



Dear Friends and Neighbors,
 The 2016 legislative session is now well underway. While we have addressed several urgent issues including funding for our aging community and combating the heroin epidemic, there are a number of things left to do. I am sponsoring several bills that I am pushing for passage this year, including the Fossil Fuel Divestment Act and for the creation of school-based health centers. I am also working to ensure that military spouses with professional licenses from other states have access to a streamlined application process. Passage of my legislation requiring mandatory CPR retraining for our police officers ("Briana's Law") will save lives every year. Enactment of these initiatives is long overdue.

I appreciate all the comments and messages you have sent to me, and I assure you I am listening and will continue to be your voice fighting for all Brooklyn residents. Please continue to share your opinions and to visit the Assembly website for updates on the state budget process. I am always available to help you with a problem or a community issue. If you ever need my assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please write to me or call my office.

Contact information can be found below.

May God bless you.

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Questions, comments, suggestions, and invitations to community events are always welcome!

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NEWS IN THE 51ST AD



Creating Community Schools
 I joined Citizen Action of NY, parents from communities across the state and many legislators to call for greater investment in creating "community schools." This holistic educational model provides additional services and resources for students and their families. Advocates called for an investment of \$250 million in this year's budget to implement community schools, with a focus on low-income, struggling schools.



56th Street Sinkhole
 A sinkhole opened up on 56th Street between 5th & 6th Avenues. This was caused by a problem at a local homeowners property. New York City worked with the homeowner to repair the site as soon as possible. NYC's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) worked overnight at the 56th Street sinkhole location and identified two leaking private water service lines that were the cause of the street cave-in. The leaking lines were dug up and shut off at the water main taps by DEP. We continued to work with DEP and residents to repair the sinkhole on 56th Street. I stopped by the 56th Street sinkhole to check in with neighbors. NYC Emergency Management was in touch with representatives from DOT, who reported that DEP leveled the area and the DOT returned to pave the roadway, fully reopening the street to through traffic.



#FightCancerNY with the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

ASSEMBLYMAN ORTIZ' 2016 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



Fossil Fuel Divestment Act
 I hosted a forum on divesting the New York State Common Retirement Fund from fossil fuel holdings. Discussion centered around the Fossil Fuel Divestment Act (S.5873/A.8011-A), with financial and environmental experts speaking, including Bill McKibben, Co-Founder of 350.org and a leader of the global fossil fuel divestment movement.

The Fossil Fuel Divestment Act (S.5873/A.8011-A) would require the State Comptroller to divest the New York State Common Retirement Fund from all holdings in the 200 largest publicly traded fossil fuel companies, as defined by carbon content in the companies' proven oil, gas, and coal reserves (the CU 200). Divestment from coal companies would be completed within one year; divestment from all other fossil fuel companies would be completed by January 1, 2020.

Police CPR Training
 After another senseless death and a criminal conviction, I am calling for better and improved cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training for police officers. Former NYPD Officer Peter Liang's recent admission that he was not properly trained to perform demonstrates once more how our police officers are ill prepared to administer CPR when it counts the most.

I've asked Commissioner Bill Bratton to mandate CPR retraining. I expect the Commissioner and his department to realize that CPR saves lives and that there is absolutely no excuse not to properly train officers.

My current legislation, Briana's Law, (A.8232) will require every police officer in New York State to be re-trained and tested in CPR, and that the state and a local department may choose to reimburse officers for training costs or administer their own training programs for officers. By requiring that all police officers know how to administer CPR, we can hope to save more lives.

School-Based Health Centers
 I am pleased to announce the passage of my bill, A.4913-A, to create a new funding stream for the state's 231 school-based health centers. School-based health centers (SBHCs) are often the core of a community.

SBHCs provide preventive services for such chronic conditions as epileptic seizures, asthma, diabetes, gastroenteritis, urinary tract infections, nutritional deficiencies, and pelvic inflammatory disease. Mental health services offered at some of these clinics have produced significant declines in depression and improvements in wellness. Eighty percent of the state's SBHCs are located in metropolitan areas.

Lutheran Family Health Center representatives traveled to Albany to push for the bill. In the 51st district alone, the Lutheran Family Health Center has a number of service delivery sites that provide vital comprehensive health care to over 70,000 medically underserved patients. They advocate for continued financial and legislative support to sustain services that support and enrich the lives of many Brooklyn residents.

ASSEMBLYMAN ORTIZ WORKING IN OUR COMMUNITY



Parents and teachers met with me at P.S. 295. PTA and parent meetings help me follow the pulse of the community and stay in touch on community issues.



Celebrating Brooklyn Lantern Day with NYPD, Senator Chuck Schumer, Brooklyn Community Improvement Association and so many others



Supporting Camelot Counseling - fighting substance abuse with treatment and prevention programs



Sara Casten from the Brooklyn Historical Society discussed waterfront projects in Dumbo and opening a new site for teachers and free school tours during a meeting at my District Office.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND RESOURCES

The Green-Wood Historic Fund is a registered not-for-profit membership organization that works to maintain Green-Wood Cemetery's monuments and buildings of historical, cultural, and architectural significance; to advance public knowledge and appreciation; and to preserve the natural habitat of one of New York City's first green spaces. Green-Wood Cemetery is our Sunset Park gem. Please take a look at the events calendar and take advantage of this nationally known site.

