



Assemblymember  
**Robert C. Carroll**  
 Assembly District 44

**April 20, 2018**

**Greetings –**

This week in Albany, the Assembly passed a package of electoral reforms, many of which I am proud to have co-sponsored and fought for over the past legislative session. Assemblymember Simon’s bill, [A.9758-A](#), would close the limited liability corporation (LLC) loophole in the state’s campaign finance law. Under current election law, individuals and corporations can make unlimited contributions to the same candidate, political party or campaign committee by creating multiple LLCs. Each LLC is treated as an individual donor, even if multiple LLCs are owned by the same person or entity, which makes it harder to determine the real contributor and allows them to evade campaign contribution limits.

**As I said on the Assembly floor, LLCs exist in a legal gray area where they can act as corporations, but also as if they are an individual or group of individuals.** This bill provides specific language to make sure that we limit an LLC's aggregate donations to \$5,000, which is already applicable to corporations and it requires LLCs to disclose the names of individuals with membership interests, attributing LLC contributions to them in proportion to such membership interest.

Closing the LLC loophole will increase transparency, help level the playing field and prevent the wealthy few from making nearly unlimited campaign contributions.

**[View my remarks on closing the LLC loop here:](#)**



The Assembly also passed [A.9608-B](#), which would establish early voting in New York State. As you know, I fought to have early voting included in the budget this year, but unfortunately that did not happen. This bill would allow early voting to take place during a seven-day period prior to any general, primary or special election. **As I said on the Assembly floor, early voting alone will not address the problem of low voter turnout in New York State. Unfortunately we have many other antiquated election laws, such as our registration and party enrollment requirements as well as ballot access and campaign finance laws that, if changed, would have a much bigger impact on voter participation rates.** I support early voting as a first step to increasing voter turnout and reforming our elections, but we must be clear that there is so much more work to do to make our elections more competitive and increase voter participation.

Additionally, the Assembly passed the Voter Enfranchisement Modernization Act of 2018, which would establish online voter registration in New York State ([A.5382-A](#)). This would streamline the registration process and bring the state’s paper-based application process into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Finally, the legislative package includes a no fault absentee ballot bill that would amend the New York State Constitution to allow any citizen to receive an absentee ballot upon request for any reason, ([A.7623](#)). Under current law, residents can only receive absentee ballots if they expect to be absent from the county on the day of the election, or if they have an illness or physical disability. The amendment must be passed by both the Assembly and Senate in consecutive terms before it goes before voters as a ballot referendum.

**Keep Tennis Affordable in Prospect Park**

Many of you have benefited from the Prospect Park Tennis Center whether through leagues, lessons, after school programs, summer camp, or special aces. But this could change as the Prospect Park Tennis Center's concession contract is up. This means the Prospect Park Alliance must compete with outside

organizations bidding for it, including those that are for-profit and with a known record for substantially increasing rates.

I am supporting the Alliance's effort because they do an incredible job with the tennis center and as a 501(c)3, any profits made by the Tennis Center are put back into the maintenance of the parade ground and into the center. [There is a petition being circulated in support of the Alliance's effort to maintain management of the Tennis Center, which I hope you will sign by clicking here.](#)

**Upcoming Events Sponsored By My Office:**

**FREE RAIN BARREL FOR YOUR LAWN AND GARDEN!**

Call or Email my office to reserve your free 60-gallon rain barrel. It's easy to install and connects directly to your downspout to capture and store the rain water that falls on your rooftop.  
The water collected in the rain barrel can then be used to water lawns and gardens, or for other outdoor chores.

**PICK UP DETAILS:**

**Date: Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 10am – 12pm**

**Location: 1203 Albemarle Road (corner of Westminster Road)**

**To RSVP: (718) 788-7221 or [carrollr@nyassembly.gov](mailto:carrollr@nyassembly.gov)**

*The rain barrels are provided by **The New York City Department of Environmental Protection***

\*\*\* If you don't pick up your rain barrel by noon, it will be distributed on a first come first serve basis.

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# HPD OUTREACH

Housing Resources In Your Neighborhood



## Assemblymember Robert Carroll hosts New York City Department of Housing and Preservation and Development (HPD) Mobile Outreach

The HPD OUTREACH Van takes HPD's community engagement teams on the road, bringing information and services directly to tenants and homeowners in your own neighborhood. *They can help you:*

- **Prepare to Apply for Affordable Housing**  
Learn about opportunities and prepare to apply for affordable housing lotteries.
- **Understand Your Rights and Responsibilities**  
Learn about the ABCs of Housing to understand your rights and responsibilities as a tenant or owner.
- **File a Housing Complaint**  
Get help filing a complaint about housing code violations or landlord harassment.
- **Finance Improvements and Repairs**  
Learn about and apply for financial assistance for property owners.
- **Register Your Building**  
Get help registering your building as a property owner.
- **Remedy a Violation**  
Learn how to remedy housing code violations at your property.



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**Tuesday, May 15**  
**11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**District Office of  
Assemblymember Carroll**  
**416 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
*between 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Streets*

To RSVP or for more information on this or any other community concern, please call the District Office at (718) 788-7221 or email [carrollr@nyassembly.gov](mailto:carrollr@nyassembly.gov).

### Community Meetings in the Week Ahead:

#### **Park Slope Civic Council's Spring Civic Sweep 2018 Bi-Annual Neighborhood Beautification Event**

Old Stone House at Washington Park

5th Avenue between 3rd and 4th Streets

Sunday, April 22

10am to 2pm

Make a clean sweep of our neighborhood at the annual spring beautification, recycling and clean-up event — the Spring Civic Sweep — Volunteers will also pick up litter and paint out graffiti. PSCC will provide refreshments, as well as all tools and supplies. Volunteers will receive T-shirts from Brooklyn SolarWorks and leave wearing "I Made Park Slope Cleaner Today" stickers. Community Service vouchers will be available.

#### **78th Precinct Community Council**

78<sup>th</sup> Precinct

65 6th Avenue

Tuesday, April 24

7:30pm

Open to community members. The [78th Precinct Community Council](#) meetings typically take place on the last Tuesday of each month.

## **Community Board 6 Monthly Meeting – RESCHEDULED from April 11**

PS32

317 Hoyt St (between President St and Union St)

Tuesday, April 24

6:30pm

Open to community members. The [CB 6](#) monthly meeting is typically scheduled on the second Wednesday and the location moves around during the year.

## **Community Board 12 Monthly Meeting**

Amico Senior Citizens Center

5901 13th Ave

Tuesday, April 24

7pm

Open to community members. The CB 12 board meeting is typically scheduled on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

## **70th Precinct Community Council**

PS 249

18 Marlborough Rd (Caton Ave off Marlborough Rd)

Wednesday, April 25

7:30pm

Open to community members. The [70<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council](#) meetings typically take place on the last Wednesday of each month.

See you around the neighborhood,

Bobby

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