

Reports to You

ASSEMBLY MEMBER

Khaleel M. Anderson



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Climate change isn't coming – it's already here. Southeast Queens residents must now grapple with extreme weather including the recent flooding we experienced in September, historic heatwaves, hurricanes, and chronic air pollution. It's important to note that New York City was ranked as the second-worst city in the world for air pollution due to harmful smoke from Canadian wildfires earlier this summer. Despite these challenges, we have a responsibility to protect vulnerable coastal and working-class communities by taking decisive action to address these issues.

One bill that will prepare our State for the extreme weather is the NY HEAT Act. A prudent step is to divest from toxic pollutants, fortify our energy infrastructure, prepare our homes, and rein in skyrocketing energy bills. The NY HEAT Act confronts these realities head-on by offering a path toward sustainability and enabling working-class New Yorkers to save their hard-earned money on utility bills.

I am committed to ensuring that we are better prepared, not if, but when, the next disaster strikes. My fellow elected officials and I will continue to listen to the community and work collaboratively with residents and community partners to strengthen resiliency. We will continue to ensure federal, state, and city elected officials and government agencies are accountable to vulnerable communities like Far Rockaway, Rosedale, and Springfield Gardens. My office will continue to work with our elected partners to fight through bureaucracy, provide relief and assistance, and advocate for expedited timelines where possible.

Sincerely,

Khaleel M. Anderson
Assemblymember
31st District

INTRODUCING OUR STRONGER NEIGHBORS TOOLKIT

My office is proud to introduce our “Stronger Neighbors Together” program to help improve quality of life conditions and promote healthier outcomes in our community.

Our Stronger Neighbors Toolkit includes:

- Guidance on How to Form A Block Association
- Noise & Parking Etiquette
- Tips for Picking Up After Your Pet
- Conflict Resolution Skills
- Mental Health & Emotional Support Resources

Please contact my office at 718-327-1845 to obtain a physical copy. You may also access this toolkit on my webpage or at bit.ly/AD31StrongerNeighbors.



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Presents

**Stronger
Neighbors**

Please know that my office is available should you need assistance on a matter of state government. My office can be reached via email at andersonk@nyassembly.gov or by phone at 718-327-1845.



**Mental Health
& Emotional Support**



Conflict Resolution



**How to Form a
Block Association**



Noise Etiquette



Parking Etiquette

SUMMER 2023 MOBILE OFFICE SERIES



Sports Barber Shop in Rosedale

We kicked off our first mobile office stop in Rosedale where my team and I canvassed the neighborhood and talked to constituents about the services and resources that we can provide. We were joined by the Public Utility Law Project of New York to educate constituents about their rights as ratepayers and economic relief programs.



Hammels

Our next stop was at the Key Food Supermarket in Hammels where I met with constituents and discussed their quality of life concerns. My team, along with representatives from the city agencies and community stakeholders, met with the shoppers who received flyers, goodies, and our 'Stronger Neighbors' toolkit.



Arverne Library

For our third mobile office, we were at the beautiful Arverne Library! Residents visiting the library were able to meet with my team and I to discuss their problems and hear our solutions. Reading is a fundamental part of our lives. As such, I invited my partners from the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board, the Mayor's Public Engagement Unit, the Council for Airport Opportunity, NYCHA, The Rockaway Family Enrichment Center, and the NY State Department of Labor to come out with us.



South Ozone Park Frederick B. Judge Playground



Our mobile office stop at Frederick B. Judge Playground was a big success. This location had the largest number of representatives that came from the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board, Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings, LiveOnNY, and Council for Airport Opportunity. I interacted with parkgoers, even joining children for some basketball games.



South Ozone Park Walgreens

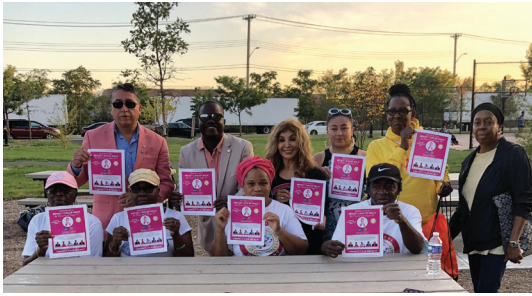
On August 16th representatives from HEAT joined us at Walgreens near Lefferts Blvd and Rockaway Blvd! We gave out free ice cream to constituents and explained how the HEAT Act provides a path toward sustainability and enables working-class New Yorkers to save their hard-earned money on utility bills.



Springfield Gardens

Our sixth and final mobile office stop was at Dollar Tree on Farmers Blvd. I had a great time speaking with commuters and hearing their thoughts on essential bus routes in my district, including the Q113, Q114, and Q111, emphasizing the importance of accessible transportation for all.

