



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



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Greetings –

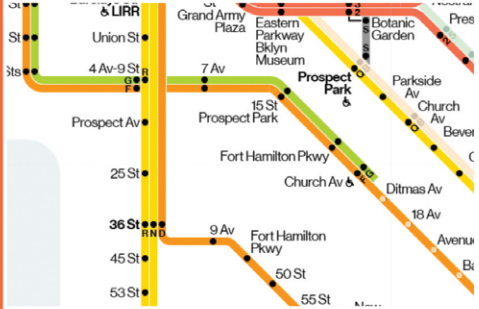
**The Attorney General Interview process:**

This week in Albany, a bi-partisan, bi-cameral committee of the Legislature interviewed candidates seeking appointment to serve the remainder of the current term of the New York State Attorney General. I believe that the current acting Attorney General Barbara Underwood is immensely qualified and should remain interim Attorney General until the voters of New York State have the opportunity to express their will at the polls in the September primary and the November general election. [Last week, I joined 112BK, on BRIC Radio to discuss my views on the situation. You can listen to that interview here.](#)

**Reminder: My Upcoming MTA Town Hall:**

I am hosting a special town hall on the MTA with the President of MTA NYC Transit, Andy Byford. Throughout the state budget process this year I was a vocal advocate for the Governor and Legislature to establish a dedicated revenue stream of at least \$1.5 Billion annually so that we have the ability to fully fund the MTA capital program and update the system’s aging infrastructure. Unfortunately we were only able to secure a fraction of the funding needed through a taxi and for-hire vehicle surcharge, but I will continue to fight for the funding we need to have a 21<sup>st</sup> century mass transit system. Details for the event are below and I hope you will come out express your views. RSVPs are appreciated at [carrollr@nyassembly.gov](mailto:carrollr@nyassembly.gov) or by calling (718) 788-7221.


## Join Assemblymember Robert Carroll for a special Town Hall on the MTA with Andy Byford, President of the New York City Transit Authority



**Tuesday, May 29th**  
**6:30pm – 8:30pm**

**JOHN JAY EDUCATIONAL COMPLEX**  
 237 7th Avenue between 4th and 5th Streets in Park Slope

To RSVP, or for more information on this event or any other community concern, please contact Assemblymember Robert Carroll at **718-788-7221** or [carrollr@nyassembly.gov](mailto:carrollr@nyassembly.gov)



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**Legislation to Protect Tenants And Strengthen Rent Regulations:**

I am proud to have co-sponsored multiple bills included in a package of legislation passed in the Assembly this week to protect tenants and strengthen rent regulations in New York State.

Some of the most important elements of the legislative package include two bills I am co-sponsoring: [A.6285](#) will provide the opportunity for landlords and tenants to work off the same clear and fair lease, ending the current preferential rent system. [A.9815](#) would prohibit landlords from collecting a 20 percent increase in rent upon turnover, addressing one of the struggles families face finding affordable housing, accelerated by the loss of rent-regulated properties. This bill, along with [A.0433](#), which would repeal statutes that remove units from rent regulation when they become vacant, will help restore the integrity of the rent regulation system and protect the state's dwindling supply of affordable housing.

These bills join a host of other bills passed in the Assembly this week, including [A.08886-A](#) and [A.1628](#) which together would address increases in rent in response to improvements to properties, [A.00268](#) which would cap rent increases for rent controlled units, [A.4003](#) which would expand a tenant’s ability to challenge a rent increase, [A.9816](#) which would help protect tenants against rent overcharges, [A.7992](#) which

