



April 4, 2025

Greetings –

The State Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26, which was due on April 1st, is now officially late. This week the Legislature passed budget extenders to keep State government operations funded while negotiations between the Governor, the Assembly, and the State Senate on the State’s FY 2025-26 budget are ongoing. At the same time, I am advocating on a host of issues in the budget including vital childcare funding, support for the MTA capital plan, and equitable education funding for New York City, legislative work also continues.

The Library Literacy Education Guidance Act passes the Committee on Library and Education Technology

This week one of my new bills - [The Library Literacy Education Guidance Act \(A.5835\)](#) - passed the Committee on Library and Education Technology. This legislation directs the State Librarian to provide guidance to public libraries throughout the State regarding evidence-based practices for teaching literacy. It builds on my work regarding the adoption of best practices for teaching literacy in schools. The FY 24-25 Enacted Budget incorporated elements of my [Right to Read Bill \(A.78\)](#) requiring the State Education Department (SED) to establish statewide standards for evidence-based and scientifically based instructional practices for the teaching of childhood literacy. A.5835 is intended to complement this initiative by promoting the awareness and use of evidence-based literacy practices and programming for both children and adults in libraries throughout the State. We need all those working on advancing literacy to be rowing together, and A.5835 will help make this so.

The New York City Arts Space Act garners the support of the City Council

For the City to maintain its vitality we need to address the issue of affordability of performance and studio space for artists. My legislation - [the New York City Arts Space Act \(A.50\)](#) - gained support from the New York City Council last week in the form of a [Resolution sponsored by Council Member Carlina Rivera](#), calling on the Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign the bill. This legislation, which was developed collaboratively with arts organizations, would provide property tax incentives for the development of affordable arts space in New York City in buildings being converted from commercial to residential space. Arts organizations could use affordable space for studio, rehearsal, performance, or arts

and cultural programming. The legislation is designed so that any arts space would not be in competition with affordable housing.

More action needed on Traffic Safety

I was horrified by the car crash this past Saturday on Ocean Parkway that killed a mother and her two young children. Last year I was proud to help pass Sammy's Law, which gives New York City the authority to lower the speed limit from 25 mph to 20 mph on a street-by-street basis and from 15 mph to 10 mph on streets that already have traffic calming measures. This was real progress in making our streets safer, but more needs to be done. I am a co-sponsor of my colleague Emily Gallagher's bill [A.2299](#), which would require drivers who frequently violate maximum speed limits to have a device installed that would limit their vehicles speed to no more than five miles above the speed limit for at least twelve months.

I will also be working to pass my bill, [A.2716](#), which would require cars manufactured or registered in New York to have technology that alerts drivers when they are driving more than eleven miles over the posted speed limit. This is already the standard in the European Union and has been proven to reduce speeding and deaths from vehicular crashes. On Monday, April 7th, Transportation Alternatives is hosting a workshop for safe streets at MS442 (500 19th Street). Find details to RSVP on the flyer below:



Windsor Terrace Community Workshop for Safe Streets

Share your ideas to improve walking and biking for everyone!

Mon., April 7

6:30 to 8 pm

500 19th St. b/w Prospect Park West & 10th Ave.
MS442 Main Entrance to Cafeteria

RSVP: bit.ly/wtsafestreets

Plus kid-friendly activities!

Questions: Brooklyn@transalt.org



This community event is not sponsored or endorsed by the NYC Department of Education or the City of New York.



Details and RSVP



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Taking on Unnecessary Helicopter Flights

Noise from non-essential helicopter flights is one of the most common quality of life complaints my office receives. Just yesterday, there was a community forum at the Prospect Park Picnic House on flight noise including helicopters. While federal law limits state and local government authority regarding regulating airspace, I believe my bill [A.2583](#) taxing these nuisance flights, is both good policy and would withstand legal challenge. This legislation imposes a tax of \$400 per flight or \$100 per seat, whichever is greater for non-essential flights. Expert analysis indicates that that a tax at this level could reduce flights by up to 50%. Revenue generated by this tax would go to the State's Environmental Protection Fund. The most likely scenario for this bill to be enacted into law is through inclusion in the State budget.

Call Governor Hochul at 518-474-8390 and tell her you want A.2583 – the tax on helicopter flights – in the budget!

Annual Spring Clean and Green- Sunday, May 4th

My annual Spring Clean and Green event in Prospect Park is scheduled for Sunday, May 4th from 10am-2pm. E-waste collection, Shredding, Textile Recycling, along with new services, giveaways and information from city agencies and local institutions. [If you plan to bring Electronic Waste, please RSVP here or by clicking on the flyer below:](#)



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ASSEMBLYMEMBER // 44TH DISTRICT



Spring Clean & Green



Sunday, May 4th

10 am - 2 pm (rain or shine)

Prospect Park At Park Circle

(entrance to Prospect Park on Prospect Park Southwest & Parkside Avenue, across from TD Bank)



E-Cycling

E-Cycling by NYC Department of Sanitation: computers, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice, cables, TVs, VCRs and DVD players, phones, audio/visual equipment, cell phones. **No batteries, paint, light bulbs or media such as tapes, discs or cassettes.**

DMV Mobile Unit

DMV Mobile Unit: New Yorkers who have a valid Driver License, Permit, or Non-Driver ID can upgrade to a REAL ID or Enhanced ID without visiting their local DMV office. **Limited capacity. First come first served.** To help ease the process, the DMV has created a document guide here: <https://tinyurl.com/3xh2fr3w> and an application pre-screening process to help New Yorkers prepare before the visit: <https://digital.dmv.ny.gov/login>



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Clothing & Shoes Reuse

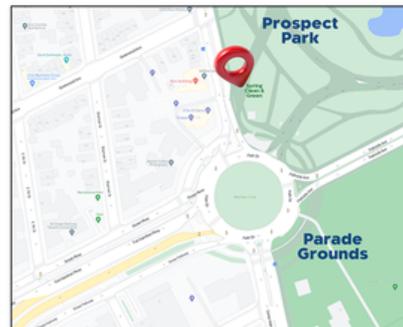
Textile Recycling by Wearable Collections: Bring used, freshly laundered clothing, household linens including sheets, draperies and towels, also sneakers, shoes, accessories, belts, hats and handbags. **No rugs, comforters, pillows, large luggage, or insulated materials.**



AARP Paper Shredding: Stay ahead of ID thieves and shred your documents. **No magazines, cardboard, metal or plastic.**



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