



New York State Assembly Assistant Majority Leader **CHARLES D. FALL**



Dear Neighbor,

As we close another year, I want to express my gratitude for serving as your Assemblyman and representing the interests of Lower Manhattan. This past year, connecting with our community members, attending local events, and visiting public schools in our neighborhoods has been deeply rewarding.

This year brought significant milestones, delivering meaningful wins for Lower Manhattan and the entire state. It prioritized public safety, expanded resources for schools, strengthened healthcare access, and made substantial investments in mental health support. These initiatives reflect our commitment to creating a community where every resident feels safe, supported, and equipped with the resources they need to thrive.

As we approach the next legislative session, my mission remains clear: to serve with integrity and a dedicated focus on the needs of our community. In the coming term, I will continue prioritizing public safety, ensuring our neighborhoods are protected and streets remain secure. I will advocate for improved transportation options and quality of life initiatives, making it easier for residents to navigate our district. Additionally, I am committed to enhancing educational opportunities, so that every student has the tools and resources needed to succeed.

Together, I am confident we can build a brighter, stronger future for Lower Manhattan and beyond. Thank you for your continued trust and partnership in this essential work.

Sincerely,

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YEAR IN REVIEW: Securing Key Investments for Our Community

As your Assemblyman, I am proud to share the investments we secured in this year's \$237 billion state budget:



Public Safety

- Secured \$40.2 million to combat retail theft and established a \$5 million tax credit for small businesses to enhance security.
- Allocated \$40.8 million to expand dedicated domestic violence units within District Attorneys' offices.
- Continued funding for initiatives to reduce gun and domestic violence, with a total of \$347 million committed to community-based solutions.



Education

- \$36 billion allocated toward education initiatives to ensure strong support for schools across the state including \$1.6 million for P.S. 44.
- Secured \$1.29 billion for capital projects at SUNY and CUNY institutions, enhancing facilities and resources for higher education.
- \$20 million invested in school-based mental health clinic satellites to expand mental health services for students.



Health and Child Welfare

- Extended the Empire State Child Tax Credit to cover children under age 4, providing \$1,000 per child in this age group.
- Passed legislation to protect low-income New Yorkers from medical debt lawsuits.
- Expanded access to prenatal care, including up to 20 hours of leave for prenatal appointments.

YEAR IN REVIEW: Securing Key Investments for Our Community (continued)

Cannabis Regulation

- Empowered NYPD, local governments, and the Office of Cannabis Management with new enforcement powers to close illegal cannabis operations and impose strict penalties on non-compliant landlords.
- Implemented targeted tax adjustments to enhance the economic viability and regulatory compliance of the medical and recreational cannabis sectors.

Transportation

- Secured \$32.8 billion over five years for transportation infrastructure improvements.
- \$100 million for Pave Our Potholes (POP) Program, focused on addressing wear and tear high-traffic areas of Lower Manhattan.

On the Ground



Reflecting on 9/11 with the Visionaries Network: I had the privilege of speaking with the Visionaries Network at the 9/11 Memorial. Sharing my journey in public service—deeply shaped by my experiences on 9/11—reaffirmed my commitment to honoring the legacy of the Memorial. Together, we remember, reflect, and unite to build a stronger future.



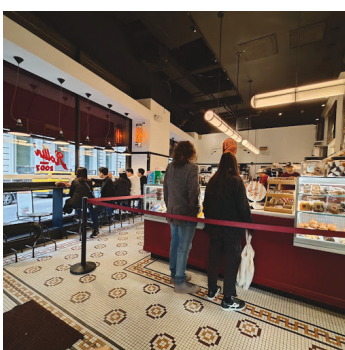
Improving Safety Near Hudson River Park for P.S. 89 Students: I joined NYC District 1 for an on-site visit to address safety concerns along the Hudson River Park bike lane near P.S. 89. We discussed several improvements to better protect children walking to school. Thank you to NYS DOT and NYC DOT for their ongoing support and commitment to our community's safety.



Inaugural Lower Manhattan Black History Month Celebration: Reflecting with immense pride on our Inaugural Lower Manhattan Black History Month Celebration at the African Burial Ground National Monument. A heartfelt thank you to my colleagues & all who joined us this past weekend. Special thanks to our honorees, local leaders, artists!



Downtown Little League's 31st Season Opener: Thrilled to have been part of the Downtown Little League's 31st season opener! — A huge thank you to the Downtown Little League Board of Directors and all the dedicated parents. Our young athletes had a fantastic season filled with teamwork and sportsmanship!



