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**Year in Review 2017**

*Happy Holidays*

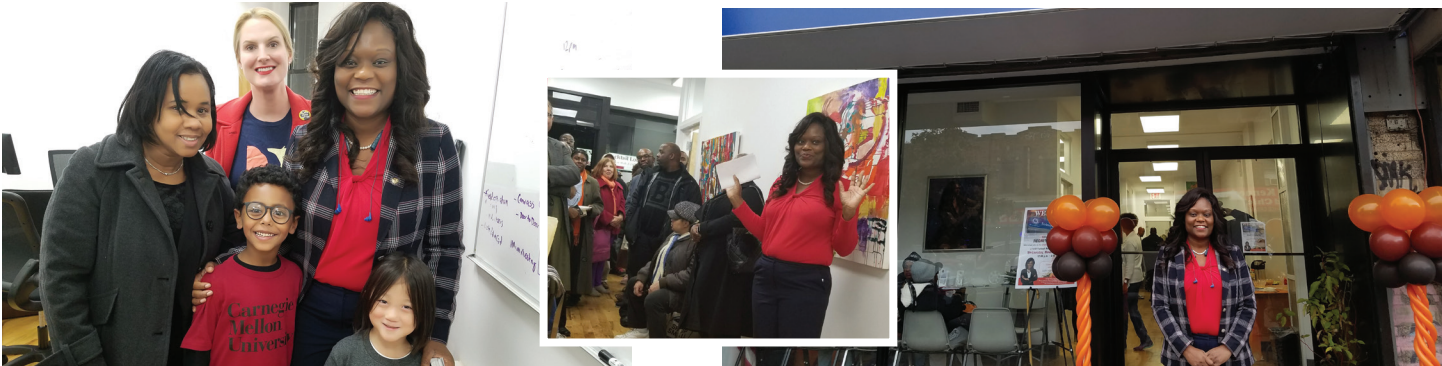
Assemblymember Bichotte wishes everyone a very happy and very healthy and a very special holiday season.



**STATE OF THE DISTRICT**

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte will host the State of the District Address for the 42nd Assembly District on January 18, 2018 at Brooklyn College, East 27th Street and Campus Road, the Gold Room, 6th Floor, 6-8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. **You MUST RSVP by January 12 by calling 718-940-0428 or email Lisa Derrick at [derrickl@nyassembly.gov](mailto:derrickl@nyassembly.gov).**

**Our District Office Open House**



In November, Assemblymember Bichotte finally moved into her new district office at **1312 Flatbush Avenue** near Foster Avenue. The Open House was attended by nearly 200 people. The event showcased artwork by artists in the community including: Alaiyo Bradshaw, Jody Christian, Karen Friedland, Josh Goldstein, Douglas Graham, Lindsay Manolakos, Matthew Septimus, and Ashley Sylvestre. In addition, many generous contributions of food and supplies were

donated by Amigo 99 Cent Brooklyn, Bernie's Partyland, Exquisite Restaurant, Kennedy's Fried Chicken, Lord's Bakery, McBean's, Met Food, Taste of the City, Tennis Court Association, Margarette Tropnas and Leon Goldenberg. The district office is very accessible by both bus and train. To get to our office you can take the B8, B41, and B103, and the 2/5 and B/Q subway lines.

**Giving Back to the Community**

The Office of Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte held our Back to School Drive, our annual Turkey Drive and aided with distributions during Rosh Hashanah. We worked with many incredible community partners such as Flatbush YMCA, Plaza Auto Mall, ICNA-USA, Flatbush Development Corporation, Leon Goldenberg, the Office of Governor Cuomo, Key Food, MetroPlus, and the Flatbush Jewish Community Council (FJCC) and others.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte with ICNA Relief during her Back to School Drive. The drive was co-hosted by the Flatbush YMCA and the backpacks and school supplies were donated by Plaza Auto Mall, ICNAUSA, Flatbush Development Corporation and Leon Goldenberg.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte with the Flatbush Jewish Community Coalition (FJCC) helping with distributions during Rosh Hashanah.



Assemblymember Bichotte with Marietta Smalls - tenant President of Flatbush Gardens distributing turkeys to community residents. Turkeys were donated by Plaza Auto Mall, the Office of Governor Cuomo, Key Food, and MetroPlus.

