



Assemblymember  
**Robert C. Carroll**  
Assembly District 44

**April 18, 2019**

Greetings,

On April 1st we passed the state budget. [For a quick summary on a number of items please click here.](#) Included in the budget were provisions for congestion pricing, environmental protections such as banning single use plastic bags from our waste stream, and eliminating cash bail for most misdemeanors and certain non-violent felonies.

Over the next three months the Assembly will be taking up a number of impactful issues ranging from the possible legalization of adult use marijuana to the continued strengthening our environmental laws.

Among our first orders of business in the coming weeks will be New York City's rent laws which are set to expire in in June. For too long our rent laws have been tipped in favor of large landlords. The Legislature is seriously considering a complete overhaul of the rules governing rent control, and I support eliminating preferential rent, vacancy decontrol, vacancy bonuses and reforming major capital improvement and interior improvement add-ons.

The Assembly will hold public hearings on this very important topic in New York City on May 2nd from 10am to 7pm at 250 Broadway and again in May 10th in Albany, NY from 10am to 7pm. I look forward to discussing the issue with you and strengthening our rent laws and provide relief to our already overburdened tenants.

**Assemblymember Robert Carroll's 2019 Annual Brooklyn Answer Fair:**

On Sunday May 19th from 11AM to 2PM join us for my first annual Brooklyn Answer Fair. This community resource fair will feature over 3 dozen city and state agencies and service providers. We will have free document shredding, free mammogram signups, and a rain barrel giveaway to the first 100 rsvp's. Please call my district office at 718-788-7221 or email [carrollr@nyassembly.gov](mailto:carrollr@nyassembly.gov) to reserve. See the flier below for more information. Hope to see you there!



Brooklyn Borough Hall  
209 Joralemon St, Brooklyn, NY  
Saturday, April 27  
11:00am - 4:00pm

In honor of National Minority Health Month, SOMOS Community Care will host a community health fair Saturday, April 27th, from 11:00AM -4:00PM at Brooklyn Borough Hall.

This community fair will bring the expertise and resources of doctors, advocates, and community leaders for an event dedicated to the health and well-being of our communities of color. We are excited to offer hundreds of Brooklyn residents free health screenings, giveaways, and health education activities. This event will feature vegan and plant-based food demonstrations, farmers market produce bag giveaways and free lunch created by an amazing NYC minority-owned restaurant.

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**PS10 event: Borders & Belonging**

PS10 auditorium  
511 7th Avenue, Brooklyn  
Saturday, May 4  
2pm - 4pm

A conversation with NY Times nonfiction critic Jennifer Szalai about immigration, social justice, and the power of stories to connect us all.

With Newbery Award-winning author Matt de la Peña and former DREAMer & State Assemblymember Catalina Cruz.

For those of you celebrating, I hope you have a happy Passover or Easter!

- Bobby

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