



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

Legislative Highlights for the Week of February 21, 2014

**ASSEMBLYMAN ORTIZ WELCOMES BROOKLYN
CONSTITUENT ADVOCATES TO ALBANY**



**SUPPORTING HEALTH CARE WORKERS
AND SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY**

Lutheran Family Health Center advocates visited Albany to thank Assemblyman Ortiz for his strong support of their health and education programs in the community. The group of adults and children explained to Assemblyman Ortiz how the Center's comprehensive primary care program has improved their lives and asked for additional funding in this year's state budget.

**ORTIZ SUPPORTS A
SMOKE-FREE NEW YORK**

The **Brooklyn Smoke-Free Partnership** and youth advocate leaders met with Assemblyman Ortiz as part of the New York City Coalition for a Smoke Free City. The advocates stressed the toll that tobacco use has taken on New Yorkers. They also discussed methods to reduce smoking us and strategies to prevent youth from getting "hooked" on the habit.

Ortiz Commends Governor for Announcing Support of "Jobs for Heroes" Bill



Governor Cuomo announced this week his support of legislation that will establish a five percent goal in awarding state contracts to service-disabled veterans who own small businesses. The announcement came following a valiant effort by bill sponsors Assemblyman Felix Ortiz and Senator Greg Ball, to make it a priority in New York State to help returning veterans find gainful employment. Passage of the bill will afford veterans the greatest potential to secure state contracts.



Governor Cuomo made the announcement in the State Capitol accompanied by statewide veteran advocates, Assemblyman Felix Ortiz, Chair of Puerto Rican and Hispanic Task Force and Senate Homeland Security Chair Greg Ball.

**Assemblyman Felix Ortiz Introduces Bill to Reimburse Local Governments
for Cost of a Second Primary Election**

Assemblyman Ortiz has introduced legislation to reimburse local governments for the costs of holding two separate primaries. Consolidating primary election dates would save localities approximately \$50 million. Local funds could be better allocated toward education, delivery of services, health care and other services that improve the lives of New Yorkers. To read the full article featured in the Legislative Gazette, please go to:
<http://www.legislativegazette.com/Articles-Top-Stories-c-2014-02-18-86841.113122-Ortiz-picks-up-Tkaczyk-bill-to-compensate-taxpayers-for-costs-of-multiple-primaries.html>

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