



Assemblymember
Robert C. Carroll
Assembly District 44

March 2, 2018

Greetings --

Environmental Conservation Hearing

As a member of the Environmental Conservation Committee, I participated in this week's Joint Budget Hearing to examine the 2018-2019 Executive Budget Proposal and its impact on Environmental Conservation.

It is more important than ever for New York to take a leadership role in combating climate change and sea level rise. New York needs to invest in wind, solar, and geothermal today so that we hit our goal of 80% renewable energy by 2050. I support whole heartedly New York's efforts on this, but goals alone will not bring about the environmental, economic development and job creation benefits of a stronger clean energy economy. With 75% of our carbon emissions coming from buildings, Governor Andrew Cuomo and the Public Service Commission must do more to cultivate the ingenuity of our local solar panel companies so that we are creating incentives and encouraging as many of our neighbors to go solar as possible.

[At the hearing with John Rhodes, the CEO of the Public Service Commission I asked him some questions about net-metering, which is the current billing mechanism that credits solar energy system owners for the electricity they add to the grid and the Public Services Commission's new mechanism, known as Value of Distributed Energy Resources \(VDER\), which is to be fully implemented by 2020.](#) While it is important to establish a mechanism that fully and accurately accounts for the value of energy, we must ensure that while doing that, we provide the market certainty and transparency necessary for consumers and businesses alike to invest in renewable energy technologies, that way we continue the momentum that we have already and encourage ingenuity among our solar advocates and entrepreneurs.

[View the full exchange here:](#)



New York State Budget Town Hall at MS 890

[I held my first of two town hall meetings on the state budget on Wednesday evening at MS 890 in Kensington.](#)

Medicaid Program

- The Executive budget includes total Medicaid spending of \$72.37 Billion, an increase of \$194 Million from previous year.

| Year-to-Year | Change | (\$ in Millions) | | |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------|
| | SFY '17-'18 | SFY '18-'19 | Amount | Percent |
| State Share | 23,876 | 23,286 | (590) | (2.47) |
| Fed. Share | 40,410 | 40,865 | 455 | 1.13 |
| Local Share | 7,784 | 7,887 (5,500- NYC) | 103 | 1.32 |
| MSA Payment | 103 | | 226 | 219.42 |
| All Funds | 72,173 | 72,367 | 194 | 0.27 |



I presented an overview of the Governor Cuomo's proposed \$168.2 Billion Executive Budget and went into detail on Medicaid/Health Care, Education, Transportation, the Governor's various 30 day budget amendments and more.

We had a great discussion with those who attended and I look forward to hearing from more of you at our next town hall, which is taking place on March 22nd at PS 321 in Park Slope at 7pm (Doors Open at 6:30pm). To RSVP, please email me at carrollr@nyassembly.gov or call my District Office at (718) 788-7221.

Pedestrian Tragedy at Ocean Parkway & Church Avenue

On Tuesday evening, there was a tragic traffic accident that claimed the life of a pedestrian crossing Ocean Parkway at Church Avenue. Ocean Parkway and Church Avenue has been a dangerous intersection for years and it must be made safer for pedestrians to prevent tragedies like this from occurring in the future.

Councilmember Brad Lander and I wrote a letter to the NYS and NYC Departments of Transportation as well as the NYPD asking them to do a full review of this intersection to make it safer for everyone. You can read the full letter from CM Lander and I below and I will keep you updated on the status the review that we requested.



February 28th, 2018

Commissioner Polly Trottenberg
New York City Department of Transportation
16 Court Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Commissioner Cathy Calhoun
New York State Department of Transportation
Assistant Regional Director
50 Wolf Road
Albany, NY 12232

Commissioner James O'Neill
NYPD
One Police Plaza
New York, NY 11007

RE: Pedestrian Fatality at the intersection of Ocean Parkway/Prospect Expressway
& Church Avenue, Brooklyn

Dear Commissioners Trottenberg, Calhoun, and O'Neill,

We write regarding the tragic pedestrian fatality that took place last night at the intersection of Ocean Parkway/Prospect Expressway and Church Avenue, to seek your rapid collaboration in understanding what happened, and to do all we can, as quickly as we can, to prevent future tragedies at this dangerous intersection.

Four years ago, another pedestrian, Ngozi Agbim, was killed at this very same intersection. After that tragedy, and as the result of a project selected by the community through participatory budgeting, a pedestrian refuge island was built in the center of the north-side crossing, and adjustments were made to signal timing.