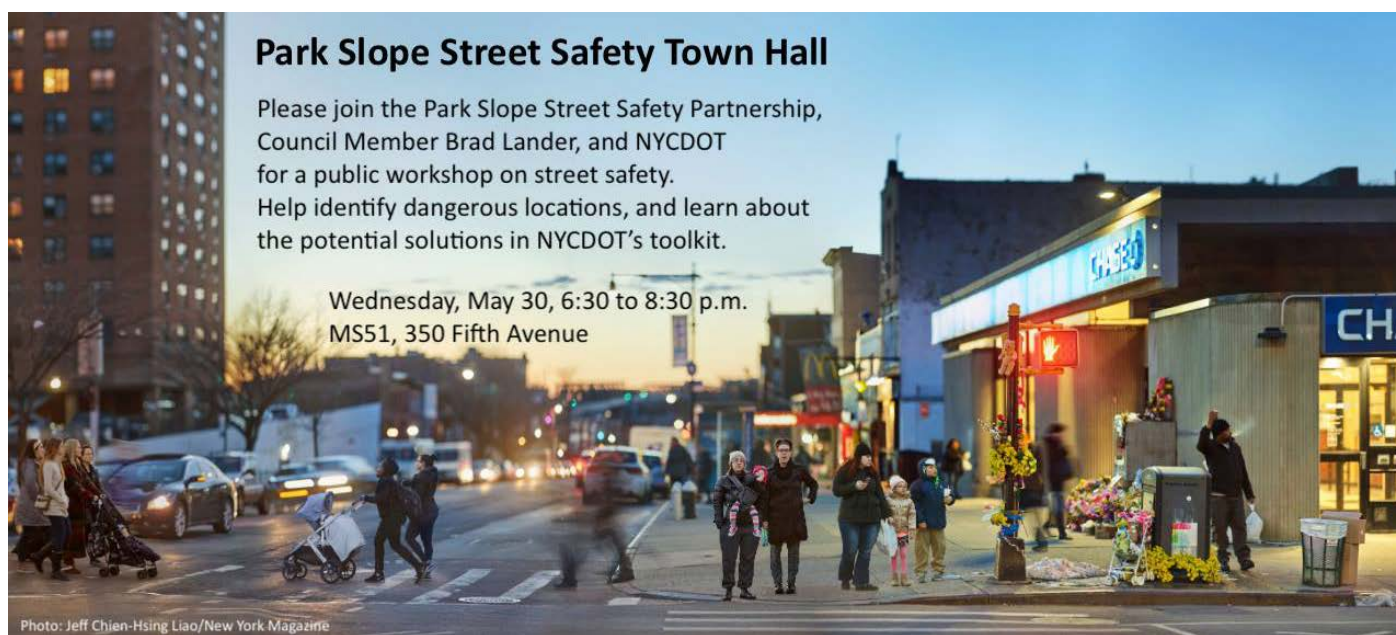
would protect renters from landlords seeking to force rent regulated tenants out of their housing by creating unsafe conditions, and [A.6967](#) which would ensure that if a tenant has to break a lease, only actual damages are recoverable.

This legislative package creates protections against some of the most egregious landlord abuses, including reforming preferential rent practices and Major Capital Improvements, and strengthens protections for tenants, helping to secure affordable housing in New York State.

### **Public Workshop on Street Safety:**

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, the Park Slope Street Safety Partnership, City Council Member Brad Lander and the New York City Department of Transportation are hosting a public workshop on street safety. The purpose of the workshop is to identify dangerous locations throughout the neighborhood, and learn about potential solutions in NYCDOT's toolkit. This event is particularly important after the tragic crash that took place on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 9<sup>th</sup> Street in early March and I hope you will attend. See full details below.

After the crash, I introduced two pieces of legislation in an effort to take dangerous drivers off the road. The first bill, [A10050-A](#) requires that medical professionals be required to report to the NY Department of Motor Vehicles any chronic impairing ailment that could, without warning, cause a driver to lose control of their car. There are laws like this on the books in a number of states including New Jersey and California. In New York, there is no mandatory reporting system in place and thus there are drivers with such chronic ailments continuing to operate motor vehicles when they're not safe to do so. The second bill, [A10102](#), would suspend the registration of a vehicle which has been documented 6 times within a 12 month period by a photo violation monitoring device for failure to comply with traffic-control indications. Suspension periods will escalate along with the number of infractions. I will continue to work for the remainder of this legislative session to pass these bills because I believe if enacted they will help make our streets safer.



### **Community Meetings in the Week Ahead:**

#### **ShredFest**

Prospect Park, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street entrance

3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Prospect Park West

Saturday, May 19 and Sunday, May 20

10am until 4pm or when the trucks fill up – whichever happens first

Protect your identity. Bring old documents with personal information to be shredded to prevent identity theft. Brought to you by the Department of Consumer Affairs.

#### **Park Slope House Tour**

Starts at Poly Prep Lower School

50 Prospect Park West at 1st Street

Sunday, May 20

Noon to 5:30pm

The Park Slope House Tour is a self-guided walking tour organized by the Park Slope Civic Council. Ticket-holders will receive an illustrated brochure describing the history and interior of each home. Following the Tour at 6:00pm, there will be a lecture by local architect-historian Francis Morrone (house tour tickets are required). To purchase tickets and for more information, please click [here](#).

## **78<sup>nd</sup> Precinct Sector D NCO meeting, Park Slope area**

Church of the Virgin Mary

216 8 Avenue

Tuesday, May 22

7pm

[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 Vincent Lau and PO David Mancuso, the NCOs for Sector D, will provide a neighborhood update and respond to questions and concerns from residents.

## **Community Board 12 Monthly Meeting**

Amico Senior Citizens Center

5901 13th Ave

Tuesday, May 22

7pm

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

## **70<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council Meeting**

Touro College

1602 Touro College

Wednesday, May 23

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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