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Assemblyman Mosley addresses NYPD Stop & Frisk Policy

In August, a federal judge ruled, in the case of *Floyd v. City of New York*, that the New York City Police Department’s stop-and-frisk policy was unconstitutional; citing the imbalanced stops of minorities and the violation of fourth and fourteenth amendment rights. Assemblymember Mosley applauded the decision saying, “the NYPD’s abuse of stop and frisk has humiliated and dehumanized thousands of law-abiding, innocent New Yorkers each and every year, creating deep rifts in communities across the city and promoting a culture of distrust that is damaging to effective law enforcement.” He also called for a more comprehensive discussion about race, criminalization, and a “meaningful process of ending this discriminatory activity and engaging in substantive conversations about community policing and safety...”

Similarly, Assemblymember Mosley was also proud to voice his support of the Community Safety Act which establishes an inspector general office over the NYPD and also affords those who believe they have been racially profiled the opportunity to sue the department. The legislation was vetoed by Mayor Bloomberg, but the City Council voted to override his decision. For Assemblymember Mosley, the City Council’s actions “serve as a reminder that public safety must never come at the expense of personal liberty.”

Along the lines of addressing issues of stop and frisk, Assemblymember Mosley is committed to ensuring that policing practices are reformed to also prevent unnecessary arrests and the burdening of our Black and Latino youth with frivolous criminal records. To that end, he has been a strong and vocal supporter of the decriminalization of the possession of small amounts of marijuana. Assembly bill (A.6716-A), co-sponsored by Assemblymember Mosley, would reduce the charges for public possession of small amounts of marijuana from a misdemeanor to a violation. This directly ensures that we are not tarnishing the records of our youth for minor offenses. The impact of the legislation, similar to the stop-and-frisk decision, ensures that precious public funds and taxpayers’ dollars are not needlessly spent. The legislation would save approximately \$75 million dollars in the cost of arrest and jailing of those convicted of the possession of small amounts of marijuana.

It is important to understand and address the intersectionalities of race and class as it relates to community policing and effective equitable public policy. Assemblymember Mosley will continue to support the progressive reform of marijuana possession laws and the New York City Police Department’s presence in Black and Latino communities.

Assemblyman Mosley takes his office outdoors!



Assemblyman Mosley meeting with a constituent during his summer office hours.

This summer, after the conclusion of his first legislative session in Albany, Assemblymember Mosley took his office to the streets. With desk, chairs and staff on hand, the member spent time with constituents at various subway stops, farmer’s markets, parks and other neighborhood locations.

For those who are unable to visit the district office during the day, summer hours provided a great opportunity to seek assistance and meet their new state representative at a convenient location.

Many spoke directly to the Assemblymember about the issues that impacted their lives. Among the many topics discussed were transportation needs, public safety, affordable housing, possible legislation and the effects of recent events on the community.

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Assemblyman Mosley in the Community



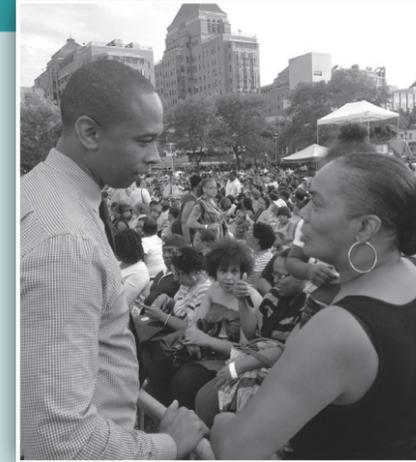
Assemblyman Mosley participating in the Reach Out and Read Program at the Cumberland Diagnostic & Treatment Center.



Assemblyman Mosley at the 2013 Farragut Family and Friends Old Timers Reunion.



Assemblyman Mosley meeting with local small business owners at the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce.



Assemblyman Mosley speaks with constituent during the 2013 Martin Luther King Jr. summer concert series at Wingate Park.



Assemblyman Mosley on Eastern Parkway during the 2013 West Indian American Day Parade.

Hundreds attend Safe Surrender Program

Assemblymember Walter Mosley, in partnership with the Kings County District Attorney's office, sponsored Project Safe Surrender at the Church of the Open Door in Brooklyn.

The court and defense attorneys made themselves available to resolve any outstanding summons warrants – including common charges such as unlawful possession of marijuana, public consumption of alcohol, trespassing, and loitering – that often keep many residents living in the shadows.

“Safe Surrender allows people to have their cases adjudicated on the spot. It opens the door for them to apply for jobs, driver's licenses, get back into mainstream society and it allows them to

do this in a place where they feel safe – church,” said Assemblymember Walter Mosley.

Nearly 400 individuals from central Brooklyn were attended to and approximately 800 summonses were cleared over the course of the two days.

