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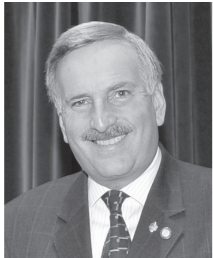
David I. Weprin



Reports to the Community

Winter 2015

A Message From **DAVID I. WEPRIN**



Dear Friend & Neighbor,

Happy Holidays and a healthy New Year to yourself and your families. As we end another holiday season, here in The World's Borough, I am reminded of how fortunate we are to be living in peace and harmony among our beloved neighbors and friends here in Queens. Living in such cultural diversity offers a plethora of holidays at this time of year and I have been privileged to join in these celebrations as your representative.

As we start the colder winter season it is important to remember to stay warm and remain safe during icy conditions. My staff and I are here for any constituent requests that may arise from the wintry conditions and we would love to hear from you.

Lastly, this winter provided an opportunity to focus on some of the most important issues affecting our district. As your local advocate in Albany, I will continue working to do everything I can to ensure our district continues to prosper and grow. Working together, we can continue to build and strengthen this great community. Please contact either of my offices to let me know how I can be of further service to you and your family.

Yours sincerely,

David I. Weprin
Member of Assembly



VFW Veteran's Benefit Drive

In partnership with the Queensborough Hill Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3427, Assemblyman David Weprin joined Raymond Ramos, Commander of VFW Post 3427, and Veteran Members, Princess Morris-Ramos and Tamara Perkins in the distribution of collected goods for the personal use of Veterans who are in need of clothing and hygienic items.

In the preceding weeks, Weprin's district offices hosted a successful Veteran's Drive and partnered with community boards, schools, civics, associations and constituents to yield vast donations of male and female toiletries, feminine hygiene products, gently used clothing, and new socks and underwear for Veteran's needs.

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QICA Legislative Forum on Affordable Housing

In October, Assemblyman Weprin attended the 33rd Annual Queens Interagency Council on Aging (QICA) Legislative Forum. The forum discussed the projected needs of the growing senior population, affordable housing for seniors, and available revenue support. The forum included members from over 100 senior service organizations, legislators, and policy makers.

Assemblyman Weprin in the Community



Enacting Vision Zero in Richmond Hill & Ozone Park

This past fall, Assemblyman Weprin addressed the Community Board 10 meeting and provided updates on several issues affecting the South Ozone Park and Richmond Hill areas including traffic safety. At the meeting, Assemblyman Weprin displayed his support for the New York City Vision Zero initiative that designed to make our streets safer. Through public dialogue & education, increased law enforcement, improved street design, and effective legislation; Assemblyman Weprin is working with city and state agencies to keep our streets safe and keep dangerous drivers in check.



IBA Diwali Celebration

On November 15th, Assemblyman Weprin participated in the Diwali celebration, or the Hindu Festival of Lights, hosted by Jamaica YMCA and the Indian Business Association. The Indian Business Association was recognized by Assemblyman Weprin for their service within the community, especially in regards to their dedication in growing small businesses through mentorships and entrepreneurial opportunities. (Photo Caption: Marc Haken, Manu Kapoor, Assemblyman David Weprin, N. Kapoor & Cedric Dew)



New JFK Prayer Canopy

Assemblyman Weprin & the New York Port Authority erected a prayer canopy at JFK in partnership with the New York Taxi Workers Alliance (NYTWA). As many taxi drivers who service JFK are practicing Muslims, they had difficulty finding a suitable space to pray while waiting for a fare. As Islam requires prayer during specific times of the day, some drivers prayed on the pavement next to their vehicles. At the urging of Assemblyman Weprin and local community advocates, the Port Authority constructed a robust canopy that was completed in September.

Focus on Disability



As the Chair of the Assembly Task Force on People with Disabilities, Assemblyman Weprin is improving the lives of New Yorkers with disabilities

The Office of Community Living

In 2015, the Assemblyman has continued to focus on the needs of the disabled community, paneling a public hearing with the Assembly Aging Committee concerning the feasibility of an Office of Community Living. Following its inclusion in this year's budget, the legislature is now in the process of exploring the form such an office would take. As Task Force Chair, service delivery was a top priority for Assemblyman Weprin in the hearing. The Assembly will work to ensure that the Office of Community Living will be a place of integration, inclusion and independence for older adults and those with disabilities.

Assemblyman Weprin also met with disability community advocate leaders in Albany to address the shortage of accessible livery vehicles. As many New York City residents know, living with a disability can pose a big problem when it comes to accessible transportation. As the new legislative session begins, Assemblyman Weprin's Task Force on People with Disabilities will continue to work on this important issue.

