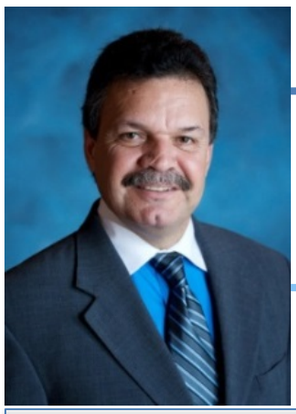

New York State Assembly Weekly Report

From Assistant Speaker

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I voted to support the Assembly's state budget proposal (E.1047), which seeks to boost the economy and help working families. Key highlights of the Assembly plan include: a $2.1 billion increase in aid for schools, a tuition freeze at public colleges, a phased-in increase in the minimum wage to $15 per hour, paid family leave and funding for economic development initiatives. I will be working with my Assembly colleagues, Senate leaders and the Governor as part of the negotiating team to finalize our state budget. Your comments and messages help me frame my approach to the budget. Please continue to share your opinions and to visit my Assembly website and Facebook page for updates. The Assembly expects to approve another on-time budget on April 1st.

"Community Voices Heard" stopped by my office to discuss ways to address many of the issues faced by our neighbors.

Red Hook residents attended a NYC Housing Authority luncheon in Albany to discuss public housing issues and the need for repairs and safety in their buildings.

I attended the 42nd Annual Lunar New Year Banquet hosted by the Asian Americans for Equality.

The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce stopped by my Albany Office to discuss economic development, job creation, workforce development, energy efficiency and waterfront issues.

Meeting with Red Hook leaders in Albany. Thank you for visiting!

New York Water Taxi has announced that it will terminate all operations if it is shut out of Citywide Ferry Service. Local businesses throughout the neighborhood would suffer as a result, making the effects of NYWT's closing felt across Red Hook and Brooklyn. This mistake can be corrected. I've asked the Mayor to include NYWT in the new ferry plan for the good of Red Hook, New York City residents, and all rider of the proposed Citywide Ferry Service.

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Please learn about two important health issues at these websites:

Find a facility that can help people batteling eating disorders at: http://columbiapsychiatry.org/eatingdisorders/directions

Register and become an organ donor at: http://donatelife.net/?s=new+york

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Assistant Speaker Ortiz, Intuit and Turbo Tax Host a Financial Empowerment Workshop

Join us for a presentation on how to file your taxes online. The free tax-filing workshop is presented by Intuit and Turbo Tax in both English and Spanish. This is a great opportunity to meet a Turbo Tax representative and ask questions or address concerns you may have.

Saturday, March 26, 2016 from 11:00am-1:00pm at the Sunset Park Library, 5108 4th Avenue, Brooklyn NY

Tax returns will not be prepared.