

Assemblywoman Monique Chandler-Waterman

58th Assembly District, Brooklyn, New York

Winter 2023



Assembly District 58 District Office Team



Missing from this photo: Nicole Langlaise, Faith Community Liaison and Leticia Theodore-Greene, Communications and Legislative Director.

Dear Community,

We are sending wishes for a healthful prosperous new year and wishes for renewal and rebirth for the impending Spring!

I am proud and humbled to have been sworn in for my first full term as your Assemblywoman. I am grateful to my community and elected colleagues for supporting my Inauguration Ceremony and Reception.

The legislative session has begun which means I will spend a lot of time in our State capitol, Albany, in the coming months. My work will be focused on legislation and a New York State budget that supports the growth of our district. One of my goals is to ensure our community is aware of the legislative process and what transpires in Albany. As part of this newsletter, I'm including a guide about how the budget process works. We will resume our Vital Voice Meetings in the coming months. Please look out for more information. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call us at (718) 385-3336.

Sincerely,

Monique Chandler-Waterman



Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman beginning of the 246th Legislative Session



Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman joined her colleagues in the New York State Assembly Majority for her swearing in, and the beginning of the 246th legislative session.

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Around District 58

During the holiday season the Assemblywoman hosted, sponsored and attended a number of events including the First Annual Christmas, Kwanzaa and Chanukkah (ChrisKwanUkkah) was a term coined by New York City Public Advocate Jumaane D. Williams to describe the holiday season. The office was also pleased to present the First Annual Older Adult Party, and lighting of the *One Love, Little Caribbean Holiday Lights*.



The Assemblywoman and the AD 58 Task Force were proud to conduct the official unveiling of the *One Love, Little Caribbean Holiday Lights*! The project was a creation of CaribBeing Founder Shelley Worrell. It was supported by NYC Small Business Services, Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce.



The Assemblywoman joined Rabbi Holzman, Council Member Rita Joseph, Downstate Medical Center and members of the community for the Annual Menorah Lighting in Crown Heights.



Thanks to the owner of Everything Grill, Darnell Ford, who is also a member of the District 58th Small Business Task Force, Humble Earnings, and members of the Task Force ensured approximately 200 people currently housed in a shelter for migrants received Thanksgiving meals.



Assembly District 58 Ribbon Cutting and Community Open House.



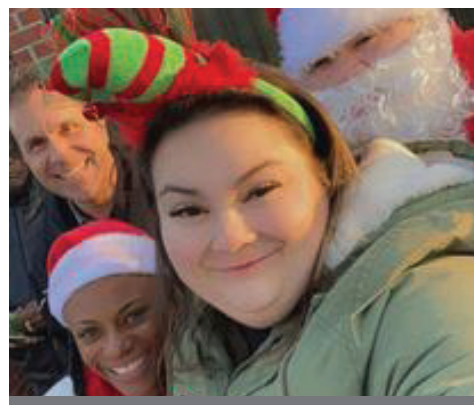
Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez and Ft. Greene Council, Inc. hosted a Kwanzaa celebration. Each year Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman celebrates Kwanzaa's seven principles: Umoja (unity), Kujichagula (self-determination), Ujima (collective work and responsibility), Ujamaa (cooperative economics), Nia (purpose), Kuumba (creativity) and Imani (faith).



The Assemblywoman and Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso attended the 67th Precinct Clergy Council/The GodSquad's End of Year Report Event. We are pleased to have the GodSquad as a member of our Public Safety Task Force.



Christmas Day Toy Distribution on the pediatric units of local hospitals Brookdale, Downstate and Kings County organized by Steel Horses Motorcycle Club BKLYN N.Y. and the New York City Fire Department (FDNY).



Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman joined members of the Canarsie Lions Club and Abe Stark Senior Center for a community Toy Giveaway.



Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman with her mentor and predecessor U.S. Ambassador to Jamaica Nick Perry who represented Assembly District 58 for almost three decades. The Assemblywoman is building on his foundation and legacy.



Christmas Caroling and Holiday Tree Lighting celebration that featured a hot chocolate competition. The Assemblywoman joined Associate Pastor Donna Baptiste (second from left), the winner of the hot chocolate competition, and other congregants.