Public Hearing on the Effects of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)



In early October the Health Committee, Mental Hygiene Committee, and the People with Disabilities Task Force held a joint public hearing to examine the severity and consequences of Traumatic Brain Injury. As Chair of the Disability Task Force, Assemblyman Weprin was especially interested in pursuing greater treatment and services for those affected by TBI. Several TBI survivors, family members, advocates and service providers testified at this incredibly informative hearing and offered a tremendous amount of information that will be very useful as we develop our 2016 priority agenda. We look forward to continuing to work with all of the people affected by this issue as we move towards a new legislative session.

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Assemblyman Weprin and OEM host Ready NY



On November 13th, along with the Office of Emergency Management, Assemblyman Weprin co-hosted a Ready NY informational event for the students of Richmond Hill High School with Principal Neil Ganesh. Ready NY is a program that gives emergency preparedness education to New Yorkers. All students in attendance at the event received a Ready NY Go Bag, which came stocked with vital emergency information, a pen, and a flashlight.

Assembly District 24's South Asian Advisory Panel



The October Assembly District 24 South Asian Advisory Panel Discussion saw a great turn out at the Union Turnpike District Office. The Assembly District 24 South Asian Advisory Panel Discussion, hosted by Assemblyman Weprin three times a year, works to maintain a dialogue regarding the quality of life issues affecting the South Asian Community everyday.

AM Weprin Co-sponsors Bill Providing Relief to Homeowners from Sidewalk Fines



Queens residents and homeowners deserve safe sidewalks that are regularly maintained and repaired. Currently, the burden of repairs and the fines that come with them rest with the residents and homeowners of New York. Assemblyman Weprin is co-sponsoring a new bill along with his colleague, Assemblyman DenDekker, that would shift the burden of repairs from homeowners and residents to the City of New York. (Pictured: Senator Tony Avella, Assemblyman Michael Simanowitz, Assemblyman David Weprin & Assemblyman Michael DenDekker).

Moving Up Ceremony for English Education at the Sikh Cultural Center



At the Sikh Cultural Center in Richmond Hill, the Sikh community offers English classes for those in the Sikh community seeking to improve their communication in English. Assemblyman Weprin joined teachers and students at the Sikh Cultural Center on November 22nd for the moving up ceremony, an event that recognizes student advancements.

75th Anniversary of the Hillcrest Jewish Center



This year, the Hillcrest Jewish Center is celebrating 75 years of service to our community. On October 18th, Assemblyman Weprin joined Hillcrest Jewish Center President Janet Hammelbacher, Rabbi Manes Kogan, Assemblywoman Nily Rozic & Dr. Jared Rifkin to present a Proclamation commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Hillcrest Jewish Center.



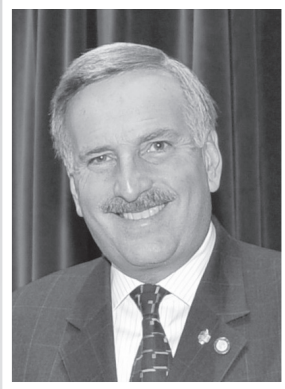
Mahatma Gandhi Peace March

Assemblyman Weprin marched alongside the Federation of Hindu Mandirs in their 20th Annual Mahatma Gandhi Peace March in honor of Mahatma Gandhi's Birth Anniversary. The Annual Peace March is an observance of Mahatma Gandhi's dedication to nonviolence and peace.



Immaculate Conception Church Christmas Fair

Assembly Weprin joins Father William Murphy, C.P., pastor and Vilma Morales Daley at the 2015 Christmas Fair hosted by the Immaculate Conception Church of Jamaica Estates.



Assemblyman David I. Weprin

is sponsoring our annual



HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE



**To benefit Charitable Organizations, including the
Boys and Girls Club of Metro Queens**

Make a Child Smile this Holiday Season

Please bring a new or gently used unwrapped toy, book or game suitable for children ages 12 and under to Assemblyman Weprin's:



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PS/IS 178Q Student Council Inauguration

Assemblyman Weprin was pleased to join Principal Jennifer Ambert and the dedicated teachers of PS/IS 178Q at their Student Council Inauguration Program. Assemblyman Weprin welcomed the incoming student council to public service by swearing in the new candidates.

Assemblyman David Weprin, Student Council President Seth Breland, Vice President Nicole Spencer, Secretary Joshua Rubinoff, Asst. Vice President Chanul Dandeniya, Marshal Samaya Soleil Khanali, & Treasurer Aiden Aminov.