



Assemblymember
Robert C. Carroll
Assembly District 44

April 27, 2018

Greetings –

Before I get to the update from Albany this week, I want to share that I am hosting a town hall meeting on the MTA with **Andy Byford, the President of the New York City Transit Authority** on Tuesday, May 29th from 6:30pm-8:30pm at John Jay Educational Complex (237 7th Avenue) in Park Slope.

As you know, improving our public transit system has been among my top priorities in my time in the legislature. I remain committed to advocating for a plan that will establish a dedicated funding stream to fully fund the MTA's capital plan so that we can upgrade our signals and switches, update our fleet of subway cars and buses, and increase the capacity of sub stations so that trains can run in more rapid succession.

I hope that you will be able to join us for this important conversation so that you can share your concerns and ideas directly with the MTA's President of New York City Transit. Please RSVP to my office by emailing me at Carrollr@nyassembly.gov or calling (718) 788-7221.

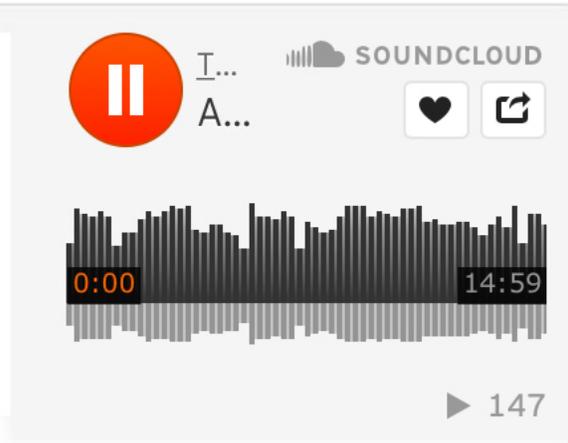
Lobby Day for the Young Voter Act:

This week in Albany, I welcomed 80 high school students from 11 schools around the state to lobby on behalf of the Young Voter Act ([A.6839/A.6840](#)), my bill to lower the voting age to 17 for state and local elections. In addition to lowering the voting age, the bill would require all pupils in the ninth grade or higher to receive at least eight full class periods of civics education and mandate that every New York high school provide each student with a voter registration form in the year that they turn 17. Last May, for the bill's first lobby day – we had 30 students come up to Albany to speak to legislators, this year that number almost tripled.

As a result of the efforts of these wonderful young people, we were able to add another 11 co or multi-sponsors to the bill. **There are now 31 co-sponsors and 2 multi-sponsors on The Young Voter Act** and so much of that is due to the hard work and commitment of these young leaders. It's clearer now than ever that young people should have a say in their future and the best way for them to have a say is for them to have the right to vote.



On Tuesday, I was on The Capitol Pressroom to discuss the bill along with two of the leaders of the Youth Progressive Policy Group, Eli Frankel and Chris Stauffer. [Please take a listen:](#)



Activists were in Albany yesterday to advocate for the Young Voter Act which would lower the voting age to 17 years old in state and local elections. We heard from the sponsor of the Assembly bill, Asm. Robert Carroll (D-Brooklyn) and youth activists Eli Frankel and Chris Stauffer of the Youth Progressive Policy Group on the effort to pass the bill this session.

Assembly Passes Earth Day Legislative Package

I am proud to have co-sponsored several bills in the Assembly’s important Earth Day environmental legislation package that passed this week. As the Federal Government continues to roll back environmental protections and jeopardize public health, it is more important than ever for New York State to do everything it can to ensure a safe, healthy environment for its citizens. This important legislation covers a variety of environmental protections, from banning toxic pesticides to protecting communities that have existing environmental hazards from further damage; it guarantees New Yorkers the right to clean air and water and prioritizes keeping contamination like dangerous chemicals and pesticides out of our drinking water.

Some of the most vital elements of the legislative package include bills I am co-sponsoring: [A.6279](#) is a proposed amendment to the New York State Constitution that would ensure that clean air and water are treated as fundamental rights for New Yorkers. [A.8270](#) will address and mitigate the impacts of climate change in the state by establishing the New York State Climate Action Council consisting of 25 members including state agencies and individuals with expertise in environmental issues, environmental justice, labor and regulated industries. It would also establish a Climate Justice Working Group to identify disadvantaged communities for the purposes of co-pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions reductions and the allocation of certain investments. This legislation previously passed the Assembly in 2017.

