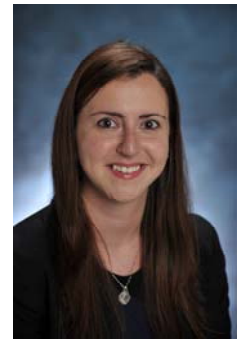




A report to the 25th Assembly District from **ASSEMBLYWOMAN NILY ROZIC**



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PROMOTING FIRE SAFETY AWARENESS



On April 1st, a fire broke out in Fresh Meadows resulting in eleven injuries. Following this event, I hosted a press conference to announce a Fire Safety Awareness Day in my District Office on Sunday, April 14 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM where community members can stop by and receive free smoke detectors and information. Anyone interested in volunteering to promote fire safety in our community can contact my office by phone at 718-820-0241 or email at RozicN@assembly.state.ny.us.

CELEBRATING HOLI AND THE BEGINNING OF SPRING

I participated in the Hindu Temple Society of North America's celebration of Holi on April 7th. The festival of Holi is celebrated on the full moon in the month of March to mark the beginning of Spring. I was delighted to celebrate with the community and experience wonderful multicultural dance performances, including Bhangara and traditional Ecuadorian dance.



FIGHTING FOR BETTER TRANSPORTATION

I teamed up with Congresswoman Grace Meng, State Senators Joseph Addabbo and Tony Avella, Assemblymembers David Weprin and Michael Simanowitz, and Councilmembers Mark Weprin and James Gennaro to call on the MTA to prioritize the Q46 route as part of its Bus Time program. Bus Time allows commuters to use personal devices like smart phones and computers to track the arrival of buses at specific stops along the route. Currently, Bus Time has been successfully used in the Bronx and Staten Island. The MTA recently announced a plan to expand the program to Queens by April 2014.

PASSING AN ON TIME BUDGET

The early adoption of the state budget provided a balanced spending plan that delivers for hardworking New Yorkers. The budget addresses fundamental issues facing our families, including increasing the state's minimum wage and providing our schools the necessary funding for students to receive a quality education.

During the budget process, I opposed the cuts to the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) and voted for a full restoration in the Assembly's one-house budget resolution. In collaboration with many community groups, like the Queens Center for Progress, we worked hard to bring this issue to the forefront. Through subsequent negotiations we were able to secure \$30 million in restorations for these critical services but not nearly enough. I will continue to speak out on the need for a greater restoration to avoid program closures, staff layoffs, and irreparable harm to some of our state's most vulnerable residents.

In better news, we were able to successfully increase state funding for private schools by \$14 million. I advocated for an increase of the Mandated Services Reimbursement to \$94 million and the Comprehensive Attendance Policy funding to \$43 million - a 31% increase from previous years.

OPENING THE RACHEL CARSON COMFORT STATION



Thanks to the tireless dedication of Mr. John Henry Byas, Community Board 7, and local elected officials, the Comfort State in the Rachel Carson Playground at Kissena Corridor Park is now open to the public! I joined Congresswoman Grace Meng, Comptroller John Liu, State Senator Toby Ann Stavisky, Assemblyman Ron Kim, and Councilman Peter Koo to announce this addition to the park right in time for Spring.

Stay in Touch!

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