

# ASSEMBLYMAN WILLIAM COLTON

COLTON FIGHTING FOR OUR QUALITY OF LIFE



## ASSEMBLYMAN COLTON: A STRONG ADVOCATE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION

*Assemblyman Colton has a long record fighting for quality education for our children. For years he led the fight, which this year succeeded in getting the state budget to repay monies it shortchanged high needs districts like NYC.*



### COLTON DEMANDING ALL CHILDREN'S INDIVIDUAL NEEDS BE MET

Assemblyman Colton demands that the Department of Education must develop quality programs to meet the needs of all individual students. For Special Ed students, DOE must start implementing their Individualized Educational Plans (IEP); for children underperforming, top quality remedial programs must be provided; and for arts talented children, there must be top quality programs in music and arts, etc.

### COLTON FIGHTING TO SAVE GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAMS

Colton succeeded in thwarting attempts to eliminate the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT) for the last 4 years, maintaining the high academic standards in NYC's Specialized High Schools. Colton has introduced legislation to require the Department of Education to expand Gifted and Talented programs to every school district.



*Assemblyman Colton visiting neighborhood merchants with neighborhood community police officers and Dr. Law and Angel Wu of C.A.S.S.*



### ASSEMBLYMAN COLTON CO-SPONSORED BILL TO STOP LOUD AND EXCESSIVE EXHAUST POLLUTION

Assemblyman Colton, along with both houses of the State legislature, passed bill A471, sponsored in the Assembly by Assembly Member Magnarelli and co-sponsored by Assembly Member Colton, which was signed into law by Governor Kathy Hochul. This bill increases enforcement against motorists and repair shops that illegally modify mufflers and exhaust systems to make them excessively noisy for motor vehicles and motorcycles.

# ASSEMBLYMAN COLTON ALERTS COMMUNITY TO SECOND PROPOSED HOMELESS SHELTER AT 137 KINGS HIGHWAY WHILE CONTINUING HIS STRONG BATTLE AGAINST A HOMELESS SHELTER AT 2147 BATH AVENUE

Assemblyman Colton first alerted the neighborhood to a city plan to build a homeless shelter at 2147 Bath Avenue about 8 months ago and since then he has mobilized community leaders and organizations in a strong fight to stop this plan.

Now Assemblyman Colton is alerting the community to a second threat by the city to build a homeless shelter at 137 Kings Highway.

Assemblyman Colton supports helping the homeless, however, building more temporary homeless shelters, at great cost to taxpayers, is not the answer. Residents are not being informed by the city, which has provided few specifics about its first proposed shelter, except that it will house 150 single males. The real solution, not only for homeless families but also for seniors, is more affordable housing.

There is even less information made known for the second proposed shelter at 137 Kings Highway on a site which once was an auto repair business and a laundromat with dry cleaning services.

Assemblyman Colton has always been a strong advocate for the neighborhood and this first proposed shelter at 2147 Bath Avenue violates the city zoning, and is being proposed in a residential setting with many schools, day care programs, and parks in the vicinity. The second site raises environmental concerns and is also within 4 schools and many residences, a park, a public library and an Adult Home Assisted Living Facility.

The community has the right to know whether these planned homeless shelters will follow building, environmental and zoning codes, and what specific services will be offered. Assemblyman Colton has made clear he will expose all concerns and issues with these two proposals so the community is informed and he will mount a united community mobilization to oppose anything that threatens neighborhood quality of life.



## COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND PROTESTS HELD

Assemblyman Colton has organized multiple protests and meetings to bring awareness and actions towards the shelter proposal. This shelter has gained media coverage from news outlets. He strongly urges constituents to send emails, make phone calls, and send letters to the Mayor's office, Building Department and Department of Homeless Services to fight together against these poorly thought out plans.

The office of Assemblyman Colton is demanding that the NYC Mayor and the Department of Homeless Services withdraw their proposals. The community will remain united in fighting against any plan which threatens its quality of life.

To get information on how you can express your support for any upcoming rallies or meetings against these proposed homeless shelters at 2147 Bath Avenue and/or at 137 Kings Highway, please return the tear-off on the bottom of this brochure to me, at my office at 155 Kings Highway, Brooklyn NY 11223.



