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Mid-Year Review 2024

Highlighting Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn's Accomplishments for You & Our Community of Assembly District 42

As we pass the midpoint of 2024, Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn is excited to share the **immense progress made and challenges overcome for the 42nd District, along with achievements uplifting all of New York City and State**—and, most importantly, to engage with you as we continue assisting you and our communities.

With the 2024 Legislative Session concluded, and a historic New York State 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget Passed, there is plenty of positive progress to report. And Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn is back from Albany to keep connecting with the community, including upcoming events such as our Back-to-School Giveaways, and more. There is much to be eager about for the rest of 2024 and beyond for our community!

LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn, working closely with her colleagues in the Legislature, was very active in advocating for and passing significant bills in the Senate and Assembly during the 2024 Legislative Session. Several bills were signed into law by Governor Kathy Hochul, and others are awaiting the Governor's signature to be enacted.

Highlights of Bills Recently Signed Into Law

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CO-SPONSORED
SIGNED INTO LAW

STOP ADDICTIVE FEEDS EXPLOITATION (SAFE) FOR KIDS ACT
S.7694A/A.8148A

REQUIRES SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES TO RESTRICT ADDICTIVE FEEDS ON THEIR PLATFORMS FOR USERS UNDER 18.

R. BICHOTTE 42nd A.D.

CHILD HEALTH

A8148A: Stop Addictive Feeds Exploitation for Kids (SAFE) Act – requires social media companies to restrict addictive feeds on their platforms for minors. [Co-sponsored by Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn]

Bills Passed in Both Houses of the Legislature, Awaiting Governor Kathy Hochul's Signing to Become Law

PUBLIC SAFETY

A01035: Prohibits the use of social media websites for the purposes of debt collection – protects consumers by banning social media debt collection methods; preventing bad actors from scamming and harassing. [Sponsored by Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn]

A10384: Increases oversight of people with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) residencies – requires boards of visitors to provide greater transparency to the public on boards' activities. [Sponsored by Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn]

HOUSING

A10404: Makes Building of Affordable Houses Faster – extends expedited land-use review for federally funded housing development for low-income elderly and disabled persons. [Sponsored by Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn]

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New York Child Data Protection Act
S.7695B/A.8149A

PROHIBITS ONLINE SITES FROM COLLECTING, USING, SHARING OR SELLING PERSONAL DATA OF ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18.

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A8149A: New York Child Data Protection Act – prohibits websites from collecting, using, sharing, or selling personal data of minors. [Co-sponsored by Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn]

LGBTQ+ RIGHTS

A10397: Studies Domestic Violence Against Trans People – requires a study on domestic violence against trans people and makes recommendations to reduce domestic violence. [Sponsored by Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn]

MWBE

A8562: Increases procurement cap for MWBEs – increases state agencies' discretionary buying thresholds for certain commodities or services from MWBEs/SDVOBs to \$750,000. [Sponsored by Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn]

A8563: Clarifies employee requirement for MWBEs during state emergencies – makes it easier for MWBEs to understand and comply with the law. [Sponsored by Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn]

HOUSING

A10411: Makes SCRIE, SCHE, DRIE,+ DHE Renewal Easier – makes renewal for senior + disabled property tax exemptions and rent freezes easier by reducing the amount of paperwork for applicants. [Sponsored by Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn]

NEW YORK STATE FY 2024-2025 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Assembly Majority is focused on creating a future full of *opportunity* and *hope* for all who call our state home.



The New York State Senate and Assembly approved a historic \$237 billion State Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25 after completing negotiations with Gov. Kathy Hochul.

“New York’s 2024-25 Budget meets the moment, building a safer, more affordable, and equitable state—all without raising taxes,” says Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn.

Key Budget Highlights Include:

Improving Education: Strengthening our State’s education system with a record \$34 billion in total education funding (increase of \$3 billion).

Putting New York Families First: Comprehensive programs include a supplemental \$350 million Empire State Child Tax Credit and offering paid leave to expecting mothers.

Boosting Healthcare for All: \$7.5 billion investment in improving the health care system over the next three years; including \$400 million to keep SUNY’s Downstate Medical Center operating for a year.

Historic Housing Deal: Enacts meaningful tenant protections and a new 485x tax incentive for affordable housing.

Public Safety: Enacts programs cracking down on retail theft, hate crimes, violent crimes and illegal cannabis shops.

IN ALBANY



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn and fellow members of the New York State Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian Legislative Caucus holding one of many Legislative Meetings to advocate for their communities.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn and legislative colleagues joined TWU Local 100 members (who run NYC’s public transit) and met

with union leaders to fight to fix newly created pension tiers (Tier 5 and Tier 6).



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn joined the New York State Association of Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislators (NYSABPRHAL) Legislative Caucus Weekend. One of the most impactful legislative events in New York, the weekend convened lawmakers, advocates, nonprofits and stakeholders to collaborate to uplift New Yorkers.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn joins her legislative colleagues in honoring AAPI heritage and proclaiming May as AAPI Heritage Month in New York State.



Honoring the appointment of 25 Judges after the NYS Senate Judiciary Committee confirmed Gov. Kathy Hochul’s nominees. (Pictured with Supreme Court Justice Ed King and Justice Rupert Barry.)



