# ASSEMBLYMAN WILLIAM COLTON

**COLTON FIGHTS FOR US AT HOME AND IN ALBANY** 

# COLTON SIGNALS VICTORY IN THE FIGHT TO STOP HOMELESS SHELTER AT 2147 BATH AVENUE WHILE FIGHT TO STOP 137 KINGS HIGHWAY SITE CONTINUES



### COLTON REPORTS NYC NO LONGER CONSIDERING 2147 SITE

City officials are now stating that the 2147 Bath Avenue site is no longer being considered for a homeless shelter. Assemblyman Colton is claiming victory for the stopping of the 2147 Bath Avenue site and vows to continue fighting to stop plans for building a homeless shelter at 137 Kings Highway.

### COLTON DECLARES WE MUST STOP REMAINING SITE

Assemblyman Colton had worked closely with organizations from the entire community to coordinate activities and plans to put a halt to the building of either of these temporary shelters and now he plans to lead the community to focus their fight against the remaining site at 137 Kings Highway.

Zoom meetings have been held in the past to discuss new developments and to make plans on the next steps.

The community, under the leadership of Assemblyman Colton, is prepared to take whatever actions are required, including commencing legal actions, to stop the building of these poorly planned temporary shelters.

### COLTON ALERTS THE COMMUNITY TO STOP HOMELESS SHELTERS

Under the past City Administration, two homeless shelters were proposed, one at 2147 Bath Avenue and the second at 137 Kings Highway. Immediately, Assemblyman Colton alerted the neighborhood and mobilized the community to fight to oppose both. The community is not against helping the homeless, but both these proposed shelters are money-making machines that will not help the homeless but will hurt the neighborhood. Further, the locations proposed for both sites are unacceptable in that both are near many schools, daycares, senior centers, parks, and even adult homes for persons unable to live independently.

### COLTON BRINGS COMMISSIONER JENKINS TO SEE SITES

At the invitation of Assemblyman Colton and the community, Commissioner Gary Jenkins was shown the two proposed sites and listened to the arguments of the community as to why these plans should be withdrawn.

While visiting the sites, the Commissioner was presented with thousands of the petition signatures which were collected opposing the building of any proposed homeless shelter at either site.



# ASSEMBLYMAN COLTON GIVES \$1 MILLION GRANT TO CONEY ISLAND HOSPITAL



Assemblyman Colton's Community Office partnered with NYC Health + Hospitals/Coney Island in a joint community outreach event providing health, wellness, and occupational therapy inquiries. The Assemblyman obtained a Capital Grant of \$1 million for their upcoming endeavors.

The hospital campus is currently building a new 11-story tower to be named after U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The redesigned campus will include a new elevated emergency department, state-of-the-art operating rooms including robotic surgery, a number of modern specialty care suites, a new flood wall after damages from Superstorm Sandy, and much more.

# **ASSEMBLYMAN COLTON LEADING TH**



### COLTON FIGHTING TO PROTECT OUR PUBLIC SAFETY

People have been worried about public safety both on our streets and on public transit. Elected officials must fight for the changes needed to protect public safety in their communities.

Assemblyman Colton voted against the Bail Reform law passed by the Legislature in 2019 and has spoken against its weaknesses and successfully fought to enact changes to it in this year's budget.

#### COLTON'S LOCAL LEADERSHIP KEEPING CRIME DOWN

For years, Assemblyman Colton has been mobilizing our community to support and appreciate our police. From his everyday wearing of a blue ribbon, to setting up meetings with the 62nd Precinct and neighborhood organizations, people and merchants, Assemblyman Colton has led the fight against crime in our community.

#### COLTON SPEAKING OUT FOR MORE POLICE ON SUBWAYS

Our City will not prosper if people are afraid to travel. Assemblyman Colton spoke out and called for transit police to be placed on our subways and in the stations.

In early May, Assemblyman Colton started mobilizing the community by distributing a petition demanding funding for the NYPD to put more transit police into the subways and stations. He distributed these petitions at community meetings, community events, and personally started visiting every neighborhood subway station to get signatures on the petitions. Thousands of such petitions were handed out so far and hundreds were mailed back to his Community Office.

Within a week, the NYPD announced that Transit Police would be added to the subways during nighttime hours. But Assemblyman Colton continued to lead by speaking out and demanding that police must be visibly present during both day and night. Finally, the NYPD has announced increased Transit Police presence in both daytime and nighttime. In July, NYPD Commissioner Sewell began making daily public recordings announcing such increased subway police presence and asking for public cooperation with the new police presence in the subways.



# **COLTON HELPING US ALI**



Assemblyman Colton helping to hand out food collected by Raisa Chernina and the Be Proud Foundation for Ukrainian families.



