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*Mid Year Newsletter*

**Building a Stronger Tomorrow Together, with  
 Assemblywoman Monique Chandler-Waterman**

Dear AD 58 Community,

It is both an honor and a privilege to serve our community and to reflect on the meaningful work we have accomplished together over the past year and beyond. Our progress is rooted in a shared commitment to equity, safety, opportunity, and dignity for every resident. I remain grateful for the trust you have placed in me and steadfast in my commitment to listening, advocating, and delivering for our community as we continue building a stronger, healthier, and more connected future together.

Over the past year, we have made important strides across several key areas. We have worked to expand access to safe, affordable housing while strengthening tenant protections and homeowners support by ensuring residents have a voice in shaping neighborhood development. Our public safety efforts have centered on holistic community-based solutions, investing in violence prevention, youth engagement, and building trust between residents and law enforcement. We have also prioritized mental health by increasing access to culturally competent services, supporting and working to reduce stigma. In education, we have advocated for equitable funding, enhanced after-school programs, and greater support for students and educators. Additionally, we have supported small businesses and non-profits by connecting them with funding and resources to help them thrive. Finally, we have remained committed to our older adults and veterans by expanding access to healthcare, strengthening senior programming, and ensuring protections that allow them to age with dignity and security within the communities they helped build.

Please sign up for our newsletter and join our team by volunteering today, sign up by scanning the QR code or call 718-385-3336.



In Partnership,

Assemblywoman Monique Chandler-Waterman

**2026 AD 58 COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS**

**Nurses Strike:** Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman recognizes that our healthcare system cannot function without nurses and our city cannot afford to ignore those that care for us when we are most vulnerable. Additionally, every person deserves a nurse in person; artificial intelligence is to assist not to replace humans. In light of this, she joined nurses, along with unions like NYSNA to advocate for better wages, improved medical benefits, and a safer environment for staff and patients.



**\$141 Million Shirley Chisholm Community Center:** Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman proudly celebrated the unveiling of the \$141 million Shirley Chisholm Recreation Center in East Flatbush, Brooklyn after advocating with community members for funding. Before elected, she advocated for over a decade alongside then Councilman, Jumaane Williams. This marked the first new NYC Parks recreation center in over a decade, the birth of this idea came from wanting a safe space for youth to go as a way to deal with the uptick in gang and gun violence. This site includes a three-story facility featuring a swimming pool, gym, media lab, and culinary kitchen.



**TWU Local 100 -** Assemblywoman Monique Chandler-Waterman stood alongside our union members at Transport Workers Union to recommit to advancing legislation that ensures trains in New York are never operated without a conductor (A10706). She also reaffirmed her commitment to fixing Tier 6. There is a necessary balance between embracing technology and maintaining human oversight. We cannot allow innovation to come at the expense of the skilled workers who keep our transit system running safely and effectively. Having a conductor on every train is essential—not only for the safety of our union members, but for the well-being of the communities we serve. It also guarantees a higher standard of service for riders. At the same time, we must address Tier 6. Our workers dedicate their careers to serving the public, and when they retire, they deserve a system that takes care of them just as they have taken care of us. The time to fix Tier 6 is now.



# STEPPING INTO SPRING IN UNITY: ASSEMBLYWOMAN

## \$4 Million Investment in AD 58 to Support Tenants & Homeowners - Housing Resources & Opportunities



Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman & Assemblywoman Jaime Williams invested over \$1 million in state funding to open Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) in Canarsie. Celebrating stakeholders along with Executive Director Angela Cummings and Chief Executive Officer, Tonya Ores.



Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman helped secure over \$3.5 million in capital funds to support Mitchel Llama Co-ops: Patrick Gorman Houses, Earl W. Jimerson Houses and Rutland Plaza. Standing proud with Presidents: Ms. Foudja and Mr. Wright of Jimerson, Gorman Houses and Senator Roxanne Persaud.



Tour of Utica Crescent: Assemblywoman advocated for an extension for the application for the NYS HCR Utica Crescent Vital Brooklyn Project as well as hosted about 20 workshops to assist constituents with the application for the affordable apartments. Constituents are now being called through the lottery process to be housed in the 322 units, of which 89 are designated for older adults, 14 for those impacted by disability & accessibility and 34 supportive units.

## Public Safety and Survivors Support - Prevention, Intervention, Restoration and Legislation



Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman hosted a free bus trip to Albany, NY for about 200 constituents during BPHA Caucus weekend in partnership with Assemblywoman Williams in place of our AD 58 Vital Voice Community Meeting. Constituents attended workshops to discuss social determinants to public health and reduction of gun violence.



