



**December 21, 2018**

**Greetings --**

At last week’s legislative retreat we discussed a host of important issues that we’ll work on in the legislative session; none more important than the mass transit service and funding crisis that the MTA is facing. [Last weekend I joined Transportation Alternatives, Families for Safe Streets and others to rally in support of a comprehensive congestion pricing plan](#), which if implemented properly without excessive carve outs will generate as much as \$1.5 billion annually for our subways and buses. These funds are desperately needed because within a few years the MTA will have a \$1 billion operating deficit and a capital plan that could cost as much as \$60 billion over 10 years. Without the legislature providing a substantial direct revenue stream to the MTA, like congestion pricing, services will diminish drastically and fares will increase even more rapidly. In addition to the clear mass transit benefits that a congestion pricing plan would provide, it would also have a tremendous impact on reducing congestion on our streets and would cut carbon emissions by 20%. See a portion of my remarks at the rally below:



[In case you missed it, the Metropolitan Transportation Sustainability Advisory Group released its recommendations on how to improve our buses and subways this week.](#) This workgroup was established by the governor and legislature for the purpose of highlighting issues and recommending actions that state and local government could take to deal with the multiple challenges confronting our mass transit system. The workgroup, which is comprised of elected officials, business leaders, advocates and transportation experts recommended many measures to raise revenue and improve service including a recommendation to enact a congestion pricing plan. Click below to read the full report:



REPORT

## Metropolitan Transportation Sustainability Advisory Workgroup

December 2018

### **The Battery Bill**

[My bill, A.10410](#), which passed the Assembly and Senate last year is now on the Governor's desk. The bill would give a Property Tax Abatement to NYC residents who install Energy Storage Systems (batteries) in their homes or apartment buildings. Batteries that store renewable energy are the next step in making New York a leader in green energy and less reliant on dirty fossil fuels. The Governor has until midnight tonight to sign the bill or it will be vetoed. The Governor did sign my bill, [A.10150](#), which would extend the tax abatement for NYC residents to install solar panels so please call the Governor at the number below and urge him to sign this complimentary piece of legislation as well.

# URGE GOVERNOR CUOMO TO PASS

A10410 – THE BATTERY BILL

CALL BEFORE  
DEC 21



212-681-4580



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## Toys for Tots Drive:

My office again participated in the Park Slope Civic Council and Park Slope Parents Toys for Tots Drive. I would like to thank everyone who brought a toy to my office to contribute – with a special thank you to St. Joseph the Worker at Holy Name for bringing dozens of toys last week.



## Art Window – Prospect Hill Senior Center Edition:

The last art window of the year was installed at my district office this week. The art window has been a wonderful collaboration with Joy Makon and the Park Slope Windsor Terrace Artists and this month's window is particularly special because it features the work of 13 artists from the Prospect Hill Senior Center. I would like to thank Daniel McDonald and everyone at Prospect Hill Senior Center for running a wonderful art program and participating in our art window series.



My district office will be closed from December 24<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>. I hope that all who celebrate have a wonderful Christmas and Kwanzaa and that you all have a very happy and healthy New Year.

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