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**THIS MONTH IN ALBANY**

**New York State Budget Talks Not Yet Finalized**

Talks on the state budget were stalled just days before the March 30th deadline as Governor Cuomo and state lawmakers continue negotiations. The bail reform bill and Child Victims Act are some of the issues tied to the Governor’s proposed budget that face an uncertain future as the Assembly and Senate continue to discuss specifics. The bill regarding bail reform calls for giving those charged with non-violent offenses an alternate means to make bail if they cannot afford it. The Child Victims Act increases the statute of limitations on filing lawsuits from age 23 to 50 and creates a one-year window of opportunity for past victims to bring civil court action. The Assemblymember continues to push for the budget to include both of these.

**Assemblyman Al Taylor and Assemblywoman Carmen De La Rosa Meet with MTA to Express Concerns Over 163<sup>rd</sup> Street Station**



Assemblymembers Taylor and De La Rosa met with Tim Ellis, MTA Director of State Legislative Affairs in Albany this month to express their frustration at the improper dissemination of information regarding the closing of the 163<sup>rd</sup> Street Station that adversely and directly affects their

constituents. Additionally, the station is being renovated without making it ADA compliant. The Assemblymembers will continue to meet with MTA representatives to ensure that their constituents will be properly informed and taken care of.

**As Chair of the Subcommittee on Regulated Mortgage, the Assemblymember Pushes for Rent Reform through New Bill**

Landlords are required, by statute, to file an annual rent regulation statement with the Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) to support rent charges to tenants of rent-stabilized units.

**SAVE THE DATE**

The Assemblymember will be conducting a Round Table discussion with constituents on **April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018** at Columbia University Hammer Building, Rm. LL103 from 6:30pm-8:30pm

**SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE**

- **Tax Season:** Our staff is prepared to assist you with your tax forms 210 and 214.
- **Notary:** Our volunteer notary is available Mon, Wed, Fri from 11am-3pm and notary services are free of charge.
- **Legal Counsel:** Legal services are available via appointment only; please call the office to make an appointment.
- **Voicing Your Concerns:** The District Office is open to constituents from 9am-5pm; schedule an appointment to meet with the Assemblyman or his staff.

However, some landlords either fail to file rent overcharges or file multiple backdated annual rent regulation statements in a single year. The purpose of this bill is to protect tenants against rent overcharges by allowing the DHCR to determine the legal regulated rent, especially for any year when a landlord did not timely file an annual rent registration statement. It also allows the tenants to a four year statute of limitations on rent overcharges where the owner of a housing accommodation acts in a wrongful or fraudulent manner.

### **Post Florida-School Shooting, NYS Assembly Bolting Down on Gun Regulation**



The Assembly passed a package of five bills on March 6, 2018, a day after the state Senate passed 15 bills focused on improving school security following last month's shooting at Florida high school, Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. The bills contain measures that would keep firearms out of the hands of people deemed a danger to themselves or others, set a longer waiting period for delivery of a gun to a person who hasn't cleared a background check and prevent people convicted of domestic violence from buying a firearm. The bills would also ban bump stocks and require out-of-state residents to prove they are mentally fit to own a gun in New York State. A long-time proponent of anti-gun violence, the Assemblymember continues to work towards a promising future for our children.

### **Along with Assemblymembers Pretlow and Barron, Assemblymember Taylor Pushes for Automatic Expunction of Unconstitutional Stops**

This legislation will create a system through which any records associated with unconstitutional stops, frisks and arrests shall be automatically expunged. It has been found that the City of New York violated the 4th and 14th Amendments by making stops and frisks without cause, thus adopting a policy of indirect racial profiling. In a lawsuit brought by the New York Civil Liberties Union, the City was required to delete personal information of the persons subjected to these unconstitutional stops that either resulted in the completion of a UF-250 form or a Form 61 complaint in which the SQF section was completed and led to arrests for either resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, criminal possession of a weapon, and offenses involving marijuana.

### **Five-Alarm Fire at St. Nicholas Avenue Apartments**

A five-alarm fire broke out Thursday (March 22, 2018) night, around 11pm at 773 St. Nicholas Avenue. While the cause of the fire is still under investigation, I was notified of serious injuries sustained by many first responders and the death of firefighter Lt. Michael R. Davidson. I would like to take this moment to honor Lt. Davidson and pray for the speedy recovery of those injured. I thank Engine 69 and the other first responders for their services to our great city. It is with a heavy heart that I also say thank you to Lt. Davidson for his bravery and sacrifice. We will continue to work with FDNY and NYPD to ensure that the residents and community members are helped in any way possible.

## **INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

**Assemblymember Taylor is looking for qualified individuals to intern at his District Office**

The internship typically runs throughout the year and offers flexible times to accommodate student schedules, but is generally during office times (Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm). Though unpaid, the position offers invaluable work experience and mentorship. Please consider the following applicant requirements before you apply:

- Have a background in journalism, public relations, public administration or advertisement
- Possess general office and good writing skills
- Be well-versed in using multiple social media platforms

Interested candidates can forward their resumes and cover letters to [mathewa@nyassembly.gov](mailto:mathewa@nyassembly.gov) for further instructions on how to apply.

## Taylor Working to Help the Community



[Left] Chief of Staff, Mariella Rueda handing out the Assemblyman's press release regarding service changes at the 163<sup>rd</sup> Station. [Right] Taylor and wife pictured with President of CUNY John Jay College Karol Mason at the Caucus weekend in Albany.

[Bottom Right] Taylor pictured with NYS NAACP President Hazel Dukes and NAACP Manhattan Branch President Jeff Eaton.



[Bottom Left] Taylor at his monthly Round Table discussion with constituents at Columbia University's Hammer Building on March 22, 2018. Constituents were able to speak to the Assemblyman and convey their troubles and opinions on legislation and other community-based issues. We look forward to meeting with more of our constituents for the next Round Table in April. For more information, please contact the office at 212-234-1430.