



# New York State Assembly Weekly Report From Assistant Speaker Felix W. Ortiz



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Tenant activists and legislative colleagues joined Ortiz to rally outside the Governor’s Capitol office in Albany to support rent control legislation. Rent control is a valuable tool to protect tenants from huge rent increases and unfair landlords.



Ortiz listened to concerns of constituents and advocates from the Citizens Committee for Children to discuss “Raise the Age”. The “Raise the Age” campaign seeks to change the age of adult criminal responsibility to 18 years of age and ensure that the criminal justice system provides appropriate treatment to minors charged with crimes rather than locking them away with adult offenders.



Ortiz attended the NYC Building & Construction Trades Council of Greater 421A Rally to prevent unfair tax breaks for developers. 421A provides certain tax advantages to developers who build within NYC. Along with the debate over rent control, it is one of the major issues left to debate before the 2015 session ends.



Social Workers from the National Association of Social Workers stopped by to strategize with Ortiz about his school social work mandate legislation (A6763). This bill would place social workers in all schools to better serve the children of New York.



San Diego’s Mexican Consul General, Remedios Gomez Arnau and Assistant Speaker Ortiz met recently to discuss how to improve U.S. and Mexican immigration and border control issues.



Ortiz visited with leaders from Borough Park to discuss the best ways to provide quality public and private educations for all students across the state.

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