SCRIE/DRIE Update:

Were you denied or did you lose rent freeze benefits because you were late submitting your SCRIE or DRIE application due to a disability or physical or mental impairment? As a result of the recent settlement of federal class action case *Pfeffer et al. v. New York City Department of Finance et al.*, renters who were unable to appeal or renew their Senior Citizen or Disability Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE or DRIE) after December 1, 2011, because they needed more time to file due to a disability or physical or mental impairment are now eligible to have their benefits restored or reduced to the prior frozen rent if they are back in the Rent Freeze Program.

If you believe you are eligible based on the criteria above, you can apply to be reinstated to the Rent Freeze Program. Please call my office to request an “Application for Additional Time to Renew Lapsed Benefit” or “Application for Additional Time to Renew Expired Benefit.” You may also request an application by calling 311 or going to <http://nyc.gov/rentfreeze>.

Completed applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted no later than **October 26, 2018**. The applications contain instructions for submission. You may contact DOF’s disability services facilitator via www.nyc.gov/contactdofeeo if you have any questions. For any questions about the standard SCRIE/DRIE process, please do not hesitate to reach out to 311 or to my District Office at 718-788-7221.

Upcoming Events Sponsored by my Office:

FREE RAIN BARREL FOR YOUR LAWN AND GARDEN!

Call or Email my office to reserve your free 60-gallon rain barrel. It's easy to install and connects directly to your downspout to capture and store the rain water that falls on your rooftop.

The water collected in the rain barrel can then be used to water lawns and gardens, or for other outdoor chores.

PICK UP DETAILS:

Date: Sunday, May 6th

Time: 10am – 12pm

Location: 1203 Albemarle Road (corner of Westminster Road)

To RSVP: (718) 788-7221 or carrollr@nyassembly.gov

The rain barrels are provided by **The New York City Department of Environmental Protection**

*** If you don't pick up your rain barrel by noon, it will be distributed on a first come first serve basis.



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HPD OUTREACH

Housing Resources In Your Neighborhood



Assemblymember Robert Carroll hosts

New York City Department of Housing and Preservation and Development (HPD) Mobile Outreach

The HPD OUTREACH Van takes HPD's community engagement teams on the road, bringing information and services directly to tenants and homeowners in your own neighborhood. **They can help you:**

- **Prepare to Apply for Affordable Housing**
Learn about opportunities and prepare to apply for affordable housing lotteries.
- **Understand Your Rights and Responsibilities**
Learn about the ABCs of Housing to understand your rights and responsibilities as a tenant or owner.
- **File a Housing Complaint**
Get help filing a complaint about housing code violations or landlord harassment.
- **Finance Improvements and Repairs**
Learn about and apply for financial assistance for property owners.
- **Register Your Building**
Get help registering your building as a property owner.
- **Remedy a Violation**
Learn how to remedy housing code violations at your property.



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**Tuesday, May 15
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**District Office of
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416 7th Avenue
between 13th and 14th Streets**

To RSVP or for more information on this or any other community concern, please call the District Office at (718) 788-7221 or email carrollr@nyassembly.gov.

Community Meetings in the Week Ahead:

Flatbush Development Corporation (FDC) Benefit Gala

Picnic House, Prospect Park

Tuesday, May 1

6:30pm to 10:30pm

[Support and celebrate](#) FDC's years of community service and show your support for the vibrant Brooklyn of today and tomorrow.

Park Slope Civic Council monthly General Meeting

Old Stone House at J.J. Byrne Playground / Washington Park, 5th Avenue between 3rd and 4th Streets

Thursday, May 3

7:00PM to 8:30PM

The [Park Slope Civic Council](#) promotes the health, vitality and character of the Park Slope neighborhood and advocates for the interests of residents, businesses and others with a stake in the community. The Trustees' meeting, which is open to the public, usually takes place on the first Thursday of the month.

COPO Youth Career Day

Kingsborough Community College

2001 Oriental Blvd

Saturday, May 5

10am to 3pm

Young people, ages 13 and up, are invited to a [career day](#) to find out about federal, state and city agency career opportunities. Halal lunch will be served and participants will receive gift bags! For more information, contact Aasma Mehdi at 718-434-3266 x 126 or Amehdi@copo.org.

Church Avenue BID Street Fair

Church Avenue from Coney Island Ave to Argyle Road

Sunday, May 6

Noon to 6pm

Bring family and friends to Church Avenue for the [annual street](#) fair on Sunday. Enjoy great food from Church Avenue's restaurant row, dance and gymnastics performances, rides, and great shopping.

See you around the neighborhood,

Bobby

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