



Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz

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Dear Neighbor:

As we welcome the spring season, I am proud to share some important updates from our community and the legislative work I've been leading on your behalf.

One of the most significant victories this year is signing my Climate Change Superfund Act (A.3351B of 2024) into law. This landmark legislation ensures that fossil fuel companies pay for part of the cost of the climate change damage that they caused, and invest in protective infrastructure. With this law, New York will collect \$75 billion over the next 25 years to strengthen our communities against climate threats.

Additionally, I have reintroduced my anti-mask harassment bill (A.3133) to address the growing use of face coverings for intimidation while ensuring protections for religious, health, and safety-related mask use.

I am also continuing to fight for utility consumers by advocating for an independent Utility Consumer Advocate Office (A.2468), which would challenge unfair rate hikes and ensure residential consumers have a voice against skyrocketing energy costs.

I remain committed to serving our community and addressing the issues that matter most to you. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas you'd like to share, please don't hesitate to contact our district office at 3107 Kingsbridge Avenue. Thank you for your continued support. We can achieve great things for our community and ensure a better future for all.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Dinowitz
Member of Assembly

Climate Change Superfund Act (A.3351B) Signed into Law



I am proud to announce that Governor Kathy Hochul has signed my landmark Climate Change Superfund Act (A.3351B of 2024) into law. This groundbreaking legislation establishes the Climate Change Adaptation Cost Recovery Program, holding fossil fuel companies accountable for their significant contributions to climate change and ensuring they bear a proportional share of the costs required to protect New Yorkers from its devastating impacts.

This marks a monumental step forward in our fight against climate change. The Climate Change Superfund Act ensures that adapting to climate change doesn't fall solely on New York taxpayers but is instead shared by the companies profiting most from the activities driving this crisis. This legislation is about fairness, responsibility, and protecting the future for generations to come.

Modeled after existing environmental programs like the State Superfund and Oil Spill Fund, this law requires polluters to fund the remediation of environmental damage. It will generate substantial funding for infrastructure investments that address climate change impacts, including coastal wetlands restoration, stormwater system upgrades, and energy-efficient cooling systems in public buildings, by assigning strict liability based on historic contributions to greenhouse gas emissions.

Key provisions of the legislation include:

- Establishing a Climate Change Adaptation Cost Recovery Program to hold fossil fuel companies financially responsible for climate-related damages.
- Creating a Climate Change Adaptation Fund to finance adaptive infrastructure projects across the state, ensuring that disadvantaged communities receive at least 35%—and ideally 40%—of the overall program benefits.
- Directing the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to develop and administer the Statewide Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Plan and enforce compliance with the program.

With Governor Hochul's signature, New York will collect \$75 billion over the next 25 years to directly fund projects that protect public safety and strengthen communities against climate change. This law also includes strong labor protections and job creation standards, prioritizing employment opportunities and high-quality jobs in climate adaptation projects.

For far too long, fossil fuel companies have reaped record profits while evading responsibility for the damage their actions have caused. This law seeks justice for those affected by the climate crisis and invests in creating a more resilient and equitable future for all New Yorkers.

New York continues to lead the way in climate policy and environmental justice. This law provides bold and actionable solutions to combat climate change while ensuring equitable access to its benefits. I want to extend my sincere gratitude to State Senator Liz Krueger for her leadership in the State Senate and to Governor Kathy Hochul for signing this vital legislation into law.



Re-introduction of my Anti-mask Harassment Bill (A.3133)



RE-INTRODUCES
ANTI-MASK
HARASSMENT
BILL (A.3133)
FOR 2025-2026
LEGISLATIVE
SESSION

I have re-introduced my anti-mask harassment bill (A.3133) for the 2025-2026 legislative session. This bill seeks to establish the crime of masked harassment and expand existing aggravated harassment laws to address instances where individuals use face coverings to intimidate or threaten others.

The legislation ensures public safety while upholding constitutional protections for free expression and religious practices.

This is about balancing protecting public safety and safeguarding individual freedoms. Masked harassment has been used as a tool of intimidation and violence, and this legislation will provide law enforcement with a vital tool to deter such behavior without infringing on legitimate uses of face coverings.

