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Greetings --

This week, the legislature voted to approve new district maps for state assembly, senate, and congressional districts, as is done every ten years following the census. This is my first redistricting since being in office. The 44th Assembly district largely remains the same. It expanded to include more of Park Slope and added some of Prospect Heights, and it contracted to lose some of Boro Park and Midwood. [You can see the new map here.](#)

For those of you who will be moved to another district, it has been an honor to represent you. For those of you who will be new to the 44th – welcome. I hope to serve you well.

Environmental Conservation budget hearing and The Build Public Renewables Act (NYBPRA):

Earlier this week the legislature held its [joint budget hearing on Environmental Conservation and Energy](#) where I questioned Doreen Harris, President & CEO of NYSERDA about [A.1466A \(NY Build Public Renewables Act\)](#), which I am proud to have introduced as the prime sponsor. The NYBPRA would allow the New York Power Authority (NYPA), to own, operate, and generate renewable energy. Without the NYBPRA, New York is unlikely to meet the goals set forth by the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act of 2019 (CLCPA). Governor Hochul has a unique opportunity to use NYPA's strong bond rating to create desperately needed renewable energy projects. Projects that will create good jobs and be revenue neutral.

New York State currently only gets about 6% of its energy from wind and solar, a figure which hasn't changed in the 6 years I have been in office. In order for the state to reach the necessary and aggressive goal of producing 70% of its energy via renewable resources by 2030, we need aggressive investment in renewables and renewable infrastructure. Relying solely on the private market is not only insufficient for our needs, it would also result in an environmental justice catastrophe, where renewable infrastructure will be built for affluent communities downstate, while poor and upstate communities will continue to be forced to rely on dirty energy from fossil fuels.

Last month, I, along with my Assembly colleague Marcela Mitaynes and environmental justice activists, engaged in civil disobedience and were arrested at an action outside Governor Hochul's office in support of Build Public Renewables. This action took place on the heels of the [letter](#) my office sent to the Governor last month with the support of fifty-four other members of the legislature calling on her to include the NYBPRA in the Executive Budget. By including this

legislation in the budget, New York State has a chance to turbocharge our renewable energy generation. Our planet can't wait any longer for this sound policy.



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By Zach Williams

Public power supporters amping up the pressure on Kathy Hochul

"Carroll and Assembly Member Marcela Mitaynes were among the people arrested at a recent climate action protest in New York City."



Photo by Elliott Golden

Safer Subway Platforms:

Yesterday, [I sent a letter](#) to Governor Hochul and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer calling on each of them to set aside \$3.5 billion, for a total investment of \$7 billion, for the MTA to make system wide safety upgrades. This investment would provide platform safety upgrades like track sensor systems, platform strips, and platform doors, where feasible. Smart infrastructure upgrades can ensure New Yorkers feel safe while waiting for the subway. The letter was sent in partnership with my colleague in the Senate Leroy Comrie, and was co-signed by thirty-two of our colleagues.

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reports on Assemblymember Robert Carroll's efforts to get \$7 Billion for Subway Platform Safety

"Carroll told us that the death of [Michelle] Go – plus the 140 or so New Yorkers who fall onto subway tracks every year – showed once again that "it is time New York provides the necessary capital funds to the MTA to install platform doors at the 28 percent of stations that the MTA has identified as suitable for this life saving infrastructure." Carroll added that the MTA has options at stations where platform doors won't fit."



Assemblymember Carroll: "The state should provide funds to install track sensor systems until advances in engineering or technology provide the MTA the ability to install life-saving barriers."

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