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ASSEMBLY MEMBER  
**DANIEL O'DONNELL**  
DISTRICT 69

UPPER WEST SIDE

MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS

MANHATTAN VALLEY

## THANK YOU

*Dear Neighbor,*

*When I ran for New York State Assembly District 69, I never imagined the incredible outpouring of support I would receive from so many, near and far. Now, two decades later, I remain deeply humbled by the unwavering trust you have placed in me. Together, we challenged divisive norms and forged a new path for New Yorkers, grounded in the values of equity, inclusion, and justice.*

*While some years proved more challenging than others, I am proud of what we have achieved—from legislative victories in Albany to tangible successes within our district. As you read through my final newsletter, I hope you take as much pride as I do in reflecting on the progress we've made to improve the lives of New Yorkers.*

*Serving as your Assembly Member has truly been the honor of a lifetime. I urge you to remain engaged, keep raising your voices, and continue working towards the betterment of our community.*

*Very Truly Yours,*



# IMPROVING OUR DISTRICT

## 2024 STATE FUNDING VICTORIES

### The Center at West Park - \$3,000,000

This funding will support renovations to the theatre, the construction of new restroom facilities, and the restoration of the building's façade to preserve its architectural integrity while making necessary improvements.

### Goddard Riverside Center - \$1,775,000

The grant will enable essential facility upgrades, including HVAC and elevator improvements, to enhance accessibility and comfort for residents and visitors. This grant will also be used for the construction of new housing units.

### Broadway Malls Association - \$100,000

This contribution will be used for sanitation improvement efforts, including the installation of new trash cans and planters along the Broadway Malls, to enhance the beauty and cleanliness across our district.

### Children's Museum of Manhattan - \$3,000,000

This allocation will support a comprehensive renovation of the museum. The funding will allow the museum to update its exhibits, improve its spaces, and expand its capacity to serve as an interactive learning hub for children and families.

### P.S. 125 - Ralph Bunche - \$1,350,000

The Ralph Bunche School will use this contribution for critical upgrades, including a gymnasium renovation, and HVAC and electrical improvements, to ensure a safer and more comfortable learning environment.

### Harlem Grown - \$100,000

Dedicated to urban farming and youth empowerment, Harlem Grown will use its funds to improve inclusivity and accessibility by installing ADA-compliant walkways, and to enhance animal enclosures at their farm sites.

### Straus Park - \$20,000

This funding will support the installation of new and improved trash bins to ensure cleanliness and support rodent-mitigation efforts.

**2024 TOTAL: \$9,345,000**

## CAPITAL FUNDING ALLOCATIONS 2002-2024

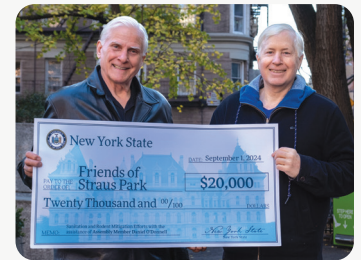
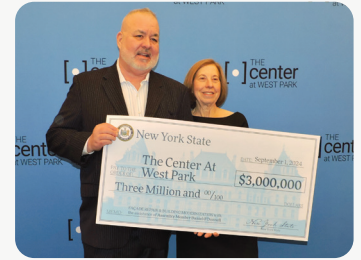
### Over \$22 Million Invested in:

- Community Centers
- Hospitals & Healthcare Facilities
- Museums
- First Responders
- Housing
- Parks and Playgrounds
- Greenspace Beautification
- Libraries
- Public Arts
- Schools

## PROGRAMMATIC FUNDING ALLOCATIONS 2002-2024

### Over \$2.8 Million Invested in Programs and Services in the 69th District

Since taking office, I have secured over \$2.8 million in programmatic funding for services in our district. Community-based organizations and their staff go above and beyond to serve our neighbors. I am proud to have supported them throughout my career, and I wish them the best going forward.



