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Year End Review 2020

Happy New Year!

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte wishes you strength and power as we move forward to 2021 and as we strive to be triumphant over the tremendous loss and obstacles of 2020.

SAVE THE DATE:
January 28, 2021

State of the District

*Location this year is VIRTUAL.
Details to follow.*

State of the District

Assemblymember Bichotte invites you to her Annual State of the District on January 28, 2021 where she will report on activities for the past year at both the state and district level as well as her plans for 2021.

Legislation



Photo Credit: Fox News

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte appeared on Fox News where she discussed the new layout for absentee ballot envelopes which includes her suggestion of a big red "X" to indicate where voters must sign. This change worked to ensure that every absentee ballot vote is counted.

During the legislative session 2019/20 Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte sponsored over 100 pieces of legislation. Listed below are a few of these bills addressing some key issues. For additional information on these and other bills, visit www.nyassembly.gov.

Faulty Ballots

A.10808A – chaptered into law; changes to security envelope formatting that make it easier for voters to understand their ballots and sponsored legislation to ensure voters are not disqualified due to technicalities that are no fault of their own.

Police Reform

A.03230 – allows citizens a chance to exercise their right to record encounters with the police and voice unlawful interference by police when they're recording.

A.03231 – calls for state and local law enforcement to identify themselves to the public during law enforcement activities.

Housing

A.10532 – permitted residential and commercial investment property owners during the NY on PAUSE order to have relief through mortgage forbearance.

Health

A.02770 – passed by the legislature; allows patients to get more information about potential health effects during preterm labor and preterm delivery by having the commissioner of health require hospitals to provide such information.

A.8808B – calls for an end to the sale and distribution of flavored tobacco products and accessories which have affected the health of many.

Taxation

A.10363 – extends the top state income rate to raise revenue to fully fund the Foundation Aid for education.

A.10414 – establishes a billionaire's tax to provide revenue for a worker bailout fund due to COVID-19.

Education

A.2997 – establishes the New York State Promise Program for community college courses which provides a waiver of tuition in the form of a grants to students who meet certain criteria.

A.1461 – establishes a Beacon School Pilot Program in New York City Schools.

OUR FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

Food Distribution



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte with Marietta Small and other community members gather for a food distribution at Flatbush Garden Community Center.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte with Dovi Zeitland preparing grab and go bags for community members.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte and Council Member Farah N. Louis pick up food provided by Nick's Lobster House for healthcare workers at Kings County Hospital.

PPE Distribution



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte and District Leader Josue Pierre delivering a ventilation device to a local clinic.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte and Lauren Elvers Collins, Executive Director of the Flatbush Avenue BID and Church Avenue BID, distributed PPE to businesses.

New COVID-19 Testing Facilities in Flatbush

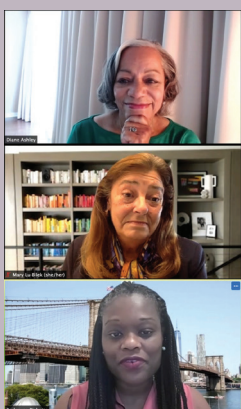


Staff at the Morris Heights Family Care Center show appreciation and give thanks to Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte at the opening of the COVID-19 testing site.



Photo Credit: Aaron Asis for Untapped New York.
Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte in partnership with Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Kevin Parker, and Councilmember Farah Louis identified and opened the drive through location at Sears Parking Lot in Flatbush, Brooklyn.

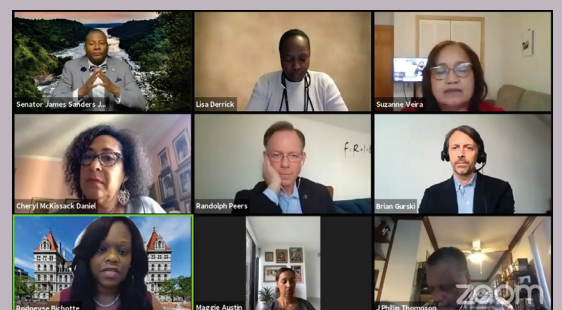
VIRTUAL CORNER



From top to bottom: Panelist Diane T. Ashley, moderator Dean Mary Lu Bilek and panelist Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte in a panel titled "The Importance of Inclusion and Diversity" hosted by CUNY.



Assemblymember Bichotte at Evangelical Crusades Christian Church's live service.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte and Senator James Sanders Jr., held a virtual MWBE and Small Business Informational session with agency and business leaders.

IN THE COMMUNITY



(Left to right) BOE representative Valerie Diaz, Dr. Henry Talus of Kings County Hospital, Clyde Cole of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc, Epsilon Chapter, Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte, and District Leader Josue Pierre at the Reels on Wheels Outdoor Movie Night.



(Left to right) District Leader Josue Pierre, Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte, Council Member Farah N. Louis, and BOE Commissioner Rodney Pepe-Souvenir at King's Theater early voting site.



