



Assemblyman

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Dear Neighbor(s):

Throughout this legislative session, I worked with my colleagues to ensure that our community's interests were truly represented in the 2016-2017 budget. Together, we were able to once again secure record-breaking funding and new resources to address the needs and concerns of everyday New Yorkers, including crucial support for working families, higher education, and healthcare.

In addition, we worked to ensure over \$55 billion in transportation capital projects, including over \$27 billion for our city's MTA programs. The rapid development of our community in the last few years has been a healthy but important cause for logistical concerns. In meetings with city and state officials, I have consistently fought for far more investment in infrastructure for our area of Queens.

Lastly, I am proud to have fought for and voted on a \$1.5 billion increase in funding for our state's schools, reaffirming my commitment to the students and teachers of New York.

I am as confident and determined as ever as I continue to fight in Albany on behalf of our community's interests. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Ron Kim  
Member of Assembly



## ASSEMBLYMAN RON KIM HELPS EXONERATED 82-YEAR OLD FIND HOME AND SENSE OF CLOSURE

Han Tak Lee was wrongly imprisoned for 25 years in Pennsylvania for the death of his daughter in a fire. In 2014, a court finally overturned his conviction, ruling that he was prosecuted on the basis of outdated and incorrect fire science theories. Finally free, he returned to Flushing an exonerated man. Two years later, having received no compensation for the ordeals and injustice he endured, 82-year old Mr. Lee found himself on the verge of homelessness. Assemblyman Kim quickly worked with city officials and other community leaders to help provide him with full rent vouchers and better housing options. Assemblyman Kim also announced the Han Tak Lee Act, a new piece of legislation in response to Mr. Lee's case. It will require all fire and explosion investigators in the State of New York to be certified under the latest National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 921 standards, rooting out the use of discredited scientific theories in arson-related investigations.



## 2016 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET

### Investing in Higher Education

As an alumni of CUNY who was raised in our public education system, I was proud to be able to work with fellow legislators in ensuring a combined \$85 billion in aid for CUNY and SUNY school programs. We made sure that there would be no tuition increases for the upcoming year.

### Fighting for Our Families

We also worked to pass the most complete paid family leave program in the country. Set to phase in within two years, this system will guarantee 12 weeks of paid family leave for workers looking after ill family members, caring for infants or taking over responsibilities for someone called to active military service.

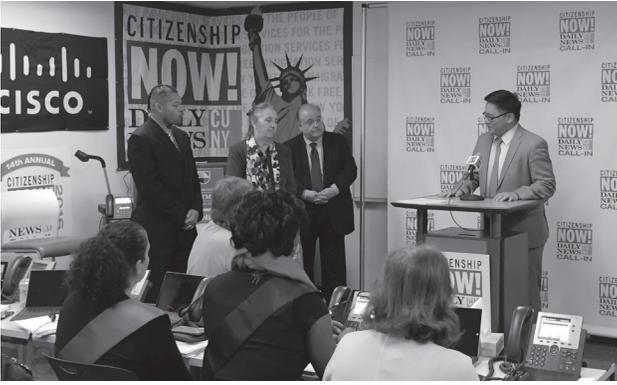
### Helping Everyday New Yorkers

We passed a phased-in annual income tax cut for middle class and working families that will begin in 2018. All joint-filers making less than \$300,000 will qualify, and this legislation will put more money back into the pockets of average, hard-working New York residents.

### Looking after Students and Teachers

With the \$1.5 billion increase over last year's funding, we were able to secure nearly \$25 billion in state aid for 700 school districts in New York.

# COMMUNITY UPDATES



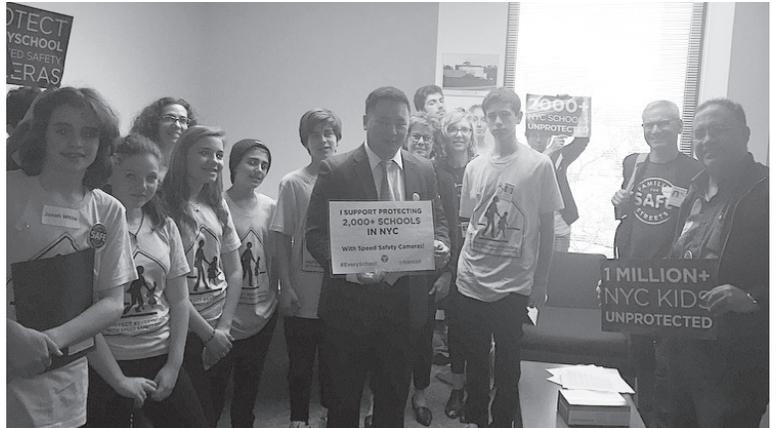
*Assemblyman Ron Kim believes that creating greater opportunities for new immigrants to join the fabric of our nation will only make our country stronger.*



*Assemblyman Ron Kim and his colleagues held a transportation forum open to all residents, to discuss suggestions for and solutions to downtown Flushing's transportation challenges.*



*Strong cooperation between Assemblyman Kim and leading community organizations ensures that the concerns of constituents and local residents will always be addressed.*



*Transportation safety is always a concern when living in one of the fastest growing areas of the country. As a father himself, Assemblyman Kim understands that protecting our children will always be a paramount issue.*



## Assemblyman **Ron Kim** *Reports to the People*

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*As Chair of the Task Force on New Americans, Assemblyman Ron Kim led efforts to ensure a \$2.35 million increase in funding for major adult literacy, language, and bilingual education programs.*

