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## Reports to the People

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Dear Friend,

*As I look back on my first year as a legislator, I am proud to have been a part of making New York a leader in the nation with the strictest gun control laws, impressive rates of Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises and one of the higher rates of pay for minimum wage earners.*

*Currently, our city is at a major crossroads. We face the cultural and social challenges of fiscal inequality, the criminalization of our minority youth, and the prevalence of unconstitutional police practices.*

*The fight to address and end these problems will be fierce, but we must have the courage to put forward big solutions. Critics and powerful interests will try to get in the way. They will try to discredit our resolve as unrealistic, say our solutions are too expensive, that they will never pass in the City Council or Albany. Nevertheless, when faced with these challenges, I remember the famous words of former New York City Congresswoman, Shirley Chisholm, "Service is the rent we pay for room on this earth."*

*Looking ahead to 2014, I am excited to work with my colleagues in government to provide all children with access to Universal Pre-K, further improve on workers' rights and preserving our affordable housing stock.*

*Our future is brighter than ever. I am committed to this work and consider it a great privilege to serve the residents of Fort Greene, Clinton Hill, Prospect Heights and parts of Bedford Stuyvesant and Crown Heights.*

*As always, my office is available to serve as a resource for all of your community concerns.*

Sincerely,

Walter Mosley

## Mosley ready for legislative fight in Albany

In January, the New York State Legislature will be called back to Albany for the 2014 legislative session. Assemblymember Mosley is excited to return to the State House to ensure that the needs of our communities are represented in the laws and policies enacted in the Capitol. Particularly, Assemblymember Mosley is prepared to fight for the passage of bills put forth in the Legislative Caucus 2014 Progressive Agenda. These priorities include support for Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises (MWBE), preserving our affordable housing stock, reform of the NYPD's Stop, Question and Frisk policy, marijuana decriminalization, supporting Universal Pre-K, and the passage of the DREAM Act and the DREAM Fund Commission.

Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises (MWBE) are an essential and vital part of our state's economic system. Assemblymember Mosley supports the increased participation of MWBEs in economic development programs and opportunities for the procurement of government contracts. Programs should also be put in place to foster the establishment of new MWBEs.

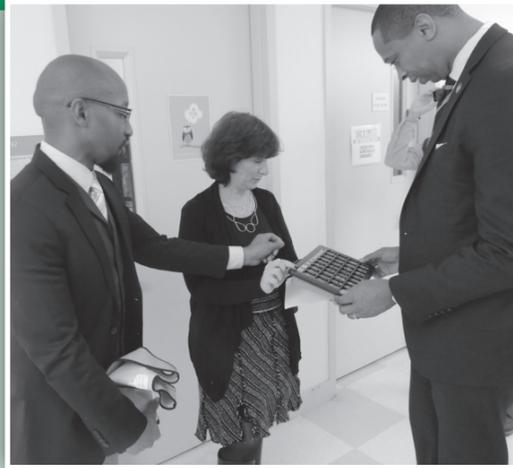
The homelessness and affordable housing crisis in New York requires direct and immediate attention. It is imperative that we create and preserve

a housing stock that is accessible to working and middle class families, young professionals and seniors. Changes to the Senior Citizens' Rent Increase Exemption Program (SCRIE) and support for the preservation of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program are necessary steps towards remedying the housing crisis. Assemblymember Mosley will also advocate for opportunities to provide housing and social services, such as the 30% rent cap for individuals and families impacted by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Bill A.7782 would allow for persons serviced by the HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA) to contribute up to 30% of their income towards the cost of housing.

The Progressive Agenda includes the reform of the NYPD's Stop, Question and Frisk policy, along with the decriminalization of small amounts of marijuana. Each year, there are thousands of arrests for the possession of small amounts of marijuana. These arrests disproportionately impact Black and Latino youth who are permanently burdened with criminal records that bar them from viable employment opportunities. Along the same lines, is the push to raise the age of criminal accountability in New York State to 18. Currently, only children 15 years of age and younger

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# Assemblyman Mosley in the Community



Assemblyman Mosley on a tour of the League Treatment and Education Center.