First Annual District 58 Older Adults Holiday was hosted by Abe Stark Older Adult Center, Ft. Greene Council, Inc, Glenwood Older Adult Center, J-Loft, and Sundance SADC Inc. Adult Day Center. The event was great!

1st Annual ChrisKwanUkkah Celebration.
celebrate the diversity of our City and district.
by **Lights** along our commercial corridor.



The Assemblywoman celebrated the New Year by enjoying the Haitian tradition of having soup joumou at an event hosted by Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse (far right), NYC Pub. Advocate Jumaane Williams, and Felina Backer.



District 58's 3rd Vital Voice Monthly Meeting and First Annual Toy Giveaway was a great success! Thanks to PS 198's Principal Shantel Browne (pictured far right, red sweater) for her hospitality hosting this event, and our sponsors ACT (Adults Communicating Together), AYR Wellness, Inc., BJ's, Brownsville Think Tank Matters (BTM), DRUM, East Flatbush Village, Inc., Emblem Health, MetroPlus, 67th Precinct Clergy Council/ The GodSquad!



The Assemblywoman helped distribute turkeys to the tenants of Flatbush Gardens at the 13th Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway.



The Jimerson-Gorman Houses Holiday Toy Giveaway sponsored by the Assemblywoman was a festive event celebrated by the community.

Inauguration Day

I am proud to recognize the start of the 2023 legislative session as a member of the assembly committees on Families, Election Law, Higher Education, Small Business, Housing and the Women's Legislative Caucus. Additionally, I've been elected co-chair of the Black, Hispanic, Puerto Rican, and Asian Legislative Caucus's Anti-gun Violence Committee and the Chair of the Mental Health Committee of the Black Legislative Task Force.

My Inauguration marks the beginning of the work I will put in to Assembly District 58 on your behalf. It was a showcase of the beauty and strength of our district which I will always put first. I want to thank everyone who attended including my family and friends, community members, and elected colleagues and leaders. I send a special thank you our organizers, Holy Family R.C. Church, and the talented performers!



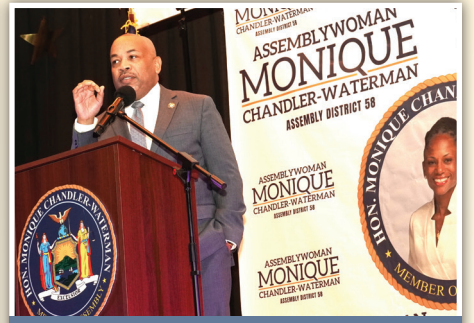
Assemblywoman being sworn in by NYS Attorney General Letitia James



Rep. Yvette Clarke spoke of the years spent working with the Assemblywoman



The Assemblywoman and her family



NYS Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie



Faith Leaders from across AD 58 attended the event



Shannel Pixley sang the Black National Anthem accompanied by the P.S. 135 Honor Guard



Elected officials from Brooklyn and beyond attended the Inauguration event



Blue Angels Drumline



U.S. House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries lauded the Assemblywoman's hard work



Kaseim Abotil Walters Dance Performers

The Budget Process

New York State's Fiscal year begins April 1st and ends March 31st. The **budget cycle** that leads a state budget begins nine months earlier. See the timeline and the budget process here:

1. June – September, October

State agencies begin budget preparations by determining their priorities

2. September, October November

The State Division of Budget Reviews submissions made by state agencies

3. November – January

The Governor reviews agency submissions and considers timely fiscal and policy priorities. Once considered she/he issue the Executive Budget

4. January – March

The process of negotiating a budget begins (see graphic/flowchart)

This is how the New York State Budget Process Works:

New York State Governor proposes his/her budget priorities

Members of the New York State Assembly and Senate propose their budget priorities

The Executive Branch (Governor) and the Legislative Branch (Assembly and Senate) negotiate a budget that all sides can agree with

The Legislative Branch Votes on the Final Budget

The budget is enacted

5. April – March

The budget is executed. The State Division of Budget approves allocations and closely monitors revenue (money coming in) and expenditures (money being spent).

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Inauguration Day (cont'd)



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Sesame Flyers



A tribute to Tyre Nichols