



# Assemblywoman **Nily Rozic**

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## Bringing Services to You!

Dear Neighbor:

Here's a quick update on a busy and productive year so far.

In Albany, I continued advocating for legislation and initiatives to better serve our community. During this year's budget negotiations, my colleagues and I preserved funding for seniors and allocated unprecedented levels of funding for public schools.

I am thrilled to share that Governor Cuomo recently signed my bill on standby guardianship into law. As our neighbors face unimaginable prospects of family separation, this policy provides a more humane transition for children facing drastic life adjustments. I plan to continue supporting legislation that reflects our New York values, including *strengthening gun laws, improving schools, and protecting tenants' rights.*

Back in the district, I continued meeting neighbors and constituents, celebrating our diversity and achievements. I was honored to again join my colleagues and friends at the annual Lunar New Year parade in Flushing and at my sixth annual Asian American Heritage Month celebration. I hosted events to bring local resources directly to residents, including an agency resource fair, property tax walk-in hours, and rain barrel and bike helmet giveaways.

We accomplished so much together this year but the work is never done. As your representative, I look forward to continuing to serve you. Please do not hesitate to contact me at [rozicn@nyassembly.gov](mailto:rozicn@nyassembly.gov) with your questions or concerns!

Sincerely,

Earlier this year, I hosted an Agency Resource Fair where community members were able to speak directly with representatives of five city agencies in my district office. We welcomed representatives from the Department of Finance, Department of Transportation, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Buildings, and Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings.



Back by popular demand, we brought the Department of Finance during property tax season to address specific questions from homeowners.

## Around the District

### Encouraging Bike Safety

Bike riding is a part of daily life in Queens, so I was glad to host my second annual bike helmet giveaway with Congresswoman Grace Meng and Council Member Barry Grodenchik at P.S. 26 in Fresh Meadows! Thanks to our partnership with the City Department of Transportation, over 1,200 families were provided with a free bike helmet fitting and giveaway.



### Sixth Annual Rain Barrel Giveaway

It wouldn't be summer without a rain barrel giveaway! I was happy to host my sixth giveaway this year with the City Department of Environmental Protection as part of efforts to mitigate flooding and preserve water. Thanks to the hundreds of residents who came out and made it a success!



### Funding Community Projects

This year I had the opportunity to provide funding to many vital projects in our community, including:

- Repairs in Kissena Park; stay tuned!
- Upgrades to the Townsend Harris High School publication and media room
- Hydroponic addition to the John Bowne High School greenhouse
- Construction of Korean American Family Service Center's emergency domestic violence shelter
- Restorations to Selfhelp Benjamin Rosenthal Senior Center's auditorium
- Maintenance for Queens College's athletic track
- Redesign of P.S. 120's dance studio
- Enhancements to P.S. 213's library
- Refurbishing the M.S. 216 entryway
- Renovations at the Queens Botanical Garden
- Infrastructure improvements to the 188th Street corridor in Fresh Meadows



If you have a request or proposal for funding, I welcome any and all suggestions!



# Representing You in Albany

## Protecting Students

As they walked out of schools across the country to advocate for gun safety, our students made their voices heard. In the Assembly, I am confronting the issue head-on through legislation improving background checks, keeping guns out of the hands of domestic abusers, and preventing the mass shootings that have shaken up schools and communities across the nation.



## Modernizing the State's Workforce

I am proud to announce that my bill to expand flexible working arrangements and ease state employees' schedules has been signed into law. Flexibility should be seen not as a perk to work around but as a way of enhancing the performance and well-being of both men and women, employees and employers alike. This new law takes a step forward in modernizing our workforce and improving the work-life balance of many New Yorkers.



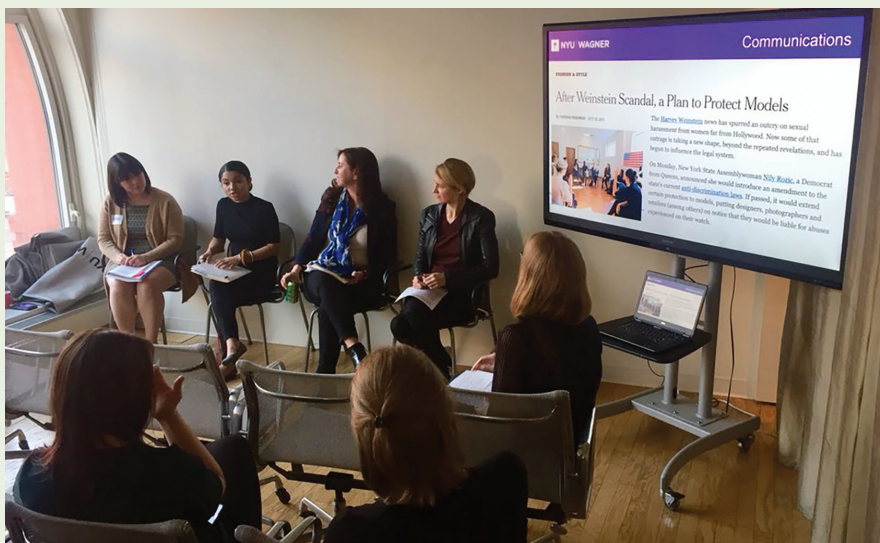
## Keeping Families Together

Over the last few months, I organized dozens of legislators to call for the reunification of families separated by the federal government. Assemblymembers and Senators stressed the devastating impact on children from being cruelly separated from their families.

