

Assemblyman William Colton

**FIGHTING FOR US
AND OUR COMMUNITY**



Winter 2017

COLTON FIGHTS FOR OUR CHILDREN'S SCHOOL FUNDING

New York State may face budget deficits as a result of federal cuts to education, Medicare and Medicaid.

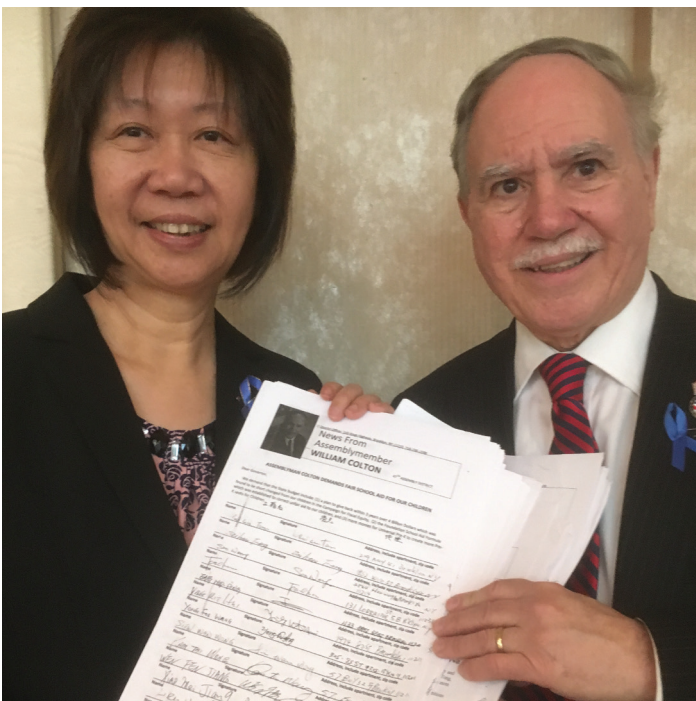
Although New York State made real increases in state school funding in recent years, some \$3.8 billion from prior shortchanging of high needs districts, like NYC, still have not been repaid.



Now, in the face of federal cuts to NYS, Colton is sounding the alarm that we must prepare to fight the further shortchanging of our school children.

Colton has warned parents to prepare to speak up and oppose any such cuts lest our school children lose the recent gains made, as well as repayments due for past shortchanging.

Assemblyman Colton is again asking his Community Relations Director Nancy Tong, who led last year's successful community drive demanding fair NYC school funding, to now lead another drive to protect and increase funding for our children.



COLTON SPONSORS JEWISH HERITAGE CONCERT

Assemblyman Colton honored Holocaust survivors at the Jewish Heritage Children's Concert, sponsored by the Assemblyman and organized by Leonora Bulychova, President of Club A-Elita. Many community leaders and members were in attendance for the lively performances. Colton has sponsored numerous concerts in this series, including concerts honoring veterans, firefighters, and police officers.



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COLTON ACTS TO PROTECT COLUMBUS STATUES

Colton Leads Fight

Assemblyman Colton is defending the Columbus tradition that he and many members of the community celebrate. On November 21st, Assemblyman Colton spoke at the mayor's public hearing in Brooklyn on the history of the Columbus statues and their significance to Italian Americans who faced severe oppression, as well as to present the petitions.

Colton Collects Thousands of Signatures

Assemblyman Colton and his Community Relations Director Nancy Tong have mobilized the community by visiting community organizations, senior centers, the Brooklyn Columbus Day Parade, and other events. They have collected thousands of petition signatures showing strong support for the Columbus tradition in New York.



COLTON SUPPORTS OUR POLICE OFFICERS



Assemblyman Colton shown with staff being presented with a Blue Line Flag to be displayed in the assemblyman's office to show support and appreciation of our courageous NYC police officers.

COLTON CONTINUES FIGHT AGAINST DANGERS FROM GARBAGE STATION

FIGHT GOES ON DESPITE CITY'S RECKLESS REFUSAL TO LISTEN

Assemblyman William Colton, together with Councilman Mark Treyger and Co-Chairs of the Anti-Waste Task Force, Nancy Tong and Charles Ragusa, have led a community fight to expose the dangers posed by the proposed Southwest Brooklyn Garbage Station at Shore Parkway and Bay 41 Street.

The City has ignored tens of thousands of petition signatures and protest letters, numerous rallies, opposition from elected officials and even a lawsuit.

Task Force Exposes Threats to Community

A task force volunteer revealed environmental threats from the city including the release of contaminated sludge into waters, failure to properly remove all asbestos from

the land, water ponding from sloppy work sites, and work debris falling into waters.

If these threats were not exposed, then even more damage would have occurred.

Pledge to Continue Monitoring and Opposing Site

Colton and Task Force Chairs, Nancy Tong and Charles Ragusa, pledge continued monitoring of such practices, especially if the city attempts to begin operations in the next few years.

Meanwhile, Colton pledges to continue to fight to stop this dangerous plan from harming our neighborhood.

