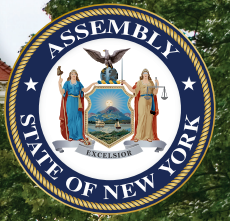




Assemblyman

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Reports to The People



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Dear Neighbor(s):

At the start of this year's legislative session, I was appointed as the new Chair of the Assembly Standing Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development. It has been an exciting and at times hectic transition, and my office and I have worked hard to familiarize ourselves with the beloved



state institutions and essential industries that fall under my new committee. Whether it's protecting and expanding our countless state parks, supporting our iconic museums, zoos, aquariums, and gardens, or ensuring New York remains a signature worldwide attraction for tourists, I pledge to work with my colleagues in this role to do all that we can for our fellow New Yorkers. At the same time, I remain committed to my district, and the need to address important local issues,

such as affordability, public safety, and quality of life, remains my top priority. I am humbled by your continued support and look forward to hearing from you moving forward.

If you have any concerns, questions, or feedback, please do not hesitate to visit, call or write to my district office at 136-20 38th Avenue, Suite 10A, Flushing, NY 11354.

Sincerely,

Ron Kim
Member of Assembly
District 40, Queens



PROTECTING NEW YORKERS

From speaking to you and many of your fellow residents, it is clear to me that public safety remains a major topic of concern for countless New Yorkers. Though we have seen progress in some areas, more can and must be done to ensure that everyone feels safe when they ride the subway or bus, go shopping for groceries, or walk the streets of our city. Last fall, after consistently advocating for more support for small businesses, my colleagues and I successfully secured a new state program to help small business struggling with retail theft. We also joined with local public safety groups to strengthen collaboration with law enforcement in downtown Flushing, and have continued a bipartisan effort with the city to try to establish a new police precinct in Northeast Queens.



SUPPORTING PARKS & TRAILS PARTNERSHIP GRANT

New York is blessed with numerous beautiful state parks that attract myriad visitors each year. They also generate over \$3 billion in annual economic activity, which is on par with our state's agricultural industry. As a vital source of both recreational activity and economic empowerment for local communities, I will make sure we continue to support and expand our State Parks system, fight to increase funding for the Parks & Trail Partnership Grant in this year's budget, and empower organizations that champion our greenways, historic sites and public lands.



RESTORING ARTS AND CULTURE FUNDING

New York's arts and cultural sector is not only a symbol of pride and worldwide renown; it generates employment for hundreds of thousands of people statewide and is essential to New York's economy. This session, my colleagues and I urged Governor Hochul and our counterparts in the state senate to continue supporting our countless famous museums and cultural institutions, including many of our own favorite places to visit in Queens. This investment is critical to New York's continued economic wellbeing and neighborhood revitalization efforts.

SUPPORTING OUR ZOOS, BOTANICAL GARDENS & AQUARIUMS

In my new chair role, I have been meeting with directors and representatives for countless zoos, botanical gardens and aquariums to learn more about their crucial place in the fabric of New York. Whether it's a family going to the Bronx Zoo for the very first time or a group of friends who regularly visit our very own Queens Botanical Garden, I want to make sure that these iconic places will still be here for future generations to enjoy. My colleagues and I are committed to ensuring they can continue to sustain their operations and thrive in the years to come, and to expanding the Environmental Protection Fund, which many of them rely on to support essential staff.

ENHANCING STATEWIDE TOURISM

I believe that all of these initiatives should also be part of a broader goal to ensure New York retains its premier status as a worldwide hub for tourism. In 2024, New York City alone welcomed nearly 65 million visitors, and though many sectors are still recovering from the COVID pandemic, we believe we can surpass pre-pandemic levels by 2025. As the newest member of our state’s Tourism Advisory Council, I have met with tourism and hospitality advocates from around the state to discuss ways we can make further progress on these promising signs, whether it be a renewal and expansion of the iconic I ❤️ NY program or a revival of the Empire State Games for amateur athletes throughout the state.



Assemblymember Kim and other members of the Queens legislative delegation (Assemblymembers Hyndman, Berger, Rozic, Anderson, Braunstein, and Raga, and Senators Liu and Ramos) meeting with the directors of the Queens Botanical Gardens during the 2025 legislative session.



Assemblyman Kim in session commemorating the passage of the State’s 2025 resolution celebrating the Lunar New Year on February 4th.

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Assemblymember Kim visiting his constituents at the Sanford Home for Adults, where they thanked him for his help in securing their portion of Equal Grant funding from the state.



Assemblymember Kim hosting a town hall with community leaders and constituents to discuss his new position as Chair of Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development, and solicit feedback and ideas to help the community in this role.