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ADVANCING THE WOMEN'S AGENDA Combating Sexual Harassment

We passed a state budget that implements the nation's most aggressive program to combat sexual harassment including nation-leading, multi-pronged legislation to combat sexual harassment in the workplace. The budget extends the storage timeline for forensic rape kits from 30 days to 20 years. For more information about the anti-sexual harassment measures: [click here](#).



PUTTING THE FOCUS ON NEEDS OF THE RED HOOK COMMUNITY Access to public transportation for Red Hook included in state budget

The comprehensive \$836 million Subway Action Plan will address capital needs at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) by setting up a dedicated revenue stream to prioritize the safety and service reliability of the subway system and to improve access to mass transit. The Red Hook community will be a major beneficiary of direct revenue streams created in the subway plan. For more information about the Subway Action Plan: [click here](#).

NYCHA GETS FUNDS TO MAKE MORE REPAIRS

After a winter plagued with power and heat outages compounded by the already existing problems of lead contamination and disappearing repair vouchers, I worked to secure \$550 million in the state budget for NYCHA repairs and structural updates. The bill language allows for the use of the Design Build method of development to save both time and money.

I have secured the delivery of new refrigerators and new stoves in apartments over the past two years, I will continue to work with tenants and management to make certain that structural and other repairs are made in a timely manner.



TAKING A STAND AGAINST RACISM Marching for All Humanity



The Muslim march was a stand against the #PunishAMuslimDay trend that occurred in the UK and was suspected to trend over here. Decisions coming from the White House have become increasingly hostile and have fostered a culture of fear and discrimination. We cannot let actions of hate and intolerance permeate our culture that has historically embraced diversity. In honor of the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s death, may we always remember: "We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope." May we continue his fight for equality and justice everywhere. For videos of the march: [click here](#).

REPRESENTATION BECAUSE OF TAXATION

I recently introduced legislation (A.10230) that would allow people to register to vote when submitting their tax returns online. Whether it is by expanding early voting or implementing online voter registration tools, there are many steps we can take to protect the fundamental right to vote. We need common sense, reasonable laws in place that allow our citizens to take part and have their voices heard at the ballot box.

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