Despite those improvements, the intersection remains very dangerous for pedestrians. Heavy traffic at the point where the Prospect Expressway (under NYS DOT jurisdiction) becomes Ocean Parkway (under NYC DOT jurisdiction), along with heavy traffic turning to and from Church Avenue makes it a harrowing intersection. We also witness regular violations, including a steady flow of cars illegally turning right from the left/center lane, going westbound on Church Avenue turning northbound on the Prospect Expressway.

We are aware that the NYPD Collision Investigation Squad is conducting a full review of this fatal crash. We also request that your three agencies collaborate on a full review of the intersection, to determine what can be done to prevent any further fatalities or injuries. Furthermore, until we can implement further traffic calming measures, we request significantly increased enforcement from the NYPD.

We know you share our agony about this tragic loss of life, at an intersection where we lost another New Yorker just four years ago. We have an obligation, together, to do everything we possibly can to make sure that this ceases to be an intersection of death.

We thank you for your partnership in this critical work.

Sincerely,



Brad Lander
Councilmember, 39th Council district



Robert Carroll
Assemblymember, 44th Assembly District

cc: Keith Bray, Brooklyn Borough Commissioner, NYC DOT
Geoffrey Rick, Assistant Regional Director, NYS DOT
Chief Thomas Chan, Transportation Division, NYPD

Guest Judge for Mock Trial

Last night I ventured into Manhattan to participate as a guest Judge for the 2018 New York State Bar Association High School Mock Trial Tournament.



This wonderful program sponsored in part by the NYC DOE and [The Justice Resource Center](#), which is the leading provider of law-related and civic education for the school-age population, is a great way to expose high school students to the law, giving them a first-hand experience inside a courtroom. The mock trial that I judged was between two high schools from the South Bronx and it was very difficult to decide because they were all so incredibly poised, confident and demonstrated an impressive knowledge of the law.

Senior Citizen Homeowners Exemption (SCHE)

My office is sponsoring, along with the New York City Department of Finance and Flatbush Development Corporation, an Enrollment event for SCHE and DHE as well as for the Senior Citizens Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE), Enhanced School Tax Relief (ESTAR), and the Veterans Property Tax Exemption on March 13th at Dorchester Senior Center in Ditmas Park.

See the flyer below for full details and to check to see if you qualify for any of the programs. RSVP to my office at 718 788 7221 or carrollr@nyassembly.gov.

The New York City Department of Finance
in partnership with Assemblymember Robert C. Carroll invite you to the

HOMEOWNERS & TENANTS ENROLLMENT EVENT



Homeowners

Apply for property tax exemptions

To apply please bring:

- Picture ID
- Tax returns; or
- Proof of income for 2016 or 2017 for all owners
- DD214 or discharge papers (for veterans)
- Trust documents (if applicable).



Tenants

Apply for the SCRIE or DRIE Program

To apply please bring :

- Picture ID
- 2017 tax returns, W2, or 1099 Statements
- Income documents for all household members
- Copies of your 2 most recent leases and
- Social Security disability award letter (if applicable).

****NYCHA AND SECTION 8 RECIPIENTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE****



TUESDAY, MARCH 13th, 2018

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Dorchester Senior Center

1419 Dorchester Rd, Brooklyn, NY 11226

To RSVP call (718) 788-7221

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Community Meetings in the Week Ahead:

Brooklyn Children's Museum "Holi Hooray!" Celebration

145 Brooklyn Avenue

Saturday, March 3

10:30am to 4:00pm

Join the Brooklyn Children's Museum for [Holi Hooray!](#) - a celebration of springtime and play. Known as the "Color Festival," Holi originated in India and is now enjoyed by millions of people worldwide. Tickets are available [on-line](#).

70nd Precinct Sector B NCO meeting, Midwood area

IS 152, 1087 Ocean Avenue

Tuesday, March 6

7:00pm to 8:00pm

[Neighborhood Coordination Officers](#), or NCOs, are your local problem solvers. They spend all their working hours within the confines of their assigned sectors, actively engaging with local community members and residents. They get to know the neighborhood, its people, and its problems extremely well. PO Rakhmanov and PO David Yegros, the NCOs for the Sector B, will provide a neighborhood update and respond to questions and concerns from residents.

See you around the neighborhood,

Bobby

P.S. [Don't forget to join me for my next budget townhall at PS 321 in Park Slope. Presentation starts at 7pm. Click here for more details.](#)

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