



**Greetings!**

### **Drop Off Items At My Office for Victims in Puerto Rico and USVI**

We all want to help our fellow Americans in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands in the aftermath of hurricane Maria. My office has been in communication with aid agencies and will be a drop-off location for emergency supplies. Donate the following items at my District Office at [416 7th Avenue](#) in Park Slope between the hours of 9:30am and 4:30pm Monday – Friday until further notice.

Only bring the items listed here, packaged in unopened containers. My office will bring them to central drop-off points once a week. Thank you for your generosity and support for our fellow citizens in great need.

- *Batteries*
- *Flashlights*
- *Portable lanterns*
- *Diapers*
- *Baby Wipes*
- *Cases of water*
- *Feminine hygiene products*

### **Traffic Safety at the New Schools on Coney Island Avenue**



On Wednesday , September 27<sup>th</sup>, I met with Principal Kathryn Anderson of PS 889 and Principal Nicholas Frangella of IS 890; officials from the NYC Department of Transportation, NYC Department of Education, School Construction Authority; and officers from the 66th and the 70th Police Precincts to discuss how we can work together to improve pedestrian safety for students, families and school staff.

I scheduled the meeting to coincide with dismissal at the co-located schools, which are on one of the busiest stretches of Coney Island Avenue between Beverley Road and Church Avenue, so we could observe the traffic safety issues in person. Because the school is brand new, there are less than 200 children registered, but in a couple of years when operating at full capacity, there will be 800 children and families navigating this dangerous stretch of roadway.

During the meeting, DOT's Brooklyn Borough Commissioner Keith Bray confirmed that DOT is currently performing a traffic study of the school perimeter and the adjacent blocks which is scheduled for completion in the next three weeks. DOT will use the data from the study to make recommendations to protect the vulnerable student-pedestrians, families and school staff.

Principal Frangella told me that that his middle school students are crossing Coney Island Avenue unescorted. "Parents are concerned and demanding a safer , clearly marked cross walk for their kids," he said. "A traffic signal at Hinckley Place seems like an obvious and necessary first step." Principal Anderson is also alarmed about her elementary school children getting to and from school. "After they cross at a traffic light at Beverley Road or Church Avenue, they have to walk along Coney Island Avenue in front of active driveways including car washes, gas stations and auto body shops. It's not easy for me, much less a mom with two or three kids under five years old!"



In the meantime, representatives from the 66th Precinct stated that they would provide additional traffic safety officers at drop-off and dismissal times until traffic safety measures are in place.

The meeting brought all the key players together, but we need action now. As soon as DOT's study is complete we will demand the installation of street lights, crosswalks, curb extensions

and any additional recommended measures. Traffic safety around our schools isn't something that can be put on the back burner.

### **See You Soon at Your PA/PTA Meetings!**

In June I had the privilege of attending many 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and Middle School graduations in the 44<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, but this is my first "Back to School" September as your Assemblymember. I am eager and excited to attend as many of the first PA/PTA meetings as I can, this week I was at PS 39 and next week I have several more on the calendar. If you are involved in your children's school, please give my office a call and invite me to a meeting. I look forward to working with you on all your initiatives, issues and concerns throughout the year.



### **Community Meeting About the CAMBA Women's Shelter**

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the shelter, 1402 8th Avenue. If you would like additional details about the meeting contact my office at 718-788-7221.

It's finally starting to feel like Autumn outside, I hope you can get out there and enjoy the beautiful Brooklyn weather!

See you around the neighborhood

Bobby

Assemblymember Robert Carroll