

# From the office of Assemblymember RODNEYSE **BICHOTTE HERMELYN**





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

# **AN OVERVIEW OF 2024 AND A LOOK FORWARD TO 2025**

As we enter a new year and put 2024 in the rear view mirror to look towards 2025, Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn is excited to share the immense progress made and challenges overcome for the 42nd District for you and our community over the past year, along with the achievements uplifting all of New York City and State. Most importantly, the Assemblymember is eager to further engage with you and continue assisting you and our communities.

With a productive 2024 Legislative Session concluded, a historic New York State 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget passed, and the next Legislative Session around the corner, there is plenty of positive progress to report. The most important work, however, is done right here in our neighborhoods, and with an extravaganza of events and initiatives planned, there's much to be eager about for the new year and beyond for our community!

#### SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2025 STATE OF THE DISTRICT ADDRESS!

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ASSEMBLYMEMBER RODNEYSE BICHOTTE HERMELYN

INVITES YOU TO JOIN HER

## 2025 STATE OF THE DISTRICT ADDRESS

Thursday, January 16, 2025 Leonard & Claire Tow Performing Arts Center -Don Buchwald Theatre at Brooklyn College Between 6pm and 8pm (Reception at 5:30pm)

Learn about the accomplishments achieved for Assembly District 42 in 2024, and hear an outlook on the Assemblymember's goals for our community in 2025.





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#### IN THE COMMUNITY



Mayor Eric Adams, Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn and Council Member Farah N. Louis inspect the Shirley Chisholm Rec. Center in East Flatbush, as it reached its halfway construction point to completion.



Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn held her Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Workshop to shed light on abuse, spread solutions, inspire action, and provide hope.



Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn joined fellow Brooklyn Law School Alumni for a "A Path to Judgeship and Public Service" panel discussion – sharing practical tips and processes for aspiring leaders to enter public service and judicial careers. (Pictured is moderator Professor Dana Brakman Reiser; Supreme Court Justices Hon. Anne Swern and Hon. Rachel Freier; Hon. Ramon E. Reyes, Jr., U.S. District Judge, Eastern District of NY, Meeka Bondy, Chair of the Law School's Women's Leadership Network; and Dean David D. Meyer)

## IN THE COMMUNITY (CONTINUED)



Tyesha Allen, Chief of Staff for Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn, joined Morris Heights Health Center (MHHC) President & CEO Mari G. Millet along with Board Members and staff, alongside Council Member Farah N. Louis, in welcoming Labcorp Patient Service as an on site provider at MHHC's Brooklyn facility.



At the Community Education Council 22/District 22 Legislative Breakfast. (Pictured is Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn, Superintendent Julia Bove, and Council Member Farah N. Louis)



Governor Kathy Hochul joined Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn and other electeds for a tour of Little Haiti Brooklyn, as they discussed solutions for issues facing the neighborhood. (Pictured is Senator Kevin S. Parker, Governor Kathy Hochul, Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn, and Council Member Farah N. Louis at the Newkirk Avenue "Little Haiti" Station)



Attending the annual National Night Out to promote community-law enforcement unity and boost public safety at the NYPD's 70th Precinct. (Pictured: District Leader Josue Pierre; Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn; 70th Precinct Commanding Officer Deputy Inspector Gregory Mackie, Council Member Farah N. Louis, 70th Precinct Community Council President Ed Powell)



James Christopher, Communications Director for Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn, greeting constituents at The Newkirk Plaza station.



Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn honoring volunteers at ICNA Relief USA's Volunteer Appreciation Day celebration.



Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn with Governor Kathy Hochul, Council Member Farah N. Louis, Sen. Kevin S. Parker, and Stephanie Delia, Executive Director Little Haiti Bk at La Baguette Shop, a staple bakery in Little Haiti, Brooklyn.



**Tyesha Allen, Chief of Staff**, presenting a citation to **Ethan Moskowitz, Administrator at Regency Health**, and praising **Regency Health Care's** team at their Flatbush Grand Opening/Ribbon cutting.



Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn's Breast Cancer Awareness Workshop in partnership with Mount Sinai Tisch Cancer Institute at Morris Heights Health Center. (Pictured far left is India Dansby, Marketing Director of MHHC; Mowa Omotoso, Presenter; Tyesha Allen, Chief of Staff of Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn)



Dr. Mari Lilly Cerat, Director of the CUNY Haitian Studies Institute at Brooklyn College, with Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn.



Speaking at NYU McSilver's 'Shaping Policy, Saving Lives' panel to address the Black maternal health crisis. (Pictured with Council Member Farah N. Louis; Assemblymember Michaelle C. Solages; and event moderator Eboni K. Williams)



Celebrating Church-Flatbush Community Alliance's Annual Street Fair with Executive Director Lauren Collins; Tyesha Allen, Chief of Staff for Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn; and NYPD 70th Precinct's Community Affairs Officers.



After Hurricane Beryl drastically damaged nearly all the Caribbean islands, Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn joined SELBY Inc.'s Hurricane Relief Drive and coordinated with her legislative colleagues to gather donations and send urgently needed supplies to those in need.



Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn attending the Church Flatbush Community Alliance's Neighborhood Beautification event for Q Gardens. (Pictured with a volunteer)



**Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn** rallies with **TWU Local 100 members** (who run NYC's public transit) to demand safer conditions for transit workers following a dramatic spike in assaults and harassment of workers.