## PEDESTRIANS AT RISK BY MOTORIZED BIKES ON SIDEWALKS

Many residents have felt threatened by E Bike riding on the sidewalks, and even mopeds. This is a serious safety threat to those walking on the sidewalks, including seniors and small children. NYC regulations do not permit bike riding on the sidewalk for anyone over 12 years old. It absolutely prohibits motorized bikes and mopeds from riding on the sidewalks.

Yet, frequently these rules are ignored and there is an increased number of complaints about mopeds and those over 12 years old riding on the sidewalks.

The Assemblyman intends to expose this growing problem and demands that regulations be passed to control such risks to the public.

## MY COMMUNITY OFFICE IS HERE TO HELP AND SERVE YOU

You can seek help by notifying the Community Office of Assemblyman Colton of any streets where flooding or clogged catch basins existed.

The office can also help advise you on filing reimbursement claims for residents, or low-cost loan applications for neighborhood businesses.

The Assemblyman has learned that some insurance companies are denying claims for sewer backups, for which policy holders

paid a higher premium, because these claims occurred during the Ida storm. Such greedy conduct by insurers further burdens hard-pressed homeowners and should not be tolerated. The Assemblyman is examining this problem to determine if protective legislation may be needed.

Meanwhile any homeowners who receive such denial of sewer backup claims should contact the Assemblyman's office at 155 Kings Highway.

## COLTON PARTICIPATING IN LOCAL FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS TO FAMILIES



## COLTON CELEBRATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT FINBAR: BENSONHURST'S OLDEST CATHOLIC PARISH



## COLTON CELEBRATED COLUMBUS DAY WITH HIS SUPERSTAR STAFF, FRIENDS AND VOLUNTEERS BY MARCHING IN FIAO'S BROOKLYN 18TH AVENUE PARADE



## COLTON ORGANIZED HALLOWEEN CANDY GIVEAWAYS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD TRICK OR TREATERS



Assemblyman Colton partnered with the Bath Beach Bensonhurst Gravesend Community Alliance and the Chinese American Social Service Center and handed out over 750 individual goodie bags at three sites. It was a joyful experience and great fun visiting all three locations with his wonderful staff and volunteers to greet and hand out goodies bags to trick or treaters.

**COLTON, ALONG WITH VOLUNTEERS AT ONE OF HIS MANY NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUPS. HE URGES THE COMMUNITY TO COME TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN.**



## ASSEMBLYMAN COLTON'S COMMUNITY OFFICE SERVES YOU

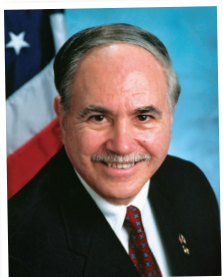
**155 Kings Highway (between West 12 and West 13 Streets)  
718-236-1598 • Email: coltonw@nyassembly.gov**

**Monday-Wednesday ..... 10 am to 4 pm**  
**Thursday ..... Noon to 8 pm**  
**Friday ..... 10 am to Noon**

**We will help you with:** Small Business Concerns + Housing Issues + STAR/E-STAR + SCRIE / DRIE + HEAP + HeartShare + Food Stamps + Health Insurance + State/City Agencies Problems + Quality of Life Issues, getting traffic safety measures, such as traffic lights, speed bumps, potholes and dangerous conditions fixed and much more.

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PLEASE FILL OUT BELOW AND RETURN TO **ASSEMBLYMAN COLTON at 155 Kings Highway Brooklyn, NY 11223.**  
PLEASE EXPRESS YOUR CONCERNS ON THE ISSUES LISTED BELOW:

**PLEASE CHECK ONE OR ALL BOXES**

- I am strongly opposed to opening a homeless shelter at 2147 Bath Avenue or at 137 Kings Highway because it will not help homeless people and will hurt neighborhood quality of life.
- I strongly believe action must be taken to stop and penalize those over 12 years old from riding bicycles and anyone from riding mopeds on sidewalks.
- I strongly believe the City government must make it a priority to clean corner catch basins and replace inadequate sewer pipes which cause neighborhood flooding.

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