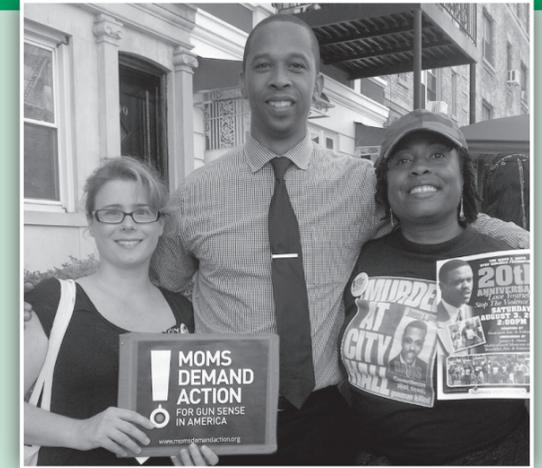
Assemblyman Mosley helps distribute food at the Bed-Stuy Campaign Against Hunger Headquarters.



Assemblyman Mosley at the Downtown Brooklyn Partnership Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.



Assemblyman Mosley attends the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Bedford Stuyvesant Neighborhood Opportunity Network.



Assemblyman Mosley at the 20th Anniversary "Love Yourself" Stop the Violence Walk.

## It's time to improve our traffic safety!

In 2012, there were over 270 traffic-related deaths in New York City. Sadly, pedestrians accounted for a significant number of these deaths. During the last legislative session, the Speed Camera bill, which would call for the use of recording devices to capture images of vehicles in violation of speed-related regulations, was signed into law. The legislation implements a monitoring program for speeding violations, specifically in school zones. The program will operate in the same manner as the Red Light Camera program, which has successfully reduced the occurrences of red light violations in the City, ultimately preventing accidents and saving lives.

The passage of the speed camera legislation is a good first step, but there is more work to be done. Assemblymember Mosley is at the forefront of making our roadways safer. He is currently the prime sponsor of legislation that would mandate the inclusion of pedestrian and bicyclist safety to the pre-licensing driver's education course (A.4194). The

Assemblymember is also the prime sponsor of a bill that would mandate that no person 16 years of age and older shall not ride in the back seat of a car without the use of a seat belt (A.6657). New York State law currently mandates that children under the age of 16 be restrained with a seat belt while in a car, but Assemblymember Mosley's legislation would expand on that mandate to include persons 16 and older. Locally, the Assemblymember has also partnered with his colleagues in government to support a Neighborhood Slow Zone (NSZ) in Prospect Heights. The implementation of a NSZ reduces the permissible speed for cars and ensures that traffic flow is representative of the residential pace of the community. Assemblymember Mosley hopes to support and advocate for the expansion of the NSZ through to Clinton Hill and various residential communities in central Brooklyn.

Advocating for improved traffic safety also includes fighting for safety in our public transportation system. In 2012,

over 20,000 work days were lost due to injuries and illness resulting from assaults on bus operators. In the last two years there were over 350 incidents of assault on a New York City bus operator. With only 23 percent of buses having partitions to protect operators the number of assaults and work days lost will inevitably increase. Addressing the safety of bus operators will require a collective effort and effective response. Assemblymember Mosley is the sponsor of legislation (A.7424) that would require all New York City buses be retrofitted with emergency alarms to protect bus drivers from assaults and other illegal contact by passengers. The bill calls for the synchronization of the emergency alarm with the bus' GPS device which will provide the New York City Transit command center with the exact location of the bus and the notification of potential danger. Such synchronization will expedite police attention and emergency workers to the bus operator.

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are tried as juveniles. Those 16 and 17 years old are prosecuted as adults and also detained in adult correctional facilities. Assemblymember Mosley supports the progressive and equitable reform of our criminal justice system and policing practices to ensure that we are not marginalizing Black and Latino youth and creating circumstances that limit the upward mobility of our most vulnerable population.

