



# ASSEMBLY MEMBER LATOYA JOYNER

## 77<sup>TH</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

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## Assemblywoman Joyner Supports District 77 Families in 2016-2017 State Budget

In the 2016-17 State Budget, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx, 77th AD) advocated for District 77 families by investing in education, installing a \$15 minimum wage, instituting paid family leave and protecting public health – all measures that can help lift families down on their luck and offer future opportunity for all Bronxites.

### \$15 minimum wage

The minimum wage will increase to \$11 at the end of 2016, followed by \$2 increases each year after, reaching \$15 an hour on Dec. 31, 2018.

### Putting families first with paid family leave

The budget includes a paid family leave provision that, when fully phased in, will afford employees 12 weeks of paid leave per year to care for a new child or family member in need.

### Protecting public health

The budget restores critical funding for public health programs and provides funding for health care infrastructure programs. In addition, the budget provides important Medicaid funding, including funding to offset the costs of medications and long-term care.

### Supporting education and our youth

- Increases for education aid by \$1.47 billion – or 6.3 percent – for a total of \$24.7 billion, and allocates \$175 million to transform struggling and high-needs schools into community schools, which provide a number of crucial services to families.
- Provides \$20 million to implement the My Brother's Keeper initiative, previously established by President Obama that will address the enduring opportunity gaps faced by young boys and men of color.
- Strengthening NY's higher education system by freezing tuition for CUNY and SUNY students, and provides a 20 percent increase over last year, for a total of \$23.8 million, for higher educational opportunity programs.

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### LATOYA'S LINE

#### Statement of Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner on \$15 Minimum Wage:

"The current minimum wage handcuffs so many families that work full-time from escaping the grips of poverty. An increase to a \$15 minimum wage – a more sustainable and liveable income – will put more money in the pockets of New Yorkers and Bronxites."

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### District Office - Constituent Service Hours

**When:** Monday - Thursday (10 AM-6 PM), Friday (10 AM-5 PM) **Where:** 910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK (btwn E. 162 & 163 Streets)

Assemblywoman Joyner Holds 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Women's History Month Wellness Celebration



BRONX, N.Y. – Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx, 77<sup>th</sup> AD) held a celebration of Women's History Month, where she honored local community leaders and women that have truly made a difference. The Wellness Celebration included free Zumba, massages, meditation and yoga.

Honorees included Musu Drammeh, the founder and current president of Bronx non-profit organization called Cultural African Preservation (CAP), and Dr. Yvette Calderon, of North Bronx Healthcare Network. Dr. Marcia Brown, Health & Human Services Committee Chair for Bronx Community Board 5, accepted Dr. Calderon's award on her behalf, as she was unable to attend the Wellness Celebration.

Also, students that participated in her Women of Distinction Art Contest were honored for their great work, which included poems and drawings depicting women that they admire. Submissions were received from P.S. 53, Highbridge Green School, P.S. 311 Lucero Elementary School and the Metropolitan Lighthouse Charter School.

**"Little girls with dreams become women of vision," said Assemblywoman Joyner, addressing the crowd of attendees at P.S. 73.**





## State Budget Supports Families with Paid Family Leave, Child Care

ALBANY, N.Y. – Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx, 77<sup>th</sup> AD), and her colleagues supported efforts to assist families that need help. Through a new Paid Family Leave Policy for the state, and new investments in child care and middle-class tax cuts, the State 2016-17 Budget lends a helping hand to families.



The budget includes a paid family leave provision that, when fully phased in, will afford employees 12 weeks of paid leave per year to care for a new child or family member in need. The measure will be funded through a small weekly employee contribution and offer up to two-thirds of an employee's salary during their absence, not to exceed two-thirds of the statewide average weekly wage. The policy will be implemented at a gradual rate, and workers will be eligible for the program after six months of employment.

The budget includes \$24.9 million for various child care opportunities. It allocates \$10.6 million for facilitated enrollment, which provides 12 months of child care subsidies for working and middle-income families who meet employment and income requirements. The facilitated enrollment allotment includes \$6.2 million for New York City and restores \$2.6 million for upstate communities.