Supporting Small Businesses: Small businesses are the heart of our community, and nowhere is that more evident than near the World Trade Center. From gourmet treats at *Épicerie Boulud* to classic New York bagels at *Leo's Bagels*, these local gems bring life to Lower Manhattan. I was proud to support them during Small Business Saturday—let's keep the momentum going and continue to shop small.



Proud to Serve as Grand Marshal for Lower Manhattan's Independence Day Celebration: I was honored to be the Grand Marshal for the 9th Annual Independence Day Celebration in Lower Manhattan. Many thanks to the Lower Manhattan Historical Association for this incredible opportunity to celebrate our nation's independence with the community.

On the Ground (continued)



Celebrating the T20 World Cup Kickoff at the World Trade Center: It was an honor to be part of the ICC's T20 World Cup 2024 kickoff at the World Trade Center! A special thank you to the Port Authority and ICC for bringing this exciting event to NYC. Wishing all cricket fans a fantastic time enjoying the games and festivities at North Oculus Plaza.



Standing with Doctors Council for Safe Staffing and Fair Contracts: Honored to have joined Doctors Council SEIU and colleagues in advocating for safe staffing and a fair contract. Our doctors need the support to provide high-quality care for all New Yorkers. Taking care of our frontline workers ensures better care for everyone.



Addressing Public Safety at NYPD 1st Precinct Council: Great turnout at the 1st Precinct Community Council meeting! I addressed pressing quality of life issues, including the recent stabbings near John St. & Broadway and the tragic discovery of a person in Rector Park. Your safety and concerns remain my top priority. Thank you to Captain Rosenthal and all who attended for a meaningful discussion.



Honoring Lives Lost at Corlears Hook Park Vigil: I attended the Lower East Side community's heartfelt prayer vigil at Corlears Hook Park, where we gathered to honor the memories of Lucille Pinkney, Hernan Pinkney, and Ana Morel, who tragically lost their lives on July 4th. Standing together in this time of mourning, we showed the strength and unity of our community.



Honoring the Strongest and Boldest from NYC Dept. of Sanitation & NYC Dept. of Corrections: I was proud to honor the strongest and boldest from NYC Sanitation & NYC Corrections at our Annual Iftar Dinner this past year. Their service often going unrecognized is the backbone of our city. Lets continue to celebrate these heroes who keep our city thriving.



Commemorating 9/11 with the Annual Tribute in Light: I was honored to join the #TributeInLight testing, a powerful symbol of remembrance for those we lost on 9/11 and a testament to our city's enduring strength. As we marked the 23rd anniversary, we reflected on the resilience of New York City and the unity that continues to guide us forward.



Celebrating Detective Nick Iordanou: Congratulations to Detective Nick Iordanou from the NYPD 1st Precinct on his recent promotion! I was proud to present him with a citation in recognition of his dedication and service to our Lower Manhattan community. Thank you, Detective Iordanou, for all you do to keep our neighborhood safe.



Annual Battery Park City Block Party: The Battery Park City Block Party returned this year, bringing our community together once again! Huge thanks to the BPCA for sponsoring this fantastic event and to CB1 for their tireless advocacy in making it happen. We're already looking forward to an even bigger celebration next year.



Partnering with NYC Parks for a Better Manhattan: It was a pleasure meeting Manhattan Borough Commissioner Tricia Shimamura from NYC Parks. I'm looking forward to working together with her and her team to enhance our park spaces for the benefit of our community and future generations.

On the Ground (continued)



Celebrating Guinea's Independence Day at Bowling Green: I was proud to raise the Guinean flag at Bowling Green, celebrating Guinea's Independence Day with fellow Guinean New Yorkers. As a proud American of Guinean descent, it was a meaningful moment to honor our roots, culture, and the strength of our community.



Honoring the Swans of Harlem and African Burial Ground Legacy: Our office was honored to celebrate the Swans of Harlem and the 21st anniversary of the reinterment at the African Burial Ground. As we recognized these groundbreaking Black ballerinas, we also paid tribute to our ancestors and the rich cultural history they established for future generations.



PACE University Panel: Honored to have joined the Once and Future Citizen Conference at Pace University to discuss the importance of reimagining how we teach the framing documents of our nation. Grateful to see such dedication from students in organizing this inspiring event!



Home Healthcare Workers: Met with the inspiring members of Home Healthcare Workers of America - they take care of the most vulnerable in our community & I am fully committed to supporting them in their fight for fair wages and recognition as skilled professionals.



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2024 By the Numbers:



10,000+ responses to legislative emails, calls and letters



Secured funding for capital projects and local nonprofit organizations



100+ events attended in the community



9 key pieces of legislation signed into law



532 constituent cases closed



Recognized 50+ local heroes, businesses, and organizations for their contributions