



March 14, 2025

Greetings –

This week the Assembly passed its [“one-house budget,” which is the Assembly’s official response to the Governor’s Fiscal 2025-26 Executive Budget.](#) In the coming weeks negotiations between the Governor, the Assembly, and the State Senate will be ongoing until an agreement is reached and a final version of the budget is passed.

The Assembly’s Response to the Governor’s Fiscal 2025-26 Executive Budget

The Assembly’s “one-house budget” includes many proposals that will improve the lives of people throughout New York State. One important difference between the Assembly’s budget and the Governor’s budget is that the Assembly calls for small income tax increases on earners making over \$5 million and on businesses with income over \$10 million. This additional revenue will be used to make vital investments in education, health, the environment, housing, and infrastructure that will strengthen our human and physical infrastructure.

As the new Chair of the Assembly Committee on Libraries and Education Technology, I am especially focused this budget cycle on advocating for increased support for our public and school libraries. I am glad to report that the Assembly’s proposal includes \$68 million for library rehabilitation projects double the amount the in the Governor’s proposal, a modest but still significant increase in public libraries of \$2.5 million for total of \$107 million, and a very substantial increase in school libraries material aid from \$6.25 to \$11.50 per pupil, a figure which hasn’t been increased since 2007. Here are some other key highlights from the Assembly’s budget proposal:

- \$38.5 billion in funding for schools statewide), a \$2.7 billion increase from the 2024-25 school year; this includes \$27 billion in Foundation Aid and adjusts the Foundation Aid formula to ensure every school district receives a nearly 3% yearly increase
- Funding for free school breakfast and lunch of for all New York students
- An increase of over \$200 million for childcare subsidies above the Governor’s proposal for a total of \$2 billion
- \$3.5 billion in capital funding for SUNY and \$1.2 billion in capital funding for CUNY
- Making SUNY and CUNY community colleges free for all New York students
- A much-needed 7.8 percent wage increase for many health and human services workers

- \$250 million to create a Housing Access Voucher Program to support individuals and families who are homeless and at risk of homelessness
- \$500 million for the Environmental Protection Fund, an increase of \$100 million over the Governor's proposal, and \$600 million for clean water infrastructure, an increase of \$100 million over the executive proposal.

Responding to the Trump Administration's Unconstitutional Behavior

I believe all Americans stand to lose if the Trump Administration continues to pursue its unconstitutional behavior and ideologically driven destruction of government institutions. The detention of New York City resident and green card holder Mahmoud Khalil by ICE agents last Saturday needs to be forcefully denounced. Below is my statement calling for Khalil's immediate release. I also joined other New York elected officials in writing to DHS Secretary Noem calling for Khalil's immediate release and return to his New York City home.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER ROBERT CARROLL'S STATEMENT CALLING FOR THE RELEASE OF MAHMOUD KHALIL

“Freedom of speech and due process are fundamental to American democracy. Under the U.S. Constitution, the President does not get to unilaterally issue an edict defining activities that are illegal and then have people detained on that basis. The Department of Homeland Security should immediately release New York City resident and green card holder Mahmoud Khalil who was taken from his home by ICE Agents Saturday. Mahmoud Khalil is entitled to the same rights as every other green card holder and if government law enforcement agencies believe he has committed a crime they should follow appropriate legal processes. This is another instance of severe executive overreach by the Trump Administration and should be denounced by all Americans who care about civil liberties regardless of political affiliation.”

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Also, this week, the Trump Administration acted to gut the Federal Department of Education through massive layoffs that would leave the Department unable to fulfill its core functions.

[Attorney General James has once again joined a coalition of State Attorneys General to sue the Trump Administration on this. The AG's correctly make the case that these indiscriminate layoffs are effectively dismantling an agency that was created by an act of Congress and cannot be therefore by unilaterally disbanded.](#) Legal arguments aside, the real-life impact of the Trump Administration's actions will be to disrupt the work of the DOE negatively impacting K-12 students throughout New York State especially low-income and special needs students that directly benefit from federal funding and college students that receive federal financial assistance.

Central Brooklyn Job Fair is Next week- March 18th

Along with neighboring Assemblymember Phara Souffrant-Forrest, I am co-sponsoring a Job Fair with the New York State Department of Labor at the Central Library at 10 Grand Army Plaza on March 18th. The event will begin at 10am and [you can register here if you would like to attend.](#)

District Office Service Event – March 31st

On Monday, March 31st, my district office at 416 7th Avenue will host three service providers for my constituents: the MetroCard Van for all your MetroCard-related issues including reduced fare applications and card transfers from 10am-2pm, NYPD's crime prevention officers for tips on how to keep you and your property safe as the warm weather approaches from 10am-2pm, and the New York State Comptroller's office's Unclaimed Funds team will be available to check to see if you're eligible to apply for a claim to get your money back from 10am-12:30pm. [See the flyer below for more information and sign up here to RSVP.](#)



- ◆ **MTA METROCARD VAN**
- ◆ **NYPD CRIME PREVENTION UNIT**
- ◆ **UNCLAIMED FUNDS**

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All services will be provided on the sidewalk in front of my district office at **416 7th Avenue (between 13th and 14th St)**



MTA METROCARD VAN
From 10am to 2pm

Get assistance with all your MetroCard related issues including reduced fare MetroCard applications; transferring balances; lost, stolen or damaged cards; questions about OMNY and more.



NYPD CRIME PREVENTION UNIT
From 10am to 2pm

Meet the Crime Prevention Officers from the 72nd and 78th Precincts and hear how you can better safeguard your property and ensure your personal safety and security as warmer weather approaches.



UNCLAIMED FUNDS WITH THE NYS COMPTROLLER
From 10am to 12:30pm

Learn about the types of funds that are held by the NYS Comptroller and see if you're eligible to file a claim to get your money back.

For additional information on this event or any other local or state issue, please call Assemblymember **Robert Carroll's District Office** at **718-788-7221**.



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Annual Spring Clean and Green May 4th -Save the Date!

My annual Spring Clean and Green event in Prospect Park is scheduled for Sunday, May 4th from 10am-2pm. All the services you rely on will be there: E-waste collection, Shredding, Textile Recycling, along with new services, giveaways and information from city agencies and local institutions. Mark your calendars for this highly anticipated event and, as always, contact my office for more details.

If you have any concerns about any legislative or community issue, please email me at carrollr@nyassembly.gov or call (718) 788-7221.

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