AROUND THE DISTRICT



Senior Disco Night

October 5th was the return of Senior Disco Night for Senior Appreciation Month! Over 50 seniors at Springfield Park joined us with the longest dance line formed yet! Attendees got swag bags full of resources, jerk chicken, and an unforgettable night of grooves. The event was sponsored by several local businesses and organizations.



Senior Cruise

September 22nd marked the first-ever Senior Cruise for Senior Appreciation Month! 50 seniors over the Hudson River joined us with gorgeous New Jersey and Manhattan views! The event was sponsored by several local businesses and organizations.



AD 31 School Visits

I had a blast touring schools across Assembly District 31 at six schools: Community School District 29, Collaborative Arts Middle School MS355Q, Community Voices MS356Q, The Magnet School PS52Q, PS251Q, and PS181Q.

I had an opportunity to meet with principals, teachers, students, parents, PTA leaders, and more. I toured each school at each stop and saw what each site had to offer.



TCAH Youth Conference



I was proud to welcome and motivate young individuals at The Campaign Against Hunger's Youth Conference on September 23rd, urging them to take charge as influential leaders in their communities. We discussed food insecurity and gun violence prevention, issues that affect them and their communities. It is important to empower the potential of today's youth to find transformative solutions.



Far Rockaway Library Tour

On September 21st, my elected colleagues and I were able to tour the new two-story Far Rockaway Queens Public Library. This new building features a unique glass façade and is scheduled to open within the first Quarter of 2024. I'm very impressed with how the library is coming along, and I can't wait for other residents to share in my excitement.



Cannabis Events

In August I held a series of Cannabis Events, in partnership with Cannabis Workforce Initiative & Cannaware, offering attendees career insight and job opportunities throughout the budding NY cannabis industry.



AROUND THE DISTRICT

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



SJEH Men's Health Fair

In observance of National Men's Health Month, I had the opportunity to attend St. John's Episcopal Hospital Men's Health Fair. We promoted health education and early screenings and provided resources for disease prevention. It is important that we all become educated on these topics so that we can take care of ourselves and each other.



Cricket Tour

I toured with staff and players of the Queens United Cricket Academy at Idlewild Park in Springfield Gardens to learn about an international game. This premier training academy was established to teach youngsters the skills of the game and to inspire them with its foundations - teamwork, honesty, integrity, and fair play.



Opioid Crisis Day of Service in Rochester

The opioid crisis is devastating communities from Rockaway to Rochester to Rosedale. Over the summer, I joined members of the New York State Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic, and Asian Legislative Caucus, led by Assemblymember Michaelle Solages (D-Nassau), on a tour of the City of Rochester for a Roundtable Discussion on the Opioid Crisis and its effects on the Rochester Community. The conversation included the need to shore up the substance use and mental health workforce to prevent and reduce treatment deserts, expedite the disbursement of opioid settlement funds, and better understand the intersection between mental health and substance use. Following the roundtable, the Caucus and I joined locals for a needle clean-up event. I hope to explore the solutions found in Rochester back to the District.



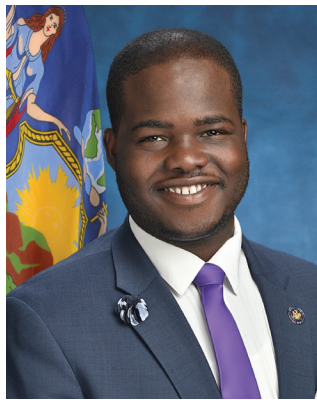
LIPA Commission



On September 18th, I joined the Legislative Commission on the future of the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) to hear public comments on an action plan to implement a true public power model for residents of Long Island and the Rockaways. This means LIPA would directly provide electric service to the more than three million residents and thousands of businesses in its service area without contracting out that responsibility to an investor-owned, for-profit utility.

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LIRR Rockaway/Fix the MTA

The LIRR began a new discounted program if you are traveling to Manhattan or Brooklyn with the CityTicket Far Rockaway back in August.

As a proud sponsor of this victory, I joined my partners in government for the launch of the CityTicket Far Rockaway and will work to address the long-standing inequities that have isolated Far Rockaway residents from the rest of our city.



I am pleased to announce the 2024 Session of the Legislative Advisory Council (LAC)! The purpose of LAC is to provide ideological, individual, and community support around the Legislative priorities set forth by the Office of Assemblymember Khaleel M. Anderson.

For the 2024 Legislative Session, our primary priorities are

1. Housing Equity
2. Banking Parity
3. Gun Violence Reduction

Our Legislative Director Mone't Schultz serves as the Chair of the Legislative Advisory Council and is responsible for ensuring working groups are effectively meeting to ideate solutions, research policy, and garner support for legislation. For more information please contact schultzm@nyassembly.gov