The final budget contains additional programs that further benefit children across New York State:

- \$5 million for Advantage Afterschool, which offers extracurricular activities for students in a positive environment;
- \$3 million for Safe Harbour, which provides support for sexually exploited youth;
- \$3 million for Kinship Care with \$100,000 allocated for Kinship Navigator, a support-system for non-parent child caregivers;
- \$2.5 million for Settlement Houses, which support community needs through programs that include extracurricular activities and vocational programs;
- \$2 million for QUALITYstarsNY, which works to build a sustainable and high-quality child care system throughout New York State; and
- \$1.7 million for the Youth Development Program, an initiative that offers training in important life skills and promotes community involvement.
- It also restores \$902,000 in funding to CUNY child care centers.
- In order to provide additional assistance to working and middle-income families, the budget will cut personal income taxes by \$270 million in 2018 compared to 2017 tax rates.

## New York State Budget Invests in Education, Future Development

The SFY 2016-17 Budget also includes increases for education aid by \$1.47 billion – or 6.3 percent – for a total of \$24.7 billion; and allocates \$175 million to transform struggling and high-needs schools into community schools, which provide a number of crucial services to students and their families. These services include mentoring, health care, summer programs and job training.

Also, \$20 million will be promised to implement the My Brother's Keeper initiative in the state. Previously established by President Obama, the program will address opportunity gaps faced by young boys and men of color.

For higher education, the State Budget guarantees a tuition freeze for all SUNY and CUNY students – including an additional \$18 million in operating funds for SUNY and \$12 million in operating funds at CUNY schools; it also restores \$902,000 in funding to CUNY child care centers.

The 2016-17 state budget invests in New York's public college system and makes higher education more accessible and affordable for all by providing a 20 percent over last year, for a total of \$23.8 million, for higher educational opportunity programs.

Other education-related investments include:

- \$1.5 million for the NYC Community Learning Schools Initiative, which works to provide vital services to public school students and their families; and
- \$1 million increase in bilingual education services funding, for a total of \$15.5 million; and
- \$1.5 million in restorations for the Consortium for Worker Education (CWE), for a total of \$13 million, to provide career training and job placement services; and
- \$1 million in additional funding for adult literacy education, for a total of \$7.2 million; and
- Recognizing the importance and lasting benefit of early childhood education, the budget provides \$807 million for continued implementation and development of the statewide universal pre-kindergarten program.

### JOYNER SUPPORTS SENIORS

## Assemblywoman Joyner: State Budget Supports Seniors

BRONX, N.Y. – BRONX, N.Y. – Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx, 77th AD) announced the introduction of the New York State 2016-2017 Budget that will support the senior community. In the SFY 2016-2017 budget, New York's aging population most pressing needs were addressed thanks to funding for services and programming such as the **Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC)** and **Neighborhood Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NNORC)** initiatives.

"Seniors are an integral part of my district, which includes the communities of Claremont, Concourse, Highbridge, Mount Eden and Morris Heights sections of The Bronx," said Assemblywoman Joyner. "This budget proposal will ensure that our seniors stay in the community and in their homes. Our seniors are now living longer and we must ensure that they maintain their quality of life and dignity as members of our community."

In the 2016-2017 State Budget, **\$951,000 in funding** is restored for NORC and NNORC programs, as well as an **additional \$700,000** being allocated to these programs to make sure that seniors remain in their homes by offering support services such as health monitoring, case management and social activities. The State Budget also includes:

- **\$1 million in additional funding to support Community Services for the Elderly; and**
- **\$86,000 to restore support for the New York Foundation for Senior Citizens Home Sharing and Respite Care program; and**
- **\$31,500 to restore support for the New York Statewide Senior Action Council, Inc. for the patients' rights hotline and advocacy project to help low-income and minority seniors.**

The New York State Assembly's state budget proposal previously supported the senior community. In addition to the proposed \$951,000 allocation to be directed to NORC and NNORC, an additional \$2 million will be granted towards strengthening and preserving the quality of life for all seniors; this includes support services that would help New Yorkers maintain their independence throughout their lives. As a member of the Assembly Committee on Aging, Assemblywoman Joyner supported this budget proposal.



Assemblywoman Joyner Empowers Seniors Financially with Educational Forum

BRONX, N.Y.– Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx, 77th AD) held a Financial Empowerment Forum at Mid-Bronx Senior Citizens Council’s Concourse Plaza Wellness Center.

Financial counselors from Phipps Neighborhoods, through the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs’ Financial Empowerment Center, offered a free workshop to seniors that include financial tips, tools and education around ways to address identity theft, and best practices surrounding banking.





## NYC Parks Rehabs Medians Along Grand Concourse



BRONX, N.Y. — Listening to your needs and concerns, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx, 77th AD) has advocated for your quality of life issues, specifically concerning the safety and appearance of the Grand Concourse. New York City Department of Parks & Recreation, and Bronx Borough Commissioner Iris Rodriguez-Rosa were in District 77 this past March to rehab medians along the Grand Concourse.

