



Assemblywoman

Annette M. Robinson

Reports to the People 2016 Legislative Update

Summer 2016

HIGHLIGHTS FROM END OF SESSION 2016



In honor of the 75th Anniversary of the formation of the Tuskegee Airmen, Assemblywoman Robinson welcomes four surviving members of the first African American fighter pilot division in the United States Military to the Assembly Chamber and formally recognizes them for their distinguished service.

EXTEND THE MILITARY SERVICE RETIREMENT CREDIT TO ALL VETERANS

This bill is a testament of our gratitude to these honorable men and women who complete their military duties and return home to continue their leadership in our communities and in our public workforce.

The bill (A.9531, Paulin) would remove the existing date of service limitations and expand eligibility for the veteran's service credit to otherwise eligible veterans regardless of when they completed their military service. Under cur-

rent law, only those veterans who have served in specific military conflicts or during limited time frames are eligible to receive up to an additional three years of service credit in the pension system. Other provisions of the current limitations have effectively excluded a significant number of female veterans from eligibility. As a result, there was a varied and inconsistent application of the benefit



NYCHA meets with the NYS Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Caucus.

(Left to Right) Assemblyman Keith Wright, Assemblywoman Michele R. Titus, Shola Olatoye, Chair & Chief Executive Officer, NYCHA and Assemblywoman Annette M. Robinson.



HOUSING

Agreement includes the execution of a memorandum of understanding to make more than \$570 million in state resources available to advance capital construction and operating on the first 1,200 units of supportive housing under the Governor's sweeping \$20 billion Housing and Homelessness plan. The funding will be released to the Division of Housing and Community Renewal and is available immediately to be awarded in conjunction with other resources including state and federal tax credits to support construction costs for the new supportive housing units.

The capital and operating funding approved today complements the recently released request for proposals for services and operating awards; together, the capital, services and operating funds will ensure timely completion of the first 1,200 units of the state plan to create 6,000 units of supportive housing over the next five years, 20,000 units of supportive housing over the next fifteen years, and creating or preserving 100,000 units of affordable housing over the next five years.

NEW YORK STATE ABANDONED PROPERTY RELIEF ACT OF 2016 (Bill A6932-A)

Was produced in conjunction with New York State Attorney General, Eric Schneiderman and co-sponsored by Assemblywoman Robinson, and would facilitate earlier detection and maintenance of vacant and abandoned residential properties as well as:

- Expand the existing duty of a mortgagee to maintain vacant residential real property to include "pre-foreclosure" vacant properties;
- Require periodic inspections to determine whether properties secured by a delinquent mortgage have actually been abandoned;
- Allow localities and the Attorney General to enforce the maintenance of property requirements; and
- Create a statewide registry for abandoned residential property under the supervision of the state Attorney General and a toll-free hotline for community residents to report the presence of such properties.

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Assemblywoman Robinson spoke in support of legislation that would extend the Mayoral Control of New York City Schools. "As one who has served in various capacities as indicated, I've served on the community school board for nine years, I was part of the organization and restructuring of what took place to some extent in Ocean Hill-Brownsville, also I'm a founder of an independent school, I'm a person that went to parochial school, so I have been around systems and served as PTA President, etc. However, I find that at this point in time when we talk about the system itself, yes this is a system and it's a broken system but we have to fix it," said Robinson.



MAYORAL CONTROL OF NEW YORK CITY SCHOOLS EXTENDED FOR ADDITIONAL YEAR

Provides greater transparency by requiring New York City to publish Community School Districts' spending information within their proposed budget and on their website. By making this information available to the public, voters, parents and taxpayers in communities across New York City will have a greater understanding of their school district's budget.

CAPITAL FUNDING FOR SUNY AND CUNY

From the contribution of \$403 million to the SUNY and CUNY capital budgets for FY 2017 they will receive an additional \$50 million in funding for capital projects on SUNY and CUNY campuses.



Nurses visit Assemblywoman Robinson to say thank you.