# AND GREATER NEW YORK

## MAJOR LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES 2002-2024

### 69 Bills Signed into Law



### **Dignity for All Students Act** (Chap. 482 of 2010, Chap. 102 of 2012)

The Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) was designed to ensure that every student in a New York public school has a safe, supportive learning environment, free from discrimination, harassment, and bullying. With the passage of this law, New York set the national standard for anti-bullying protections and laid the foundation for continued efforts to protect students in educational settings.

### **Marriage Equality Act** (Chap. 96 of 2011)

I am proud to have been the chief sponsor of the Marriage Equality Act. After decades of organizing and advocacy by community leaders, activists, and previous elected officials, New York made history by amending its domestic relations law to allow same-sex couples to marry.

### **Prohibiting Firearm Possession by Domestic Violence Offenders** (Chap. 60 of 2018)

I led the passage of legislation to strengthen New York's laws on firearm removal in domestic violence cases. The law expanded the list of prohibited offenses to include additional domestic violence misdemeanors and requires that offenders surrender both long guns and handguns in cases involving orders of protection or serious offense convictions.

### **Repeal of 50-a** (Chap. 96 of 2020)

In 2020, State Senator Jamaal Bailey and I led the successful effort to repeal Section 50-a of the New York Civil Rights Law. Prior to its repeal, 50-a shielded law enforcement misconduct records from public view, making it difficult to hold officers accountable for abuse. This lack of transparency eroded trust, particularly in communities of color, and protected bad actors. The repeal of 50-a was a landmark victory for police accountability, public trust, and the safety of all New Yorkers.

### **Gender Recognition Act** (Chap. 158 of 2021)

The Gender Recognition Act removed discriminatory barriers for individuals petitioning for a change in sex designation on official state documents, including ID cards and birth certificates. It also expanded eligibility for having those records sealed for personal protection. It further allowed people to choose from three options—male, female, or X—on their driver's licenses, providing for more inclusive representation of gender identities, including non-binary and intersex people.

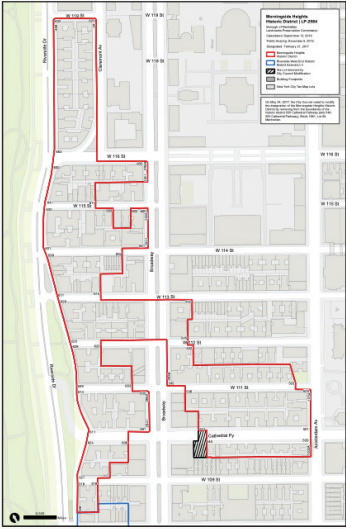
### **All-In Pricing** (Chap. 358 of 2022)

The "All-In Pricing" law requires sellers to display the full price of tickets upfront, ensuring that consumers are not misled or taken advantage of by hidden fees. This law helps protect consumers from predatory and deceptive business models and has inspired federal efforts to eliminate junk fees across several industries, including airlines.

### **Epinephrine Coverage and Affordability Act** (A.6425 of 2024)

The Epinephrine Coverage and Affordability Act requires health insurance plans in New York to provide coverage for epinephrine auto-injectors (EpiPens), life-saving devices for individuals with severe allergies. The legislation caps the annual out-of-pocket cost to \$100 per year. This will improve access to epinephrine and ensure that New Yorkers at risk of anaphylaxis can obtain the medication they need without facing financial barriers.

# HISTORIC LOCAL WINS



## Morningside Heights Historic District

In a significant victory against large-scale, non-contextual luxury developments, local advocates and I achieved historic district designation for Morningside Heights in 2017, safeguarding its rich social and architectural history, and vibrant multicultural identity. This historic district covers approximately 115 residential and institution buildings located between West 109th Street and Riverside Drive and West 119th Street between Riverside Drive and Claremont Avenue.

## Unprecedented Funding for the Arts

The arts are a vital part of our state's culture and economy, providing unparalleled avenues for creativity, craft, and expression, while also supporting thousands of local jobs. Until 2016, the state arts budget stagnated below \$50 million. Under my leadership as Chair of the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development, New York's arts budget has more than tripled to \$160 million. This investment is a renewed commitment to uplifting New Yorkers in every corner of our great state.

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