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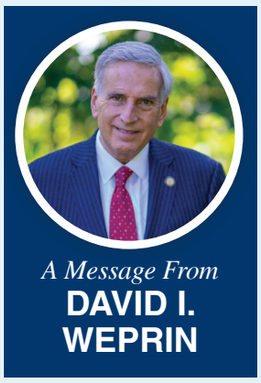
REPORTS TO THE COMMUNITY

FALL 2026

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Message to the Community

Dear Friends,



I hope this message finds you well and that you are enjoying the autumn weather. After a busy and eventful summer, my office and I are looking forward to the months ahead as we continue assisting residents, addressing local concerns, and taking part in the events and activities that bring our neighbors together.

As we move into the fall, I want to reaffirm my commitment to serving as a resource for residents of the 24th Assembly District. Whether it is helping someone navigate a government service, addressing a local issue, connecting residents with available resources, or simply listening to the concerns of those we represent, I am proud that our office is here to help. Staying accessible and responsive to the needs of our neighbors remains one of my most important responsibilities as your Assemblyman.

As we approach the holiday season, we are preparing for two of our annual initiatives. In November, we will host our Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway to help local families enjoy a Thanksgiving meal with their loved ones. We will also soon begin collecting donations for our Annual Christmas Toy Drive, helping bring holiday cheer to children and families throughout the district. Additional details about donation drop-offs and upcoming events will be shared through our office.

My district offices are located at 185-06 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows and 111-12 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 5, in Richmond Hill. Both offices are open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. You can reach us at 718-454-3027 (Fresh Meadows) or 718-805-2381 (Richmond Hill), or by email at weprind@nyassembly.gov. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance. My staff and I are always happy to help connect you with the appropriate resources or provide assistance whenever possible.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you and our district. I look forward to continuing our work together in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

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Member of Assembly

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Protecting the Right to Worship Freely and Peacefully

I had the privilege of attending the Met Council's breakfast ahead of the Israel Day Parade, where Governor Kathy Hochul presented the signed legislation establishing a 50-foot exclusion zone around houses of worship. This measure is intended to help protect individuals and congregations from harassment and intimidation at places of prayer. Every New Yorker, regardless of faith or background, deserves to feel safe entering and leaving their place of worship. Whether in a synagogue, church, mosque, temple, or any other house of worship, no one should have to fear harassment or intimidation simply for practicing their faith. I will continue advocating for stronger protections that safeguard everyone's right to worship freely, peacefully, and without fear.



(Council Speaker Julie Menin, Councilmember Eric Dinowitz, Governor Kathy Hochul, Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson, Assemblymember Micah Lasher, and Assemblymember David Weprin)

Richmond Hill Residents Rally to Make Their Voices Heard



Pictured in front, from left to right: Community Board 9 Chairperson Sherry Algrado, Assemblyman David Weprin, and Community Board 9 District Manager James McClelland.

Community Board 9 hosted a rally in Richmond Hill to raise concerns about the proposed homeless shelter at Jamaica Avenue and Lefferts Boulevard. I joined residents and local leaders in calling for a plan that addresses homelessness while also listening to the concerns of those who live and work in the area. We understand the importance of helping individuals experiencing homelessness, but the location of a shelter must be carefully considered. The proposed facility would house 127 single adult men and is located near P.S. 051 Queens Elementary School and P.S. 056 The Harry Eichler School, with plans for another school nearby. These concerns deserve to be taken seriously. Decisions like these must consider the needs of students, families, residents, local businesses, and educators. We are urging the administration and relevant agencies to work directly with the neighborhood to find responsible solutions that help address homelessness while respecting the people who will be affected.

Annual Compost Giveaway Event

My office partnered with the Department of Sanitation to host our annual Compost Giveaway, providing residents with free compost and an opportunity to learn more about recycling and protecting the environment. This year's event was a great success, with many residents stopping by to take home compost for their gardens and landscaping. The compost was made from food scraps and yard waste collected through the city's organic recycling program. By reusing these materials, we can reduce waste, keep organic materials out of landfills, and help create healthier soil for plants and gardens. It was great to see so many residents take part and do their part to make our neighborhoods cleaner and greener. Events like this show how small steps, when taken together, can make a lasting difference in protecting our environment.



Assemblyman David Weprin alongside members of his staff and Community Board 8 Chairperson Martha Taylor.

Backpack Giveaway with ICNA

This back-to-school season, I was proud to once again partner with ICNA to distribute backpacks and school supplies to families in our community. Thanks to the generosity of RIVER FUND, which donated 200 backpacks, we were able to help ensure that students had the supplies they needed to start the school year off right. Every student should have access to the basic school supplies they need to start the school year prepared and confident. For many families, the cost of backpacks, notebooks, and other essential supplies can be a significant burden, which is why these giveaways are so important. By distributing backpacks at Major Mark Park and P.S. 161, we were able to help ease that burden and make sure more children had the tools they needed to succeed in the classroom. I am grateful to ICNA, RIVER FUND, our community partners, and all of the volunteers who came together to make this possible and support families across our community.



