



# Assemblymember Robert Carroll

## Legislative Update



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## Updates on My Legislation

Governor Hochul recently signed three of my bills and took important steps on the implementation of a fourth.

### ***“Golden Day” Voter Registration***

My “Golden Day” bill (A.6132) builds off my previous election reform initiatives. My law of 2022, A.8858, reduced the deadline for voter registration from 25 days to 10 days before election day. This creates a scenario where the first day of early voting falls within the deadline for registering to vote. A.6132 establishes the mechanisms needed for New Yorkers to be able to utilize that one “Golden Day” to both register to vote and cast an early ballot, all in a single visit to their early voting site.

### ***Flood Disclosure/Right to Know for Homebuyers***

New York is one of thirty states that have flood disclosure requirements, in which home sellers are required to provide information on flood history to homebuyers at closing. Uniquely, New York had a mechanism in which sellers did not have to disclose this information if they paid a \$500 fee credited to the buyer at closing. My flood disclosure bill (A.1967) removes this loophole, ensuring that all homebuyers are provided with information concerning flood risk, flood history, and flood insurance on all real property transactions. With the enactment of this legislation, homebuyers will now have the ability to make informed decisions on how to best protect their homes and families.

### ***Solar and Energy Storage Systems Tax Benefits***

In order to continue to combat climate change, we need to ensure that the use of renewable energy technologies continues to grow in New York. My bill (A.6113) extends and enhances the City’s property tax abatement program for solar panels and energy storage systems such as batteries. This legislation will have the same impact on emissions as taking 173,000 cars off the road for one year.

### ***Low-Embodied Carbon Concrete Leadership Act (LECCLA)***

Governor Hochul announced that the rules required by my Low Embodied Carbon Concrete Leadership Act, or LECCLA, (A.2591-A), which passed the legislature and was signed into law by the Governor in 2021, would be put into effect.

The process of making cement, which is the main ingredient in concrete, accounts for 8% of global carbon emissions. Low-embodied carbon concrete is an alternative type of concrete which is just as strong but far less carbon intensive. My legislation called for the Governor to establish guidelines for the use of low-embodied carbon concrete in state construction projects. I am proud to see the Governor implementing these necessary carbon limiting guidelines.

## Legislative Priorities for 2024

### **EDUCATION**

- ***Right to Read (A.2897 – Prime Sponsor):***  
Requires statewide guidelines on evidence-based literacy instruction and teacher training.
- ***The New York Individuals with Dyslexia Education Act (A.7101 – Prime Sponsor):***  
Creates statewide standards for screening and interventions for K-5 students for dyslexia and related learning differences and sets standards for teacher training.
- ***Dyslexia Diagnosis Access Act (A.2898 – Prime Sponsor):***  
Requires insurance to cover neuropsychological exams to diagnose dyslexia allowing kids to get the help they need.

### **ELECTION LAW**

- ***Same Day Registration (A.181 – Prime Sponsor):***  
This bill calls for a Constitutional Amendment to allow for same-day voting registration.
- ***Employee Disclosure Requirements (A.6542 – Prime Sponsor):***  
This bill requires political donors to list their employer and occupation.
- ***Voting on Demand (A.3234 – Prime Sponsor):***  
This bill would allow voters in New York City to vote at any polling place within the City and those registered outside of New York City to vote at any polling place within their county of registration by requiring polling places to be equipped with printers that can generate ballots on demand.



# Legislative Priorities for 2024 (continued)

## FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE AND PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

- **Wildlife Crossing Planning (A.4234 – Prime Sponsor):** Lays the groundwork for federal funding for wildlife crossings in New York State, an important initiative to preserve biodiversity.
- **Helicopter Tax (A.3333 – Prime Sponsor):** Places both a carbon and noise pollution tax on non-essential helicopter flights in NYC.
- **Climate, Jobs, And Justice Package (Cosponsor):** This package of bills, endorsed by the NY Renewables coalition, would accelerate the transition to a green economy and ensure its benefits are widely and equitably shared by mandating using renewables and eliminating fossil fuels and raising taxes on corporations and the very wealthy to make the investments needed.



Assemblymember Carroll distributing free rain barrels to constituents in Prospect Heights.



Assemblymember Carroll distributing free compost bins with the Department of Sanitation at the Cortelyou Road Library.