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte spent the off-session attending Community events and neighborhood associations and facilitated workshops on immigration, housing, education, businesses, and other important issues



*Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte with community leader Josue Pierre at Vanderveer Place Block Association Summer Block Party.*



*Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte at Brooklyn Cathedral of Praise with Bishop Aubrey Brown and First Lady Brown presenting a citation during Pastor Appreciation Day.*



*Assemblymember Bichotte with President of the Board of Directors Albert Payne & Executive Director Tonya Ores being honored at the Neighborhood Housing Services Gala.*

**Community Policing with NYPD**



*Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte with Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCO) of the 70th Precinct at Safety Summit meetings.*



*Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte supporting NYPD officers from the 67th Precinct during their National Night Out.*



*Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte with Community Leader Ed Powell and NYPD officers from the 70th Precinct during National Night Out.*



*Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte addresses key issues at the Flatbush Jewish Community Coalition Legislative Breakfast.*

**IMMIGRATION**



*Assemblymember Bichotte with Council Member Jumaane Williams, Assemblymember Michaëlle Solages, Legislator Carrie Solages, Ritha Pierre, Farah Louis and others marching during the TPS and DACA Rally March for Justice.*



*Assemblymember Bichotte addresses the crowd during 2017 Pakistan Independence Day Celebration.*



*Assemblymember Bichotte with Senator Kevin Parker supporting CUNY Citizenship Now! Immigration Forum at the Flatbush YMCA.*

# OF THE DISTRICT



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte with Assemblymember Robert Carroll and Councilmember Brad Lander addressing the audience at the BRIC Arts screening of *Selma* at the Prospect Park bandshell.



Assemblymember Bichotte with Mayor Bill de Blasio outside the Young Israel of Avenue K discussing potential solutions for issues affecting the district.



Assemblymember Bichotte informing constituents during Summer Subway Office Hours.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte joins constituents during "Hate Has No Place Here" unity event in Flatbush, Brooklyn.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte marches during the 2017 West Indian Labor Day Parade.

## MINORITY AND WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE



Assemblymember Bichotte encourages and addresses MWBEs during the 2017 NYS MWBE Forum.



Assemblymember Bichotte with Mr. and Mrs. Husam Ahmad, receiving an award after being the Keynote Speaker during the South Asian American Association Inc. Gala.



Assemblymember Bichotte greeting a business owner during the Reach the Sky Small Business Expo.

This year marked a very robust year for the MWBE community. In addition to the many MWBE events, forums and workshops that occurred throughout the year, several hearings were held throughout the state.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte as one of this year's prominent speakers at the New York Real Estate Chamber (NYREC) Emerging Leaders & Markets Conference.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte standing with Executive Director Earle J. Walker and members of the Regional Alliance of Small Contractors.

# MONDRAGON, SPAIN



In the fall, Assemblymember Bichotte was chosen as an MIT CoLab Fellow and was granted the opportunity to go to Spain and visit the Mondragon Cooperative Corporation, which is a world-renowned federation of worker cooperatives based in Spain's Basque region and one of the most successful models of equitable regional economic development in the world. There she learned about their successful policies and institutional tools that they used to restructure their local economy and she looks to institute similar values and tools to drive equitable economic development in Brooklyn.



*Assemblymember Bichotte with Councilmember Robert Cornegy, Assemblymember Diana Richardson, Assemblymember Tremaine Wright and NYS Senator Kevin Parker at Mondragon as part of this year's MIT CoLab cohort.*

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# LITTLE HAITI BROOKLYN



This fall included the pre-launch of the designation of Little Haiti in Flatbush, Brooklyn. **Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte** partnered with **Council Member Jumaane D. Williams** and **NYS Senator Kevin Parker**, along with **Regine Roumain**, Executive Director of the **Haiti Cultural Exchange**, and **Jackson Rockingster**, President of the **Haitian American Business Network (HABNET) Chamber of Commerce**. The purpose of the designation is to make

Flatbush, Brooklyn a destination for exposure to Haitian culture, and history as well as be an economic engine.

This initiative is led by **Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte**, **Council Member Jumaane D. Williams** and **Senator Kevin Parker** and is supported by **Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams**, **Assemblymember Nick Perry**, **Assemblymember Diana Richardson** and other elected officials, institutions and community stakeholders.