Celebrating the New American Voters Association

I was honored to join the New American Voters Association (NAVA) for its 20th Annual Dinner Dance, a special celebration recognizing America's 250th anniversary. The event brought together elected officials, advocates, and families to celebrate the contributions of immigrant communities and their role in strengthening our democracy. I was grateful to be recognized by NAVA for my work supporting immigrant families and promoting civic participation across New York State. For many new Americans, becoming a voter is an important milestone that gives them a greater voice in shaping the future of their communities. For 20 years, NAVA has helped immigrants take part in the democratic process through voter education, outreach, and partnerships with elected officials. Its efforts have helped make civic participation more accessible and encouraged more people to get involved. Congratulations to NAVA on this important milestone and thank you for the recognition.



Recognizing the Impact of the Americans with Disabilities Act

I was proud to attend the Annual Americans with Disabilities Act Celebration once again, an event I look forward to every year. It was wonderful to see familiar faces and reconnect with the advocates, families, and community members who continue working to advance the rights of people with disabilities. Each year, this gathering is an opportunity to recognize the progress they have helped achieve in promoting accessibility, inclusion, and equal opportunity. The ADA has been a landmark civil rights achievement, helping break down barriers and expand opportunities in schools, workplaces, and public spaces. While we have made meaningful progress, there is still more work to be done to ensure that everyone can participate fully in society. I am grateful for the dedication and continued advocacy of everyone involved. Their efforts remind us that building a more accessible and inclusive society requires a lasting commitment to making sure every person can live, work, and thrive.



Encouraging Civic Engagement at Yeshiva University High School for Girls

I was pleased to join the AP Government students at Yeshiva University High School for Girls to discuss my role as an Assemblymember and what it means to serve in public office. I shared some insight into my work in Albany and across our district, explained how the legislative process works, and answered questions about state government. It is important for young people to understand how decisions are made and how they can help shape the issues that affect their lives. Whether through advocating for a cause, staying informed about current events, or participating in elections, there are many ways to get involved and make a difference. I appreciated the students' thoughtful questions and enthusiasm. I hope our conversation encourages them to stay curious, speak up about the issues they care about, and recognize the impact they can have on the future.



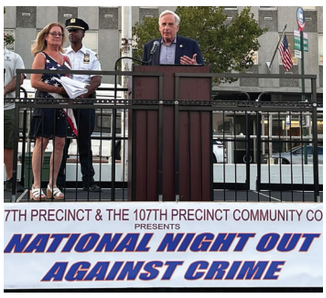
Supporting Greater Access to Acupuncture Care

I was happy to join the Acupuncture of America Independent Practice Association (AOAIPA) in Flushing for its Legislative Progress Briefing and Appreciation Reception celebrating the New York State Acupuncture Healthcare Accessibility Bill (A622/S5955B). The event brought together healthcare professionals, educators, community leaders, advocates, and elected officials to recognize the efforts that helped move this legislation forward. As a co-sponsor of A622C in the New York State Assembly, I am proud to support this measure, which will expand access to acupuncture by requiring certain health insurance plans to cover these services. The passage of this legislation in both houses is an important step toward making acupuncture care more accessible and affordable for New Yorkers. I want to thank AOAIPA and all the advocates and community partners who worked to make this progress possible.



Connecting with Our Local Precincts at National Night Out

I joined our city's finest for another successful National Night Out. This year, I had the opportunity to visit events hosted by the 102nd, 103rd, 105th, 106th, 107th, and 111th Police Precincts throughout our district. It was great to meet with so many dedicated officers who work every day to keep our neighborhoods and the entire city safe. During this year's events, Assemblyman Berger and I presented a joint proclamation to Police Officer Kevin McCarthy in recognition of his years of service and dedication to protecting our city. We are grateful for his commitment and the work he continues to do. I want to thank all six precincts, their officers, and everyone who helped organize this year's National Night Out. These events are a great opportunity for residents and law enforcement to connect, build relationships, and strengthen the neighborhoods they serve.



Assemblyman David Weprin with 107th Precinct Community Council President Carolann Foley and 107th Precinct Commanding Officer Captain Michael Black-Larkins.



Celebrating Puerto Rican Heritage at the National Puerto Rican Day Parade

Archbishop Ronald A. Hicks and Assemblyman David Weprin

Fifth Avenue was transformed into a celebration of Puerto Rican pride during this year's National Puerto Rican Day Parade. Thousands of New Yorkers came out to enjoy the music, dancing, and colorful displays that filled the avenue. The sounds of salsa, bomba, and plena created an exciting atmosphere as families proudly shared the traditions that connect them to the island. During the festivities, I also had the opportunity to meet Archbishop Ronald A. Hicks, a special moment captured in the accompanying photo. The parade was a wonderful opportunity to recognize the generations of Puerto Rican families who have helped shape New York City. Their history, culture, and contributions remain an important part of what makes our city so special.

