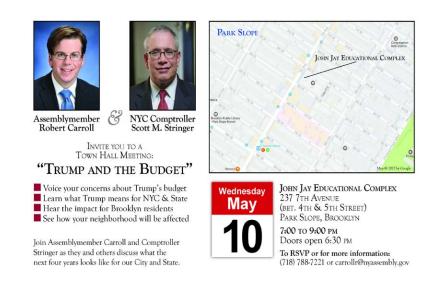


As I reported to you last weekend, we finally passed a State budget on Sunday, April 9th - 9 days past due. The legislature is now on recess for the Passover and Easter Holidays and will return on Monday, April 24th.

While we did pass a budget, there could be more changes based on the Federal government's budget later this year. There is a plan in place in this budget that if the federal government cuts \$850 million or more of funding to New York State, the Governor's division of budget will develop a plan for spending cuts that will automatically go into effect in 90 days, unless the Assembly and Senate provide an alternative plan.

With this prospect on the horizon, I am holding a town hall meeting with New York City Comptroller, Scott Stringer called "**Trump and the Budget**" on Wednesday, May 10th an John Jay High School.

Please find full details below and remember to RSVP if you would like to join us to make your voice heard.



Once I am back up in Albany next week to continue the legislative session, I expect that both the Assembly and Senate will begin to take on some substantive issues that were not in the budget.

Earlier this session, the Assembly passed a number of bills including:

The Women's Reproductive Health Act

The Comprehensive Contraceptive Act

The New York State Dream & Liberty Act

Having passed the Assembly it is now the Senate's turn to act on these critical pieces of legislation that would have a profound impact on women's health issues and Immigrant families across New York State. If these issues are important to you, I urge you to reach out to your Senator to make sure that they are a supporter of these bills.

Another bill that has tremendous support in the Assembly, is the <u>New York Health Plan</u>, which would provide universal health coverage for New Yorkers. I anticipate that this bill will pass the Assembly soon and then will be on to the Senate as well.

Additionally, I plan to get to work on many of the electoral reform bills that I introduced earlier this session, including the <u>Young Voter Act</u>, which would lower the legal voting age in New York to 17. <u>To</u> <u>check out the full list of legislation I am currently sponsoring or co-sponsoring, please click here</u>.

If you have legislative or community ideas, please reach out to my office at (718) 788-7221.

I hope that you're having a peaceful Passover season and that you enjoy your Easter weekend.

Bobby