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Dear Neighbor:

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

In Albany, I continued advocating for initiatives to better serve our community. During this year's legislative session, we passed a state budget that puts families first with unprecedented investments in education and resources for students to seniors. We also modernized the state's voting system, strengthened public health programs, provided funding for transit improvements in outer borough neighborhoods like ours, and passed protections for tenants across the state.

I am thrilled to share that 12 of my bills passed this year and will be headed to Governor Cuomo for his signature. Most recently, my bill to expand New York City's green roofs program – an effort to invest in green infrastructure programs and address the realities of climate change was signed into law. Together with the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, we are making unprecedented strides for a sustainable future.

Back in the district, I worked to deliver improvements for our community, including the passage of the Motor Parkway Connection bill – an effort years in the making to provide Queens, Long Island, and Brooklyn access to the Empire State Trailway.

To improve pedestrian safety, I worked with the Department of Transportation on traffic calming measures in Flushing near multiple schools. And, when concerning changes were announced to the Special Education Teacher Support Services program, I worked with schools and parents to reverse the last-minute decision and ensure all students have access to the educational resources they deserve.

In the following pages, you'll learn more about our work ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact me at rozicn@nyassembly.gov with your questions or concerns!

Sincerely,

Nily Rozic



Around the District



Convening a Senior Advisory Council

Earlier this year, I welcomed members of our community for the inaugural meeting of a Senior Advisory Council to address concerns impacting seniors as well as potential policy solutions. We distributed a survey in an effort to learn more about pressing issues and discussed how we can improve to better serve seniors. If you are interested in my Senior Resource Guide, please call my office!



Announcing Funding for John Bowne High School

In an ongoing effort to invest in local schools, I announced \$35,500 in funding for John Bowne High School's hydroponics program. This funding will allow the school to create a new class and curriculum where students can put into practice this method of growing plants without soil by using water-based nutrient solutions.



Planning Public Transit Improvements

With a redesign of Queens buses underway, I met with New York City Transit and MTA representatives to discuss bus routes. Together we will ensure that our needs are met within the new plan. If you have thoughts on changes you would like to see, you can submit your comments by visiting mta-nyc.custhelp.com/app/comments_queensbus or calling my office.

Around the District



Helping Residents Navigate Tax Season

Once again, I partnered with the New York City Department of Finance to bring property tax assistance to homeowners and renters. Like in previous years, constituents had direct access to government services without bureaucratic red tape just by visiting my office.



Elevating Women Entrepreneurs

In partnership with the Greater Flushing Chamber of Commerce, I hosted a panel discussion at Queens College bringing together Asian American women local business owners to discuss entrepreneurship, some of the challenges facing women in business, and how local government can support small business.

Advancing Legislation in Albany



Demanding Accountability for Local Residents

Fresh Meadows residents affected by the 188th Street water leaks have suffered damages, financial loss, and unacceptable conditions for years while my colleagues and I have continued urging Verizon and the Public Service Commission to take responsibility. I am pleased to share that legislation I sponsored with State Senator John Liu and Assemblyman David Weprin to shift the responsibility of repair costs for damages from the homeowner to the public utility company has passed and awaits the Governor's approval.



Combating Hate Crimes and Speech

During the last week of the legislative session, my bill to create and implement hate crimes training for all law enforcement officers passed both houses. With the increase of hate crimes statewide, we must continue sending a message that hate has no place in New York.

Securing Transit Improvements

As part of this year's budget, I worked with my Queens colleagues to reach an agreement that would offset the impact of congestion pricing on outer borough communities. We secured a 20% reduction for a LIRR monthly pass for commuters in Northeast Queens and \$3 million in funding for increased express bus service. Additionally, when the MTA announced cuts to the Q46 and Q44 routes along the Main Street and Union Turnpike corridors, I successfully pushed them to reverse the decision. In addition to restoring local bus service, new express bus trips between Queens and downtown Manhattan were added to the QM5 and QM7.

With the mass transit system, roads, and bridges all in crisis, we need big plans and even bigger fixes. My bill requiring the Department of Transportation to release a twenty-year transportation plan will allow taxpayers to keep track of how money is being spent for the first time ever.



Advancing Legislation in Albany



Bringing Micro-mobility to New York

Thanks to tireless advocacy and grassroots efforts, my legislation authorizing micro-mobility passed the legislature with overwhelming support this session. These safe, sustainable e-bikes and scooters will unlock another transit option for a wide segment of New Yorkers and bring economic justice for thousands of delivery workers. The new legislation creates local control for our streets and sidewalks so that cities can determine the most effective way to integrate new technologies into existing transportation networks.



Closing the Insurance Coverage Gap

The legislature passed my bill to require insurance companies to provide full coverage for eating disorders treatment, expanding the current Mental Health Parity Law. Eating disorders are highly treatable with affordable medical care that will not force families to choose between bankruptcy and recovery.



Calling for Permanent Funding of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund

As Chair of the Assembly's Office of State-Federal Relations, I introduced a resolution urging Congress to pass the "Never Forget the Heroes Act of 2019," which would permanently fund the Victim Compensation Fund and ensure first responders can receive compensation for 9/11 related illnesses. Our efforts worked: the measure passed Congress in July!



Supporting New York's Veterans

Veterans who have sacrificed so much to protect us deserve our support when they return home. Two measures I passed this year aim to do just that; the first provides high school diplomas to veterans who enlisted after the Vietnam War and another mandates the state to study and create a plan to eradicate homelessness among veterans in New York.

Celebrating Academic Excellence



Welcoming schools from my district to Albany is one of the best parts of representing our district. This year, St. Francis Prep (SFP) pride was on full display thanks to a visit from Fresh Meadows' own, Principal McLaughlin! Recently, I joined SFP for their Spring Concert to close out the school year and present a proclamation honoring the Music Department for earning re-accreditation as a Music Program of Distinction by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

While in Albany, I met with student journalists from Townsend Harris High School and Francis Lewis High School who were advocating for their first amendment rights and efforts to protect the rights of student journalists. It's incumbent upon us to ensure that these students are given the freedom to pursue stories and expose truths every day.



This year's state budget included unprecedented funding for non-public schools. This year's budget allocates an additional \$30 million for non-public school STEM education and included an additional \$25 million to protect nonpublic schools, daycares, summer camps, and cultural museums at risk of hate crimes and an increase of \$7 million for the Comprehensive Attendance Policy (CAP) and for Mandated Services Reimbursement (MSR). The increases in funding for STEM education in non-public schools will go a long way to ensure all students have access to the education needed for our future leaders.

Embracing Community Ties



Cricket, the second-most popular sport in the world, is becoming increasingly popular in New York – which is why I am proud to have passed legislation to create the Empire State Cricket Task Force. Once established, the task force will promote ways to expand the sport and identify potential economic development opportunities. If you're interested in getting involved, please email my office!



This year, we doubled the amount of state funding for Holocaust survivor services. 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 had the privilege of hosting my seventh annual Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month celebration by gathering local community leaders and recognizing their contributions to our district.

Congratulations to John Park, Executive Director of Minkwon Center for Community Action; Clara Kang, Principal of P.S. 376; Karen Lin, School Leadership Team Co-Chair at Townsend Harris High School; and Joby Jacob, Co-Founder of Motor Parkway East!



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