## Bronx Officials Hold Immigration Assistance Services for Community

Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner and Senator José M. Serrano held Free Immigration Services/Joint-Constituent Service Hours in her Community Office at 910 Grand Concourse.

The Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs and IDNYC were on hand to assist the community with any immigration issues or concerns.



## Student Youth Employment Program Now Accepting Applications!

The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) provides New York City youth between the ages of 14 and 24 with paid summer employment for up to six weeks in July and August.

The NYC Department of Youth & Community Development is now accepting applications.

The deadline to submit applications is April 15 .See more information below:



# Summer Youth Employment Program

**ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS NOW!**

Looking for paid summer employment?  
Apply to SYEP and gain valuable work experience this summer.

Apply at <https://application.nycsyep.com>  
or call 1.800.246.4646

**NYC**  
Department of  
Youth & Community  
Development

- **ASSEMBLYWOMAN OFFERS FREE TENANT SUPPORT SERVICES**

**Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner** is proud to announce a partnership with **New York City's Tenant Support Unit**. Tenant Support Specialists are available **every 1<sup>ST</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM**, and can help provide support to tenants that may be experiencing housing related issues such as:

- Harassment
- Overcharges
- Purposeful denial of essential services
- Possible eviction

**You can make an appointment by calling Assemblywoman Joyner's Office at 718-538-2000.**

- **ASSEMBLYWOMAN OFFERS FREE HOUSING LEGAL SERVICES**

In partnership with the **Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs**, legal professionals will be on hand to assist your housing concerns **every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, from 3:00 PM-6:00 PM**.

**To make an appointment, please contact the Assemblywoman's Community Office at 718-538-2000.**

- **BRONX OFFICIALS OFFER NEW PARENT RESOURCE FAIR**

**Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner, Assembly Member Victor M. Pichardo and State Senator Gustavo Rivera** host a **New Parent Resource Fair** at Union Community Health Center, which is located at 260 E. 188<sup>th</sup> Street Bronx, NY 10458. There will be workshops and resources for new parents and guardians – including breastfeeding, nutrition, public benefits, early education, pre-and post-natal care, mental wellness. It will take place on Saturday, April 30 from 1:00 PM-3:00 PM.

**You can register by emailing [RSVPsenatorRivera@gmail.com](mailto:RSVPsenatorRivera@gmail.com).**

- **BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT RUBEN DIAZ, JR'S INFORMATIONAL PANEL PRESENTATION ON "SUCCESSFULLY APPLYING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING"**

Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. invites you to plan an informational panel presentation "Successfully Applying for Affordable Housing" on Wednesday, April 13 from 6 PM-8:30 PM at the Bronx Museum of the Arts (1040 Grand Concourse - at East 165<sup>th</sup> Street, Bronx NY).

**For more information, please contact [molivero@bronxbp.nyc.gov](mailto:molivero@bronxbp.nyc.gov).**

- **ASSEMBLYWOMAN LATOYA JOYNER OFFERS FREE NUTRITIONAL WORKSHOPS**

**Assemblywoman Joyner & Morris Heights Health Center** offer **FREE NUTRITIONAL WORKSHOPS**. On April 15, from 12 PM-2:30 PM, nutritionists will be on hand at **Forever Young Social Adult Day Care** (55 East 175<sup>th</sup> Street, Bronx NY 10453).

**To make an appointment, please contact the Assemblywoman's Community Office at 718-538-2000.**

- **ASSEMBLYWOMAN LATOYA JOYNER OFFERS FREE DENTAL SCREENINGS**

**Assemblywoman Joyner & St. Barnabas Health Systems Dental Department** offer **FREE DENTAL SCREENINGS** at various locations for the community.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday April 20<br/>from 11 AM-2 PM<br/>BronxWorks NORC - River<br/>Park Residences<br/>30 Richman Plaza,<br/>Bronx NY 10453</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday, April 21<br/>from 1 PM-3 PM<br/>PSS Highbridge Senior<br/>Center<br/>1181 Nelson Avenue, 2 Fl<br/>Bronx NY 10452</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday, April 26<br/>from 9:30 AM-12:30 PM<br/>Heights Neighborhood<br/>Senior Center<br/>200 W. Tremont Avenue,<br/>Bronx NY 10452</li> </ul> |
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