



**News from the Office of  
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*A Message from the Assemblywoman*

Dear Community Residents,

Thank you for supporting me as your Assemblywoman. For six months of the year, I work hard in Albany for your interests -- fighting tirelessly for housing, education, services for our seniors, and fair wages for our working families. I am proud of our achievements in Albany and want to share some of them with you.

I get my energy and my determination from my community. The six months that I spend at home in Bushwick and Williamsburg are my opportunity to rejuvenate by spending time with all of you at your events, in community meetings and in my office.

Please let me know if you have an event that you would like me to attend by calling Crystal De León in my office at 718-443-1205. I will do my best to be there.

If you have an issue or concern that I can help with, call or visit my office and speak with my dedicated staff. We work for you and I am proud of the work we do.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Assemblywoman Maritza Davila

*Un mensaje de la Asambleísta*

Estimados residentes de la comunidad:

Gracias por apoyarme como su Asambleísta. Durante seis meses del año, trabajo arduamente en Albany por sus intereses --luchando incansablemente por la vivienda, la educación, los servicios para nuestros adultos mayores y por salarios justos para nuestras familias trabajadoras. Estoy orgullosa de nuestros logros en Albany y quiero compartir algunos de ellos con ustedes.

Obtengo mi energía y determinación de mi comunidad. Los seis meses que paso en mi hogar en Bushwick y en Williamsburg son mi oportunidad para rejuvenecer al disfrutar tiempo con todos ustedes en sus eventos, reuniones comunitarias y en mi oficina.

Por favor, déjenme saber si tienen algún evento al que quisieran que yo vaya llamando a Crystal De León en mi oficina al 718-443-1205; haré todo lo posible para estar ahí.

Si tienen algún asunto o preocupación en el que pueda ayudarlos, llamen o visiten mi oficina y hablen con mi dedicado equipo de trabajo. Trabajamos para ustedes y estoy orgullosa de la labor que hacemos.

Deseo verlos pronto,

Asambleísta Maritza Dávila

**CONSTITUENT SERVICES CORNER  
Esquina de servicios al constituyente**

If you live in the 53rd Assembly District, my team of dedicated workers is here to help you with and refer you to organizations that can help with

- Section 8 recertification
- SCRIE and DRIE application
- Senior Housing
- Affordable Housing Applications
- Housing Repairs
- Fighting Harassment and Eviction
- Advocacy for the Homeless
- NYCHA repairs, applications and complaints
- Rent arrears and Disputes
- Utilities and one-shot deals
- SNAP Benefits
- SSI and public assistance
- Medicaid and Medicare Assistance
- Social Security and Pension Benefit
- Employment and Training Services
- School Enrollment and Education Issues
- NYC ID
- NYS Dept. of Motor Vehicles
- MTA Reduced Fare for the Elderly and Disabled
- Streets and sidewalk complaints

**Our Office is open on a walk-in basis  
Monday - Thursday 9:30 am to 3:00 p.m. or call Paula Melendez at 718-443-1205  
to make an appointment.**

## ASSEMBLYWOMAN MARITZA DAVILA IS

La asambleísta Maritza Dávila está

**Winning the fight for \$15. Ganando la lucha por los \$15.**



After years of struggle in the fight for worker's rights Assemblywoman Maritza Davila joined her Assembly Colleagues in approving a \$15 minimum wage for workers in New York City by 2018.

Check the chart below to find out what your employer should be paying you.

**Questions?** Call the New York State Department of Labor at 888-469-7365 or call our office at 718-443-1205.

	12/31/16	12/31/17	12/31/18	12/31/19
NYC - Big Employers (of 11 or more)	\$11.00	\$13.00	\$15.00	
NYC - Small Employers (10 or less)	\$10.50	\$12.00	\$13.50	\$15.00

## GIVING US PAID LEAVE TO CARE FOR OUR FAMILIES

Otorgándonos la Licencia Familiar con Pago para cuidar a nuestras familias

This year Assemblywoman Maritza Davila and the New York State Assembly confirmed their commitment to caring for working families by mandating paid leave for workers who need time off to care for sick loved ones or welcome a new family member.

Starting in 2018 employees will be eligible for 12 weeks of paid family leave when caring for an infant, a family member with a serious health condition or to relieve family pressures when someone is called to active military service.

**Want to know more?**  
Call our office at 718-443-1205.

Assemblywoman Maritza Davila rallies for Paid Family Leave with colleagues in the Assembly and State Senate.



