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Legislative Accomplishments



Assemblymember Bichotte surrounded by her family after being sworn in by Mayor Bill deBlasio at Brooklyn College's Walt Whitman Theatre.



Constituents and well-wishers joined Assemblymember Bichotte on the first day of session.

New Beginnings

A new year brought a fresh start for New York's state government and the people of the 42nd Assembly District. Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte started her first term representing the district with her inauguration in January at Brooklyn College. Less than a month later, Assemblymember Carl Heastie became the first new Assembly Speaker in 21 years. With a new era dawning in Albany, Assembly Member Bichotte got to work right away for her constituents.



Assemblymember Bichotte with Speaker Heastie.

Legislative Achievements and Assignments

In addition to being named the Chair of the Oversight of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBEs) Subcommittee, Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte introduced several bills in the State Assembly, and sponsored dozens more.

The bills she introduced are:

- **A06999** — A bill to ensure that there is a process for determining whether the male or female candidates for a party position are listed first on a ballot and that the process is fair through random selection.
- **A06743** — A bill to protect children from sexual predators by extending the statute of limitations for childhood sexual abuse or exploitation.
- **A7580** - Authorizes state agencies to use discretionary purchasing authority for procurements from service-disabled veteran-owned businesses and MWBEs.
- **A7582** - In relation to deposits on plans and specifications for contracts for public works as it relates to MWBEs.
- **A7719** - An act to amend the urban development corporation act, in relation to allowing businesses to use funds received from the minority and women-owned business (MWBEs) development and lending program for the purpose of refinancing existing debt

Resolutions and Bills



Assemblymember Bichotte on the floor urging her colleagues to support Resolution K376. She is joined in the chamber by concerned representatives of both Dominican and Haitian organizations.

K376/Urging the United States Congress to adopt House of Representatives Resolution 443 - resolution to acknowledge the human rights violations committed against denationalized Dominicans of Haitian descent.

Of the numerous bills the Assemblymember sponsored or supported, highlights include:

- **A00424** — Relates to the creation of a bill of rights for family and guardians of people with developmental disabilities that reside in residences certified or approved by the office for people with developmental disabilities.
- **A01259** — Creates minority and women-owned business enterprise regional advocates.
- **A04311** — Enacts the New York state DREAM ACT by creating the New York DREAM fund commission.
- **A05098** — Makes tuition free for New York state residents at SUNY and CUNY schools and community colleges; requires community service and state residency and employment for a period of five years after completion of academic program.

Education Tax Credit for All

A noteworthy bill co-sponsored by the Assemblymember is the Education Tax Credit (A.6318). This legislation offers a tax credit that

will go toward tuition for private schools, as well as public school parents for nursery, tutoring and after-school programs. The ETC would give every parent up to \$500 or 12.5 percent of their tuition up to \$5000, as a tax refund per child – in addition to the \$1,000 refund that New York State currently offers parents.

A Budget Battle

After much tense negotiating, Assembly Member Bichotte joined Speaker Carl Heastie and her colleagues in the Assembly to pass the 2015-2016 State Budget. Thanks to Speaker Heastie's steadfast efforts against the Governor's misguided proposals, the budget was a hard-won compromise. Ultimately, the budget puts families first by restoring much-needed funding for our schools, making it possible for more students to achieve a college education and helping New York's struggling families.

Education was a particular point of controversy during budget negotiations. The Assembly fought hard for weeks to prevent the budget from becoming a weapon against public education and managed to blunt the worst of the damage. The Assembly took the teacher evaluation system away from the Governor and put it in the hands of the Board of Regents, a body entrusted to make education policy decisions. The Assembly was also able to secure a \$1.6 billion increase in education aid over last year, for a total of \$23 billion.

The Assemblymember holds the following committee assignments:

- **Chair, Subcommittee on Oversight of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises**
- Member, Committee on Banks
- Member, Committee on Economic Development, Job Creation, Commerce and Industry
- Member, Committee on Governmental Operations
- Member, Committee on Housing
- Member, Committee on Small Business
- Member, Committee on Social Services
- Member, Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislative Caucus
- Member, Women's Caucus



