

Greetings --

I hope you are doing well, and wish a happy and healthy Rosh Hashanah to those who are celebrating.

Back to School

Last week New York City schools opened their doors for the first time for the 2023-2024 academic year and I hope things are off to a good start for students, teachers, and parents. I am proud that this year's New York State budget increased funding to pubic schools statewide by \$3 billion, for a total \$34 billion. Included in these funds is a record \$24 billion for Foundation Aid, an increase of \$2.6 billion. However, funding alone is not enough to make our schools great and I will continue to advocate for sound pedagogy and appropriate supports for all our students - especially when it comes to teaching literacy.

I was also happy to be at PS9's Back to School Barbecue last week with Principal Sha-Wonda Williams-Credle and PTO President Leah Vickers and I look forward to visiting schools throughout the district during the school year ahead.



Associated Press Story on my Flood Disclosure Bill

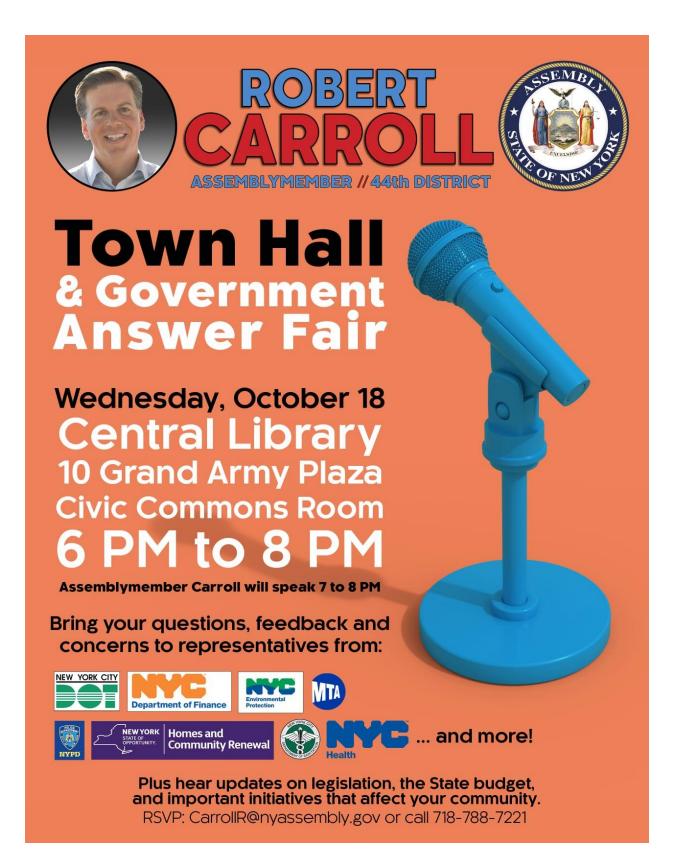
Yesterday the Associated Press ran a story in which I discussed my Flood Disclosure Bill ($\underline{A.1967}$), which requires disclosure of information concerning flood risk, flood history, and flood insurance on real property transactions.

As I told the Associated Press, "There's been a flood designated in every single county in New York in the last ten years. Lots of those floods have not been in floodplains and so this will make sure that buyers are afforded the knowledge that the seller has."

The bill currently awaits Governor Hochul's signature for approval. If you wish to support the legislation, you can call the Governor's office at (518) 474-8390. To read more about the bill and my thoughts on it, you can read the Associated Press article here.

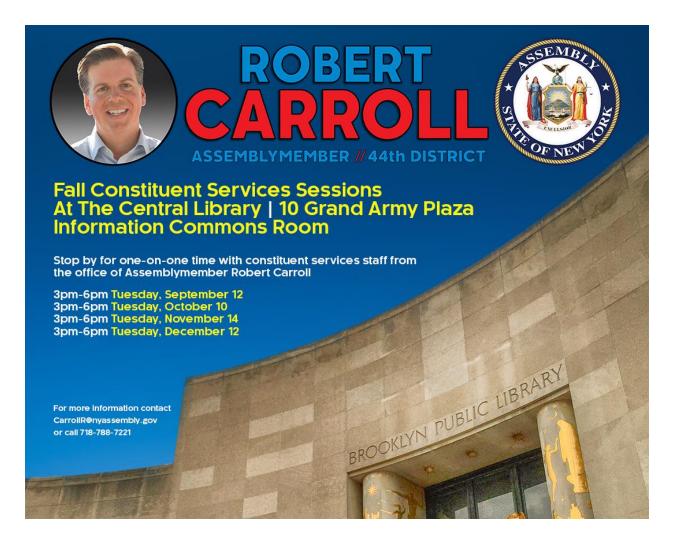
Town Hall & Answer Fair

Next month I will be holding a two-part Town Hall and Government Answer Fair at the Central Library at Grand Army Plaza. The first half of the event will give you an opportunity to ask questions to representatives from a variety of government agencies. I will speak and answer questions in the final hour. Contact my office to RSVP to this event. I hope to see you there.



Central Library Fall Constituent Services Sessions

My staff and I were happy to meet with many of you to discuss your questions and concerns at our satellite constituent service sessions on September 12th. Our next session will be held in the same place at the Central Library at Grand Army Plaza next month. My district office on 7th Avenue is also open year round for in-person and over-the-phone constituent service meetings. Call or email my office for any questions regarding these upcoming Constituent Services Sessions.



If you have any concerns about these or any other legislative or community matter please email me at carrollr@nyassembly.gov or call (718) 788-7221.

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