education aid by \$1 billion for a total of \$25.7 billion, a 4.1 percent increase from last year's budget, reaffirming my commitment as Chairwoman of the Education Committee to putting every student on a path to success. The budget also increases Foundation Aid by \$700 million for a total of \$17.2 billion.

Additionally, the budget provides:

- \$817 million in total funding for prekindergarten programs;
- \$35 million for after-school programs;
- \$300,000 for cyberbullying prevention;
- \$16.7 million for Early College High School programs, which help at-risk students earn both a high school diploma and an associate degree, including Bard High School Early College in Queens;
- \$1.5 million in restorations for the Consortium for Worker Education (CWE), for a total of \$13 million, to provide career training and job placement services. This will also include \$250,000 for an enhanced credentialing program. LIC Urban Upbound works with this group;
- \$1 million to restore funding for adult literacy education, for a total of \$7.3 million benefiting programs at Queensbridge and Laguardia Community Colleges.

The Assembly also rejected the executive proposal to allow any school district to apply for waivers from crucial and essential special education requirements.

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MEETINGS IN ALBANY

I am always happy to welcome our neighborhood and community groups to Albany



Nursing students from Queens meeting with Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan.



Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan with Kathy Wylde, NYC Partnership, and Michael Rebel, Executive Director, Campaign for Educational Equity at Teachers College.



Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan with Assemblywoman Pheffer-Amato and Susan Lacerte, Executive Director Queens Botanical Gardens.



Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan with State Senator Toby Ann Stavisky, State Senator LeRoy Comrie, Peter McNally, CSA and several members, principals and representatives from the Queens Chapter of CSA.

STATE BUDGET UPDATE *(continued from page 1)*

Protecting public libraries

The budget restores aid to public libraries by \$4 million for a total of \$95.6 million to ensure they can continue to provide services and resources to residents. In addition, the budget provides an increase of \$10 million in capital funding for a total of \$24 million.

The budget allocates \$6.2 million to SUNY community colleges and \$3.1 million to CUNY community colleges for an increase of \$50 per full-time equivalent (FTE) student, for a total of \$2,747 per FTE student.

- Includes \$3.1 million for a new scholarship program for part-time students attending SUNY or CUNY community colleges so students with family or other responsibilities can finish school on their own schedules.
- Restores \$2.5 million in funding for CUNY ASAP and \$1.5 million for SUNY GAP to help provide remediation to community college students.
- Restores \$1.1 million to SUNY child care centers and \$902,000 to CUNY child care centers.

Tax policy that is fair to all

The budget enhances the Child and Dependent Care Credit for taxpayers earning between \$50,000 and \$150,000. The credit is based on a sliding income scale for working parents who pay for child care or those who live with a spouse or dependent who is physically or mentally incapable of self-care.

Investing in affordable, supportive housing statewide

The budget provides \$2.5 billion for affordable housing and anti-homelessness initiatives. The budget releases this money and provides:

- \$200 million for New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) capital repairs;
- \$100 million for 100% Affordable Housing in New York City;
- \$63 million for the Small Buildings Program to rehabilitate buildings and build affordable housing units in them;

Investing in clean water

The budget provides \$2.5 billion for water infrastructure to help ensure clean drinking water by repairing and replacing old pipes and water mains, as well as preventive measures, such as source water land acquisition, to keep water from becoming polluted. This also includes \$200 million for drinking and wastewater infrastructure improvements in New York City's watershed.

Protecting communities from environmental contamination

The final budget's \$300 million investment in the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) reflects the Assembly's continued commitment to protecting our environment, with increased attention on environmental justice by addressing inequities caused by environmental damage to poor and disadvantaged communities.

OUR DISTRICT

NYC's Child Savings Account Initiative for District 30

Congratulations to Community School District 30 for being chosen as the pilot program for the NYC Child's Savings Account Initiative! I would like to commend Mayor de Blasio, Deputy Mayor Buery, Commissioner Menin and Chancellor Farina for developing this much needed program to help students save for their college education. A big thanks to our Long Island City Community including Dr. Philip Composto, Superintendent, District 30, Bishop Mitchell Taylor, Claudia Coger and Debra Ellen Glickstein for helping to improve our community.



Carol Wilkins, TA President, Ravenswood Houses, Debra Ellen Glickstein, Executive Director of NYC Kids RISE, Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan, Chair of the Assembly Education Committee, Annie Cotton Morris, TA President, Woodside Houses and Claudia Coger, TA President, Astoria Houses, at P.S. 171Q in Astoria.

