



Sam Berger



ASSEMBLYMAN, 27TH DISTRICT

YEAR IN REVIEW 2025

Dear Neighbors,

As we come to the end of another year, I am grateful for the opportunity to continue serving our community in the State Assembly. This Year in Review reflects the work my office has been focused on throughout 2025 and the commitment we've brought to addressing the needs and concerns of our district.

I remain dedicated to being accessible, responsive, and engaged with the people I represent. Whether in Albany or here at home, my priority is to ensure that our community is supported, heard, and well served.

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership. As always, my office is here to assist you. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of service.

Wishing you and your family a safe, healthy, and peaceful year ahead.

Sincerely,

Assemblyman
Sam Berger

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Paper Shredding and Sheimos Event

Assemblyman Sam Berger hosted a Paper Shredding and Sheimos event where more than 200 constituents safely disposed of personal documents and sacred texts. Sheimos are Jewish religious texts that are buried per Jewish tradition. Over 130 boxes of sheimos were collected and residents praised the event for combining practical needs with cultural recognition.



SENIORS

HANAC

HANAC and other senior organizations play a vital role in helping our seniors stay active and supported. This year, we focused on backing these programs and advocating for the resources they need to help every older adult in our community.



PUBLIC SAFETY

NYPD 109th Precinct State Funding

Assemblyman Sam Berger allocated \$200,000 in state funding for the NYPD 109th Precinct. This direct support will provide them with new vehicles, and safety equipment to help officers respond faster, patrol more effectively, and keep Whitestone, College Point, and surrounding neighborhoods safe.



Legislator of the Year

Assemblyman Sam Berger was proud to be recognized by the New York State Troopers as Legislator of the Year for his dedication to public safety and steadfast support for law enforcement. This award reflects his ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of our communities.



Discovery Law Reform

Assemblyman Sam Berger pushed for this year's state budget to implement changes to the Discovery Law. The reform prevents criminal cases from being thrown out over technical errors and eliminates dismissals and disruptions that have adversely affected survivors of domestic violence and other serious crimes.



LEGISLATION

Ignazio Giacalone Act

Assemblyman Sam Berger sponsored and passed the "Ignazio Giacalone Act," inspired by Ignazio Giacalone, a New York City sanitation worker who passed away from health complications caused by his work on September 11, 2001 (A.2123-A/S.1165-A). Now signed into law, this bill will provide additional credits to children and siblings of New York City sanitation workers. These workers' sacrifice must never be forgotten, and we must support families who choose to carry on their legacy.

FUNDING



Queens Museum

Assemblyman Sam Berger and the Queens Delegation provided \$8.5 million in capital funding to the Queens Museum. The investment includes funding for the borough's first children's museum for arts and culture, which will be known as the Suna Children's Museum.



Queens Valley Playground Restoration

Assemblyman Sam Berger and Councilman James Gennaro celebrated the completion of the restored blacktop at the Queens Valley Playground. This project reflected local input from P.S. 164 and surrounding constituents. The resurfaced blacktop accommodates a variety of activities, from soccer to pickle ball. The playground provides a vibrant space for play, sports, and community gatherings.



Cell Phone Ban

Assemblyman Sam Berger advocated for the New York State Budget to implement a "bell-to-bell" cell phone ban for public school students. This prohibits the use of internet-enabled devices, which helps children focus during class.



Asian Pacific American Task Force

Assemblyman Sam Berger proudly serves on the New York State Assembly Asian Pacific American Task Force. This year, the Task Force secured \$30 million in state funding to support AAPI communities, funding crisis intervention programs and groups like Asian American Cohesion that combat bias crimes while addressing the needs of local residents.

WOMEN OF DISTINCTION

Assemblyman Sam Berger honored four extraordinary women with the Woman of Distinction Award for their outstanding efforts to make this community stronger: Carolann Foley, President of the NYPD 107th Community Council; Marlene Cody, President of the Greater Whitestone Civic Association; Susan Brustmann, Executive Director of the Poppenhusen Institute; and Linda McDonald, Treasurer of the Pomonok Resident Association.



IBEW LOCAL UNION NO. 3



Electrical Industry Training Center

Assemblyman Sam Berger visited the Electrical Industry Training Center, the hands-on training facility for members of IBEW Local Union No.3. As the representative for Electchester, he was grateful for the opportunity to tour the space where apprentices hone the skills required of the finest electricians in New York.



125th Anniversary

Assemblyman Sam Berger presented a legislative resolution, the highest level of recognition by the New York State Assembly, for the 125th anniversary of IBEW Local Union No. 3.

"They have protected workers, advanced safety standards, and created pathways to success through education and training. Their commitment to the well-being of their members has shaped the electrical industry and has lit a spark in the lives of so many families across New York including those in our district's Electchester."
- Assemblyman Sam Berger

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