



NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMAN FELIX W. ORTIZ CHAIR, CITIES COMMITTEE CHAIR, PUERTO RICAN AND HISPANIC TASK FORCE

Legislative Highlights for the Week of February 14, 2014

State Budget Hearings Continue as Legislators Tackle Governor's Proposed Economic Development Budget and its Impact on Job Growth



This week Assemblyman Ortiz quizzed business leaders and advocates on the impact of the Governor's proposed economic development budget, especially on communities such as his in Sunset Park in Brooklyn. Ortiz questioned how the budget would help to create jobs and stabilize cities. President and CEO of New York's Empire State Development, Kenneth Adams discussed the budget's implications including the issues of corporate tax reform, the establishment of a 20 percent real property tax credit for manufacturers, elimination of the net income tax rate for upstate manufacturers and property tax relief. Assemblyman Ortiz addressed the issue of resiliency and preparedness against natural disasters questioning the status of

plans to upgrade infrastructure in Brooklyn and across the state.

CITIES CHAIR ORTIZ CONVENES ROUNDTABLE OF NEW YORK'S MAYORS

Cities Chairman, Assemblyman Ortiz convened a round table discussion this week to address the array of challenges facing cities across the state. Mayors from White Plains, Elmira, Albany, Middletown, Gloversville, Newburgh, Olean, Amsterdam, Mineola and Hornell attended. Together they are working on three issues: the need for the development of an equitable rural and urban education policy; funding to help cities restore their aging infrastructure; and the authority to implement traffic control pilot programs. Ortiz committed to working to help eliminate bureaucratic red tape and unnecessary mandates that hinder the ability of Mayors to address their communities' needs.



ASSEMBLY PASSES BRIANA'S LAW TO ENSURE POLICE ARE REGULARLY TRAINED IN BASIC CPR

Assemblyman Felix W. Ortiz proudly announces the successful passage of A.4974, requiring that police officers receive CPR re-training every two years. NYPD officers are provided with this training when they enter the force; Ortiz' bill will ensure that officers' training is up to date to prevent loss of life or other adverse affects associated with lack of oxygen. This legislation is rooted in the 2010 tragedy of Briana Ojeda, an 11 year old girl from Ortiz's district, who suffered a severe Asthma attack while playing in Carroll Gardens Park in Brooklyn. Briana's mother was rushing her to the hospital when she was stopped by a police officer for speeding and after asking for his help, he refused claiming he did not know how to administer CPR. Briana lost her life one hour after arriving at the hospital.

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