Sunnyside Parade

I was happy to attend and speak at the St. Pats for all Parade in Sunnyside, Queens.



Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan with Brandon Fey.



Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan with Frank Carrado, "Mayor of Long Island City."

Grover Cleveland College Awareness

I was happy to take part in the NYC Department of Education's 'College Awareness Day' by speaking at Grover Cleveland High School.



John Vincent Refugio, Silvia Mastropietro, Ms Ed., College Counselor, Konrad Skomial (Alumni), Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan, Tracy Paltoo (Alumni), Alexander Altanian (Alumni), Ikwaakor, Kelechi (Alumni), Denise Vittor, Principal, Grover Cleveland High School and Ivette Perez.

Celebration of Queensbridge

Earlier this year, I was honored to join the 696 Queensbridge Crisis Management Team, the Jacob Riis Settlement House, civic leaders, and many others in the community, to celebrate a one-year anniversary of peace at Queensbridge Houses.

A big thanks to all those involved including my colleagues in government, civic leaders and partners in the community including April Simpson, TA President of Queensbridge Houses; Chris Hanaway of Jacob Riis Settlement House; Bishop Mitchell Taylor; the 696 organization; Council Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer; 114th Police Precinct; PSA#9 and Edwin Cadiz from my staff for being a part of this wonderful ceremony. Congratulations to all of the honorees and I look forward to continue working with everyone to ensure that Queensbridge remains a safe place to live for all of its residents.

The ceremony took place at the Jacob Riis settlement house and the following individuals were honored for their contributions to the community:

- **Christopher Hanway** – Executive Director of Jacob Riis Settlement House
- **K. Bain** – Founding Director, 696 Build Queensbridge
- **Taylorn Murphy** – Violence Interrupter Supervisor, 696 Build Queensbridge Staff
- **Shyism Bryant** – Outreach Worker, 696 Build Queensbridge Staff
- **Tiffani Alston** – Outreach Worker Women's Empowerment, 696 Build Queensbridge Staff
- **Emmanuel Malik Campbell** – Outreach Worker, 696 Build Queensbridge Staff
- **Marquis Black** – Violence Interrupter Gang Expert, 696 Build Queensbridge Staff



Top Row – K Bain, Founding Director, 696 Build Queensbridge, Detective McLeod, PSA#9, Chris Hanaway, Executive Director Jacob Riis Settlement House, Detective Darryl Johnson, PSA#9, Council Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer, Captain Bogle, PSA#9. Bottom Row – Edwin Cadiz, Assemblywoman Nolan's office, Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan and April Simpson, President, Queensbridge Tenant Association.

OUR COMMUNITY



Astoria/LIC NAACP Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheon

I attended the Astoria/LIC NAACP Annual Freedom Fund Luncheon in commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. This is my 35th year as a member.

Thank you to Marion Jeffries and the Astoria/LIC NAACP for organizing this wonderful annual banquet that commemorates the important contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Congratulations to honoree Patricia Fletcher for her great contributions to our community.

NYC Council Majority Jimmy Van Bramer, Ms. Patricia Fletcher (honoree), Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan, Marion Jeffries, President, Astoria/LIC NAACP and Andrew P. Jackson. Photo Credit: Edwin Cadiz

Fighting for Responsible Development

I will continue to oppose large scale developments including plans to develop both Sunnyside Yards and property above the LIRR tracks at 11-24 Jackson Avenue in Long Island City, as well as the 17 story 'Ridgewood Tower' slated for construction on Myrtle Avenue which would be grossly overbuilt and out of character with the community.

Before projects such as these are allowed to move forward, their impact on quality of life and the capacities of our infrastructure must be seriously considered.

Our priorities are the preservation of open skies, clean water, support for fire, police, and health services, senior care, public transit, education, public parks, and community centers. Development should not be allowed to be a detriment to our communities.

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Mobile MetroCard Bus in Sunnyside

The MTA MetroCard Bus will continue to stop in the Sunnyside community on the second Thursday of every month from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon. It is located near or around the intersection of 41st Street and Queens Blvd.

The bus will provide many services including applying for or refilling a Reduced-Fare MetroCard, buying or refilling a regular MetroCard or asking a MetroCard-related question. For more information please contact our district office at 718-784-3194.