“This is exactly the kind of proactive approach we must increasingly take to tackle the underlying causes of poverty and unemployment in central Brooklyn,” continued Assemblymember Mosley. “I want to sincerely thank the district attorney's office, community organizations, and all of the volunteers whose commitment and support made this important program possible.”

Community celebrates the life and legacy of Jackie Robinson

“The great leaders we remember today – Jackie Robinson, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Medgar Evers – all led us to the mountain, but it now falls to us, as a continuation of their legacy, to blaze that trail to the top and ensure freedom, justice, and liberty for all Americans.”

—Assemblymember Mosley

On Saturday, August 24, Assemblymember Walter Mosley celebrated the 100th anniversary of Ebbets Field Stadium and the legacy of Jackie Robinson with a free special screening of the movie “42: The Jackie Robinson Story.” The screening headlined a day of food, music, and community awareness at Ebbets Field's Annual Patio Day and took place at Medgar Evers College, just steps from the site of the Brooklyn Dodgers stadium.

Attendees were greeted by footage of Martin Luther King Jr.'s groundbreaking “I Have a Dream” speech, as millions of Americans spent the day in Washington D.C. commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights March on Washington.

While addressing the crowd, Assemblymember Mosley recounted his own experience with segregation in the South in the years following the historic march on Washington. Echoing the words of Dr.

King, Assemblymember Mosley noted, “Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle.”

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He continued, “Let us say ‘no’ to stop-and-frisk and instead march to stop-and-educate, stop-and-house, stop-and-embrace a new generation so we can truly make Dr. King's dream a reality.”

Dr. Rudy Crew, the newly appointed president of Medgar Evers College, was also in attendance and congratulated Assemblymember Mosley on a successful celebration.



Assemblyman Mosley with Mrs. Rachel Robinson, the widow of Jackie Robinson, at the 60th wedding anniversary celebration for Mayor Dinkins.



Here is your official NYC Prescription Discount Card courtesy of Assemblyman Mosley!

The Big Apple Rx is a prescription discount card that is accepted at over 2,000 pharmacies across the five boroughs.

The card is free to residents of New York City regardless of age, income or health insurance status. There's even an iPhone app that you can download!

New Yorkers have already saved over \$5 million in prescription drug costs thanks to this new program. With the Big Apple Rx card, you can save an average of 15% on brand name drugs

and 53% on generic drugs. This includes many over-the-counter medications such as diabetic supplies and smoking cessation aids, as long as you have a valid prescription.

Although the Big Apple Rx card can be used by anyone, it is of greatest benefit to those without health insurance or prescription drug insurance.

The free card does not take the place of insurance- a discount is simply taken off the regular price of the prescription when you present the card at your local pharmacy. Just cut out this card and hand it to your local pharmacist the next time you pick up a prescription. Your pharmacist will tell you how much you'll save. It's that easy!

AVAILABLE COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Veterans: Black Veterans for Social Justice (BVSJ) is available to help veteran families, homeless female veterans and homeless veterans with children. Assistance is available with housing, transportation and child care needs, supportive services and emergency food assistance.

Contact: BVSJ at 665 Willoughby Ave.
(between Marcus Garvey Blvd. and Throop Ave.)
718-852-6004 at ext. 269 or ext. 255

Job Seekers: Workforce 1 NYC Business Solutions offers services for job seekers, assistance with job placement, workshops, training and education, work support and opportunities for continuous advancement.

**Please contact Workforce 1 NYC Business Solutions at
718-577-2194**

Tenants and Homeowners: Facing eviction? Tenant and Landlord dispute? Foreclosure? First-time home-buyer? There are a number of organizations in the community available to help.

Pratt Area Community Council
201 Dekalb Ave.
(between Carlton Ave. and Adelphi St.)
Contact: 718-522-2613

Neighborhood Housing Services of Bed-Stuy
1012 Gates Ave., 1st Floor (between Ralph Ave. and Broadway)
Contact: 718-919-2100

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During summer hours stops, Assemblymember Mosley partnered with the Community Affairs Department of the 88th Precinct through Operation I.D. to provide free registration of electronics and personal devices. On Friday, August 2, Assemblymember Mosley also partnered with SCANVAN and Brooklyn Cancer Services Program to provide free health referrals and mammogram screenings for women in need.

Assemblymember Mosley, along with New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, hosted unclaimed funds drives at local senior centers. There are over \$12 billion in New York State Unclaimed Fund held by the Comptroller's office. These funds are

classified as unclaimed if a financial institution, insurance company or utility company is unable to locate its owner. The funds are searchable by name and additional information is required to file a claim for the lost money. During the drives, over one-third of all seniors discovered funds.

Assemblymember Mosley is excited to sponsor legislation and support public policy that addresses the issues discussed during his time spent outdoors. He looks forward to taking his office outdoors next summer and engaging with the community and residents on issues they believe to be the most important.

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