

Happy New Year!

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn wishes you a wonderful, safe and successful year as we achieve a brighter and better New York in 2023! Save the Date! Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn STATE OF THE DISTRICT Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Don Buchwald Theatre at Brooklyn College Registration Required www.nyassembly.gov/mem/rodneyse-bichotte-hermelyn

# LEGISLATION



# **Enacted Legislation**

Listed below are bills that were sponsored and co-sponsored by Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn that were chaptered into law in 2022. For additional information and a full list of bills, visit www.nyassembly.gov.

## **MWBE**

**A6420** – Allows businesses to use funds received from minority- and women-owned business development and lending program for the purpose of refinancing existing debt. Chap.568

**A10459** – Authorizes the City of New York and its agencies to increase the amount of the City's discretionary award amount of non-competitive contracts from \$500,000.00 to one million dollars. Chap. 569

**A9259A** – To prevent fraud and misuse of the Minority-and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Program, and to establish a fund to assist such businesses. Chap. 567. Co-sponsored by Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn

# Safety

A4947B – Enacts Carlos' law; relates to crimes involving the death or injury of a worker. Chap. 746

**A7016** – Enacts Sedrick's Law; requires the MTA to install working surveillance cameras on all subway platforms. Chap. 603

**A25** – Exempts certain utility and other workers from state and local traveling bans during declared emergencies. Chap. 724. Co-sponsored by Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn

## Health

**A6052** – Requires residential health care facilities to update residents, authorized family members, and guardians of residents of the presence of an infection and to have in their pandemic emergency plan a plan or procedure for designating a separate cohort area. Chap.662. Cosponsored by Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn

## Housing

**A7805D** – To establish the New York City Public Housing Preservation Trust to facilitate capital and operational financial inflows to rehabilitate and maintain 25,000 New York City Public Housing Authority homes. Chap. 225. Co-sponsored by Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn

## Social Services

**A7443** – Replaces certain references to "mentally retarded" or "mentally ill" persons with the term "individuals with a developmental disability." Chap. 447. Co-sponsored by Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn

#### Other

**A8831** – Relates to a construction industry advisory council on public contracting reform. Chap. 98

**A472C** – Authorizes the commissioner of education to conduct a survey regarding instruction on the Holocaust within the state. Chap. 490. Co-sponsored by Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn

**A7363A** – To protect patients from certain penalties due to money judgments brought by hospitals or health care providers. Chap. 648. Co-sponsored by Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn

**A7389C** – To establish a moratorium on cryptocurrency mining operations that use proof-of-work authentication methods to validate blockchain transactions. Chap. 628. Co-sponsored by Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn

**A7865A** – Requires social media networks to provide and maintain mechanisms for reporting hateful conduct on their platform. Chap. 204. Co-sponsored by Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn

# **Legislative Highlights**

Many bills introduced in 2021/22 by Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn will remain on the list of legislation to support in becoming law in the new 2023/24 legislative term. Below are highlights of bills that will be a focus for Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn. For additional information on these and other bills, visit www.nyassembly.gov.

# **Maternal Health**

**A10659** – "Mickie's Law": To ensure expected mothers who encounter fetal deaths get the treatment they need, especially in the event of an emergency.

# **MWBE**

**A10576** – To study which state agencies and industries would benefit most from having a capacity-building/mentorship program, the duration and cost of such program, and whether successful completion of such program could pre-qualify participating MWBEs.

**A10445** – Employment opportunities for economically disadvantaged candidates and economically disadvantaged region candidates and apprenticeship utilization on public transactions.

# Other

**A09506** – To enact the "Michael K. Williams law" to establish a grant program to incentivize counties and municipalities to reduce prison populations.



From Left, Edu Hermelyn, Dr. Daniel Faustin, Daniel Jean-Jacques Hermelyn, and Assemblywoman Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn welcomed Daniel into the world.



Daniel Jean-Jacques Hermelyn in the Assembly Chambers in Albany during first day of Session.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn and husband Edu Hermelyn with their new baby Daniel Jean-Jacques Hermelyn.

