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Dear Neighbors,

I am honored and privileged to have the humble responsibility of serving you in the New York State Assembly. This past year the state legislature fought to keep housing affordable by renewing rent stabilization laws while ensuring that hardworking families of New York can continue to live and work in our great state. Likewise, we secured funding for programs like Senior Citizen Increase Rent Exemption (SCRIE) and \$220 million to provide rental subsidies for domestic violence victims and families struggling to afford rent to protect our most vulnerable New Yorkers.

This coming legislative session in Albany I will be actively fighting for the necessary, quality and substantive representation our communities deserve and expect. I am committed this year to combatting gun violence which doggedly persists in our neighborhoods, ensuring that our schools get equal access to funding so that our youth can have the proper tools to compete in the 21st century economy, and introducing new tax abatement initiatives that will seek to build actual affordable housing units throughout our city and state.

I enthusiastically look forward to representing the diverse and dynamic neighborhoods of Fort Greene, Clinton Hill, Prospect Heights and parts of Crown Heights and Bedford Stuyvesant.

Should you have any questions, concerns or requests for assistance, do not hesitate to reach out to my district office through email, phone or in-person. We are open Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Walter T. Mosley'.

Walter T. Mosley

Member

New York State Assembly, 57th AD



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57th Assembly District

Invites you to

State of the District

Monday, February 22, 2016

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

St. Joseph's College

245 Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205 (between Willoughby & Dekalb Avenues)

RSVP to 718-596-0100 or mosleyw@assembly.state.ny.us



Assemblyman Walter T. Mosley and Board of Regents Working Group Recommend \$50 Million to Help Young Men of Color

A Board of Regents working group submitted recommendations at the December Board of Regents meeting for how the state can better help young men of color, including committing \$50 million to create state offices for community engagement, form a joint council to coordinate between state departments and expand educational offerings.

“It’s hard to be successful when everyone expects you to fail, so we have to change that narrative,” Regent Lester Young, a member-at-large who is heading the work group, told the board. “We need to zero-in with a laser-like focus to not only help these young people, but to realize that as they’re successful, we are all successful.”

The working group was tasked with studying and making statewide policy recommendations based on President Obama’s 2014 My Brother’s Keeper program,

an initiative to help young African-American males from childhood through to adulthood.

New York could be the first state to adopt a statewide version of the program, work group members have said. The state initiative will focus on all young men of color, not just African-Americans.

Statewide, Hispanic and African-American male students have double the dropout rate of their white counterparts and their performance on state exams is markedly lower, according to state data.

The working group, comprised of education and municipal leaders as well as lawmakers from around the state, spent the past few months speaking with stakeholders and having discussions with young men of color, a group that is often left out of the conversation.

Its recommendations include creating an interagency joint council to provide coordination between the state departments of Health, Education and the Office of Mental Health. Many of these agencies already collect data separately, but working together they can better address the needs of students, many of which need to be addressed outside the classroom.



Assemblyman Walter T. Mosley and his colleagues at Firefighter for a Day Challenge 2015.



Assemblyman Walter T. Mosley and Wendy McClinton, Executive Director of Black Veterans For Social Justice, at the New York City Veteran’s Day Parade.



Assemblyman Walter T. Mosley standing with tenant advocates fighting to renew and strengthen rent regulations for New York.

Local Veterans Remembered and Honored at Ceremony with Assemblyman Walter T. Mosley at St. Joseph’s College



Rev. Hardy Smallwood, now 82 years old, who served for seven years as a private first class in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

On this Veterans Day, dozens of these American heroes, from Fort Greene and Clinton Hill, as well as Bed-Stuy, gathered at St. Joseph’s College for a ceremony, where they were presented with metal stars and certificates of appreciation by Assemblymember Walter T. Mosley.

“Every day we must honor veterans – the liberties and rights we have are preserved by your sacrifice,” said Mosley to the assembled veterans and their families.

“So many vets don’t have families to come home to and are homeless...I was taught that we must respect [our elders] every day because we never know when is their last day on earth. It’s the same with veterans.”