As the Co-Chair of the NYS BPHA Caucus Anti-Gunviolence Subcommittee Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman in partnership with Common Justice, AD 58 Public Safety Taskforce, Survivors of Gun Violence, the NYS Office of Gun Violence Prevention (OGVP), the NYS Department of Criminal Justice Service (DCJS), NYPD, NYS Office of Victim Services (OVS), and LinkNYC hosted a workshop in Albany, NY, to discuss more support for survivors through OVS through the introduction of her legislation to reimagine safety while centering survivors and investing in community led solutions (A5443B).



Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman highlights over 500 days without death by shooting within the catchment area of Cure Violence Group Project ECHO. We appreciate the work of Project ECHO who provide holistic services to our communities in an effort to reduce gun violence.

## Advancing Community Wellness, Expanding Mental Health Crisis Support, and Strengthening Care Systems in New York



Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman attends a press conference, held by the Vulcan Society, and the funeral of late Retired NYPD & FDNY Lieutenant Michael Lynch, who was killed in a police involved incident after experiencing an emotional crisis at Methodist Hospital. She advocated for a thorough investigation by activating the NYS Incident Review Panels to understand what led to this incident and how to prevent this in the future to keep both patients and staff safe in hospital settings.



Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman, a member of the NYS Mental Health committee requested and submitted an official letter along with NYS Assembly Chair Jo Anne Simon to the NYS Office of Mental Health Commissioner to activate the incident review panel's process to investigate the circumstances that led up to Lt. Micheal Lynch's death. Also ensuring that the results are published on OMH websites as well as keeping the legislators in the loop for full transparency.



Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman advocates for \$8 million for Daniel's Law pilot program to support cultural responsiveness, community wellness programs, and crisis intervention services. We are continuing to work with our AD 58 Mental Health Taskforce and advocates to destigmatize and decriminalize mental health. While also increasing the minimum wage for staff, supports housing, and creates a Co-Occurring Capable designation for providers, aiming to close care gaps. We also celebrated pivotal legislation the Assemblywoman passed replacing the term "emotionally disturbed person" with "person experiencing an emotional crisis" (A4762B)

## From Advocacy to Reality: The Journey to Free Childcare With 2,000 free 2k Slots for our 2 Year Olds this Fall



Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman visits East Flatbush Friends of Crown Heights alongside Mayor Mamdani and NYC Chair of Education - Councilmember Joseph to discuss needs of our families and childcare facilities. After this visit we were able on the City and State level to launch pilot programs for Universal Childcare, especially 2,000 2k slots to roll out in AD 58 NYS Public School District 18.



Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman also passed legislation to extend childcare licenses from 4 years to 6 years to relieve childcare providers from the burden of unnecessary paperwork (A10539). We need to continue to provide affordable childcare, while ensuring there are fair wages for the childcare workforce and support to run and operate childcare facilities.



Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman speaks with NYC Schools Chancellor Kamar Samuels during a visit to Albany, NY to discuss expansion of Community Schools and Community Center Concept. We have worked on reducing and soon eradicating gun violence by ensuring there are wrap-around services which include investments in safe spaces for our children, childcare, afterschool programs, mentorship, libraries and schools.



Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman joins PS 208, Principal Jackson, District 18 Superintendent Terry with NYC Schools Chancellor during a visit to celebrate increased test scores of our scholars due to departmentalization teaching. While also discussing the need for expansion of Community Schools, afterschools and CBOS to provide wrap-around services.

# MAN MONIQUE CHANDLER-WATERMAN IN ACTION

## Advocating for Immigrant Communities: Workshops, Court Visits, and Engagement



Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman partners with Life of Hope and City Councilmember Rita Joseph to advocate for immigrant communities in New York by delivering "Know Your Rights" initiatives, advocating for extension of TPS and expanding access to critical immigration resources.



Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman stands with Life of Hope Founder, Porez Luxama, local leaders and speaks on behalf of immigrant communities and supported a press conference to advocate for extension of TPS for Haitians and holistic services for all immigrants.



Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman alongside NYC Public Advocate Jumaane D. Williams and Rev. Dr. Galbreath accompanied constituents to Federal Immigration Court at Federal Plaza to support during this uncertain time.

## Supporting our Older Adults: Expanding Access, Safety, and Celebrating Lifelong Contributions



We hosted a Braata Concert Series as well as a NYPD Crime Prevention Series throughout AD 58 Older Adult Centers to ensure our older adults are celebrated at this uncertain time, while feeling safe through education on how to prevent them from becoming victims.



Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman celebrates Ms. Mamie L. Buncamper's 103rd Birthday alongside Councilmember Banks at Patrick E. Gorman Mitchell Llama.



Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman celebrates Mr. Lunny Bottex - joining his family to celebrate his entry into the Centenarian Club. Celebrating 100 years of life.

