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Greetings –

Yesterday the Assembly and State Senate finished voting on the State’s Fiscal 2026-27 Budget, which was then signed by the Governor. The \$268.5 billion Enacted Budget contains critical investments and policy measures that touch on every aspect of New Yorker’s lives from ensuring New York City gets its fair share of education funding, to protecting immigrants, to expanding childcare and much more. Below are some components of the budget that I especially want to highlight.

State Budget Highlights

Funding for State Center on Dyslexia and Dysgraphia

I am very happy to share the news that I was able to secure \$1.5 million to fund the operationalization of the State Center on Dyslexia and Dysgraphia. Last year, I secured \$250,000 for start-up costs for the Center, laying the groundwork for the passage of my legislation authorizing the Center, which was signed into law by Governor Hochul this past December. The Center was among the recommendations of the New York State Task Force on Dyslexia and Dysgraphia. The establishment of this Center will help ensure that the State is following best practices for screenings, interventions, and professional development, data collection, and public awareness regarding dyslexia and dysgraphia.

Supporting Brooklyn Cultural Institutions

Two years ago, I took the lead in securing ten million in capital funding for the Brooklyn Museum. This was followed last year, by successful advocacy for over \$13 million for renovations at Brooklyn Public Library branches throughout the Borough. Now, this year, I led the successful effort, in concert with the Brooklyn Delegation of the Assembly, to secure \$4 million for the Brooklyn Botanic Garden for the restoration of the historic Japanese-Hill-and-Pond Garden. The BBG is one of Brooklyn’s great treasures and the Japanese Garden is one of the jewels of the BBG.

I am also excited to have secured \$350,000 in the budget to support local organizations sponsoring activities to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the Battle of Brooklyn. I look forward to sharing news about upcoming events.

Defending Constitutional Rights and Protecting Immigrant New Yorkers

The Enacted Budget includes several provisions to protect communities and vulnerable populations from the Trump Administration’s draconian approach to immigration enforcement. These limit state and local cooperation with ICE, ban ICE from wearing masks, protect sensitive locations like schools and houses of worship, and establish a private right of action for deprivation of constitutional rights by government officials.

Enhancing New York City Revenues by Taxing Luxury Apartments

The budget includes a “pied-a-terre” tax on second homes in New York City valued over \$5 million or more. This initiative is anticipated to raise \$500 million in revenue helping the City to close its budget gap without cutting vital services.

Stopping Super Speeders and Preventing Gun Violence

In a significant victory for street safety, the Enacted Budget includes the “Stop Super Speeders” legislation that I co-sponsored. Chronically fast drivers who have racked up 16 or more speed camera tickets over a 12-month period will have a speed-limiting device installed in their car at their own expense.

To further combat gun violence, the budget expands criminal penalties related to ghost guns (guns assembled from different parts and therefore without a serial number), prohibits the sale of convertible pistols, and cracks down on untraceable firearms produced using 3-D printing technology.

Investing in our Libraries

As Chair of the Assembly Libraries and Education Technology Committee, I am pleased that the Enacted Budget maintains funding for libraries throughout the State. This includes \$44 million for Library Construction funding and \$106 million in Statewide Library Operating Aid. The budget also includes a record \$625,000 for the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, \$332,500 for the Langston Hughes Community Library, and \$100,000 for the Brooklyn Public Library Center for Brooklyn History - restoring the level of funding that the State provided for the first time through my advocacy last year.

Supporting Housing Production

The Enacted Budget reforms the State's Environmental Quality Review Act to reduce red tape and duplicative procedures that slow down and increase the cost of certain housing development and other infrastructure projects, which typically been found to have no adverse environmental impacts. Developments in New York City covered by the reforms include projects of up 250 units citywide and 500 units in medium to high density areas. The budget also includes millions to incentivize housing production in Brooklyn.

Supporting our Schools and Expanding Childcare

The budget includes record funding of \$39 billion for schools statewide including \$27.4 billion in Foundation Aid, a \$1 billion increase from last year with formula adjustments ensuring at least a 2% increase for every school district and for students who are homeless or in foster care, and English Language Learners. These changes in the formula help ensure New York City's needs are appropriately addressed. The budget also ensures access to affordable, reliable childcare by providing \$3 billion for childcare assistance and programs, including \$475 million in additional subsidies for New York City.

Calling All Gardeners!

Come pick up two free bags of high quality compost at 1203 Albemarle Road between Westminster and Argyle on Sunday, June 14th from 9:00-11:00am. Scan the QR code below, click [here](#), or call my office at 718-788-7221 to reserve your compost.

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