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Greetings --

I have been in Albany all week and will remain here through the weekend until we vote on all of the budget bills and a final state budget is passed. There are a number of issues, including bail and discovery reform, funding for public schools, early voting and the MTA that are still being negotiated. Once the budget is passed I will send out an email more detail specific about those items and more.

We have done a lot to help update our antiquated election laws this session, but one major issue that is outstanding is how we finance our State elections. I have been a strong proponent of a public financing system with a small donor match (much like the city system) to amplify the voice of everyday New Yorkers over moneyed interests. I was glad to join Citizen Action, Make the Road and the #FairElections campaign in Albany this week to advocate for public financing to be included in the budget. Click below to see my remarks at that rally:



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What do we want? #FairElections!

When do we want it? #InTheBudget.



Congestion Pricing

As one of the most vocal proponents of a comprehensive congestion pricing plan in the legislature, if implemented with very few carve outs, will raise \$1 billion annually for the MTA, reduce congestion in the central business district and cut carbon emissions by 20%, I was proud to join The Partnership for New York City for a rally to support congestion pricing this week. Negotiations between the Governor, the Senate Majority Leader and the Speaker of the Assembly are ongoing about this issue and there are some details that still need to be worked out, but I am hopeful that we're going to get this done. If we do, it is going to be the funding jump start that the MTA requires to implement the Fast Forward plan so that we can finally upgrade the system and vastly improve service for the 6 million subway riders per day. Click below to view my remarks at the rally:



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Congestion Pricing isn't just the plan to bring our subways into the 21st Century - it's the safe streets plan - it's the green plan - and now with the Partnership For NYC it's the jobs and economic development plan. [#FixTheSubway](#)
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Bag Waste Reduction

Something else that I strongly support that will be in the budget is the statewide ban on plastic carryout bags. Additionally, it will allow for localities to institute a fee on *paper* carryout bags. While I would like to see the paper bag fee applied statewide, I do think this is an important environmental measure that I have been supportive of since the NYC Council tried to do something similar in 2017. Here were my remarks from the Assembly floor in 2017 supporting the NYC Bring your Own Bag Bill.



Assemblymember Carroll speaking in favor of NYC's BYOBag Bill 2/7/17

Update on Windsor Terrace Library

As many of you know, on Friday, February 1, Windsor Terrace Library closed for extensive HVAC replacement, an upgrade to the electrical systems (including several new wired tables) and a cosmetic refresh of the interiors. The branch will reopen in 2020.

In the meantime - they are offering children's programming and the bookmobile on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Additionally they are working with my office and community partners to establish services for seniors nearby, so I expect an update on that shortly.

See details on bookmobile, children's programming and the libraries closest to the Windsor Terrace branch below:

Children's Programming

Beginning in first week in April, storytimes will be offered twice a week nearby:

Toddler Time with Miss Cindy

Tuesdays at 10:30 am

Church of the Holy Apostles, 612 Greenwood Ave

Babies & Books

Thursdays at 10:30 am

JCC Brooklyn Windsor Terrace, 1224 Prospect Ave

Bookmobile Library Holds

Every Tuesday and Thursday, BPL's bookmobile is parked in front of Windsor Terrace Library from 11 am – 4 pm. During these days and times, you can also pick up holds from the bookmobile.

When you place a hold online, simply select "Windsor Terrace Bookmobile" as your pick-up location.

You will see a note reminding you that the holds are only available at the bookmobile on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11 am – 4 pm.

The neighborhood libraries closest to you are:

Park Slope Library

431 6th Avenue

Cortelyou Library

1305 Cortelyou Rd

Flatbush Library

22 Linden Blvd

Kensington Library

4207 18th Ave

Questions? Call 718.230.2100.

After the budget is passed I will send out a more comprehensive summary email of the full budget. I look forward to coming back to Brooklyn soon and hope to see you around the neighborhood.

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