



# PATRICK J. CARROLL



ASSEMBLYMAN, 96<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

SUMMER 2026

*Dear Neighbor:*

2026 has been an incredibly productive year. We recently concluded the legislative session after passing a state budget that delivers real results for Rockland families. In addition to securing critical investments for our communities, we also passed significant legislation - including 8 bills that I sponsored - that will make New York safer, stronger, and more affordable.

With Albany's work now complete for the year, I can focus on one thing: serving the people of Rockland County. I've spent the last few weeks meeting with local organizations, attending events throughout the district, and directly assisting constituents with issues and concerns. Staying accessible and responsive to the people I represent remains my top priority.

Once again, this year's state budget is a big win for Rockland County. We've increased foundation aid by two percent bringing record funding to our local schools. We've taken important steps in keeping our communities safe by establishing buffer zones around sensitive community facilities. And, we've made significant investments in infrastructure, healthcare, and public safety.

While I'm proud of what we've accomplished in Albany, there is always more work to be done. More than ever, I remain committed to fighting for Rockland County. As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office if I can be of assistance. My staff and I are here to serve you. It's an honor to represent you in the State Assembly.

*Sincerely,*

## Assemblyman Carroll Holding Utility Companies and Data Centers Accountable

There has been a proliferation of data centers across the country and throughout New York, including a cluster here in Rockland. These data centers consume significant amounts of energy, some use more energy than entire towns - contributing to skyrocketing utility rates.

That is why I introduced **A.9107**, a bill to require the Public Service Commission to have large energy use facilities - such as data centers - pay their fair share. While my bill didn't move this legislative session, the Assembly and the Senate passed an omnibus bill titled the Responsible Data Center Development Act (**A.11560**) that includes parts of my legislation. This bill would establish a one-year moratorium on large-scale data center development, create a separate utility service classification for data centers, and require additional analysis and reporting to ensure New York fully understands the impact of these facilities before further expansion.

The Responsible Data Center Development Act puts residential ratepayers, local communities, and labor first while pausing to comprehensively examine the impact data centers have on our neighborhoods and the environment. We're living through an AI and digital technological revolution; we must be thoughtful about how these facilities and technology are integrated into our communities. While Governor Hochul recently signed an executive order to hold data centers accountable, I encourage her to sign the Responsible Data Center Development Act into law as it is an even stronger measure to protect New Yorkers.

# Assemblyman Carroll Helps Secure Record Funding for Rockland Schools

For a second consecutive year, the state budget delivers historic investments in education funding driven by a two-percent increase in Foundation Aid. This critical funding will ensure our local school districts can meet rising costs while continuing to provide high quality programs, services, and opportunities that our students deserve.

We've also expanded funding for universal pre-kindergarten to make it truly universal, allowing all districts to offer access to pre-K programs in the coming years. Additionally, the budget increases the minimum reimbursement rate for pre-K students, a significant victory for Rockland County. These investments will help strengthen early childhood education, reduce costs for families, and give more children the opportunity to start their educational journeys earlier.

The budget also includes additional investment of hundreds of millions of dollars to maintain the universal school meal program that started this year. All students will continue to have access to free breakfast and lunch regardless of their household income. This program is already a major success and it's critical that it continues, ensuring students are provided healthy meals that support their success inside and outside the classroom.

|                | 2025-2026 Funding | 2026-2027 Funding | Increase Over 2025-2026 |
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| Clarkstown     | \$68,808,423      | \$70,573,042      | ▲ 2.86%                 |
| Nanuet         | \$24,735,033      | \$25,579,258      | ▲ 3.41%                 |
| North Rockland | \$139,860,654     | \$144,564,812     | ▲ 3.36%                 |
| Nyack          | \$25,221,155      | \$25,979,393      | ▲ 3.01%                 |
| East Ramapo    | \$192,525,955     | \$205,336,770     | ▲ 6.65%                 |



*Assemblyman Carroll attended the groundbreaking of 30 West, an affordable housing development in the Village of Haverstraw in June. He proudly helped secure a \$1 million state grant for the project which will turn a parking lot into 81 much needed affordable homes. He is pictured here with local elected officials and representatives from Westhab.*



*Assemblyman Carroll marched in the Rockland County Pride Parade in Nyack in June. He is pictured here talking to residents at the Pride Festival following the parade.*

# Legislative Update

Following up on the 2025 legislative session when I passed more legislation than any other first term Assembly Member, I'm proud that I passed an additional 8 bills during the 2026 legislative session.

