



A report to the 25th Assembly District from
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CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



March is Women's History Month! I was honored earlier this month to deliver the keynote speech at Elect Her, an event encouraging young women to run for elected office. One of my favorite parts of being a legislator is having the opportunity to meet and speak with fabulous young women who want to run for anything from Class President to President of the United States! When we encourage women to participate in the policy making process, we open the door for a new generation of strong leaders.

INCREASING THE MINIMUM WAGE

This month the Assembly passed a bill to increase the minimum wage in New York. With this new legislation, the minimum wage would increase to \$9.00 per hour starting in January 2014 and index the minimum wage to inflation beginning in 2015. This is an important victory for working families in Queens.

RALLYING FOR PAID SICK LEAVE

I joined Congresswomen Carolyn Maloney and Nydia Velazquez, State Senator Liz Krueger, Assemblywomen Aravella Simotas, Gabriela Rosa and Linda Rosenthal and Council Members Gale Brewer, Julissa Ferraras, Elizabeth Crowley and many women's organizations at City Hall to rally for paid sick leave. The working women and families of Queens deserve to have this bill voted on in the City Council.



PASSING AN ON-TIME BUDGET



I hosted a participatory budget breakfast with Senator Toby Stavisky and Assemblyman Ron Kim at the Flushing Town Hall to hear from community members and organizations. Dozens gathered to voice their concerns and engage in a productive dialogue on how the state budget would impact Eastern Queens, including local schools, community organizations, and other public services. With the increased demand for infrastructure upgrades and innovative programming to serve growing youth,

senior, and immigrant communities, many participants raised concerns about funding cuts to education, small businesses and social services. This forum provided an opportunity for our community to come together and think of creative ways we can advocate for local needs throughout this year's budget process.

MEETING WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS

On Asian Pacific American Advocacy Day, I met with Noilyn Abesamis-Mendoza (CACF), Suki Terada Poits (CACF), Ryan Natividad (CACF), Wen-Chun Hung (HSS), Marilla Li (CBWCHC), Jamal Alsarray (AAFSC), Heesoo Yeo (KCS) Ryan Natividad (CACF), and Wen-Chun Hung (HSS) in Albany. We need to ensure that the APA community receives its fair share of services to continue their great work in the community!



Stay in Touch!

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