



July 23, 2021

Greetings --

On Monday, [I participated in an Assembly public hearing to review the ranked choice voting \(RCV\) process in the 2021 primary election in New York City.](#)



As a supporter of RCV I was excited to see it's implementation in this year's primary but I was frustrated with the New York City Board of Elections' (BOE) continued mismanagement of our elections. The errors made by the BOE that led to the counting of 135,000 test ballots during the initial tabulation of ranked choice votes must be corrected for future elections. During the hearing I focused on how to professionalize the BOE and their election day practices so that mistakes of last month never happen again. [Further, I pushed back against the false narrative that was presented by some who testified that RCV is a broken policy that disenfranchises voters.](#)

I believe that every New Yorker deserves elections that are administered fairly and competently. The only way to ensure that, is to have a BOE that is professionalized and nonpartisan.

Important Unemployment Updates from the State DOL

This week, the Department of Labor announced several forms of unemployment benefits that will be expiring on September 5th, 2021. You can find more information regarding these changes [here](#). The list of benefits that will be expiring include:

- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)
- Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)
- Extended Benefits (EB)
- \$300 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)

Excluded Worker Fund Regulations

The Department of Labor released new information on the Excluded Workers Fund. This includes information on who can qualify to receive financial support from the EWF and how to apply for benefits. People who are currently claiming benefits from the EWF will receive emails in the coming week with more information. You can read the new regulations [here](#).

New York State Council of the Arts Grant Application Portal is OPEN

The New York State Council of the Arts (NYSCA) is now accepting applications for grants for the upcoming fiscal year. If you are an artist or a member of an organization within New York's nonprofit creative sector, you can apply for grants through this portal. The NYSCA website provides several tools to help you navigate the application process, including a [FAQ page](#) and a [webinar](#). You can access the application portal [here](#). You can email help@arts.nyc.gov for any further questions.

Windsor Terrace Library Reopening

After two years of renovation and improvements, the Windsor Terrace Library reopened to the public this week! I was happy to celebrate the reopening at a sing-a-long on Tuesday in front of the library.



The improvements to the library include a new HVAC system, USB ports, free WIFI, and an updated interior, all of which will help the library to serve the many members of the community who use the branch regularly. I look forward to seeing all of you at the library in the future.

Currently two other branches in the district are closed. The Park Slope library branch is currently planned to reopen in September 2021. The Cortelyou Road branch is projected to reopen in the winter of 2022. I will share any further updates with the community as I receive them.

Composting

The Department of Sanitation will be bringing back its composting program starting in the fall. They will begin collecting in eligible neighborhoods starting in October, and will continue to expand based on demand. You can sign up to receive the service, either by calling 311 or through their [website](#).

Reminder: Mammogram Screening

I am hosting a no-cost mammogram screening with the American-Italian Cancer Foundation and Tell Every Amazing Lady (TEAL) on Wednesday, July 28. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-877-628-9090. For any further questions, you can reach out to my office.

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EARLY DETECTION OF BREAST CANCER SAVES LIVES!



The *Mammogram Bus* will be here Wednesday, July 28th!

Schedule a **No-cost Mammogram** and **Clinical Breast Exam**

Eligibility:

- Woman age 40 - 79
- Currently living in New York City
- No Mammogram in the past 12 months

Our services are at no-cost.

No co-pays required and deductibles are waived. Uninsured patients also welcomed.

Hosted by:

Assemblymember Robert Carroll & T.E.A.L.

416 7th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11215



Wednesday, July 28, 2021

9:00am - 4:30pm

For an Appointment, Call:

718-788-7221 or 1-877-628-9090

Medical Services provided by Multi-Diagnostic Services



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If you have any questions, please reach out to my office at (718) 788-7221 or email me at carrollr@nyassembly.gov.

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