



Assemblywoman

Annette M. Robinson

Reports to the People 2015 Legislative Update

Summer 2015

Dear Constituents:

I hope you are having an enjoyable summer. It has been both an exciting and challenging year where many issues that impact you and our community were discussed. Mayoral control of schools, expansion of charter schools, rent regulations, equal pay and other issues dominated the discussion in Albany. Here in the District my focus continues to be on improving our schools, servicing our seniors, identifying affordable housing and health care. My Office remains available to you – my constituents – to address issues that impact your lives. Please feel free to contact us. I pray that you will continue to have a safe and happy summer.

Yours in Service,

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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Mayoral control was extended for one year
- Rent regulations were extended for 4 years
- Newly approved education budget now \$24 billion, an increase of \$1.8 billion
- Income equality for women
- Legislation banning racial profiling
- Strengthening the child care system
- Strengthening the protections for victims of domestic violence



Students from Alliance Theological Seminary were welcomed and given the privileges of the Assembly floor. (March 24th)

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The owners and key supporters of Sista's Place were recognized on the floor of the Assembly for the enrichment they bring to the Bed/Stuy community. Sista's Place is a well-established cultural gathering place for poetry and jazz since 1995. (June 8th)



MENTAL HEALTH

On May 21st, I sponsored a Mental Health forum in the District attended by representatives from local hospitals, City and State mental health agencies, and an Acting State Supreme Court Judge. The speakers provided vital information focusing on the signs of mental health distress and available treatment options. Questions from the audience centered on persons who have been or are currently being treated for depression, PTSD and other ailments. Mental health is an issue that I will continue to focus on based on its impact to our community.



Celebrating the Anniversary of the Bed-Stuy Volunteer Ambulance Corp. (BSVAC), as well as, the birthday of Rocky Robinson, Retired Commander BSVAC) with Assemblywoman Annette M. Robinson and Hon. Eric L. Adams, Brooklyn Borough President during BSVAC Anniversary celebration. (June 11th)



Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul and myself during her visit to one of our local restaurants.

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SENIOR CITIZEN

I have been a long-time advocate of public policy and the allocation of resources to further positive social change in which senior citizens can believe in. One of the means I utilized to respond to the needs of older persons is the sponsorship of legislation (A.3346) to protect senior citizens who have resided

in the same dwelling for a period of not less than ten years. I also addressed senior citizen issues through senior forums and the distribution of brochures related to safety tips, generic drug substitutes, elderly pharmaceutical insurance coverage, and available senior citizen programs in New York City.



Bed/Stuy Farmers Market – celebrating the opening of our annual Farmer's Market that provides fresh fruit and produce to community residents throughout the summer and fall season.

INTERFAITH HOSPITAL

I and my colleagues experienced a major breakthrough regarding Interfaith Hospital. Interfaith Hospital is the key medical facility for the residents of the 56th AD and Central Brooklyn. In light of hospital closures in other communities, I am pleased to announce that we were extremely vigilant in keeping the doors of Interfaith open. New members were voted to the Hospital Board with a focus on serving the community. A new dental clinic recently opened, and I am working to provide capital funding to purchase a much needed mobile MRI machine. There is still more work to be done at Interfaith, but I am pleased with the progress we have attained for the Hospital thus far.

EDUCATION

As a steadfast advocate of children and youth realizing academic success, I supported the positive transformation of The Boys and Girls High by honoring young debaters for helping their school team bring home the 2015 World Cup win. I am, also,

a staunch advocate of the collaborative partnership between Medgar Evers College and the Dr. Rudy Crew Pipeline Project which provides global access to students through education compacts that increase enrollment, retention and graduation.



Summer Interns - Standing with Assemblywoman Robinson are Zainab Oni (Left) and Rochelle Alexander (Right).



Assemblywoman presents Brietnni Singletary, Senior, Boys & Girls High with the NYS Association of Black & Puerto Rican Legislators Educational Scholarship. She plans to attend Lincoln University, Fall 2015.

Another scholarship recipient **Chuck Graves**, will be attending Stella and Charles Guttman Community College Fall 2015.

AVAILABLE PAMPHLETS:

Below is a small listing of pamphlets that are available in my District Office.
Please feel free to contact my office and request them:

- ***Mental Health Resources for Military Veterans***
- ***Paying for College***
- ***The Homeowner's Guide***
- ***Your Mental Health Care Rights***
- ***Exit Drills in the Home***
- ***Important Consumer Protection for Credit Card Use***
- ***The Generic Drug Substitution Law***
- ***Safety Tips for Senior Citizens***
- ***Guide to Senior Citizen Programs in New York City***
- ***Guide to the Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage Program (EPIC)***
- ***Facts about Rent Stabilization and Control for NYC Residents***



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