

What the 2016 Budget means for our community



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Here's a summary of the 2016-17 New York State Budget:

WHAT I LIKED:

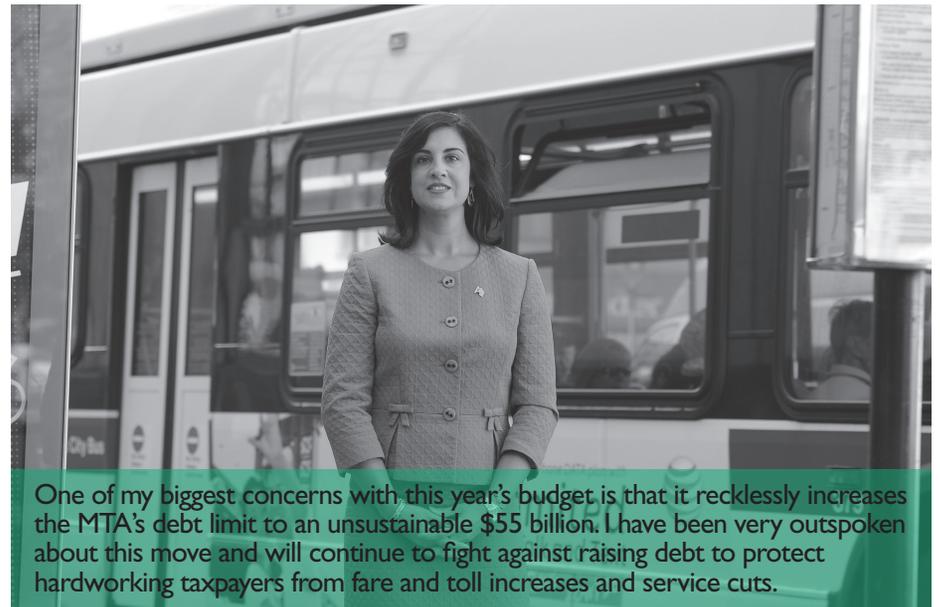
- ✓ Implements a middle-class tax cut that enhances over eight years;
- ✓ Increases funding for heroin and opioid abuse treatment and services;
- ✓ Expands drug abuse prevention and intervention at our public schools;
- ✓ Increases funding for MTA bus and transit services;
- ✓ Prevents a cost shift to NYC taxpayers for millions of dollars in Medicaid and City University costs;
- ✓ Covers medical expenses for 9/11 rescue volunteers;
- ✓ Extends the Hire-A-Vet Tax Credit;
- ✓ Provides funding to the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce to support Brooklyn's small businesses; and
- ✓ Increases funding for our public libraries.

OTHER SUCCESSES:

- ✓ Successfully defeated DREAM Act that would have provided tuition assistance to illegal immigrants; and
- ✓ Successfully defeated a misguided proposal to use taxpayer money to fund political campaigns.

MY BIGGEST CONCERNS:

- Too much debt. This budget allows state authorities, including the MTA, to take on more unsustainable debt;
- No meaningful ethics reforms or pension forfeiture for convicted officials who abuse public trust;
- Failure to offer parity in disability benefits to new police officers & firefighters hurt in the line of duty; and
- No expansion of Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) for middle-class families struggling with college debt.



One of my biggest concerns with this year's budget is that it recklessly increases the MTA's debt limit to an unsustainable \$55 billion. I have been very outspoken about this move and will continue to fight against raising debt to protect hardworking taxpayers from fare and toll increases and service cuts.

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