Local Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

Clergy Breakfast - Thursday, June 4 in partnership with Rabbi Ralbag of Israel of Avenue K and Pastor Gil Monroe of the 67th Precinct Clergy Council, at the Bridge Multicultural and Advocacy Project, 1894 Flatbush Avenue, 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Strengthen Tenant's Rights - Get on the bus to Albany, Tuesday, June 9th. Flatbush Tenants Coalition will be providing free transportation, breakfast, and lunch. Buses to Albany will leave at 6:30 a.m. from 1616 Newkirk Ave. (between E. 16th & E. 17th St.) RSVP to reserve your seat on the bus tel: 718.635.2623 or email: ftcoalition@gmail.com

Housing Resource Fair — Saturday June 13, in partnership with Neighborhood Housing Services, Brooklyn College Student Center, 2nd Floor, 2900 Campus Road, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Third Annual Senior Luncheon —

Thursday June 18, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 2017 Beverley Road, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

If you would like to attend any of these free events, or require more information, please contact the Assemblymember's office at 718-940-0428 or email derrickl@assembly.state.ny.us.

RECENT EVENTS

Haitian Unity Day — Monday, May 11, State Capitol, Room 711A, 12-2 p.m.

Haitian Flag Day Selabrayson — Sunday, May 17, in partnership with the Haitian Cultural Exchange, Ocean and Parkside Avenue.



Haitian Flag Day Awards Ceremony —

Monday, May 18, in partnership with Councilmember Jumaane D. Williams and Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon, 6-8:30 p.m.



Assemblymember Bichotte attends the firefighters open house at Ladder 157 on Rogers Avenue.



Assemblymember Bichotte along with CM Williams, CM Treyger, Brooklyn BP Eric Adams, and co-host Regine Roumain acknowledging the contributions of Commissioner Mitch Silver to the Haitian community.



Assemblymember Bichotte being honored at this year's COJO of Flatbush legislative breakfast with Mitch Shpelfogel and Rabbi Aryeh Ralbag.



Assemblymember Bichotte at Buffalo State College being honored with the Young Alumnus Achievement Award and delivering this year's commencement speech.



Assemblymember Bichotte walking with members of the Flatbush Tenant Coalition across the Brooklyn Bridge to Foley Square to demand stronger rent laws.

Rising to Challenges

Our communities were devastated this March by heartbreak when the Sassoon family lost seven children in a fire. Assemblymember Bichotte rushed to the scene to be there for her constituents and worked with the Fire Department of New York in the days afterward to distribute fire safety information to help prevent future fire-related tragedies. She is also proposing a resolution to memorialize the Sassoon family victims. The district's Haitian community also faced distressing news as word began to spread of ongoing harassment and abuse of Haitians in the Dominican Republic. The Assemblymember joined many of her colleagues in an Assembly Resolution to support the Haitians overseas.



Looking Ahead

It's been a busy few months, but Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte is just getting started and is in an even better position to fight for her constituents given that she has been appointed the Chair of the Subcommittee on Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprises. The Member will also be introducing legislation to strengthen both STEM and the MWBE process throughout the state.



Assemblymember Bichotte honored Chief Owen Monaghan who retired after nearly 35 years of service with the NYPD. His retirement will be short lived as he will be joining the MTA as its VP of Security.

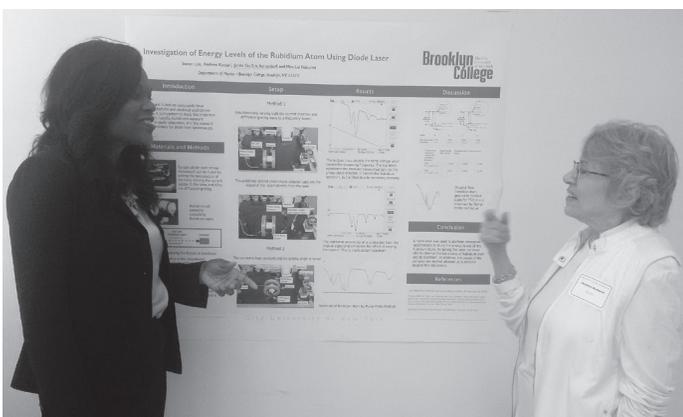


Assemblymember Bichotte along side Mayor de Blasio and FDNY Commissioner Nigro, announcing the devastating Midwood fire in which seven children of the Sassoon family perished.



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The First 100 Days



Assemblymember Bichotte asks questions of Florence Kempner about a poster presentation at the Brooklyn College Science Fair as she promotes STEM.



Assemblymember Bichotte as she addresses the audience at the Know Your Rights: Housing and Small Business Town Hall held at CRCG Ministries in partnership with Councilmember Jumaane D. Williams and Flatbush Tenant Coalition.