Celebrating 100 Years of the Astoria Center of Israel

The Astoria Center of Israel marked its 100th anniversary with a Centennial Celebration, "100 Years of Light, Learning, and Legacy." I was pleased to join the celebration and present a New York State Assembly proclamation to Rabbi Joshua Rabin in recognition of this important milestone. Since its founding in 1927, the Astoria Center of Israel has been an important part of Jewish life in Western Queens. For generations, it has brought people together through faith, education, tradition, and community service. Its listing on both the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places reflects its rich history and lasting impact on the borough. This anniversary is a chance to recognize the generations of families, clergy, and community members who have helped shape the Astoria Center of Israel into the institution it is today. Congratulations to Rabbi Rabin and the entire congregation on 100 years of service and tradition.



Rabbi Joshua Rabin and Assemblyman David Weprin

Celebrating Three Queens Residents on Their 100th Birthdays



Tommy Carretta with Assemblymembers Nily Rozic, Edward Braunstein and David Weprin

I joined Queens Centers for Progress and Commonpoint, along with my fellow Assemblymembers, to celebrate three Queens residents who recently reached the incredible milestone of 100 years old. At Queens Centers for Progress, I presented a New York State Assembly proclamation to Thomas "Tommy" Carretta, who has been part of the organization for nearly 60 years. He first joined through its employment program in 1968 and later continued his involvement as a volunteer. I also joined Commonpoint in celebrating George Schiffman and Judith Wohlberg, longtime Queens residents and Holocaust survivors, as they marked their 100th birthdays surrounded by family, friends, and loved ones. Each of these individuals has a remarkable story and a lifetime of experiences worth celebrating. It was wonderful to recognize their achievements and share in these special occasions with the families and organizations that have been part of their lives.



Front Row (Seated): Centennial honorees Judith Wohlberg (second from left) and George Schiffman (second from right), accompanied by family members and loved ones.

Dominican Day Parade

The sights and sounds of the Dominican Republic took center stage at this year's Dominican Day Parade in Manhattan. From the colorful flags and elaborate floats to the rhythms of merengue and bachata, the celebration reflected the pride and enthusiasm of thousands of participants and spectators. Beyond the festivities, the parade recognizes the many contributions Dominican Americans have made to New York City. Through their hard work, traditions, and involvement in every part of city life, Dominican families have helped shape the neighborhoods and culture we know today. It was a celebration of that history and the generations who continue to carry it forward.



Assemblyman David Weprin with Governor Kathy Hochul

Celebrating Indian Heritage at the India Day Parade

For many families, the India Day Parade is more than an annual celebration. It is an opportunity to share their history and traditions with the next generation. Along Madison Avenue, families gathered to celebrate Indian heritage through traditional music, performances, colorful floats, and displays representing the country's many cultures. The parade also gave younger New Yorkers a chance to connect with their roots while introducing others to the richness and diversity of Indian culture. Events like this help keep traditions alive while bringing people from different backgrounds together. Indian Americans have made lasting contributions to New York, and the parade was a fitting tribute to their heritage and place in our city.



FIA Chairman Ankur Vaidya, New York Senator Jeremy Cooney, New York State Governor Kathy Hochul, Assemblyman David Weprin, President of FIA Sreekanth Akkapalli

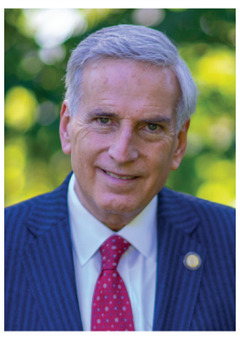
Queens Botanical Garden: World of Orchids

I had the opportunity to attend Taiwan: A World of Orchids at the Queens Botanical Garden, which returned this year for its 13th annual exhibition. The display offered a beautiful look at Taiwan's natural beauty and artistic creativity, featuring rare orchid species and immersive installations by Taiwanese artists. There was much more to experience than the floral displays. Visitors could take part in hands-on activities, enjoy traditional tea ceremonies and live performances, and watch demonstrations that offered a glimpse into daily life and customs in Taiwan. It was wonderful to see so many people come together to enjoy the exhibition and recognize the contributions of New York City's Taiwanese American community. Events like this help keep family traditions alive and give younger generations an opportunity to learn about and appreciate their heritage.



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Remembering September 11, 2001

I joined the 9/11 memorial wreath-laying ceremony at Richmond Hill Triangle and later delivered remarks at North Shore Towers and Country Club to honor the lives lost on September 11, 2001. Both gatherings provided an opportunity to pause, reflect, and honor all those whose lives were forever changed by that tragic day. As we mark 25 years since the attacks, we remember the nearly 3,000 innocent lives lost, the first responders and recovery workers who put their lives on the line, and the families who continue to live with the loss of their loved ones. Their stories and sacrifices remain an important part of our history. We must never forget the victims, survivors, and heroes of September 11th. It is our responsibility to pass their stories on to future generations and ensure that the courage, unity, and resilience shown in the face of tragedy are always remembered.