As the Legislature designated June as Caribbean-American Heritage Month in NYS, Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn spoke in honor of New York’s Caribbean communities.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn meets with Deputy Consul General of Israel in New York, Tsach Saar for a meaningful and productive discussion on pressing issues affecting our Jewish communities in Brooklyn and across NY.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn speaks at the “Equity in Every Birth: A Call to Action to Address Black Maternal Health” conference she co-hosted during the NYSABPRHAL weekend.



The Haitian American Legislative Delegation announcing over \$1.6 Million in funding for Haitian New Yorker Community Based Organizations. (The delegation pictured: Assemblymembers Kimberly Jean-Pierre, Michaëlle C. Solages, Clyde Vanel, Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn, and Phara Souffrant Forrest).



As a member of the Health Committee and the Majority Whip, Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn advocates for and votes in favor of a budget bill funding health and mental hygiene (Bill A.8807C).



Rallying in Albany during Black Maternal Health Week to advocate for legislation and action addressing the maternal mortality crisis, with New York State Senator Lea Webb, Sen. Cordell Cleare, Sen. Samra Brouk, and Sen. Senator Roxanne J. Persaud.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn speaking on her proclamation designating May as Haitian Heritage Month in New York State.

IN THE COMMUNITY



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn hosting her 9th Annual Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony at Brooklyn College. Honorees included: Audrey Walen; Dr. Aasma Mehdi; Rona Taylor; Leonie Francis-Bryan; Rabbi Heidi Hoover; Nathalie Huang; Dr. Leslie Hayes; and Tonya Ores.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn, Rita Joseph, Wyclef Jean, Council Members Farah N. Louis, and the community celebrating the Annual NYC Caribbean Heritage Day Parade.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn with Mark Meyer Appel, founder of the Bridge Multicultural Advocacy Project, at the Assemblymember's 7th Annual Clergy Luncheon.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn speaking at Governor Kathy Hochul's introduction of a Six-Point-Policy to address the maternal mortality and morbidity crisis (enacted in the NYS Budget) at Wyckoff Medical Center in Brooklyn.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn joined CEO Debbie Louis the grand opening of Sweet Sundays Cafe & Eatery in our Flatbush community, alongside Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce CEO Randy Peers and Council Member Farah N. Louis.



Joining the Chasdei Lev Annual Passover Food Distribution to give back to our Jewish communities. (Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn pictured with Council Member Farah N. Louis and volunteers.)



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn with Assistant Chief Charles McEvoy (left) and Douglas Jablon, Maimonides Executive Vice President of Community Relations (right) at COJO's 45th Annual Legislative Breakfast.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn stood in solidarity with the New York State Public Employees Federation Union (PEF) to advocate for better working conditions for union members, alongside PEF President Wayne Spence and union leaders.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn and her team delivered proclamations and gave speeches congratulating the Graduating Classes of 2024 at public schools across AD 42. (Pictured is the graduation ceremony at PS 315.)



Sherline Herold, Director of Constituent/Support Services for Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn joined Congresswoman Yvette Clarke, Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, Assemblymember Brian Cunningham, J'Ouvert City International, Prospect Park and the Flatbush African Burial Ground for a Juneteenth Celebration at Bedford & Church Avenue.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn joined the American Council of Minority Women for a Ramadan food distribution.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn hosted her annual Senior Luncheon, providing resources and addressing aging adults' concerns, while having fun with Bingo! (Pictured with Chief of Staff Tyesha Allen)



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn hosted her annual Summer Shredding event; partnering with community organizations to ensure constituents safely dispose of documents to avoid identity theft.

MWBE HIGHLIGHTS



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn co-hosted the annual MWBE Advocacy Day alongside Senator James Sanders, Jr., Assemblymember Crystal-Peoples Stokes, Assemblymember Clyde Vanel, and Assemblymember Amanda Septimo in Albany—speaking at a conference with MWBE stakeholders throughout New York to empower Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprises by advocating for new legislation.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn speaking at the 4th Annual M/WBE Networking Reception during Albany's Caucus Weekend.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn co-hosted a “Grants Guidance” seminar with Senator Kevin Parker, Council Member Farah N. Louis, Council Member Rita Joseph and City and State Agencies to assist non-profits in getting grant funding.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn testified at the City Charter Revision Commission's hearing to advocate for a standalone M/WBE Agency for New York City.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn speaking on her sponsored legislation (which was signed into law) that increases state agencies' discretionary buying thresholds for certain commodities or services from businesses owned by minority, women and service-disabled veterans to \$750,000. (A.8562)

During the powerful and impactful New York State Association of Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislators (NYSABPRHAL) Legislative Caucus Weekend, Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn also co-hosted three workshops to remove barriers and increase the equitable success of MWBEs.

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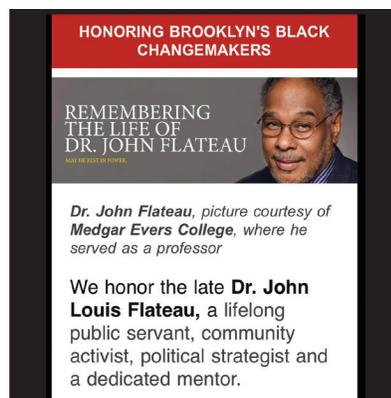
MEANINGFUL RECOGNITIONS



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn with Wayne Jackson, the NYS Assembly's Sergeant at Arms and a Purple Heart Vietnam Veteran, as the Assembly proclaimed March 29, 2024, as Vietnam Veterans Day in the State of New York.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn presents a citation to Joyce Xie & Tony Ko.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn joined the community in mourning the passing of Dr. John Louis Flateau.