



Dear Friends,

I had the distinct pleasure of welcoming [Assembly Speaker, Carl Heastie](#), to my district on October 22, a beautiful fall day.

We visited the Tappan Zee Bridge viewing platform in Memorial Park, Nyack Center, the Squires Gate Community, West Street Child Care Learning Center, and Spring Valley High

School, where we were joined by Assemblymember Zebrowski, East Ramapo Monitor, Dennis Walcott; NYS Regent, Judith Johnson; School Board President, Yehuda Weissmandl; Superintendent Joel Klein, and Principal, Karen Pinel.



It was a terrific opportunity to tour our diverse community, discuss issues of concern, and to share what we have accomplished with Capitol Project Funding, included in the state budget, that is so critical to improving our quality of life.

This Tuesday, November 3 is [General Election Day](#). Please remember to vote and make your voice heard. All Polls open at 6 AM and close at 9 PM. Click [here](#) to find your polling place.

~Ellen~

Discrimination Will Not Be Tolerated



I was proud to march in Spring Valley with the Haitian Community, the Haitian American Nurses Association (HANA), and other hardworking healthcare providers, to denounce Interim Healthcare's [discriminatory ad](#) in the Pennysaver. We stood together to send a strong message: Discrimination will not be tolerated in Rockland County on this day or any day!

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is [Domestic Violence Awareness Month](#) founded in 1981 to end violence against women and their children. According to the Center for Safety and Change, "[One in four women](#) reports experiencing violence by a former or current partner at some time in her life." A new state law ([A.6262](#)), that I co-sponsored will allow survivors of domestic violence to electronically request temporary orders of protection without needing to appear in court and face their abusers. For more information contact [The](#)

Quality Child Care for Working Families

Ensuring that our working families have access to quality child care is a top priority of mine. At the Assembly Workgroup on Child Care roundtable we discussed the establishment of the market rate in our state and the rate of subsidy reimbursement that's necessary to provide quality child care for low-income working families. Both federal and New York State law require that child-care subsidies are available to eligible families.



Bus Rapid Transit on New NY Bridge

Thank you Congresswoman Lowey and Senator Gillibrand for securing a [\\$10 million TIGER grant](#) to develop Bus Rapid Transit between Rockland and Westchester. When I served on the Governor's New NY Bridge Mass Transit Taskforce, I was an outspoken advocate of Bus Rapid Transit. [This investment](#) in meeting the region's mass transit and infrastructure needs will create jobs, boost economic development, and benefit the environment. Bus Rapid Transit will help reduce traffic congestion, commuter stress, and improve life in the Hudson Valley.

Support the Rockland Task Force on Water Resources Management

In my October comments to the Public Service Commission (PSC) notice, asking if United Water should be authorized to abandon the Haverstraw Desalination Project, I urged the PSC to forbid UWNYP from continuing to pursue permits for the project, to determine that there is adequate time for the Water Task Force to conduct its Phase 2 Conservation Feasibility Plan, and to support Task Force efforts to develop water supply solutions that are less costly, have less environmental impact, and are in the best interest of the public. [Visit the Task Force resources page](#) where you'll find informational videos and an interactive GIS mapping tool.

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