## FAIR PAY FOR ALL:

- **The Raise the Wage Act (A.2204 – Cosponsor):** Raises the minimum wage to \$21.25 by 2026, which would then be adjusted for inflation in subsequent years.
- **The One Fair Wage Act (A.10203 – Cosponsor):** Requires tipped workers to be paid the standard minimum wage as their base wage with tips on top of that.
- **The Fair Pay for Home Care Act (A.6329 – Cosponsor):** Establishes a minimum wage for those who care for our elderly at 150% of the regional minimum wage.

## HEALTHCARE AND SAFETY

- **New York Health Act (A.7897 – Cosponsor):** Creates a single payer health system for New York State.
- **Reproductive Freedom and Equity Act (A.361 – Cosponsor):** Establishes a grant program to provide funding to New York abortion providers and nonprofit organizations to increase access to abortion care.
- **Contingency Management (A.3298 – Prime Sponsor):** Establishes a statewide contingency management program to treat substance abuse.
- **Crash Victim Rights and Safety Act (Cosponsor):** This package of eight bills, including Sammy's Law, will save lives by expanding safe street design initiatives, empower cities to reduce speed limits, improve driver education, and help ensure those injured in car crashes have access to police reports and the ability to file a victim impact statement.

## CONSUMER PROTECTION AND HOUSING

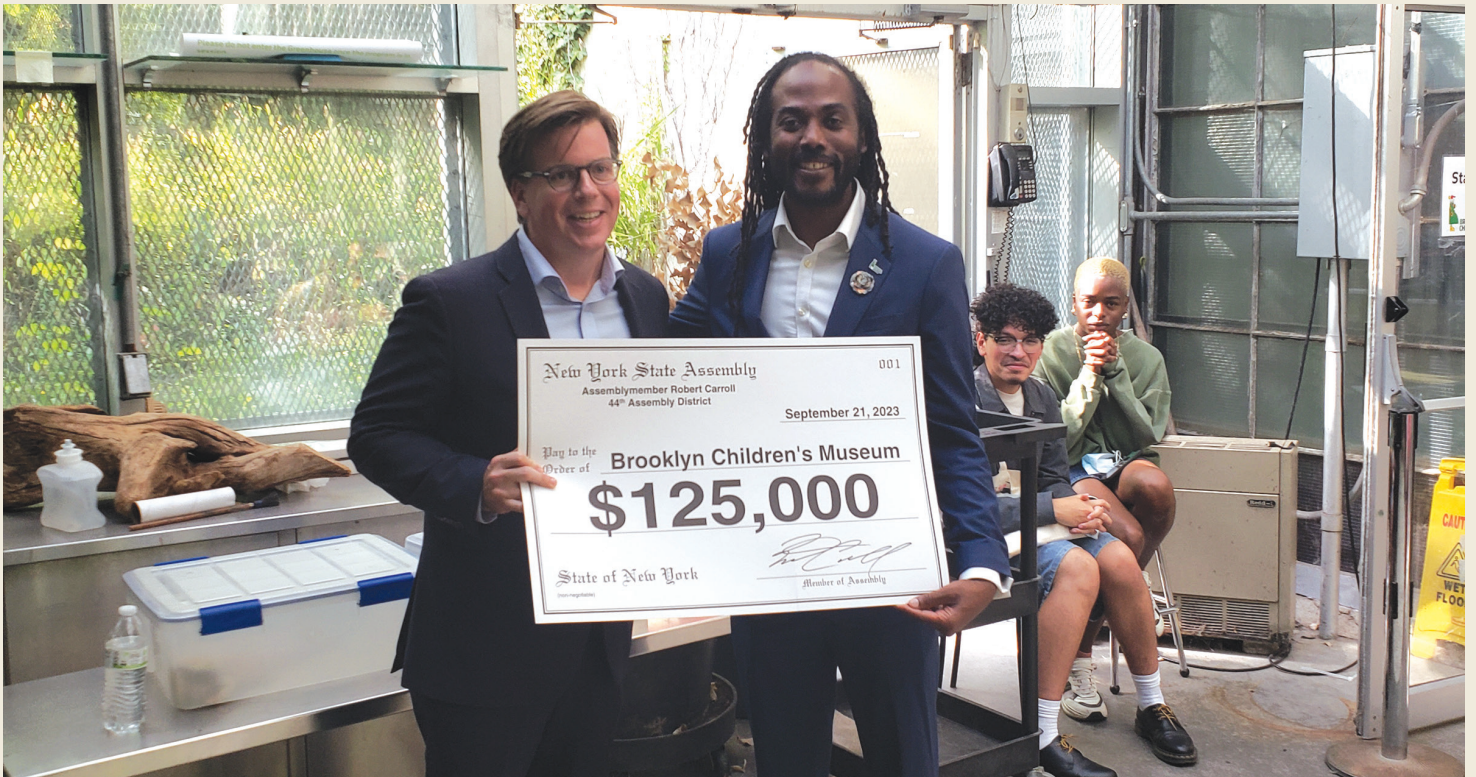
- **The Good Cause Eviction Act (A.5573 – Cosponsor):** Prevents tenants from being forced from their apartments when there are no lease violations and prevents arbitrary rent increases.
- **Reducing Utility Charges (A.295 – Prime Sponsor):** Limits the fixed charges that utility companies can bill to actual costs, saving consumers on their monthly payments.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

