



Assemblyman William Colton

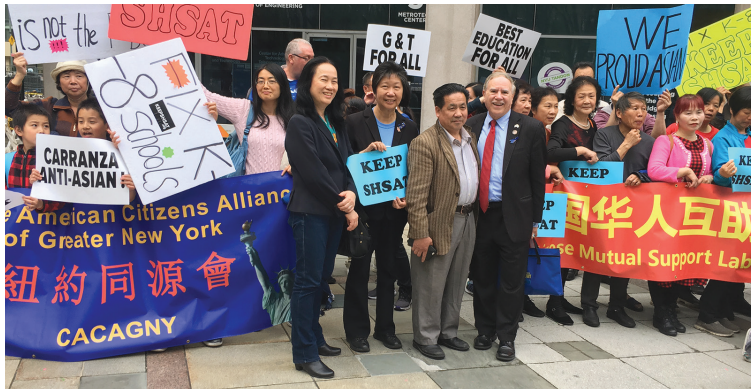
Fighting for Us and Our Community

Assemblyman Colton Fighting for Quality Education



Assemblyman Colton Joins Enraged Parents Demanding More Gifted Classes

By expanding gifted classes to every school district, we will need to also expand Specialized High Schools to accommodate all the children who will earn a seat. This is the way to create diversity and to improve quality education for all children.



Colton Fights Against Proposed Closing of All Gifted Classes

The real problem with achieving diversity is the failure of the DOE to offer Gifted and Talented programs to the gifted Black and Hispanic children in early and middle school grades in underperforming districts. There is a proven correlation in the number of children being admitted to Specialized High Schools in districts where gifted programs are offered and those where such gifted programs are not provided. This failure by the DOE to provide for the education of bright children in those districts is the cause of more children in these underperforming districts not attending specialized high schools. "Many of these parents feel the DOE has abandoned their bright children and choose instead to enroll their children in private, parochial, and charter schools," Assemblyman Colton said.

Assemblyman Colton Continuing His Support for SHSAT

Assemblyman Colton hosted various community meetings to protect our specialized high schools and keep the Specialized High School Admission Test (SHSAT).

A large number of parents and students had put their important plans aside to come out in support of the SHSAT. Speakers demanded it is important that our kids should be selected by merit. "The SHSAT is not the problem. It selects children whose scores earn such a seat and this ensures high academic standards."



Assemblyman Colton with I.S. 303 students in the New York State Assembly Chamber to continue fighting for and supporting SHSAT.



Assemblyman Colton Fights to Protect Public Safety



Assemblyman Colton's Undetectable Knife Bill Signed By Governor Cuomo

Assemblyman Colton has introduced a bill, A.4816, since 2013, which prohibits the manufacture, transport, shipment, or possession of an undetectable knife which can be slipped through metal detectors without being detected. "This legislation passed the Assembly for these years, but never passed the Senate until this year when the Senate passed the bill and Governor Cuomo signed it to go into effect on November 1, 2019," Colton said.

Another piece of legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Colton was recently passed both houses and is awaiting the Governor's signature. This bill, A.3366-A, requires the commissioner of motor vehicles to publish on the Department of Motor Vehicle's website information to assist persons in determining whether a safety recall has been issued on motor vehicles and related equipment, such as child safety seats or tires. This bill will increase public safety by helping motorists be aware of safety recalls of their vehicle.

Assemblyman Colton Exposed the Devastating Impacts of National Grid Moratorium on Opening New Gas Accounts on Families, Businesses and Non-profit Organizations

Assemblyman Colton held a press conference recently, along with residents, business owners, and NYC Councilman Mark Treyger, informing all New Yorkers of National Grid's current monopoly on supplying natural gas to parts of New York State. National Grid's current moratorium is affecting New Yorkers who are seeking new gas service, as well as those wishing to have the gas turned back on.

Colton, outraged with National Grid's refusal of new account service, called upon the Public Service Department commission to investigate and issue a cease and desist order against National Grid. Families were unable to move into homes they purchased, businesses were unable to open after renovations, community groups were in danger of closing senior centers after expanding to bigger locations, and low cost new housing could not be opened.

Subsequently, to his credit, Governor Cuomo has responded to the people's cries and ordered such an investigation. Colton believes National Grid has an ample supply of gas and should not be refusing to provide services to customer especially since it has been awarded the exclusive right to supply gas in such areas.

Anyone who has any trouble with opening a new gas account with National Grid, should contact Assemblyman Colton's office at 718-236-1598 or by email at coltonw@nyassembly.gov.



Assemblyman Colton Receives Legislative Champion Award for Supporting Organ Donations

Assemblyman Colton was awarded by LiveOnNY at the Wellness Fair sponsored by the United Chinese Association of Brooklyn for his support of organ donations. LiveOnNY recognized his leadership in co-sponsoring legislation in support of lifesaving organ donation and for cosponsoring the New York Anatomical Gift Law. Legislation he also co-sponsored included "New York State Living Donor Support Act" [A.1129], "Tax Deduction for Donors" [A.2948], "Human Organ Delivery Vehicles as Authorized Emergency Vehicles" [A.3690], as well as "Recommendation of Donation Education in High Schools" [A.3575] to help increase awareness of organ and tissue donations to help save the lives of those in need.

Assemblyman Colton Supports Our Police Officers



Assemblyman Colton with NYC Police Commissioner James O'Neill and his Community Relations Director, Nancy Tong.