Assemblyman Colton celebrating the 1st Anniversary of Youth Group at Sts. Simon & Jude R.C. Church.



Assemblyman Colton joined Imam Ahmed Ali of Iqra Masjid and the 115th Precinct in a Community Health and Wellness Fair, sponsored by ICNA Relief and APPNA Med Corps.

# **E BIG FIGHTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY**



### COLTON FIGHTS TO RESTORE CITY CUT OF \$215 MILLION

Despite getting such a large increase in school funds from the State, the New York City Council passed a \$215 million cut to individual school budgets. Many parents may not even be aware of the cuts to their child's school budget until the reopening of schools in September.

But Assemblyman Colton again displayed his dedication to our school children by alerting parents now to these cuts.

### WHY PARENTS MUST FIGHT AGAINST SCHOOL BUDGET CUTS

As a former teacher for some 11 years, Assemblyman Colton understands how the periodic interruptions in in-person learning impacts the learning of our children. It is no wonder why enrollments went down during the pandemic. Yet these COVID-19 related interruptions set back the learning curve of so many children. To make up for these setbacks, the federal government has provided extra monies to schools nationally, giving New York State more monies to allocate to our schools.

It is simply unconscionable for NYC to accept these increases in monies and then make such significant cuts to individual school budgets. It raises real questions that if \$600 million in increased funding over last year is not going to the individual school budgets, then where is all that money going?

Our children need that money to provide more gifted seats for those children who are qualified for gifted programs, and more quality remedial programs for those children who have fallen behind and who need to catch up. We need more monies for schools to fully comply with the IEP legally required to be met for our special needs children, more monies to provide music, arts, physical education, and science programs to enrich the school programs for all our

### COLTON FIGHTING TO GET MONIES FOR OUR SCHOOLS

Assemblyman Colton has been a longtime champion for education. This year was part of a historic education budget, increasing state school aid by \$2.1 billion statewide and some \$600 million for NYC school foundation aid, plus other school grants.

The Assemblyman successfully fought against those arguing for less state aid, since school populations had dropped due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, to the Assemblyman, this was even more reason to help our schools recover from the setbacks suffered during the pandemic.



children, and monies to reduce class size, especially in the lower grades where the foundation is laid for future learning.

### COLTON AGAIN MOBILIZES THE PUBLIC TO STOP THESE CUTS

You will once again see Assemblyman Colton tirelessly bringing his petitions against school budget cuts to neighborhood subway stations, community meetings, and neighborhood street corners. You may even find the Assemblyman and his staff and volunteers knocking on your door as he alerts the community to these budget cuts and urges parents and families to demand the cuts are restored.

This is how we champion education for our children. By uniting the community to fight for the monies and resources to ensure a top quality of education for all our children, we show our strength.

# **COVER THE COMMUNITY**



Assemblyman Colton with the Club Aelita's President, Leonora Bulychova, and their Dancing Yoga Group.



Assemblyman Colton's Office, together with Renee Mitchell of Breaking the Cycle Drop Corp., sponsored water bottles to be distributed to the homeless during the July heat wave.



Assemblyman Colton speaks at the reopening of the Hot Summer Nights Concerts at Kingsborough Community College after 3 years of COVID-19 imposed postponements.

### COLTON CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL ITALIAN-AMERICAN BIRTHDAY



Assemblyman Colton presented a New York State Assembly Proclamation in celebration of Francesco De Guida's 100th birthday. The centennial birthday of the WWII veteran was sponsored by the Federation of Italian-American Organizations of Brooklyn, Ltd. Il Centro (FIAO).

Assemblyman Colton recently provided a grant of \$250,000 to FIAO, a non-profit organization, to further support their mission to preserve the Italian-American heritage and culture with a brand new kitchen to provide cooking classes, as well as usage for the senior center. At the event, Assemblyman Colton spoke to many constituents discussing important issues with public safety and neighborhood quality of life.



### COLTON'S OFFICE CONTINUES "SPEAK-UP! & CLEAN-UP!" CAMPAIGN

Colton, with summer interns, volunteers, and staff came together to keep the Bensonhurst/Gravesend neighborhood clean. The goal of these events is to provide opportunity for interns and local volunteers to feel the pride and accomplishment from giving back to the community and doing something positive and selfless.



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### COLTON GETS MILLION DOLLAR GRANT FOR MARLBORO

Assemblyman Colton, staff, and volunteers at the annual NYCHA Marlboro Houses Family Day event. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the newly-created skate park to which Assemblymen Colton and Cymbrowitz provided \$2 million last year. A big "Thank You" to the Marlboro Houses Residents Association Executive Board and President Amarilys Herrera for organizing these successful events.



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