



A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM

ASSEMBLYMAN

WILLIAM COLTON

PROTECTING US AND OUR COMMUNITY / SUMMER 2020

Dear Friends,

Let me wish that you and your families remain safe and well in these troubled times. I and my staff always remain concerned about you and we want to meet your needs and concerns. Prior to the pandemic my office served some 4,000 constituents each year. Although I was directed to temporarily close the office due to COVID-19, I and my staff have continued working for you from home. Messages from the office answering machine and emails have been retrieved daily so that we could continue to meet your needs.

COMMUNITY OFFICE RE-OPENED ON JULY 27

I am pleased to tell you my Community Office at 155 Kings Highway HAS REOPENED on July 27. In order to protect the safety and health of you and my staff, the number of persons inside the waiting area is being limited to 4 persons at a time and I have set up the office so there will be six feet between the desks serving constituents. Masks will be required and we will be providing free masks to all constituents.



OFFICE SERVES MANY NEEDS AND CONCERNS

As before, we can help with many issues and needs. We will help with quality of life issues such as speed bumps, traffic lights, street lighting, tree pruning, sanitation and street safety. We offer advice and assistance to homeowners, tenants, coop dwellers, seniors and school parents on many problems encountered. We also assist veterans, homeowners, small businesses and nonprofits on what programs are available to you.

COLTON SUPPORTS OUR NEIGHBORHOOD RESPONDERS

As many stayed home during COVID-19, certain workers provided needed services. We owe gratitude to these heroes such as, police, firefighters, EMS, medical providers and all staff keeping hospitals and medical offices open, teachers, educators, sanitation workers, public transit workers, truckers, retail store employees, and home aides. To show appreciation for their sacrifices I arranged deliveries of meals, masks and cleaning supplies, donated from some neighborhood businesses, to the 62nd and 60th Police precincts, the Firehouses on 65th Street, 18th Avenue and West 8 Street, Coney Island Hospital and Maimonides Hospital, Regina Pacis Senior Housing, Marlboro Housing, and the Federation of Italian American Organizations, among others.



MEET OUR OFFICE STAFF

Sarah Sarawat is Office Administrator and Scheduler keeping the office operating smoothly, **Nancy Tong** continues as Community Relations Director, **Larisa Magali** as Public Communications Director, **Deepa Balkarran** as Legislative Director, and **Joann Randazzo**, **Declan Hong**, **Irina Khissameeva**, **Shirley Yip**, and **Lily Acevedo** as our Community Liaisons serving you in multiple languages, with **Paul Lipton** helping in all office aspects.

OFFICE HOURS

155 Kings Highway Brooklyn, NY 11223 • Phone: 718-236-1598
Mondays, Tuesdays, & Wednesdays: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursdays: Noon to 8 p.m. • Fridays: 10 a.m. to Noon

COLTON HELPS HUNDREDS WITH UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

As the COVID-19 epidemic started our City shut down all non-essential business. As a result, a massive number of people lost employment and had to file for unemployment benefits, all at the same period. This unprecedented wave overwhelmed the Department of Labor.

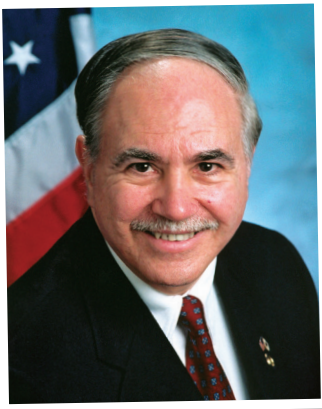
Many vulnerable people faced losing the ability to put food on the table or pay for rent if unemployment benefits were not released to them. Immediately Assemblyman Colton contacted the Dept. of Labor as well as the Governor's office. Colton was able to successfully help hundreds of people who came to him for help in expediting a terrible logjam in processing claims stemming from the incredible number of claims.

"My office continues receiving new requests on this unemployment issue. Community Liaisons Declan Hong and Irina Khissameeva have been following up with those persons contacting our office to make sure that they receive their benefit and any additional help. I always say doing the right thing is of the utmost importance. We helped people who did not even live in our city. My staff speaks multiple languages and most importantly, they have the right heart in helping people in need" Colton said.



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TEAR-OFF AND RETURN

JOIN ASSEMBLYMAN COLTON'S NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! There are signs of the decline of our city everywhere: disrespect of law, rising crime, school opening plans in chaos, hate crimes rising, garbage littered streets, etc. Join my NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH. For all emergencies, you must call 911. If there is any other problem, call my office and we will report the problem, mobilize the community and, if the agency fails to act, alert the community to its options.

Yes, I want to be part of your NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ APT: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

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