- **The Elder Parole bill (A.8855 – Cosponsor):** Provides that 55-year-old inmates who have served at least 15 years of their sentence would have a chance to appeal for parole every two years.
- **Fair and Timely Parole (A.4231 – Cosponsor):** Requires parole to be offered to incarcerated people who are eligible unless they pose a risk that cannot be handled by parole supervision.



# Supporting Local Cultural Institutions



Assemblymember Carroll presenting a \$125,000 check in State funds he secured to Atiba Edwards, Acting President and CEO of the Brooklyn Children's Museum, to fund the new interactive historical exhibit "The Brooklyn Time Machine."

I am happy to announce that I was able to secure state capital funding for several cultural institutions that play a vital role in the life of the 44th Assembly District and beyond.

- The **Prospect Park Alliance** will receive **\$500,000** towards the renovation of the Lefferts Historic House.
- The **Brooklyn Museum** will receive **\$250,000** towards the renovation of their first-floor entrance.
- The **Brooklyn Conservatory of Music** will receive **\$250,000** towards its major expansion project.
- The **Brooklyn Botanic Garden** will receive **\$200,000** to reconstruct all pergolas that are part of the Osborne Garden at the Eastern Parkway entrance.
- The **Brooklyn Children's Museum** will receive **\$125,000** towards the construction of a new permanent exhibition exploring Brooklyn's history, the Brooklyn Time Machine.
- **Green-Wood Cemetery** will receive **\$125,000** towards the construction of a new education and welcome center.



Assemblymember Carroll with Richard Moylan, President of The Green-Wood Cemetery, and colleagues in government to announce a \$500,000 state capital grant from Assemblymembers Carroll and Mitaynes and Senators Chu and Gounardes.



# Community Events



Assemblymember Carroll designating Zuzu's Petals a New York State Historic Business.



Assemblymember Carroll speaking at his town hall and government answer fair at the Grand Army Plaza Central Library.



Assemblymember Carroll with Councilmember Alexa Aviles and Susan Tenner, the Executive Director of B.U.G.S. at their Harvest Festival and 10th anniversary celebration.



Assemblymember Carroll with Governor Hochul and bill sponsors at the bill signing of the Clean Slate Act.



Assembly member Carroll with members of FIDO in Prospect Park distributing collapsible dog bowls from NYC Department of Environmental Protection.

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## The 7th Avenue F/G Subway Station Is Now Fully Accessible



After years of advocacy from the Park Slope community, the MTA has finally opened an elevator at the 7th Avenue F/G stop. This station is now accessible to all New Yorkers who have mobility issues, strollers, and injuries. I will continue to push for the MTA to make the entire subway system accessible to all. A special thank you to my predecessor Jim Brennan, Comptroller Lander, Council Member Hanif, and all the local advocates who fought for this, especially Jasmine Melzer, Robert Levine, the Good Neighbors of Park Slope, and the 9th Street Block Association.

Assemblymember Carroll with MTA Chair and CEO, Janno Lieber, MTA workers, community advocates, and colleagues in government celebrating the opening of the 7th Avenue F/G elevator.