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Mid-Year Review 2018

State Budget FY 2018 – 2019 Highlights

Minority-and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE)

- The Budget reauthorizes and extends the **Minority-and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE) program (Article 15-A)** for one year up until December 2019 and makes no changes to the program. The budget also gives priority to recapitalizing the MWBE Investment Fund.

Public Education

- **\$26.6 billion** in education funding. Includes a **\$618 million** increase in Foundation Aid for a total of **\$17.8 billion**
- **\$50 million** increase to help high-need schools
- **\$7.6 billion** in higher education

Fighting Against Homelessness

- Funding will continue to support the creation or maintenance of the program's **100,000 units** of affordable housing and **6,000 units** of supportive housing.

Safety Net

- **\$18.9 million** in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) programs

Strengthening Child Care for Families

- **\$80 million** to ensure safe, affordable child care

Supporting our Seniors

- **\$8.16 million** to support long-term care
- **\$7.81 million** to preserve spousal refusal
- **\$13.99 million** in hospital and nursing home reductions and **\$12 million** in managed care reductions

Investing in Communities, Supporting Small Business

- **\$1.36 billion** to enable local businesses to grow
- **\$1.67 million** for local economic development initiatives

In Albany



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte and Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie, with New York State Legislators during Haitian Unity Day 2018 honoring Haitian-American, Karine Jean-Pierre, the Senior Advisor and National Spokesperson of Moveon.org, as well as CNN & MSNBC's political commentator.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte calling for the end of child sex trafficking at a Sanctuary for Families press conference.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte welcomes local FDNY firefighters of Rogers Avenue to Albany as they were honored for their bravery in keeping our communities safe.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte and Ronnie Lu, Director of the Taiwanese Consulate in New York welcomed guests to Albany celebrating Taiwan Heritage Day 2018.

In the Media



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte talks with CNN Newsroom's Poppy Harlow to shoot down disparaging and divisive remarks by President Trump against Haiti.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte recording a podcast at the Huffington Post studios addressing black maternal mortality and black infant mortality.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte sits down with PBS's Metro Focus host Rafael Pi Ramon to discuss segregation in New York City's Specialized High Schools.

Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE)



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte with Senator James Sanders, Jr., elected officials and members of the MWBE Coalition during MWBE Coalition Day 2018.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte participates at the Women Chamber of Commerce 2018 State of the Women in Business with Councilman Mark Gjonaj; Executive Director Quenia Abreu; NYC MWBE Director Jonnel Doris and other participants.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte with NYC Small Business Services' Commissioner Gregg Bishop, small business owner Penda Aiken, Assemblymember Tremaine Wright, and Council Member Robert Cornegy during the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce's MWBE Centennial Talk.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte with Senator James Sanders, Jr. discussing MWBEs and small businesses with Cheryl Wills of NY1.



State of the District

During the Assemblymember's Annual State of the District Address, the Assemblymember discussed her vision for the upcoming year, the issues most impacting the district with, the three E's: Economic Development, Education, and Ethics; along with Healthcare; Immigration Reform; Voter Rights/Voter Reform; and Criminal Justice Reform.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte with Senator James Sanders, Jr. and leaders of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

All Corners of the District



Little Haiti

On May 18th, Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte, and Council Member Jumaane D. Williams, joined by NYC Deputy Mayor Phillip Thompson; Ron Daniels; Jensen Desrosiers; Jackson Rockingster; Farah Louis; Regine Roumain (not pictured); community leaders, and organizations kicked off Haitian Flag Day with the announcement of the establishment of a Little Haiti Cultural and Business District. This newly established district will help to stimulate economic development within the Flatbush community, along with cultural awareness through exhibitions and community programming. Assemblymember Bichotte and Council Member Williams with Council Speaker Corey Johnson and other elected officials, community leaders and organizations were present on June 28th, when the New York City Council adopted a resolution and presented a proclamation officially establishing Little Haiti in Brooklyn, New York.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte honors Pastor Lana Green-Hunt at the 67th Precinct Clergy Council's Annual Evening of Remembrance and Reflection.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte with NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio during the NYC Pride Parade 2018.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte with NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio during a townhall at PS 6 in Flatbush, Brooklyn.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte sharing words of wisdom and encouragement to the graduating class of 2018 at PS 315.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte greeting her valued seniors during her 6th Annual Senior Luncheon.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte's Chief of Staff Lisa Derrick with Dorensa Emanuel-Roberts and Jean Joseph during the Assemblymember's Women & Finance event.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte, along with Assemblymembers Michaelle Solages, and Clyde Vanel meeting with U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte helps to distribute goods during Passover 2018 with Jewish Community Council of Marine Park.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte with US Senator Chuck Schumer; Prospect Park Alliance President, Sue Donoghue; NYC Parks Commissioner, Mitchell Silver; and other elected officials during the Prospect Park Soiree 2018.

All Corners of the District (continued)



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte joins Mayor Bill de Blasio and others at a rally urging speed cameras in school zones to protect our children.



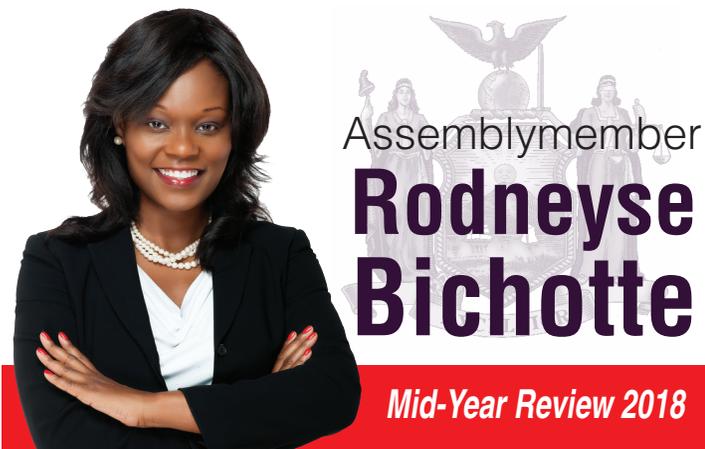
Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte honoring Bazah Roohi and the American Council of Minority Women for their 10th Annual Chand Raat Bazaar and celebration of Eid Mubarak.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte with members of the BPHA Caucus in St. Croix helping to build homes and hope during the My Brother's Workshop after Hurricanes Irma and Maria devastated the Island. The Assemblymember was joined by Senator Kevin Parker, Council Member Andy King, Assemblymember Kimberly Jean-Pierre, and Assemblymember Nick Perry.

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Women of Distinction Honorees

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte and Dr. Mojubaolu Olufunke Okome of Brooklyn College honor Bishop Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales, Bazah Roohi, Cassandra Piton, Dorensa Emanuel-Roberts and Lori Maslow as the 2018 Women of Distinction honorees at the Wood Tanger Auditorium of Brooklyn College's Library.