Bill Overview:

- **Masked Harassment:** This creates a new offense for individuals who wear masks or face coverings to intentionally conceal their identity to threaten or menace others or place them in reasonable fear for their physical safety.
- **Aggravated Harassment Expansion:** This amends existing laws to include provisions for masked individuals engaging in physical contact or targeting others based on race, religion, gender, or other protected categories.
- **Specific Exemptions:** Protections are included for legitimate uses of masks, such as religious practices, health and safety concerns, weather conditions, theatrical or artistic purposes, and emergency management.

This bill addresses a troubling rise in incidents where individuals exploit the anonymity provided by masks to target others with violence or intimidation. It builds on historical anti-mask laws, modified to reflect modern health and safety considerations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The intent behind this legislation is clear: no one should live in fear because of their identity or beliefs. While we fully respect the use of face coverings for health, religious, and cultural reasons, this bill will prevent those who weaponize anonymity from terrorizing our communities.

Window Guards Installed at Overlook Manor



Council Member Eric Dinowitz and I are proud to announce that window guards have been installed at Overlook Manor, located at 435 West 238th Street. This critical safety measure ensures a safer environment for families with children residing in the building. It is part of our ongoing efforts to support the families sheltered at the site while addressing community concerns about transparency and safety.

The installation of window guards follows months of advocacy, after we raised urgent safety concerns about the building's transition from a dormitory owned by Manhattan University (formerly Manhattan College) into a migrant shelter for families with children. The facility, operated by the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) through provider Westhab, has approximately 95 rooms for families in need of shelter.

Assemblyman Dinowitz Sponsors Free Paper Shredding Events in the Community

Three free paper-shredding events are coming up in my district, allowing residents to dispose of their sensitive documents safely. The first event will take place on Sunday, April 27, 2025, from 10 AM to 1 PM at 3107 Kingsbridge Avenue, co-sponsored by Congressman Adriano Espaillat, Council Member Eric Dinowitz, and Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson.

The second event is scheduled for Sunday, May 4, 2025, from 10 AM to 1 PM at the corner of West 235th Street and Johnson Avenue, co-sponsored by Congressman Ritchie Torres, Congressman Adriano Espaillat, Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson, and Council Member Eric Dinowitz.

The third event is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, 2025, from 10 AM to 12 PM in front of the Woodlawn Library at 4355 Katonah Avenue, co-sponsored by Congressman Ritchie Torres, Senator Jamaal Bailey, Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson and Council Member Eric Dinowitz.

These events will offer free on-site paper shredding services, ensuring secure disposal of documents. Participants are encouraged to bring up to three bags or boxes of paper and are reminded to avoid including prohibited materials such as batteries, electronics, and plastic. For more information, contact the Office of Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz at 718-796-5345 or DinowitzJ@nyassembly.gov.

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3107 Kingsbridge Avenue
(Office of Assemblyman Dinowitz)

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We Must Establish A Utility Consumer Advocate Office (A.2468)

I have championed legislation to create a Utility Consumer Advocate Office in New York for years. The legislature has repeatedly passed this measure, but unfortunately, it has been vetoed. The state is not preventing egregious rate hikes by Con Edison and other utility companies. The reason is simple: no independent entity is fighting solely on behalf of residential utility consumers.

More than 40 states and the District of Columbia already have an independent agency representing utility consumers. However, New York—one of the country's largest and most complex utility markets—still does not. Instead, our state relies on the Public Service Commission and the Utility Intervention Unit, neither dedicated exclusively to protecting residential consumers. This has left New Yorkers vulnerable to skyrocketing utility costs without a powerful advocate to intervene.

The Utility Consumer Advocate Office would be an independent entity with the power to challenge rate increases, participate in regulatory proceedings, and ensure that consumers are represented at the state and federal levels. Similar offices in other states have saved residents billions in avoided rate increases. New York consumers deserve the same protection.

I remain committed to fighting for this critical legislation and will push for its passage again.

PS 7 Milton Fein School Annual Food Drive Donation

Thanks to PS 7 Milton Fein School students for their generosity in contributing a huge amount of food for my annual holiday food drive! Your donations have made a big difference and were successfully delivered to Kingsbridge Heights Community Center's food pantry to support needy families.



Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz with staff and 4th grade students of PS 7.

Annual Veterans Day Ceremony at Memorial Grove

I attended the 18th Annual Memorial Grove Veterans Day ceremony along with Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson, Council Member



Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz speaking at the Memorial Grove Veterans Day Ceremony.