COLTON HOSTS ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM ON RENEWABLE ENERGY

Beginning with the fight against the garbage waste transfer station, Assemblyman Colton has been active in protecting the environment for our community and future generations.

Fossil Fuel Policy Threatens Our Environment

Undisputedly, fossil fuels cause pollution that affects the quality of our air, water, and environment. Emissions from fossil fuel use continue to pollute our air and cause continued health risks.

These emissions also erode the earth's atmosphere and contribute to extreme and unstable weather conditions. Eventually this will result in rising water levels and the flooding of waterfront land, causing loss of lives and financial losses, such as rising flood insurance costs.

Setting Goal of 100% Renewable Energy

Assemblyman Colton recognizes that reaching the goal of 100% renewable energy will require state budget priorities to promote renewable energy development and use and to make it affordable to the public. It will also require public awareness on the need to practice energy conservation.

Colton introduced Assembly legislation to require the state to create a commission to take steps to reach 100% renewable energy by 2030.

Colton Hosts Environmental Forum

Colton is holding an environmental forum titled "Reaching 100% Renewable Energy in NYS: How Climate Change Affects You."



Learn Tips on Keeping Our Community Clean!

When: Wednesday
December 13th from 6-7:30 PM

Where: 8711 18th Avenue,
Brooklyn, NY 11214

Colton Collects Supplies for Storm Victims



Assemblyman Colton, together with Rev. Erick Salgado, after delivering emergency supplies collected in Colton's office. These emergency supplies were shipped to Puerto Rico for the victims of Hurricane Maria.

Colton Presents Citation to Centenarian for 100th birthday



Assemblyman Colton and Community Relations Director Nancy Tong celebrated Francesca Chiara's 100th birthday with joy along with her family and friends. The assemblyman honored Mrs. Chiara with a citation for her long-standing presence in the community and for turning 100 years old.

TELL ME YOUR CONCERNS

Please take the time to make me aware of those issues or problems which concern you by detailing them below. If you have a specific problem in which you need our help to address please be as specific as possible and please include a telephone number and email address for us to contact you. Please return your comments to Assemblyman Colton at 155 Kings Highway Brooklyn NY 11223 or to coltonw@nyassembly.gov.

Name _____ Phone _____

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Please return the above to Assemblyman Colton's office at 155 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, NY 11223.

COLTON'S OFFICE OFFERS REDUCED METROCARDS

Metro Card Mobile Sales Staff will assist those who are eligible each month at Assemblyman Colton's Community Office located at 155 Kings Highway (between West 12th and West 13th Streets)

Seniors 65 +

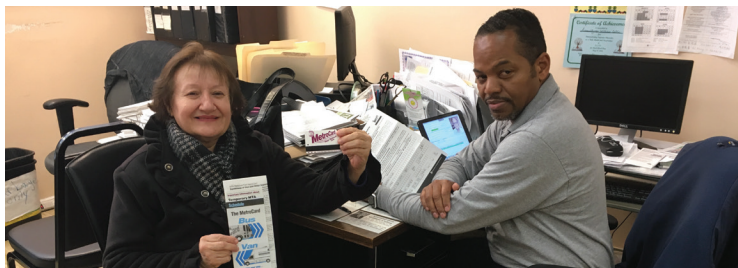
Senior Citizens 65 years and older can apply for a MTA Reduced Fare Metro Card and can receive a temporary card the same day. Proper proof of age, such as a Medicare card, is required.

Seniors with Disabilities

People with qualifying disabilities with a Medicare card and with a valid ID, such as a driver's license, can apply for a Reduced Fare Metro Card and receive a temporary card the same day.

Peoples with Disabilities

People with qualifying disabilities without a Medicare card can also apply. No temporary card will be issued and the applicant must meet all qualifying criteria. Please note processing may take up to 8 weeks.



UPCOMING DATES

TIME

Friday, December 22, 2017.....	10AM to 12 Noon
Friday, January 26, 2018	10AM to 12 Noon
Friday, February 23, 2018.....	10AM to 12 Noon
Friday, March 23, 2018	10AM to 12 Noon
Friday, April 27, 2018.....	10AM to 12 Noon

COLTON HONORS OUR VETERANS & VOWS TO CONTINUE FIGHTING FOR THEM

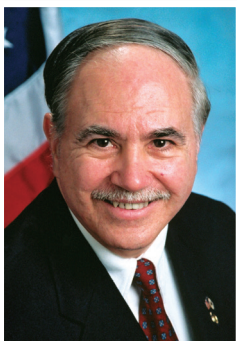


Assemblyman Colton held another annual Veterans' Recognition Night, graced by a Marine Color Guard in the opening ceremony. Over 40 veterans were honored at the ceremony, which also featured a talented neighborhood child vocalist performing the National Anthem. Along with **Councilman Mark Treyger, District Leader**



Charles Ragusa, and Community Relations Director Nancy Tong, Assemblyman Colton presented citations and American flag pins to each veteran. Colton once again touted the need to always thank our veterans and to work to provide more resources to meet their needs.

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Monday-Wednesday..... 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday 12 Noon to 8 p.m.

Friday..... 10 a.m. to Noon



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