



December 8, 2022

Greetings --

In some good news this week, the Governor signed my bill, [A.642-C](#) into law. Known as the “wrong church” voting rights reform, A.642-C requires the counting and canvassing of affidavit ballots cast by eligible voters who appear at the wrong polling place, if they are voting in the correct county and assembly district. The new law strengthens protections for New Yorkers' right to vote and have their ballots counted in races that they are entitled to vote in while also encouraging voter participation in the electoral process.

With our democracy under attack it is essential that New York does everything in its power to ensure eligible voters' ballots are counted. With this legislation, New York will no longer invalidate otherwise valid ballots because a voter went to the incorrect polling place in their home county and assembly district. This critical voting reform will help ensure that the rights of thousands of voters are protected. [Read more about it here.](#)



Politics

Hochul signs Carroll's bill to count affidavit ballots cast at the wrong polling sites

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Assembly Member Robert Carroll, the bill's prime sponsor in Albany's lower chamber, told amNewYork Metro that the legislation would address a common problem where people show up to the wrong polling place on Election Day and are given an affidavit ballot, instead of being directed to the correct site, by poll workers. Oftentimes voters end up at the wrong polling location, Carroll said, because either an election official directed them there or their voting site changed without their knowledge. “This is going to help them franchise 1000s of people every year,” Carroll said.

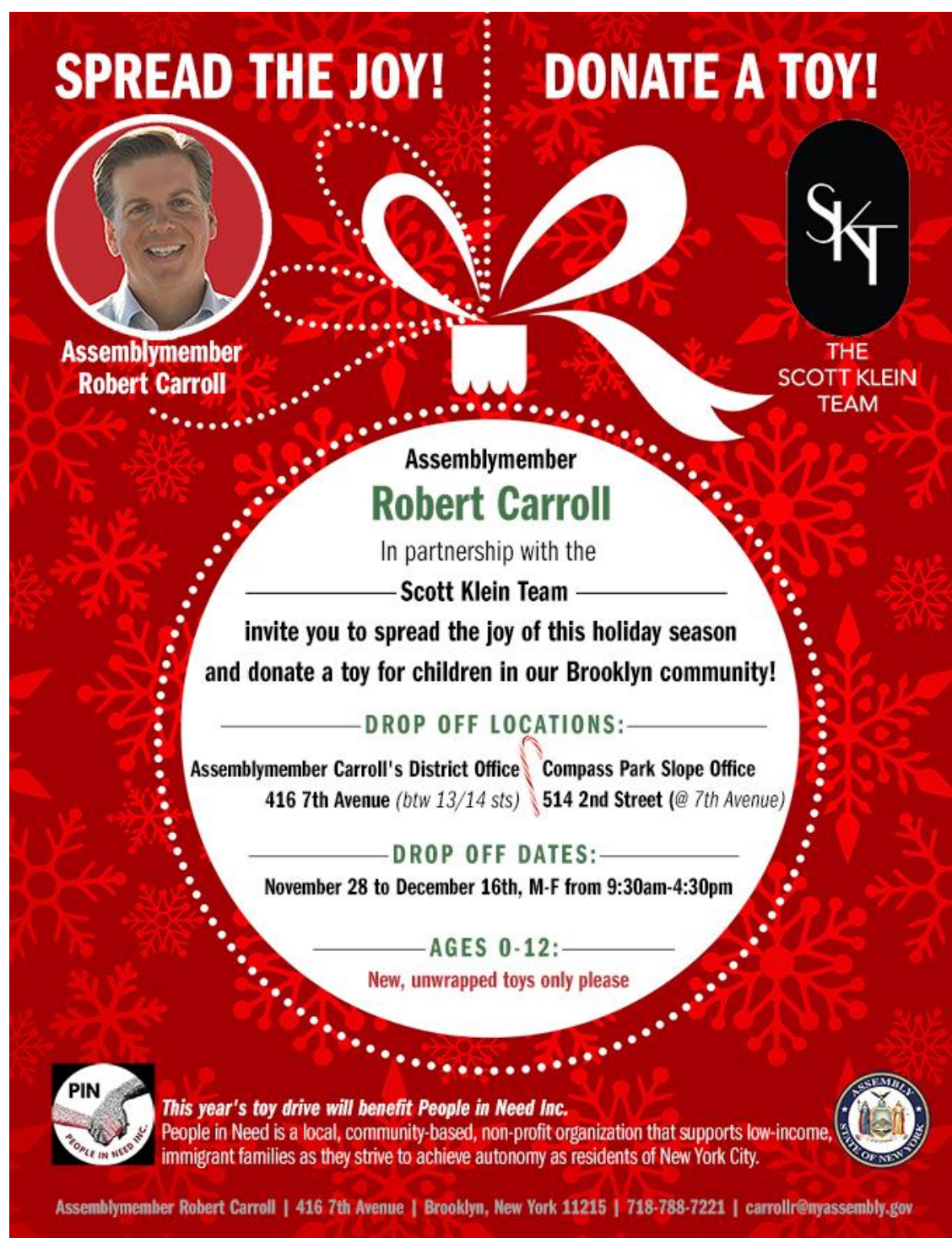
Brooklyn Bus Network Redesign Draft Plan

The MTA released the [first draft of their Brooklyn Bus Network Redesign](#). I am supportive of the MTA's general goal of redesigning Brooklyn's network to better simplify it, straighten routes, create new connections, strengthen interborough service, adjust frequencies, and right-size the distance between bus stops.


I do have some concerns, however, about some changes in routes in my district; including cuts in service to the B68 and truncating the route of the B69. Beginning in January 2023, the MTA will host public events and workshops to gather additional input from customers and Brooklyn residents. [They are hosting one public workshop per community district](#), so please plan to attend your relevant workshop and make your voice heard. In addition, after reviewing the draft plan, please [submit your comments to the MTA here](#).


Holiday Toy Drive

I am collecting toys for children age 0-12 at my district office through December 16th. You can donate a toy Monday through Friday from 9:30am – 4:30pm at my district office at 416 7th Avenue. This year's toy drive will go to the Kensington non-profit, People in Need, who will distribute the toys to families later this month. Please find full details on the flyer below:



SPREAD THE JOY! DONATE A TOY!


Assemblymember
Robert Carroll



THE
SCOTT KLEIN
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Assemblymember
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In partnership with the
— Scott Klein Team —
invite you to spread the joy of this holiday season
and donate a toy for children in our Brooklyn community!

DROP OFF LOCATIONS:
Assemblymember Carroll's District Office | Compass Park Slope Office
416 7th Avenue (btw 13/14 sts) | 514 2nd Street (@ 7th Avenue)

DROP OFF DATES:
November 28 to December 16th, M-F from 9:30am-4:30pm

AGES 0-12:
New, unwrapped toys only please


This year's toy drive will benefit People in Need Inc.
People in Need is a local, community-based, non-profit organization that supports low-income, immigrant families as they strive to achieve autonomy as residents of New York City.



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If you have any concerns about these or any other legislative or community matter please email me at carrollr@nyassembly.gov or call (718) 788-7221.

-Bobby

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