SAFE STAFFING FOR QUALITY CARE ACT (A.8580-A, Gunther)

Would require a hospital or nursing home's application for an operating certificate to contain a staffing plan with standards for nurse-patient ratios and require compliance with the standards established. Additionally, it would require acute care facilities to publicly disclose their staffing requirements and direct the Department of Health to consider an applicant's staffing violations when reviewing applications and renewals for its operating certificate.

STATE CONTROL OF NYRA EXTENDED

This agreement extends the New York Racing Association Reorganization Board until October 18, 2017, continuing the Board, which has successfully turned around NYRA's finances since its exit from bankruptcy in 2012. This agreement preserves the valuable public window into the operation of racing and wagering at New York's premiere racing facilities, and into the use of statutory racing support payments.



Students visit from Medgar Evers Prep School (Left to Right: Assemblyman Walter Mosley, Medgar Evers Prep school students and Assemblywoman Annette M. Robinson)

SCHOOLS ARE REQUIRED TO TEST FOR LEAD

New York is the first state in the nation to put a requirement in statute that mandates periodic testing of drinking water in schools, reporting to parents and local and state entities, and provides guidance for remediation to ensure availability of clean and safe drinking water in every school. The state will fund a portion of the testing and remediation costs and will reimburse these costs on an expedited schedule in emergency situations.

CHARTER SCHOOL FLEXIBILITY

The cornerstones of the charter school educational model are flexibility and innovation. However, the current process to authorize and reauthorize charter schools is outdated and inflexible. To ensure that charter schools are able to adjust their operating model, high-performing charter schools in good standing will be allowed to switch to a

different oversight and regulatory entity such as the Board of Trustees of State University of New York or the Board of Regents of the State Educational Department during the 2016-17 school year.

PROTECTION FOR TRANSGENDER NEW YORKERS FROM DISCRIMINATION

The Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act (GEN-DA), (A4558-B Gottfried) which would protect New Yorkers from facing discrimination due to their gender identity or expression in many aspects of daily life including employment, housing and education was passed. This legislation would prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender identity or expression and would expand New York State's hate crime laws to include crimes against people because of their gender identity or expression.

Assemblywoman Speaks on Reproductive Rights



"Those women who were raped and ravaged without having the right to make a decision, they had children that were born out of wedlock, they were then sold. So when we talk about the value or talk about human life let's talk about those who were sold for economic reasons in this country,"

Assemblymember Robinson said, speaking on legislation to codify the alignment of state and federal law related to reproductive health services. A6221

ACCESS TO BREAST CANCER SCREENING & TREATMENT

- Extend screening hours at 210 hospital-based mammography facilities statewide;
- Eliminate burdensome insurance hurdles for mammograms and other diagnostic imaging procedures

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LAW

Allows alcohol to be sold earlier on Sundays, adding commonsense provisions to broaden retail sales by producers, and reducing burdensome fees for wineries, distilleries, breweries and cideries statewide.

Around the Community

Check out the Bed-Stuy YMCA for Summer Programs

1121 Bedford Ave. - Brooklyn, NY 11216 - (718) 789-1497

Visit their website at: www.ymcanyc.org/bedstuy

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Have your child read a book a week over the summer. Visit their website: www.bklynlibrary.org

FREE Summer Meals for ages 18 and under

You may download the School Food App on your phone for meal locations – Program started June 29th. Visit their website at: www.schoolfoodnyc.org

Check for your block association for date/time for 2016 Block Association Party

MLK, Jr Concert Series 2016 at Wingate Park/SPAN <http://brooklynconcerts.com/schedule/>

Seaside Summer Concert Series 2016 at The Amphitheater at Coney Island Boardwalk

<http://brooklynconcerts.com/seaside-concerts/>

Hosted by Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams

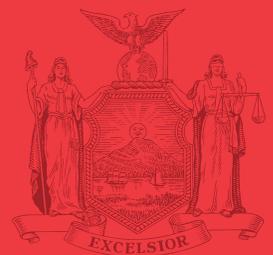


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