## CHAMPIONING CAUSES FOR MINORITY WOMEN IN ALBANY

Defendiendo las causas de las mujeres minorías en Albany



Assemblywoman Davila co-chairs a meeting of the Women of Color Subcommittee.

In 2016, Assemblywoman Maritza Davila co-founded a subcommittee of the Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian Legislative caucus for and about minority women. With 22 members in the State Legislature, minority women united can make a big difference in Albany.

On issues ranging from Childcare to Education from Heroin and Opioid Abuse to Criminal Justice Reform, the Women of Color Subcommittee represents the voice and the unique challenges and strengths of our mothers, daughters, wives and sisters.

Do you have ideas or issues for the Subcommittee? Reach out to Co-Chair Assemblywoman Davila at 718-443-1205.

## IMPROVING CONDITIONS FOR NYCHA RESIDENTS Mejorando las condiciones para los residentes de la NYCHA

Assemblywoman Maritza Davila is not only a fierce advocate for Public Housing in Albany, she brings resources to put her words into action. In her two terms in office, Assemblywoman Maritza Davila has set a new trend at the state level in targeting capital dollars to support and improve the distressed infrastructure of NYCHA buildings.

**2014:** \$500,000 to improve boilers at **Hope Gardens**

\$125,000 to upgrade Senior Centers at **Hope Gardens** and **Borinquen Plaza**

**2015:** \$2.5 million to upgrade the heating systems, elevators, TA room and Community Center at **Bushwick Houses**

\$250,000 to improve the grounds of **Borinquen Plaza**

**2016:** Stay tuned for this year's allocations for **Williamsburg Houses, Hylan Houses** and **Borinquen Plaza**.



Assemblywoman Maritza Davila joins Bushwick and Hylan Houses residents at the Annual Mother's Day event in the Community Center at 50 Humboldt Street.

## SUPPORTING OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS Apoyando a nuestras escuelas públicas



**Assemblywoman Maritza Davila** is a strong ally for the public schools in her district. Whether supporting our teachers or ensuring education for our children, Assemblywoman Davila is a voice you can count on in Albany.

As our public schools struggle to find the funds for programming and materials, Assemblywoman Davila made a commitment to fund capital needs in a big way in 2016 by allocating:

**\$500,000** to upgrade the auditorium at **PS 376**

**\$250,000** to upgrade the gymnasium at **IS 162**

**\$125,000** to renovate the floors throughout at **PS 145**

**\$125,000** to improve programming space in **Progress High School**

Assemblywoman Maritza Davila announces \$500 K in funding for the auditorium at PS 376 with Principal Vera, Parent Coordinator Ms. Rivera, and Music Teacher Mr. Burgos.

## INVESTING IN OUR NONPROFITS Invirtiendo en nuestras organizaciones sin fines de lucro

Community Based Organizations are the backbone of a strong community. They help us raise our children and care for our grandparents. Assemblywoman Maritza Davila supports all the many wonderful organizations in her district. This year, Assemblywoman Davila singled out one very special nonprofit to receive capital funding.

El Puente Bushwick Leadership Center has brought arts, music, dance and cultural programming to Bushwick youth for decades. A small but talented staff operates from a distressed building near the Hope Gardens NYCHA Development. We are proud to announce the allocation of \$250,000 to renovate that space into a bright and modern beacon of leadership for Bushwick youth. Assemblywoman Davila looks forward to the hundreds of new leaders that El Puente Bushwick will help develop in the decades to come.



Assemblywoman Maritza Davila awards El Puente Bushwick Leadership Center with a Citation in recognition of their outstanding Dance Program.

## SUPPORTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING Apoyando la vivienda asequible



Assemblywoman Davila joins Deputy Borough President Diana Reyna and St. Nick's Alliance Executive Director Michael Rochford for groundbreaking on a new affordable housing development in Williamsburg.

We all know that rent is high and getting higher, that is why Assemblywoman Davila is a staunch advocate for preserving and building housing that is truly affordable to the residents that have made Williamsburg and Bushwick vibrant through their decades of leadership.

### Here are a few things you should know:

- The rent increases for rent-stabilized leases beginning October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 are: 0% for a one-year lease and 2% for a two-year lease

- You can access and apply for affordable housing lotteries online at [www.nyc.gov/housingconnect](http://www.nyc.gov/housingconnect)
- **TENANTS HAVE RIGHTS!** If your landlord is harassing you, has said you have to leave, refuses to make repairs, or has served you with court papers don't panic, seek help immediately.

For more information, call or visit the Office of Assemblywoman Maritza Davila at 718-443-1205

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