On a similar note, my bill that would allow parents to assign a standby guardian in cases of separation, detention, or deportation passed with bipartisan support and was signed into law. This new law will serve as a necessary tool for parents to ensure their children's care and safety.

## Strengthening Sexual Harassment Prevention Policies

As Chair of the Task Force on Women's Issues, I worked with advocates and colleagues to address sexual harassment in the workplace. Earlier this year I authored legislation to protect models in the fashion industry, prohibit employers from using non-disclosure agreements to conceal harassment, and establish training protocols in the public and private sectors. This year's session delivered the groundwork to prevent this recurring cycle of workplace harassment that has been ingrained in too many industries.



## Pushing Back Against Hate Crimes

While in Albany, I partnered with the Anti-Defamation League to host a briefing for legislators outlining the increase in anti-Semitic incidents across the country and best practices on how to respond. Following the release of an audit identifying the largest increase of anti-Semitic incidents in Queens, I authored legislation for all law enforcement agencies to better recognize and respond to hate crimes.

Locally, I'll continue working with law enforcement to counter the rise of hate crimes against our communities and join with others to condemn such actions that have no place here.





## Advancing Academic Excellence

### Honoring Queens College's 80th Anniversary

In recognition of Queens College's 80th Anniversary, I welcomed President Félix Matos Rodríguez to Albany and passed a joint resolution with State Senator Toby Ann Stavisky memorializing Queens College Day! Queens College has always provided students with an outstanding affordable education and the resolution served to pay tribute to the college's incredible successes!



### Celebrating Students' Achievements

John Bowne High School's Agricultural Program has long been known as a unique program that provides educational and hands-on experience for students. I am thrilled to also fund a hydroponic addition to the greenhouse, which will grow plants without soil and expand students' knowledge of this agricultural industry.

This year, I also honored Emily Ramprashad, who was selected as a nominee for the 2018 Presidential Scholars Program! Queens students as talented and hardworking as Emily deserve recognition and I thank Education Commissioner Elia for elevating and nurturing one of our best and brightest.



## Embracing Community

### Marching in the Lunar New Year Parade

Each year, I have the pleasure of celebrating Lunar New Year with my colleagues, constituents, and dear friends. Thanks to the planning of the Flushing Chinese Business Association and various community partners, the Lunar New Year Parade in Flushing was an enormous success. Happy Year of the Dog!



### Honoring Community Leaders

In honor of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, I returned to my alma mater, Townsend Harris High School, to host our sixth annual celebration. This year, I highlighted civic engagement and participation among young people and within the Asian American community. I invited fellow Townsend Harris alumna Alice Lee Giannetta, Mrs. World 2018 and a practicing attorney, to join me in discussing the ways that we can all make a difference in our communities.

I was also proud to honor a few community leaders for their contributions: Gabriel Hisugan of Asian Americans for Equality; Bright Limm of Korean Americans for Political Advancement; Julie Ae Kim of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs; and Dr. Raj Bhayani of the Hindu Center Temple. This event reminds me that we are all uplifted by the talent and energy of our diverse community!



### Improving Food Assistance

Congratulations to the South Asian Council for Social Services as they successfully opened the first ever South Asian food pantry in New York City. As it provides much-needed food assistance to underserved South Asian and Indo-Caribbean communities in Queens, this pantry is a reminder of how important it is that families have access to culturally sensitive food options. I am especially glad to provide state funding to their food pantry and social services programs.



### Furthering Academic Scholarship

As a strong advocate for the advancement of education, I was honored to speak at a luncheon for Yeshiva University's Stern College for Women Silver Homecoming. I had the opportunity to address the first 25 years of Stern College graduates, including many from right here in Queens.

It was great to discuss my commitment to the community as well as funding for non-public schools – which received significant investments as part of this year's state budget. This includes an initiative I worked on alongside the Orthodox Union and Catholic Conference to secure \$15 million for the non-public schools' STEM program, a 200 percent increase over last year's allocation.





# Delivering a State Budget that Provides for All

## Improving Transit

As you know, I have long advocated for transportation improvements that will make a significant difference for transit riders, drivers, and pedestrians. This year's budget funds the MTA's Subway Action Plan – for a total of \$836 million – to make emergency repairs and enhance subway performance. It also includes an annual \$50 million fund for outer-borough transit projects and transit needs in Queens.



## Supporting Seniors

This year's budget continues to prioritize the health and well-being of our seniors with an allocation of \$2 million for Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC) and Neighborhood NORC (NNORC). Additionally, these programs provide integral medical, mental health, and social services. With this dedicated funding for these essential programs, our seniors will be able to stay in their communities and avoid institutionalized care.



## Ensuring Services for Survivors

I worked hard to ensure that this year's budget commits to caring for Holocaust survivors. It is our responsibility to ensure that survivors have access to all the necessary services to live with the comfort and dignity they deserve. I am proud that the state budget secures ongoing services and programming for them.

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