# IN THE COMMUNITY



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn, Council Member Farah N. Louis and Council Member Rita Joseph in partnership with Flatbush Development Corporation (FDC), Empire BlueCross/BlueShield and Elite Learners hosted a Back to School Courtyard Jamboree.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn attends COPO's Pakistan Flood Relief drive after the devastating flood in Pakistan.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn, Council Member Farah N. Louis, and Council Member Rita Joseph joined Morris Heights Health Center Brooklyn (MHHC Brooklyn) for their grand opening in Flatbush.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn presents a proclamation to Mark Meyer Appel, founder of The Bridge Multicultural and Advocacy Project, for its 10-year anniversary.



The team from Morris Heights Health Center (MHHC) hosts a Community Outreach in front of the office of Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn in partnership with Flatbush Development Corporation and The Bridge Multicultural & Advocacy Project hosted a Domestic Violence Workshop - Healing Through Art with Art Therapy Facilitator Katherine Williams.



The office of Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn attends Flatbush Development Corp's (FDC's) Flatbush Frolic.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn attends the Foundation for Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (FIDE) for their first Women's BAZAAR to promote MWBEs. Brooklyn College Professor Dr. Farhat Sabat leads this project to empower women.



The Haitian American Law Enforcement Fraternal Organization (HALEFO) honors Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn for the Women of Influence Award at their 25th Annual Gala. Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke joins President, Det. Claude Jean-Pierre and other leadership of HALEFO as award is presented.



Lisa Derrick, Chief of Staff, joins American Council of Minority Women's (ACMW) founder Bazah Roohi, and team for their back to school give-away event.



Lisa Derrick, Chief of Staff for Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn, attends the Jean Jacques Dessalines Wreath Laying ceremony hosted by Little Haiti BK at the corner of Flatbush Avenue and Jean Jacques Dessalines Blvd.



Chief of Staff, Lisa Derrick presents a proclamation to Senior Pastor Charles Galbreath and Associate Pastor Donna Baptiste of Alliance Tabernacle in celebration of their 100th anniversary.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn's Chief of Staff, Lisa Derrick attends the South Asian American Association, Inc. (SAAAI) Annual Scholarship Dinner. Pictured are SAAAI's 2022 scholarship recipients.



American Council of Minority Women (ACMW) host their 3rd Annual Day of Dignity. Lisa Derrick, Chief of Staff for Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn, Assemblymember Robert Carroll (AD 44), and Consul General of Pakistan NY, Ayesha Ali join founder Bazah Roohi and team in distributing necessities to the community.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn attends the Society of Indo-American Engineers and Architects (SIAEA) 40th annual gala.



Lisa Derrick of the office of Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn attends the COPO Halal Older Adult Center Grand Opening.



The internationally known Allan's Bakery hold their ribbon cutting for the expansion to Allan's Bakery Bar & Café.



FS Nostrand Merchant Association with Little Haiti BK and HABNET celebrate the First Annual Merchant Appreciation Night.

# **TURKEY DISTRIBUTION**



Pictured left-to-right: Ritchie Taylor, NYPD Inspector; Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn; Adam Rosatti, CEO of Plaza Auto Mall; Assemblymember Brian Cunningham, (AD 43); Councilmember Farah N. Louis, (CD 45); Fred Kreizman, NYC Commissioner of Community Affairs Unit; and Assemblymember Simcha Eichenstein, (AD 48), during a turkey distribution at Plaza Auto Mall.

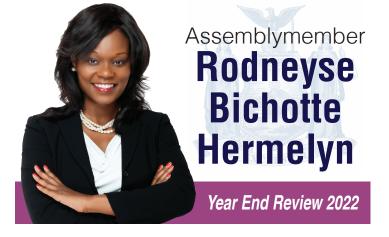


Volunteers from the community and the Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Local 1010 at Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn's Turkey Distribution at Salem Missionary Baptist Church. Event was also supported by Met Foods, Compare Foods, Pioneer, Associated Supermarkets of Brooklyn, Kings Plaza, and Metroplus.



Pictured left-to-right: Councilmember Farah N. Louis, (CD 45); Lisa Derrick, Chief of Staff for Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn; Mark Meyer Appel, CEO of The Bridge Multicultural & Advocacy Project; and Debbie Louis Chief of Staff for Assemblymember Brian Cunningham (AD 43).

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