## \$30 Million to Support Non-Profits, While Assisting Entrepreneurs and Small Businesses



We hosted over a dozen job fairs and workshops to support small business in partnership with organizations like Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. We also celebrate the wins of over 12 community-based projects across seven regions of New York that will receive more than \$371,000 in grants tied to the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Our own local group, CaribBeing, was included in this grant funding.



We hosted an annual Youth-Led AD 58 Vital Voice Community Meeting focused on supporting our Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs while providing workforce development and job opportunities for adults and youth in partnership with Meyer Levin JHS under the leadership of Principal Hendrickson.



As a proud member of the Executive Board of the NYS Black Legislative Task Force, she secured with her colleagues a historic and unprecedented \$30 million in the 2025-2026 State Budget, to uplift under-resourced communities. These funds were set aside for more than 200 small nonprofits and organizations that work in crisis intervention, housing, economic development, workforce development, healthcare, education, and civic engagement.

## Community Walk, Clean-Up & Snow Removal



Assemblywoman leads community walk with the DOT Commissioner Keith Bray, joined by community leader Yvette Barrow and Ambassador N. Nick Perry to discuss concerns of our community members regarding sidewalk enforcement.



Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman lifts up Community Board 17 Park Clean Up alongside Parks and Beautification Chair Berlotte Antoine and community members.



Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman provided free snow removal services for over 100 older adults in need of support during the storms.

## Celebrating Holidays in AD 58: Eid, Easter Sunday, Women History Month



Assemblywoman worships at her home church during Easter Sunday Services Councilmember Chris Banks greet community at Alliance Tabernacle under the leaders, parents and students during Eid celebration leadership of Rev. Dr. Galbreath alongside at PS/IS 66 NYC Schools alongside Principal Councilmember Rita Joseph.



Krystle Charlemagne.



AD 58 and EFV hosted their Annual Easter Egg Hunt convening about 100 youth and families at Paerdaget Park in East Flatbush - a safe space for fun activities and resources.



Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman had the pleasure to be a guest speaker at DC 37 Local 372's Women's Herstory Celebration bringing greetings under the leadership of President Sean D. Francois I, Chairwoman Imogene Jones, and our union women leaders.

# JOIN US FOR UPCOMING EVENTS:

Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman allocated \$25,000 in state funding to provide a free STEM summer camp at Kingsborough College called the Youth Engagement Summer STEM at Sea (YESSS) experience for youth filled with excitement of scientific inquiry. Additionally, she ensured the Hebrew Education Society (HES), received an allocation of \$10,000 for a FREE Swim and Water Safety program. We thank the community for the high registration volume. Please look forward to our Summer kick off with these two programs.

## YESSS AND HES PROGRAM

### YOUTH ENGAGEMENT SUMMER STEM AT SEA (YESSS!)

Join Kingsborough Community College this Summer for a 4 day (Mon-Thurs, 10am-3pm) FREE Summer at Sea adventure! Youth aged 10-15 are invited to sign up for this program! Lunch is included!

**SUMMER 2026 KICK OFF!**  
**ANNOUNCING TWO FREE PROGRAMS**  
S.T.E.M. Summer Camp at Kingsborough College & Learn to Swim Program in Canarsie H.E.S.!

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and Jaime Williams (AD 59)

**Learn to Swim at H.E.S.!**

Water safety is a life skill. Our swim program helps children build confidence, learn essential swim techniques, and stay safe in and around the water.

Our experienced and certified instructors provide a supportive, engaging, and inclusive environment for all participants. **Swim instruction is available for children with disabilities**, ensuring every child has the opportunity to learn, grow, and feel confident in the water.

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**KICK OFF OF TWO AMAZING SUMMER PROGRAMS!**

**FUN**



**CREATIVE**



**FREE**

**Join Us**

- Available for Youth Ages 5-12
- General classes offered twice a week (Tuesdays & Thursdays)
- Swim group for children with disabilities Sunday mornings

## AD 58 UPCOMING EVENTS


**AD 58 UPCOMING ANTI-VIOLENCE EVENTS**  
*Sign up for our Newsletter and Events by registering below!*

**AD 58 PUBLIC SAFETY TOWN HALL**  
Thursday, May 28, 2026 - 4:30 PM Job Fair  
6 PM - 8 PM Townhall  
TILDEN EDUCATION CAMPUS  
5800 Tilden Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11203

**NYS GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS  
ALBANY ADVOCACY DAY**  
Wednesday, June 3, 2026 | 10 AM  
NYS Capital Building  
State St. and, Washington Ave, Albany, NY 12224

**AD 58 ANNUAL ANTI-VIOLENCE  
2026 MARCH**  
Saturday, June 6, 2026 | 11 AM  
Church & Nostrand Aves, Brooklyn, NY 11226

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