Some of these bills include:

**A.8713** A bill to keep dating app users safe from scammers, catfishers, and fraudulent activity

**A.11349** A bill that authorizes the Town of Clarkstown to establish a community preservation fund for the purposes of preserving open space

**A.8344** Allows Rockland County to hire or appoint assistant county attorneys from surrounding counties.

I'm looking forward to the next legislative session in Albany where I plan to continue my focus on passing legislation to strengthen building codes and increase fire safety, protect our democracy and expand voting rights, improve public safety, and increase consumer protection.



*Assemblyman Carroll spent Memorial Day Weekend attending several ceremonies and parades throughout Rockland County recognizing the Rocklanders who gave their lives serving our nation. He is pictured here at the Clarkstown Memorial Day Ceremony with Nyack Mayor Joe Rand; County Legislator Aney Paul; and Clarkstown Superintendent of Highways Bob Milone.*

## Assemblyman Carroll Keeping Rockland Safe for All

One of my priorities is ensuring that Rockland County and New York State remain safe for everyone. That is why in this year's state budget we have taken meaningful steps to protect sensitive community facilities, crack down on illegal ghost guns and do-it-yourself machine guns, and ensure that federal immigration enforcement operates within the law, preventing them from terrorizing our communities while respecting the rights of all New Yorkers.

Houses of worship, childcare centers, schools, and community centers are vital community facilities where everyone should feel safe. The budget establishes a 50-foot protective buffer zone around these facilities so New Yorkers can access these locations without fear of harassment, intimidation, or violence. I fully respect every New Yorker's right to free speech and peaceful protests; but those rights must be balanced with the rights to safely enter and use these facilities.

The budget also strengthens our gun-safety laws by banning the manufacture of illegal ghost guns, prohibiting do-it-yourself machine guns, and preventing the use of 3D printing technology to produce unlawful firearms and gun parts. These measures close dangerous loopholes that have allowed untraceable weapons to proliferate in our communities and end up in the wrong hands.

ICE has been unlawfully and inhumanely terrorizing our neighborhoods, and they even purchased multiple properties nearby in the Hudson Valley. Our community has been loud and clear: we are unified against these actions and we will not stand for them. My colleagues and I have heard you which is why we have banned formal agreements between ICE and local law enforcement, prohibited ICE agents from wearing masks, and protected sensitive community facilities such as schools, polling places, and houses of worship from ICE enforcement without a judicial warrant. Everyone in Rockland County and throughout New York deserves to feel safe.

Together, these actions represent a common sense approach to public safety while protecting constitutional rights, safeguarding vulnerable community spaces, and reducing gun violence. This will restore calm in our communities and strengthen public trust while preserving the rule of law.



*The Supreme Court recently ruled that the federal government can continue with the termination of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitian and Syrian refugees. Rockland County is home to the second largest Haitian diaspora per capita in the United States. Assemblyman Carroll joined community leaders and elected officials at Konbit Neg Lakay in Spring Valley to call for the continuation of TPS protections for our neighbors.*



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## Assemblyman Carroll Supporting Our Local Non-Profit Organizations

Our local non-profit and community based organizations keep Rockland County running. I'm proud that I was able to bring back hundreds of thousands of dollars in state funding to support their incredible work. This funding will assist with the operations of local food pantries, provide recreational programs and summer camps for our children, expand before-school and after-school affordable child care programs, provide civil legal services for those in need, day programs for the disability community, veterans services, and much more.