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Greetings --

This week I am in Albany for the Assembly’s legislative retreat. I am anxious to get back to Albany for the legislative session in the New Year so that we can get to work on a host of important issues including: women’s reproductive health, The Dream Act, GENDA, Electoral Reforms like early voting and same day registration, criminal justice reforms, environmental protections, improving our health care system, a real congestion pricing plan to fund mass transit, reforming our rent laws, the Child Victim’s Act and a lot more. [Check out my 2019 legislative session preview newsletter here for more.](#)

My Op-Ed on Amazon in the Daily News:



In case you missed it, the Daily News published my Op-Ed yesterday on the Amazon deal and my proposal for what the New York State Legislature can do this legislative session to force corporations to pay their fair share. There is no time like right now for New York to revamp its tax code. [Read it here.](#)

MTA Hearing on the proposed Fare Increase:

Yesterday evening I testified at the MTA Board’s Hearing on the proposed fare increase at LIU in Brooklyn. I asked them to engage with the legislature to find dedicated revenue streams for both the capital and operating budgets of the MTA and to not raise the fare.

A comprehensive congestion pricing plan coupled with a corporate alternative minimum tax [referenced in my NY Daily News Op-Ed](#) as well as a new tax on marijuana could create the kind of revenue needed to both implement the MTA Fast Forward plan and pay for other Capital budget needs while shoring up the operating budget without raising the fare.



Hanukkah with the Senior League of Flatbush:

I hope all who celebrate had a Happy Hanukkah! I spent part of my Sunday with the Senior League of Flatbush at their Hanukkah celebration and had a ball. The Senior League of Flatbush and its Executive Director Lenore Friedman offer wonderful programs for Seniors across the district and their Hanukkah party was terrific. I even had a chance to cut a rug with the center’s site director, Larisa Pardilova.



Toys for Tots Drive:

This year the Park Slope Civic Council and Park Slope Parents are joining forces for the biggest Toys for Tots drive EVER! With over 30 locations throughout Park Slope, Gowanus and Kensington, **including my office at 416 7th Avenue, from 9:30am – 5:00pm M-F.** But there's always a convenient place to drop off toys! Visit the Civic Council website for a complete list of locations:

<https://parkslopeciviccouncil.org/toys-for-tots/>

Donate a new or very gently used unwrapped gift for children ages 12 and under. All toys collected are given to local organizations that work with families in need. Now through Tuesday, Jan. 6. Toys will also be collected at this year's Jingle Bell Jamboree held at at Congregation Beth Elohim (Eighth Ave at Garfield Place) on Saturday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m. Let's make 2014 even better than last year! Thanks to your support, we collected over 2,000 toys that went to kids in need from organizations such as Safe Horizons, CHiPS, Crown Heights Community Mediation Center and others!

Community Meetings This Week:

72nd Precinct Community Council

830 4th Avenue

Tuesday, December 11

7:30pm

Open to community members. The [72nd Precinct Community Council](#) meetings typically take place on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the precinct.

70th Precinct Build A Block Sector B

IS 152 Annex

1087 Ocean Ave

Wednesday, December 12

7pm

The "[Build the Block](#)" neighborhood safety meetings are strategy sessions between local police officers and the people they serve. The meetings have two simple goals: identify the public safety challenges of a specific neighborhood and discuss potential solutions.

Flatbush BID Art Show/Annual Meeting and Holiday Party

Los tres Chiflados Restaurant

1046 Flatbush Ave

Wednesday, December 12

6:30pm – 9:00 pm

Brief annual meeting followed by a holiday party featuring a delicious buffet dinner. All are invited! Although the BID serves all property owners and commercial tenants on Flatbush Ave. from Parkside Ave. to Cortelyou Rd., only registered members may vote at the meeting. Space is limited. Please rsvp to FlatbushAveBID3@gmail.com or 718-282-2500, x66350.

Community Board 6 Monthly Meeting

Cobble Hill Health Center

380 Henry Street (between Congress/Warren Streets)

Wednesday, December 12

6:30pm

Open to Community Members. The [CB 6](#) monthly meeting is typically scheduled on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at various locations.

See you around the neighborhood,

Bobby

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