Among the vets present was Rev. Hardy Smallwood, now 82 years old, who served for seven years as a private first class in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, and who earned a Purple Heart.

“Lost lives. Being stuck in Korea. I had to dig a foxhole down the river. Stayed there for 18 days. When finally I was finally found was when it started to snow. I lost a lot of men. Friends who can never be brought back,” said Smallwood. When asked what he does on Veterans Day each year, he answered “What I do every day. Serve God. Pray. It does me good, but it doesn’t change things.”

The late Edward A. Carter was posthumously honored as his daughters, grandchildren, great grandchildren, his

sister and niece accepted the awards in his honor, for his 14 years of service as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and a corporal in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War.

Similarly, three generations of the Carter family remember their brother/father/grandfather/cousin as being a rock – both for them and the larger Fort Greene and Clinton Hill communities.

“He was known as the Mayor of Fort Greene, a black cowboy, founder of the Navy Yard board, a Community Board 2 board member, and part of the Fort Greene Youth Patrol.”

“He passed a few years ago, but for him to still be remembered [on Veterans Day and by neighbors] means everything,” they said. “He gave us reassurance. We learned to be supportive, endure, chase dreams, and have leadership and stability and political awareness. We’re so proud of him,” said his daughters Tyrana and Sabrina, granddaughter Tarema, niece Michelle, and sister Marie.



Assemblyman Walter T. Mosley with the family of the late Edward A. Carter, Lieutenant in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

A Call to Action at Vigil for Victoria Nicodemus on Fulton Street

On December 22nd, elected officials and transportation safety advocates gathered at the location in Fort Greene to honor Victoria Nicodemus’s life and to kick off a campaign to change state law to create stiffer penalties for those who cause the death and or serious injury of another individual while driving with a suspended license.

The vigil was held for Victoria at the spot where the 30-year-old artist and art curator died after she and her boyfriend along with other pedestrians were hit by a car that jumped the curb at Fulton Street and South Portland Avenue in Fort Greene on December 6th 2015.

“We have to provide the tools to the district attorneys to punish those who get behind the wheel of a car that should not be behind the wheel – it is a privilege to drive in New York, not a right and that is why I am co-sponsoring A3536A, which would amend the law to make it a class E felony to cause serious injury to another individual while driving on a suspended or revoked license,” said Assemblyman Walter T. Mosley.

Available Community Resources

- **IMPACCT (Formerly Pratt Area Community Council)**
PACC is working hard to protect affordable housing and prevent displacement through one-on-one tenant counseling and organizing. They work with tenants facing issues like landlord harassment, unsafe and unhealthy living conditions, and unfair evictions.
**1000 Dean Street, Brooklyn, NY 11238
718-522-2613**
- **Neighborhood Housing Services of Bed-Stuy**
Through financial empowerment and affordable lending, NHS enables individuals and families to invest in, preserve and improve their Neighborhoods, their Homes and their future.
**1012 Gates Avenue, 1st floor, Brooklyn, NY 11221
718-919-2100**
- **Urban Homestead Assistance Board (UHAB)**
Since 1973 UHAB has assisted in the preservation of over 1,700 buildings and created homeownership opportunities for over 30,000 households. Over the years, they have developed an intimate knowledge of New York City's low-income co-op community.
**120 Wall Street, 20th floor, New York, NY 10005
212-479-3358**
- **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 Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206
718-852-6004 at ext. 269 or ext. 255**
- **Fort Greene SNAP**
Fort Greene Strategic Neighborhood Action Partnership is a family resource center and open access computer lab.
**324 Myrtle Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205
718-694-6957**
- **Homebase**
If you or someone you know is experiencing a housing crisis, you can find your nearest homebase site to help before it's too late, call 311.

Assemblyman Walter T. Mosley's 3rd Annual Job Fair & Career Expo

Assemblyman Mosley's 3rd Annual Job Fair & Career Expo was held on Friday, January 29th. It was success! Over 300 young adults attended and over 50 vendors participated offering internships, educational and employment opportunities.

"The need to have both educational and occupational experience is crucial for our youth to succeed in the 21st century economy."



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