Eric Dinowitz, NYC Veterans Commissioner James Hendon, Van Cortlandt Park Alliance (VCPA) and Bronx Community Board 8 (BXC8), for the unveiling of a dedicated park bench in memory of PV2 Isaac Cortes and all of our fallen service members in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Memorial Grove Veterans Day ceremony was originally founded by Herb Barret and the BXC8 Veterans Committee is currently chaired by Sergio Villaverde.

KRVC's Bell Tower Monument Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

I had a great time at the KRVC Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Bell Tower Monument with CM Eric Dinowitz, Rep. Ritchie Torres, Bronx BP Vanessa L. Gibson, Bronx DA Darcel Clarke and KRVC Director Laura Levine-Pinedo. It was a beautiful night to bring our community together.

Picture (from left to right): Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, Council Member Eric Dinowitz, Community Leader Emily Hausman, Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark, Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson, and Congressman Ritchie Torres.



Annual Holiday Menorah Lightings

I had the opportunity to light the Chanukah Menorahs for both the Mosholu Montefiore Community Center (MMCC) and the Bell Tower Monument.



Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz with MMCC staff and children lighting the Menorah.



Picture (left to right): Rabbi Levi Shemtov, Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz and Congressman Ritchie Torres's Constituent Outreach Representative Joseph McManus.



Rabbi Levi Shemtov and Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz being raised from the bucket truck to light the Menorah in front of Bell Tower Monument.

SAR 56th Anniversary Celebration



Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, Council Member Eric Dinowitz, Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson, Congressman Ritchie Torres, Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark, and some staff and faculty of SAR pictured together.

We celebrated SAR's 56th Anniversary Dinner—a powerful evening of strength, impact, and unity. From uplifting personal journeys to the remarkable acts of those supporting Israel during these challenging times, the evening was both a celebration and a call to action. Thank you, SAR!

BxM1 Bus Crash



I was on the scene of the BxM1 bus crash with Council Member Eric Dinowitz on Henry Hudson Parkway. Thankfully, there were no customers on board and no injuries. The bus operator was safely removed by the FDNY and is unharmed. The crash happened while the driver tried to go around a double-parked car.

Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz and Council Member Eric Dinowitz being interviewed by NY1 about the BxM1 Bus crash that is pictured above them.

MLK Day of Service at the Riverdale Y

I participated in the Riverdale Y's MLK Day of Service, where we helped pack 20,000 meals, assembled hygiene kits, and collected winter gear. I was grateful to join Council Member Eric Dinowitz, Congressman Ritchie Torres and Community Leader Ben Jackson in honoring Dr. King's legacy through service.



Picture (from left to right): community leader Ben Jackson, Riverdale Y Chief Program Officer Jennifer Lenkowsky, Congressman Ritchie Torres, Council Member Eric Dinowitz, Riverdale Y CEO Melissa Sigmond, and Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz.

Statement on Measles Outbreak

One of the proudest moments of my tenure as your representative in the New York State Assembly was when I passed my legislation to eliminate non-medical exemptions to school vaccination requirements in New York State. The widespread abuse of non-medical exemptions had grown year after year. The abuse of "religious exemptions" endangered many children. Once we passed my legislation back in 2019, the number of children vaccinated increased, potentially saving lives. There is currently a measles outbreak in Texas where, very sadly, two children have died. Virtually every person who contracted the measles, perhaps the most easily spread virus in existence, was unvaccinated. There have now been a few cases in New York. I know that cracking down on exemptions has made a big difference, but we must be vigilant because we have an anti-vaxxer in Robert F. Kennedy Jr., who is Trump's Secretary of Health and Human Services. I believe he can be a danger to the lives of many people. (Kennedy has finally come around to admitting that vaccinating children could prevent measles.)



Teacher Center's Grand Opening at P.S. 19 in Woodlawn



Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson and members of the UFT and New York State United Teachers at the Grand Opening of the Teacher Center at P.S. 19.

It was great being part of the grand opening of the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) Teacher Center at P.S. 19 in Woodlawn with Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson! This new resource will provide educators with the tools they need to help our students thrive.

Riverdale Y Meet-and-Greet with Governor Kathy Hochul

I joined a luncheon at the Riverdale Y for a meet-and-greet with Governor Kathy Hochul. I am grateful for the opportunity to connect with our community and, along with Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson, discuss issues that matter most to residents of the Bronx.