For the past 4 years, the Assemblyman has led neighborhood campaigns to support and appreciate our police officers. There has been a growing disrespect of our police which will translate into lawlessness and chaos. Colton has been waging a public campaign to show support for our police by wearing blue ribbons both in the community and in Albany.



Assemblyman Colton Continues Distributing Blue Ribbons to Show Support for the NYPD

Assemblyman Colton continues to distribute Blue Ribbons in solidarity with the NYPD and calls on the community to wear the ribbons as a sign of gratitude and support of the police officers as they risk their lives to keep everyone safe.

Assemblyman Colton wearing blue ribbon and presenting Assembly Citations showing appreciation for our police officers.

Assemblyman Colton Introduced Bill to Protect Our K-9 Police Dogs

Assemblyman Colton introduced a bill, A.7324/S.5620, which would establish the police canine vest fund for the purpose of purchasing, maintaining, repairing, and replacing soft body ballistic armor vests and other protective equipment for police K-9 officers. K-9 police dogs are often shot or stabbed by the fleeing suspect and many of them die in the line of duty. The purpose of this bill is to protect the lives and well-being of police K-9 dogs and ensure that the budget the New York State Police Department spends on training of K-9 dogs is used efficiently and effectively.



Assemblyman Colton's Office Offers Reduced-Fare MetroCard Services



MTA MetroCard Mobile Sales staff will assist those who are eligible every month at Assemblyman Colton's Community Office located at 155 Kings Highway (between West 12th and West 13th Streets).

Seniors 65+ – Senior citizens 65 years of age and older can apply for an MTA Reduced-Fare MetroCard and can receive a temporary card the same day. Proper proof of age, such as a driver's license, is required.

Seniors with Disabilities – People with qualifying disabilities with a Medicare card and a valid photo ID, such as a driver's license, can apply for a Reduced-Fare MetroCard and receive a temporary card the same day.

People with Disabilities – People with qualifying disabilities without a Medicare card can also apply. No temporary card will be issued and the applicant must first meet all qualifying criteria. Please note that the application processing may take up to 8 weeks.

Upcoming Dates

Friday, October 25, 2019..... 10 am to Noon

Friday, November 22, 2019..... 10 am to Noon

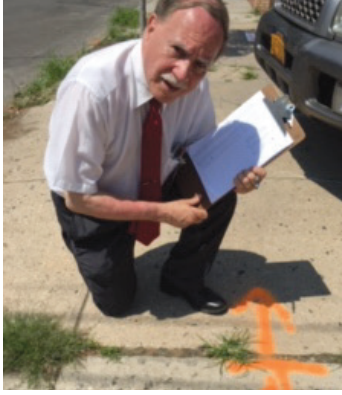
Friday, December 20, 2019..... 10 am to Noon



Assemblyman Colton honored veterans to show his gratitude and appreciation for our veterans at his annual Veterans Day Celebration.

Assemblyman Colton Protects Homeowners' Rights

Assemblyman Colton Alerts People About DOT Sidewalk Repairs



Assemblyman Colton personally walked the streets of his district to make note of locations where the Department of Transportation placed orange arrow markings on residential sidewalks. These arrows point to the sidewalk squares to be replaced by DOT contractors; however, some of the squares appear to contain no defects. Assemblyman sent over 400 letters to homeowners

to explain the meaning of the orange markings and notify them of their rights and responsibilities as homeowners; and most of all, what to do when they will get a bill for the repairs. For DOT to issue a violation and replace any section of the sidewalk, there has to be a substantial defect that warrants a violation. To ensure homeowners are not charged for what they are not legally liable, they must take photos before the work is done.



Assemblyman Colton with news reporter fighting against unsafe streets and broken intersections.

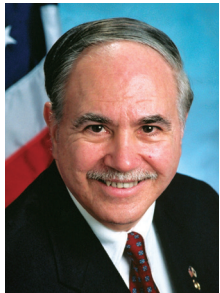
Assemblyman Colton Informs Homeowners About Their Rights

The homeowner is not responsible for the cost of repairs in the following circumstances: (1) curb replacement; (2) replacement of lifted sidewalks caused by a city tree for one to three family homes; (3) replacement of damaged sidewalk caused by a city contractor or their agents; (4) replacement of corner sidewalks for installation of slip-free intersection ramps; (5) sidewalks which do not have a substantial defect required for issuance of violation; (6) replacement of sidewalk slabs which are not substantially defective but may be a different color or texture or age than adjoining slabs replaced. Anyone with a sidewalk work or improper building problem, should contact Assemblyman Colton's office at 718-236-1598 or by email at coltonw@nyassembly.gov

The City Will No Longer Issue Violations for Sidewalk Damages Caused by City Trees

Assemblyman Colton is pleased to announce that after decades the City has finally decided that they will no longer issue violations to homeowners for sidewalk damage caused by City trees. The Department of Transportation will be reviewing all existing violations to determine which were caused by City trees and cancel the liens on all the properties that meet the criteria.

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Thursday Noon to 8 p.m.

Friday 10 a.m. to Noon



We will help you with: Small Business Concerns + Housing Issues + STAR/E-STAR + SCRIE/DRIE + HEAP + HeartShare Food Stamps + Health Insurance + State/City Agencies Problems + Quality of Life Issues, getting traffic safety measures such as traffic lights, speed bumps, getting potholes and dangerous conditions fixed, and much more.