

Assemblyman William Colton

**PROTECTING US
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Winter 2015

Colton Sets Up Neighborhood Watch to Protect Against City Worksite Violations in Continued Fight Against Garbage Station



Assemblyman Colton shown here with Council Member Mark Treyger and Anti-Waste Task Force Co-Chairs Nancy Tong and Charles Ragusa. They have continued the fight to protect against the dangers from the City's building the Southwest Brooklyn Garbage Station on Bay 41 Street and Shore Parkway Service Road.

PETITIONS DELIVERED TO CITY HALL



Assemblyman Colton, together with Councilman Mark Treyger and the Anti-Waste Force Co-Chairs Charles Ragusa and Nancy Tong, gathered thousands of petition signatures and letters against the building of the Garbage Station. They hand-delivered these petitions and letters to City Hall.

COLTON SETS UP NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



Assemblyman Colton has set up an Anti-Waste Task Force, Co-Chaired by Charles Ragusa and Nancy Tong, to document and expose the dangerous actions by the City on the construction site. Colton recruited Neighborhood Watch volunteers to photograph the unsafe conditions at the site.

PRESENCE OF CONTAMINANTS ON SITE CONFIRMED

An EPA on-site inspection on August 21 has now confirmed much of what the neighborhood watch volunteers exposed. In addition, the City Department of Sanitation has now admitted that there are lead contaminants in a portion of the land, as well as in the water bottom, and we are continuing to demand that all work should be stopped until the community has the opportunity to be informed of what is being done to protect against these contaminants.

COMPLAINT FILED WITH U.S. EPA

Colton and 46th A.D. Assemblywoman Pamela Harris, together with Councilmembers Mark Treyger and David Greenfield, State Senator Diane Savino and Congressman Daniel Donovan, and the anti Waste Task Force Co-Chairs Charles Ragusa and Nancy Tong, directly reached out to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to investigate the dangerous conditions exposed by the photographs taken by the Neighborhood Watch volunteers. These dangerous actions include soil and debris getting into the waters because of the failure to install protective barriers around the site, dust blowing from the site, large ponds of storm waters extending onto the neighboring properties, and contaminated dredged materials being spilled into our waters.

Colton Brings Dramatic New Clean Up Services to Our Neighborhood

ADDITIONAL STREET SWEEPING BROUGHT TO NEIGHBORHOOD



Assemblyman Colton and Council Member Mark Treyger, together with 46 A.D. Assemblywoman Pamela Harris, announcing the dramatic additional street sweeping they are bringing to 86 Street, Avenue U, 18 Avenue, and Mermaid Avenue.

For years, Assemblyman Colton has been working to resolve the serious problem of making our neighborhood cleaner. Assemblyman Colton and Council Member Mark Treyger are working together to bring the cleaning services of The DOE Fund and Wildcat Service Corporation to the neighborhood. These non-profit organizations provide workers who will manually sweep streets such as 86 Street, Avenue U, and 18 Avenue, three to four times a week.

Assemblyman Colton will continue to work for dramatic improvements in keeping our neighborhood clean.

COLTON'S SPEAK UP AND CLEAN UP CAMPAIGNS CONTINUE



Photo showing one of COLTON'S recent famous CLEAN UPS which attract hundreds of neighborhood youths to clean up our streets.

These new street sweeping services are in addition to Colton's Speak Up and Clean Up campaigns where Assemblyman Colton has been motivating hundreds of high school volunteers to clean up some of our dirtiest streets. These young volunteers not only pick up garbage but also educate family, friends, and neighbors of the need to keep our streets clean.

COLTON FIGHTING FOR OUR VETERANS



Assemblyman William Colton believes we must always foster respect and appreciation for our Veterans. Shown in the photo taken this November at the annual meeting which the Assemblyman sponsors, together with Councilmember Mark Treyger and community leaders Nancy Tong and Charles Ragusa, are veterans who were awarded U.S. flag lapels and Assembly and NYC Council Citations.

Colton Fighting For Our Schools



Assemblyman William Colton fights tirelessly every year to improve our school system so that the students get access to quality, affordable education. Over the last year, he secured a budget increase of \$1.6 billion in education. He also fought to continue the full-day Universal Pre-K program and secured a budget \$600 million over 2 years to fund it. He helped pass the Assembly's Families First agenda that provides access to quality child care while allowing parents to work. Another important piece of legislation that Assemblyman Colton fought for focuses on improvements of state education guidelines, such as teacher evaluation and teacher professional development, as well as limiting high-stakes testing and ensuring that local input from parents is heard. He also led fight to pass the Smart Schools Initiative, a \$2 billion bond to construct new pre-K classrooms. Assemblyman Colton recognizes the importance of a safe and supportive environment for college students. This year, he sponsored legislation requiring all NY colleges to implement uniform policies and procedures regarding sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, and activity that may otherwise violate codes of conduct.



Assemblyman Colton is shown presenting a NYS Assembly Citation to P.O. Albert Mammon for his heroic actions rescuing a drowning youth even though he was off duty on a beach.



Assemblyman William Colton and Community Leader Nancy Tong with group of young volunteers marching in the Columbus Day Parade along 18th Avenue. Assemblyman Colton believes it is important to promote all of our neighborhood cultural traditions.



Assemblyman William Colton with Governor Andrew Cuomo and former Vice President Albert Gore at signing of the Governor's Executive Order making New York State a leader in environmental policies to protect our environment. Assemblyman Colton has long been a strong advocate for protecting our environment and is a member of the Assembly Environmental Conservation Committee.

Colton Distributes Blue Ribbons to Show Support for the NYPD

WE ALL NEED TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR NYPD

Brooklyn Assemblyman William Colton announced he is making blue ribbons available in his office at 155 Kings Highway, Brooklyn (between West 12th and West 13th), in wake of the most recent tragedy involving the killing of Detective Randolph Holder.

COLTON CALLS ON CITY LEADERS TO SUPPORT POLICE

Colton said, "After the killing of four police officers within 11 months, city leaders must step up and work together to create stronger policies to make sure guns are taken off the streets and away from criminals. Placing unreasonable restrictions on professional police actions such as 'Stop and Frisk,' just makes the criminals more brazen while displaying their disregard for police authority."

LET'S WEAR BLUE RIBBONS TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT

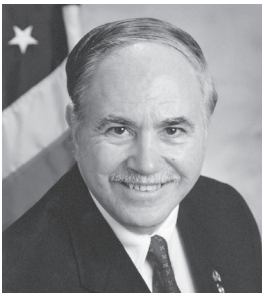
Colton is calling for people in the community to wear blue ribbons as a sign of gratitude and support for our police. He wants to ensure police appreciation is emphasized, saying "Our officers put their lives at risk every day in order to protect the community and to keep our great city safe. We must show our support and thankfulness for them."

BLUE RIBBONS AVAILABLE AT COLTON'S OFFICE

For more information on obtaining the blue ribbons, Colton urges the community to contact Nancy Tong at his office at 718-236-1598. As an alternative, persons can also show their support for our police by making a homemade ribbon simply with a safety pin and a blue ribbon.



Assemblyman William Colton and Nancy Tong, with the mother of Detective Wenjian Liu, at the street renaming in memory of the fallen officer.



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**MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY HANUKKAH! HAPPY KWANZAA!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

COLTON'S COMMUNITY OFFICE SERVING YOU

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Monday-Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday Noon to 8:00 p.m.
Friday 10:00 a.m. to Noon

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