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THIS MONTH IN ALBANY



Post Florida-School Shooting, NYS Assembly Bolting Down on Gun Regulation; Taylor Backing This Initiative Fully

The Assembly passed a package of five bills Tuesday (March 6, 2018) afternoon, a day after the Republican-controlled 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 measures 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, Taylor continues to work towards a promising future for our children in Albany.

As Chair of the Subcommittee on Regulated Mortgage, Taylor 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 to support rent charges to tenants of rent-stabilized units. However, some land-lords either fail to file rent overcharges or file multiple backdated annual rent regulation statements in a single year. In doing so, they can obscure rent overcharges or other abuses. The purpose of this bill is to protect tenants against rent overcharges by allowing a court, or the Division of Housing and Community Renewal, to consider, in determining the legal regulated

SAVE THE DATE:

The Assemblymember will be conducting **Round Table** discussion with constituents on **March 22nd, 2018**

@ the NY Presbyterian Hammer Building, Rm. LL205 at 701 W 168th Street, from 6:30pm – 8:30 pm. Please call the Office for further details!

Services Available at the District Office

- **Tax Season:** Our staff is prepared to assist you with your tax forms 210 and 214 beginning this month through April 15th.
- **Notary:** Our volunteer notary is available Mon, Wed, Fri from 11am-3pm and notary services are free of charge
- **Voicing Your Concerns:** The Assemblyman and staff keep the Office's doors open to constituents at all times; to make an appointment with us, please call us at 212-234-1430

rent, 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 look back period on rent overcharges where the owner of a housing accommodation acts in a wrongful or fraudulent manner.

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

This legislation will create a system through which any records associated with unconstitutional stops, frisks and arrest shall be automatically expunged. It has been found that the City of New York violated the fourth and Fourteenth Amendments by making suspicion less "Stops" and "frisks" and by adopting "a policy of indirect racial profiling". In a settlement of 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 marihuana.

Remembering the Legacy of Reverend Vernon Williams

Rev. Vernon Williams passed away last Sunday, March 4, 2018, at the age of 59 after suffering a heart attack. He was a key figure in New York City's anti-violence movement, often seen walking the streets at rallies and helping families who suffered loss by violence. Known as a community leader, Williams was the head of the Harlem-based organization Perfect Peace Ministry and the leader of the Harlem Clergy and Community Leaders Coalition. Speaking from his personal history with gangs and violence, he often implored people to choose the path of peace. He will always be remembered as a spearhead of change in our community and his legacy will continue to live on. He was a dear friend to Taylor and we will all surely miss him. Funeral arrangements for Rev. Williams have not yet been announced.

Taylor Working to Help the Community



[Left] Taylor pictured with (L-R) State Senator Brian Benjamin and NYS Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli at the Caucus weekend in Albany in February. [Right] Taylor and wife pictured with President of CUNY John Jay College Karol Mason at the Caucus weekend in Albany.



[Left] Chief of Staff, Mariella Rueda handing out the Assemblyman's press release regarding service changes at the 163rd Station. [Right] Taylor and Assemblywoman Carmen De La Rosa meeting with Tim Ellis, MTA Director of State Legislative Affairs in Albany this week.



[Left] Taylor meeting with (L-R) Ms. Hudson, Vice Chair and Executive of Wilson Major Morris Community Center Bertram Barnes and Patricia Hudson, and Assembly Sergeant-at-Arms Wayne Jackson earlier this week in Albany. [Right] Taylor pictured with elementary school students on the Bio Bus, which was parked outside the Empire State Plaza at the Capitol last week.