

2024 COMMUNITY UPDATE

1. May 7: I was proud to welcome my good friend and former colleague from the Staten Island District Attorney's Office, Detective Tom Donohue, who visited Albany today for the Police Officers Memorial Remembrance Ceremony. His wife, NYPD Lt. Maureen Gill-Donohue, lost her battle in 2022 with 9/11-related cancer. Maureen's name is now engraved on the police memorial wall. We will never forget!

POLICE MEMORIAL



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2. April 19: During the budget debates, I spoke on the unfairness in several portions of the budget including the lack of changes to increase public safety and addressing New York City's migrant crisis. Besides not making necessary changes to bail reform and raise the age, the bloated budget does not address New York's unaffordability crisis.

BUDGET DEBATES



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DEAR NEIGHBOR!

As we arrive near the end of the legislative session, I wanted to take a step back and give you all a brief update on the work I have done here in Albany and events throughout our community. It is my goal to make New York a safe and happy place where New Yorkers want to live. Our work is not done, I am ready to continue working hard to ensure every voice is heard and every concern addressed.

Please know that I am always here for you! If you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to reach out:

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FOUGHT TO REPEAL CONGESTION PRICING

3. March 28: My colleagues in Staten Island and I continued our long fight against congestion pricing so hard-working families and commuters do not suffer additional costs that fund New York City's mess. I announced several proposals that would repeal congestion pricing, require a financial audit of the MTA and require that MTA board members reside in one of the five boroughs.

PROPERTY PROTECTIONS ACT

4. April 25: The passage of a bill similar to mine which excludes squatters from tenant protections was included in the 2024-25 State Budget. It has me more optimistic in regard to New York's squatter issue many homeowners are facing across our state. This is a step in the right direction to increase tenant protection laws.

THE GUILD FOR EXCEPTIONAL PERSONS

5. February 29: I had the pleasure of visiting and touring the Guild for Exceptional Children. They are a Brooklyn-based non-profit organization, providing support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It was my honor to secure a \$75,000 state grant to help with the necessary renovations for their beloved greenhouse. They have done a tremendous job of facilitating events and programs for individuals in the community and are deserving of this grant to ensure their facility is used for future generations to enjoy.

BUDGET HEARING

6. February 20: At the Assembly Local Government Budget Hearing, I raised several questions to the New York City Mayor about what local officials plan to do with the migrant crisis and how we can form a plan that works for all New Yorkers. The hearing was informative for my colleagues and me to discuss these important issues that affect our communities.

HONORING DEDICATED COMMUNITY MEMBERS

7. February 12: Ed Burke is a dedicated public servant and for the past 40 years, he has spearheaded many important initiatives in our community that will have a lasting beneficial impact. He actually coined the term "Borough of Parks." I was honored to present him with a New York state Assembly proclamation honoring his service to our community.

HOLD ALL CRIMINALS ACCOUNTABLE

8. February 6: I joined my colleagues for a press conference demanding that our city reverse the "sanctuary city" laws that prevent our law enforcement from cooperating with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). With recent unprovoked attacks on police and innocent victims¹, it is crucial we address the migrant crisis and protect our communities.

FOUR CHAPLAINS LEGION OF HONOR AWARD

9. February 5: I was honored to receive the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award yesterday presented by the United Staten Island Veterans Organization Inc. (USIVO). I will continue to fight for our veterans, especially given the challenges that lie ahead.

TALKING EDUCATION

10. January 14: I am proud to announce the passage of "Detective Brian Simonsen's Law," a bipartisan proposal that will require cell phone providers to immediately disable services to stolen cell phones to help advance security measures to effectively stop theft and protect New Yorkers' property (A.8994-A).

1. <https://nypost.com/2024/06/03/us-news/two-nypd-cops-shot-in-queens-by-19-year-old/>



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