Picture (from left to right): Riverdale Y Rabbi Scott Kalmikoff, Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, Governor Kathy Hochul, Riverdale Y CEO Melissa Sigmond, Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson, Riverdale Y Chief Program Officer (CPO) Jennifer Lenkowsky and Riverdale Y Director of New Beginnings Sharon Asherman.

Meeting with the New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA) in my District Office



Picture (From left to right): Julia Camagong, Sophia Anglin, Judy Sheridan Gonzalez, Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, Nelson Bertran and Kevin Curtin.

I met with NYSNA nurses from Montefiore Hospital in my district office to discuss advocating for quality healthcare for all New Yorkers. I am grateful for their dedication and commitment to ensuring better patient care and working conditions for nurses across our state.

Magen David Adom's Ambulance Dedication Ceremony at the Riverdale Y

I joined in the Magen David Adom's Ambulance Dedication Ceremony at the Riverdale Y with the leadership of the Riverdale Jewish community, Congressman Ritchie Torres, and Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson. Thanks to generous donations totaling \$120,000, an ambulance will be sent to save lives in Israel.



Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz and Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson with the Magen David Adom ambulance that is being donated behind them.

Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz and Council Member Eric Dinowitz Urge Immediate Safety Measures After Child Injured in Hit-and-Run



Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz and Council Member Eric Dinowitz with residents around West 261st Street and Huxley Avenue calling for traffic measures to be implemented in the neighborhood.

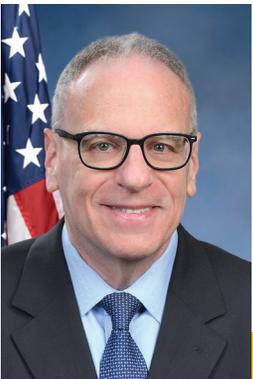
Following a disturbing hit-and-run incident that injured a 9-year-old child at the corner of West 261st Street and Huxley Avenue in Riverdale, Council Member Eric Dinowitz and I urged immediate action from the Department of Transportation (DOT) to implement long-overdue traffic safety measures.

For years, my office and North Riverdale residents had urged DOT to install stop signs and speed humps in this dangerous corridor. In February 2024, our formal request was denied despite clear evidence of the hazards posed by unchecked speeding in the area. Now, a young child had been injured, and we would not wait for an even greater tragedy before action was taken.

The area between Riverdale Avenue and Broadway, from West 259th Street to West 263rd Street, has seen 20 injuries since 2020, 17 of which occurred at intersections. Despite these alarming statistics, DOT had refused multiple requests for traffic calming measures, including a 2023 petition signed by 100 North Riverdale residents calling for four-way stop signs and speed humps to slow dangerous speeding through residential streets. Only two of the 25 intersections in this area had four-way stop signs, leaving pedestrians and families at increased risk.

In a letter sent to Bronx Borough DOT Commissioner Anthony Perez, Council Member Dinowitz and I reiterated the need for swift action to make Riverdale’s streets safer. We also called Commissioner Ydanis Rodriguez and First Deputy Commissioner Margaret Forgione to review and rectify the DOT’s previous denial of life-saving safety measures in the neighborhood.

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Association of Riverdale Condominiums (ARC) Annual Meet Your Elected Officials’ Meeting

It was great to speak at the Association of Riverdale and Condominiums’ (ARC) annual ‘Meet Your Elected Officials’ meeting at the Riverdale Y! Engaging with our community and discussing key issues facing our neighborhood is always essential.

For more than 40 years, ARC has been a vital resource for the co-op community in Riverdale and throughout New York City.



Picture (from left to right): ARC Board Member Ed Yaker, ARC Board Member Seryl Ritter, William Weitz, Congressman Ritchie Torres Constituent Outreach Representative Joseph McManus, ARC Board Member Deena Spindler, State Senator Robert Jackson Constituent Services Representative Dario Quinsac, Council Member Eric Dinowitz, ARC Board President Julia Engel, Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson and Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz.

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Female Fight Club International Women’s Day Gala

I attended the Female Fight Club International Women’s Day Gala with Community Leader Johanna Edmondson at Manhattan University. It was a powerful evening celebrating strong, resilient women and their impact on our community!



Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz presenting members of the Female Fight Club NYC with certificates of merit.