Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am overjoyed to greet you this summer from our wonderful community. It is my pleasure to represent you and advocate on your behalf in our state Capital of Albany.

Recently, the legislative session, which runs from January through June, ended and a number of bills that I had proposed were passed by both houses of the legislature, the Senate and the Assembly. These bills, which are close to becoming law, benefit our community and you can read more about them below.

Summer is an exciting season because I get to personally visit and meet members of our community. While I’m not debating new laws or examining the budget, I get to speak with my constituents and hear what they have to say. It is my hope that I can speak with you at one of the many summertime community events this year. Some of which are sponsored by my office. Each year I try to gather free government resources for community members and this year my office hosted several rain barrel events and a compost giveaway.

If you have any questions or concerns at all about the budget or any other issue that you would like to share with me, please do not hesitate to call my Fresh Meadows or Richmond Hill offices at 718-454-3027 or 718-805-2381 or email me at weprind@nyassembly.gov. Thank you.

I hope you had a great summer!

Sincerely Yours,

David I. Weprin
Member of Assembly
Assemblymember Weprin addresses students at P.S.115Q the James J. Ambrose School in Glen Oaks.

In June, Assemblymember Weprin visited several graduation ceremonies at local schools including one at the P.S.115Q the James J. Ambrose School in Glen Oaks to let our local students know the importance of a solid education. The Assemblymember also presented certificates to the new graduates to let them know that their hard work is appreciated.

Assemblymember Weprin speaks to the children of the Boys & Girls Club of Metro Queens with Dennis M. Walcott at the Lefferts Library Branch.

For the start of summer, Assemblymember David Weprin and Queens Library President & CEO Dennis M. Walcott encouraged local students in Assembly District 24 to take on the New York State Assembly’s Annual Summer Reading Challenge at the Lefferts Library branch. To complete the challenge children must read for a minimum of 15 minutes a day for 40 days during the summer break. Those interested in the challenge should contact the Assemblymembers district office for more information.

“Summer Reading is a great way for students to stay sharp while out of school and our local libraries provide excellent free resources for students to stay mentally engaged,” said Assemblymember David Weprin. “I’m glad to be partnering with Queens Library President and CEO Dennis Walcott, to promote the Summer Reading Challenge and to help spread the joy of reading to our wonderful students and children.”

Assemblymember Weprin, officials from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, and Weprin staff members give away rain barrels.

In June at Phil Rizzuto Park in Richmond Hill, Assemblymember David Weprin in partnership with Senator James Sanders Jr., Council Member Adrienne Adams, and the Department of Environmental Protection distributed 300 rain barrels to local constituents. Rain barrels attach to a home’s gutter and capture storm water before it enters our sewer system. This prevents water from overwhelming our sewer treatment plants thus preventing untreated sewage from entering into our delicate waterways. If you are interested in future rain barrel giveaways please contact my office.

“With rain barrels, residents in my district are now able to capture rainwater runoff from their roofs and store it for later use,” said Assemblymember David I. Weprin. “Not only will this reduce water consumption and sewer overflows but will also help residents lower their water bills. I thank the NYC Department of Environmental Protection for participating in this incredible effort at my office to help make Queens a better, cleaner place for everyone.”

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In August, the Assemblymember joined the community at the Jamaica Muslim Center to celebrate Eid al Adha. Recognized as one of the most significant holidays in Islam, the holiday marks the end of the hajj pilgrimage period for Muslims.

Assemblymember Weprin examines a rain barrel.

Assemblymember Weprin speaks at the Jamaica Muslim Center alongside JMC Secretary Monjur Ahmed Choudhury.

Assemblymember Weprin presents proclamations to members of the FDNY’s Phoenix Society and the NYPD Desi Society with Congressmembers Gregory Meeks and Grace Meng as well as Assemblymember Daniel Rosenthal.

This Independence Day weekend, Assemblymember Weprin celebrated our Nation’s birth and legacy at Queens College with students and members of the FDNY’s Phoenix Society and the NYPD Desi Society. Both of these groups advocate on behalf of our emergency services personnel who are of Asian descent and work hard to keep our communities safe every day.
Assemblymember Weprin in the Community

PROMOTING DIVERSITY AND ACCEPTANCE BY ADDING SIKH CULTURE TO THE NYC EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM

Assemblymember Weprin believes that diversity is one of our state’s great strengths and supports efforts to promote diversity and acceptance in our community among different groups. In July, Assemblymember Weprin stood with Borough President Melinda Katz, The NYC Department of Education, and Local Sikh Leaders at P.S. 161 the Arthur Ashe School in Richmond Hill to announce new lesson plans for 5th and 6th graders on Sikh Culture. Unfortunately, Sikh children are bullied at more than double the national rate and adding Sikh education to the City curriculum is an important step towards promoting a greater understanding of Sikh culture in our schools.

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Assemblymember Weprin presents an Assembly Proclamation to honoree Indra Tamang.

This July, I attended the annual South Asian Convention in Flushing Meadow Park to showcase the many accomplishments of New York’s South Asian Community and to honor several rising stars in the community. South Asian Americans have been a part of this country since its beginnings and contributed heavily to the growth of the nation. The event was organized by local Queens resident and community organizer Joy Chowdhury.

“As a friend of the South Asian community and the representative of one of the largest South Asian populations in the State, I welcome the opportunity to recognize and honor the many contributions of our vibrant and growing South Asian community at the 2018 South Asian Convention,” said Assemblymember David I. Weprin. “I look forward to working with the leaders of the South Asian community as we continue our efforts to promote the best interests of this prolific group.”

Assemblymember Weprin with Glen Oaks Village President Bob Friedrich.

Additionally, Assemblymember Weprin greeted constituents at the annual Glen Oaks Village community barbeque in June. Assemblymember sampled some of the delicious food and spoke with a number of constituents at the event.

EXPANDING OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Assemblymember Weprin speaks at P.S. 161 the Arthur Ashe School in Richmond Hill with Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, the NYC Department of Education, and Local Sikh Leaders.

Our public hospital system NYC Health + Hospitals is a tremendous asset and the largest public health care system in the United States. Assemblymember David Weprin attended the opening ceremony of phase one of four of the Emergency Room Expansion Project at NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens, which when completed will meet the community’s growing demand for health care services. This first phase added 6,500 square feet to the Emergency Department, bringing its total square footage to 16,500 square feet. All four phases of the Emergency Room Expansion Project are expected to be completed by 2019.

Assemblymember Weprin with his staff members, Muhammad Rahman and Casey Lajszky, greet constituents at Cunningham Park.

Assemblymember Weprin attended the annual Community Board 8 Health Fair in Cunningham Park along with other city agencies to promote city services that help people make healthier life choices.
Supporting Local Law Enforcement

Assemblymember Weprin met with Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCO) from the 111th Precinct Daniel Kim and Steffhanie Collado to discuss issues in the community. NCOs are a part of the NYPD’s new neighborhood policing program and are your local neighborhood officers. Any constituent is able to reach out to them directly for help with non-emergency situations. Every precinct in the community has them and if you need help reaching them please contact my district office.

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