# **GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY**

Throughout the year, Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn and her team focused on giving back to the community when it matters most including back-to-school giveaways to prepare students for success, Thanksgiving turkey distributions for those in need, and much more. The Assemblymember was grateful to host events while also partnering with community leaders, organizations and elected officials to uplift AD 42.



At Plaza Auto Mall's Annual Back to School Giveaway and Fun Bash, Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn helped give away over 2,000 backpacks, in partnership with Senator Iwen Chu, Senator Roxanne Persaud, Councilmember Inna Vernikov, the Mayor's Office, the NYPD's 70th Precinct and Community Affairs Team, COJO, and The Jewish Community Council of Marine Park.



Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn hosted her Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Distribution, providing over 1,000 turkeys to attendees and CBOs. (Pictured are Volunteers, NYPD Officers from 70th Precinct, with, pictured center, Council Member Farah N. Louis, Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn, and her Chief of Staff Tyesha Allen)



Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn assisting with free U.S. citizenship applications at a co-sponsored CUNY Citizenship Now event.



Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn hosting her Annual Back-to-School Courtyard Jamboree to provide backpacks and a fun filled-day, along with Council Member Farah N. Louis and Council Member Rita Joseph in partnership with Flatbush Development Corporation (FDC) and Elite Learners.



Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn also partnered with Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to serve Thanksgiving meals to the community at an Urban Resource Institute Shelter.



To give toys to those in need during the holidays, the Office of Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn hosted



Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn with Adam Rossati, CEO of Plaza Auto Mall and Council Member Farah N. Louis at the Annual Plaza Auto Mall Turkey Giveaway.



Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn assisting at the Dare to Care Thanksgiving Community Food & Resource Distribution, hosted by Remnant Worship Center International, Inc. and their Senior Pastor Bishop Courtney Bradley.

## MWBE HIGHLIGHTS & SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES



The Office of Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn was announced as an expansion hub for Pace University Small Business Development Center (SBDC) free business advisory sessions. (Pictured front is Stephanie Dehlia, Executive Director of Little Haiti, BK, Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn, Andrew Flamm, Regional Director of Pace SBDC, and Kenneth Mbonu, **Executive Director of the Flatbush Junction Business** Improvement District)



Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn speaking to the media (NY1's In Focus with Cheryl Wills) on New York City's consecutive FY record-breaking MWBE contract award funding and utilization rates.



Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn joins Mayor Eric Adams, Chief Business Diversity Officer Michael J. Garner, Mayor's Office of Contract Services (MOCS) Director Lisa Flores, and the New York City Department of Small Business Services (SBS) Commissioner Dynishal Gross to celebrate a multi-agency effort to deliver back-to-back record-breaking years for spending on, and supporting, minority-and-women owned business enterprises (M/WBE).



Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn joining the celebration and supporting the opening of a **new** crave-worthy 375° Chicken 'n Fries on Flatbush Ave. Pictured with General Manager, Jonathan Pierre, Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelvn. and owner. Eakan Ahmed.



Council Member Farah N. Louis and Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn celebrating Lawyer Vaughn Meyers opening his licensed cannabis dispensary - the first in our community.





**Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn** presented citations at a ceremony unveiling a mural by **Haitian artist Mathieu** JN Baptiste (pictured) on the wall of Brooklyn Perk Coffee a locally-owned and operated coffee shop in Flatbush

- in collaboration with Little Haiti BK, Inc.

## **CELEBRATORY MILESTONES & MEANINGFUL RECOGNITIONS**



Celebrating the swearing in of new NYPD Commissioner Jessica Tisch. (Pictured with Assemblymember Jenifer Rajkumar, Council Member Farah N. Louis, and Ingrid Lewis-Martin, Chief Advisor for Mayor Eric Adams)



Honoring the late Rep. Shirley Chisholm's legacy on Shirley Chisholm Day, for the 100th anniversary of her birth date. This marked the 1st "Official" Shirley Chisholm Day thanks to a resolution passed in the New York City Council.



Celebrating **MetroPlus Health's Brooklyn branch** providing affordable health insurance for 10 years.



Honoring the late Pastor Aracely Courtenay at a Street Co-Naming Ceremony. (Pictured District Leader Josue Pierre; Chief of Staff Tyesha Allen; Council Member Farah N. Louis; the Family of Pastor Aracely; along with community members and advocates)



Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn sharing remarks and congratulating honorees at Bethel Christian Church Disciples in Christ 16th Anniversary of service and Senior Pastor Jerome Herold's leadership.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn celebrating Dr. Una S.T. Clarke's 90th Birthday with her husband Leslie Clarke and daughter, Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke, and other elected officials and community members.



Attending a street co-naming ceremony honoring the late Evangelist Fernande Valme, founder of Fernande Valme Ministries, with elected officials, community advocates, and Valme's family members.

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## **LOOKING FORWARD TO LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn, who is serving as Majority Whip again, is eager to begin the 2025 New York State Legislative Session, which will commence on January 8, 2025, to enact policies and advocate for the evolving needs of our district, by fighting for the issues affecting us, including housing, health, education, criminal justice, safety and voting rights.

Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn is already at work: announcing plans to sponsor legislation that would enact Mayor Eric Adams' "Axe the Tax for the Working Class" plan. The proposal would bring significant tax relief to working-class families and return over \$63 million to more than 582,000 New Yorkers.



Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn at the "Axe the Tax" press conference, alongside Mayor Eric Adams, Union Leaders, and Officials from the Mayor's Office.



**Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn** at her seat in the **New York State Assembly's Chamber**.

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