Save the date! On Tuesday, April 12th from 4-7pm, **Red Hook Community Justice Center** will host the 7th Annual Youth Internship and Opportunity Fair in partnership with RHI, Brooklyn Community Board 6, & Good Shepherd Services. Doors are open to young people between the ages of 14-24 throughout Brooklyn in the hopes of providing a chance to apply for paid and unpaid sum-



The New York City Fire Department and "Get Alarmed NYC" hosted a fire safety education and fire alarm giveaway at my District Office in Brooklyn. The event helped inform residents about fire safety and securing their homes. Residents stopped by my office to pick up smoke detectors and other items to keep their homes safe from fires. Thank you to the New York City Fire Department for making this possible!



I asked the MTA to add bus transportation routes to the Red Hook, Sunset Park and Boerum Hill communities for better waterfront access. The B61 bus route must be extended.



I met with Jay Weinkham at my District Office to discuss funding for the 911 Museum.



Honoring the Hunan Benevolent Association of America



Visiting Industry City, a bustling creative business hub that comprises over 20 acres of Bush Terminal along Brooklyn's Sunset Park waterfront

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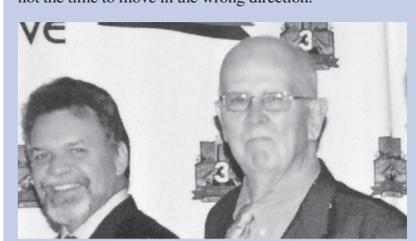
Community Based Organization Funding
 NYC First Lady Chirlane McCray visited Red Hook with me to announce \$30 million in funding for Community Based Organizations through the Connections to Care program. This federal social innovation grant represents a major step forward for the Red Hook Initiative that will now be able to help train staff and better identify young people between 16 and 24 who are in need of mental health counseling. This is a need that we've waited over a decade to address and can now properly fund.

Welcoming the Brooklyn Nets
 I'm excited to welcome the Brooklyn Nets to Sunset Park, Brooklyn in the district that I proudly represent. Sunset Park and all of Brooklyn loves the game of basketball. Now the greatest sports town in America gets even better. The Nets will provide local children with opportunities to experience basketball firsthand. With so many talented children, we expect nothing less. This state-of-the-art training facility will also help strengthen the neighborhood and bring jobs and opportunity for our residents. I look forward to celebrating a basketball championship in Brooklyn.



Working with the Women's Builders Council to increase opportunities for MWBE contracts. They are vital to our economy and a diverse workforce.

Restore MTA Funds
 My colleagues and I joined with Riders Alliance to urge the Governor to restore funds to the MTA Capital Plan. The communities in my district rely on subways and buses to get to work and travel throughout the city. Plans to rebuild the decaying and noisy N and R lines under 4th Avenue are critical to maintaining homes above the route from further damage caused by underground vibrations. Better bus service is needed to the Brooklyn waterfront before streetcar routes and commercial marine terminal projects can proceed. The MTA Capital Plan goes a long way to meet these needs. We cannot afford to cut state funds from the MTA. This is not the time to move in the wrong direction.



Great Loss
 Brooklyn has lost Larry Morrish, a great community leader. He was a great friend and advocate for Bay Ridge. A true "citizen activist," Larry could be found running a parade, assisting in a local community office or doing so many wonderful deeds for his friends and neighbors. I always counted on Larry for his advice, guidance and leadership. My thoughts and condolences go to his wife Phillipa, his family and neighbors.

ASSEMBLYMAN ORTIZ IN THE CAPITOL



Fighting for CUNY funding with members of District Council 37 AFSCME. During their visit to my Albany Office, DC 37 AFSCME also discussed support for a \$15 minimum wage.



Supporting our nail salon workers during their lobby visit to Albany



67th Anniversary of the Photographic Society of New York



Senator Terrence Murphy and I listen as Ben Lieberman talks about the need for Evan's Law. Senator Murphy and I recently introduced the bill (A.8613A) and are working together to advance it in both houses. Assembly Bill A.8613A provides for the field testing for use of mobile telephones and portable electronic devices while driving after an accident or collision.



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FOR YOUR REFERENCE, HERE IS A LIST OF IMMIGRANT ASSISTANCE SERVICES:

<p>Member of Assembly Felix W. Ortiz</p> <p>NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS National Immigration Law Center Los Angeles, CA 90070 213-639-3900</p> <p>National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Services (NNIRR) 510-465-1984 www.nnirr.org</p>	<p>STATEWIDE ORGANIZATIONS The New York Immigration Coalition 131 W. 33rd St, Suite 610 New York, NY 10001 212-627-2227 www.thenyic.org</p> <p>Immigration Legal Services Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigration Rights 5030 Broadway, Suite 650 New York, NY 10034 212-781-0355 www.nmcir.org</p>	<p>Arab-American Family Support Center 150 Court St, 3rd Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201 718-643-8000 www.aafscny.org</p> <p>CAMBA Legal Services 2211 Church Ave Brooklyn, NY 11226 718-940-6311 www.camba.org</p>	<p>Catholic Migration Services 1258 65th St Brooklyn, NY 11219 718-236-3000 www.catholicmigration.org</p> <p>New York State Immigrant Opportunity Centers Brooklyn (Sunset Park) Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow 783 4th Ave Brooklyn, NY 11232 718-369-0303 www.obtjobs.org</p>
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