Assemblymember Mosley understands that growing income disparity across our city requires making sure all of our young people have the same opportunities to succeed. The Progressive Agenda includes many educational initiatives that offer viable paths to ensuring success for our children. The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) offers valuable job and educational opportunities to youth ages 14 to 21. Last summer, over 100,000 SYEP applications were submitted for approximately 35,000 available positions. Now more than ever, we need to increase funding to SYEP and meet the growing demand for

jobs and skills trainings for our young people.

Assemblymember Mosley is in full support of passage of the Development Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act (A.2597) which allows undocumented New York residents the opportunity to apply for assistance to pay for higher education. Financial aid opportunities such as the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) are currently unavailable to undocumented students, making their hopes of a college education unattainable. If passed, the DREAM Act would reduce the obstacles to higher education facing undocumented students, further increase New York State's workforce, and grow our middle class.

The policies addressed in the Legislative Caucus' 2014 Progressive Agenda are of utmost importance to Assemblymember Mosley and he looks forward to working with his colleagues to ensure their passage.

## Available Community Resources (Continued on back)

### Black Veterans for Social Justice (BVSJ)

BVSJ is available to help veteran families, homeless female veterans and homeless veterans with children.

Assistance with housing, transportation and child care needs, supportive services and access to emergency food.

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

### Tenants and Homeowners

Facing eviction? Tenant and landlord dispute? Foreclosure? First-time homebuyer? 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.), 718-522-2613

#### Neighborhood Housing Services of Bed-Stuy

1012 Gates Ave., 1st Floor (between Ralph Ave. and Broadway), 718-919-2100

### 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.

### Brooklyn Academy of Music Seniors Cinema Program

BAM continues its commitment to community arts programming with Senior Cinema, a monthly film series at BAM Rose Cinemas that provides moviegoers 65 years and older free admission to a movie with complimentary popcorn and soda. BAM partners with the New York City Housing Authority to provide participating senior centers and community-based organizations with subsidized bus transportation to and from BAM for Senior Cinema. For reservations, call 718-636-4122.

## Brooklyn Navy Yard Center at BLDG 92 Employment Center

**For job seekers:** The Employment Center specializes in placements for job seekers of all skill levels, with emphasis on local residents, veterans, and individuals with experience in industrial/manufacturing, hospitality, warehousing and distribution. The center also provides internship or job training options.

**For employers and local business owners:** Brooklyn Navy Yard Employment Center can do all pre-screening and vetting for business owners, saving valuable time and resources. With key partnerships with local groups, and a great reputation with local residents, the Employment Center can help identify (and retain) qualified employees. Visit their website at [brooklynnavyyard.org/employment](http://brooklynnavyyard.org/employment) or contact [ecenter@brooklynnavyyard.org](mailto:ecenter@brooklynnavyyard.org) or 718-907-5996.

## BLDG 92 Exhibits and Programs

The exhibits at BLDG 92 are free and open to the public **Wednesday through Sunday from 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.** and select holidays. Stop by with your family and enjoy a journey through the Brooklyn Navy Yard's past, present and future. BLDG 92 tells for the first time the story of the historic Brooklyn Navy Yard, the 300-acre site nestled on the world-famous Brooklyn waterfront that opened in 1801 as one of America's first naval shipyards.

**63 Flushing Ave. (at Carlton), Brooklyn, NY**  
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## 2014 Youth Job and Resource Fair

According to the United States Department of Labor the national unemployment rate for youth, age 16 to 24, is at approximately 16 percent. This rate is even higher in urban areas with a large minority population. To address this problem Assemblymember Mosley will be teaming up with the Tillary Park Foundation, the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, Workforce 1 NYC Business Solutions, Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry and other community organizations to host a job fair and career expo, specifically for youth, in January 2014. This fair will include opportunities to meet employers with available positions and hiring opportunities. Workshops on financial literacy, resumé writing and interviewing skills will be provided, along with information on trade skills development and apprenticeship options.

**For additional information on the 2014 Youth Job Fair and Career Expo, please call 718-596-0100.**

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