



Yuh-Line Niou

REPORTS TO YOU

Dear Neighbor,

We've accomplished so much over the last few months, and I wanted to provide you with some updates.

In Albany, I sponsored legislation to extend critical health coverage for 9/11 first responders — and it passed the Assembly and Senate! I also sponsored bills to stop intrusive robocalls and to increase consumer protections. In the Assembly, we stood by our immigrant community and protested the inhumane policies coming from the federal government, particularly as it pertains to children being separated from their families.

In the district, I continued to fight for the preservation of our neighborhood against overdevelopment, for improved accessibility in our public transit system and we celebrated the contributions of Asian Americans to our state.

I am also happy to report that we have a new community office! We are now located at 64 Fulton Street, Room 302, which allows us to better serve our lower Manhattan community. We are located near several subway and bus lines, and I encourage you to stop by with any questions or concerns!

See you around the neighborhood!

Sincerely,

Yuh-Line Niou

Assemblymember, 65th District



WE'VE MOVED! VISIT OUR NEW COMMUNITY OFFICE

Visite nuestra oficina Agosto 15
8月15日, 歡迎來探訪我們的新辦公室!

MEET ASSEMBLYMEMBER YUH-LINE NIOU,
OUR STAFF & BRING YOUR COMMUNITY
CONCERNS

AUGUST 15
5:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

64 FULTON ST,
SUITE 302

Legislative Updates

Supporting our 9/11 First Responders

I sponsored legislation to assist individuals who participated in World Trade Center rescue, recovery or clean-up operations — and it passed the Assembly and Senate! This bill would extend the time window first responders have to apply for critical health services. Although it has been 17 years since the attacks, some rescue workers are only now feeling the effects. The progression of some of the diseases resulting from exposure can occur at slower rates than others, and it is critical that we keep this in mind when it comes to policies designed to help our first responders.

Stopping Intrusive Robocalls

In response to a recent wave of automated robocalls impacting our community, I worked with Sen. Hoylman to introduce legislation aimed at stopping this intrusive practice. Robocalls are more than just a nuisance, they allow companies to harass and scam millions of Americans every year. These robocalls have repeatedly targeted low-income and immigrant communities who can be especially vulnerable to these type of scams. Recently, constituents in lower Manhattan have been targeted by a robocall which specifically targeted the immigrant Chinese community. I look forward to working with Sen. Hoylman to shield New Yorkers from this scourge of robocalls.

Standing Against Family Separations



I stood alongside my colleagues to call for an end to the federal government's family separation policies. Over the past few months, the federal government has been separating children from their families as they arrive at the border. At a press conference in Albany, I pushed against the practice of ripping children away from their parents and called out the White House for implementing this cruel policy. I also came out to support Xiu Qing You, the husband and father of two kids who was arrested by I.C.E. agents in the middle of his green card interview. I pledge to continue fighting for immigrant communities everywhere.

Pushing for Engagement in Our Schools

Earlier this month, the Mayor and the NYC Dept. of Education announced a plan and legislation to phase out the Specialized High School Admissions Test (SHSAT). I advocated for the need to achieve diversity in all of our schools, including our specialized high schools, but came out against the City's approach. I raised concerns about the language used around this issue, which focused largely on how Asian American students are overrepresented in our

City's specialized high schools. Asian Americans are also minorities, and over half of them live close to or below the poverty line. I also took issue with the lack of community engagement around this issue. Ultimately, the state extended the debate on reforming the specialized high school admissions process until next year's session. Extending the debate will give us more time to sit down with parents, students and stakeholders to discuss the future of this proposal.

District Updates

Fighting for MTA Transit Accessibility

I spearheaded a push asking the MTA to address the ongoing issues with the escalator at the East Broadway F train station. Constituents have reported to our office that this escalator is chronically out of service. It is critical that the MTA provide reliable and accessible service, particularly

when it impacts seniors and individuals with limited mobility. It is also unfair for residents to have to plan their entire trips around whether or not the escalator is working. Please contact my office if you have concerns about your local subway station or bus line!

Celebrating Asian American Heritage Month



This past May, over a hundred and fifty residents from across lower Manhattan came together to celebrate the contributions of Asian and Pacific Islander (API) Americans at my annual API Heritage Month celebration. We honored several individuals, including, in memoriam, Ricky Leung, community activist; Sherry Chan, NYC Chief Actuary; Jiayang Fan, writer at The New Yorker; and Wen Zhou, CEO at 3.1 Phillip Lim. In Albany, we also honored the work of our NYPD and FDNY API first responders, and we thanked them for their commitment to protect our communities. All of these individuals are role models for our next generation of API leaders, and I am glad that our community and the NYS Assembly paused for a few moments to recognize their accomplishments.



Pushing Against Neighborhood Overdevelopment

Earlier this summer, I joined tenants from the Two Bridges neighborhood and my colleagues to send a message to the City: the luxury megatowers proposed for the Two Bridges area do not belong in our neighborhood. Our community has long opposed these towers, and we will continue to fight until the City rejects them. We also pushed for the City to extend the time window the community has to review the environmental impact of these proposals. I also spearheaded a push urging Extell to fulfill their promise to build a large scale and affordable supermarket on the site of the former Pathmark, on the Lower East Side.

Bringing Community Representation to BPCA

In June, the Battery Park City Authority (BPCA) appointed two Battery Park City residents to its board. For many months, I've been pushing BPCA to make the Board's composition consistent with law meant to help secure more community voices. The two recent appointments to the Authority

are steps in the right direction, but we must continue to push for a board that is fully representative of the community it represents. I thank Assemblymember Glick, Sen. Kavanagh, Community Board 1 and the community for their tireless advocacy on this issue.



In Albany, Yuh-Line honored the contributions of Asian American members of the FDNY and NYPD.



Yuh-Line marched in this year's NYC Pride Parade to celebrate the LGBTQ community and their contributions to our state.



Yuh-Line delivered graduation remarks at Henry Street Settlement's Young Adult Internship Program.

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