(Left to right) Council Member Farah N. Louis, NYC Census Director Kathleen Daniel, Council Member Robert E. Cornegy, Jr., District Leader Edu Hermelyn and Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte are together at the Little Haiti BK Mask Distribution event.



Left to right: Mohammad Razvi, COPO's Executive Director; Lisa Derrick, Chief of Staff for Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte; Samuel Pierre, Chief of Staff for Council Member Farah N. Louis; and Ezra Pean, Staffer for Council Member Farah N. Louis at the ribbon cutting for the first-ever Halal Community Fridge.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte together with other elected officials, community leaders and NYPD police officers at a sponsored turkey distribution at Plaza Auto Mall.



Chief of Staff Lisa Derrick, Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte, Rabbi Nachum Rabinowitz and Akiva Ziegler at a mask distribution at Congregation Nachlas Yehoshua of Monastritch.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte held a back to school giveaway in front of her district office on Flatbush Avenue with support from sponsors MetroPlusHealth and Plaza Auto Mall.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte and District Leader Edu Hermelyn at PAYO and ICNA Relief's back to school event giving bags away to children for their upcoming school year.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte, Council Member Farah N. Louis, Officer Mark Pierre, and Marie Delus from Moms Demand Action at the 67th Precinct BBQ.



Assemblymember Bichotte and Elite Learners Academy at their Double Dutch event.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte helped a constituent shred her materials at the Flatbush Development Corporation "Shredzilla" and Census Outreach Event.



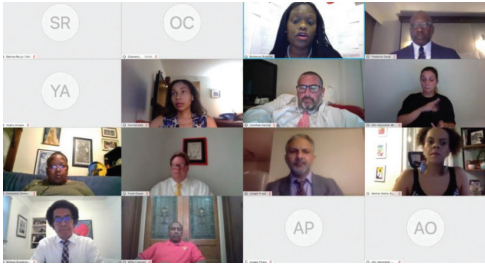
Left to right: Mr. Hastings; Sheila McKenzie; Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte; and Ray Habib, Knickerbocker Field Club President at a sponsored mask distribution with the club.

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte presented a citation to the family of Dr. John Elefterakis in honor of his legacy as a doctor and community advocate during a supply giveaway at the Dr. John's Playground.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte with constituents at the Newkirk Plaza train station for the yearly Summer Office Hours at Newkirk Plaza (B/Q) Subway Station.

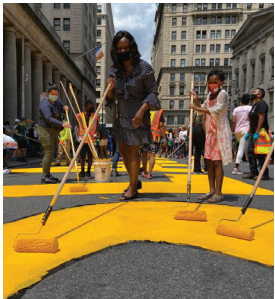
SPEAKING OUT ON ISSUES



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte attended the September CCRB meeting which focused on the relationship between LGBTQIA+ New Yorkers and the NYPD.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte, Assemblymember Tremaine Wright, State Attorney General Letitia James, Council Member Robert Cornegy, Jr., Community Advocate and Leader Al Sharpton, Director and Actor Spike Lee with others at a Black Lives Matter street painting event at Bedford-Stuyvesant's Restoration Plaza.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte near Brooklyn Borough Hall at the unveiling of a Black Lives Matter street mural.

OPENING OF PS152/315 COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte, Council Member Farah N. Louis, and Susannah Laskaris at the Gardening Planting Day at PS 152/315 Community Playground.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte, Senator Kevin Parker, Council Member Farah N. Louis, District Leader Josue Pierre, and District Leader Edu Hermelyn at the PS152/315 Community Playground opening.

RIBBON CUTTINGS AND UNVEILINGS



(Left to Right) Regine Roumain, Executive Director of Haiti Cultural Exchange, Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte, Madjeen Isaac, Council Member Farah N. Louis, Ruth Jean-Pierre of Haitian-American Caucus, and Jackson Rockingster, CEO of Haitian Business Network, and Wendy Feuer, NYC DOT Assistant Commissioner of Urban Design + Art + Wayfinding at the unveiling of Madjeen Isaac's "Migration" mural located on Caton Avenue between St. Paul's Place and Ocean Avenue.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte at the Grand Opening of Advent Homecare Agency Inc., an outlet that will cater to the Caribbean speaking and multi-language communities in New York.

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RECOGNITION



City and State named Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte as one of Brooklyn's top 10 elected officials.



(L-R) City Council Member Donovan Richards; Honoree, Wayne Joseph; Dr. Michael Brisman; Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte; TWU President Charles Jenkins; Assistant Political Director DC 37, Erica Vargas; Assemblymember Tremaine Wright; and Schneps Media Publisher Clifford Luster at Caribbean Life's Salute to Labor Awards Ceremony where Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte was the keynote speaker.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte was honored with the Public Official of the Year Award at the 2020 Virtual Construction Awards Celebration hosted by the Subcontractors Trade Association (STA).