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Greetings –

The Assembly continues to deliberate on its “One House Budget” - the Assembly’s official response to the Governor’s proposed Executive Budget.

Among funding initiatives that are priorities for me this budget cycle are capital funding for the renovation of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden historic Japanese-Hill-and-Pond Garden, the Prospect Park Lakeshore Restoration Project, and for technology needs for the Brooklyn Public Library.

On the operating side, it is essential that the state Center for Dyslexia and Dysgraphia, which was established by my legislation that was signed into law by the Governor in December, be fully funded. I am also advocating for restoration of operating funding for the Center for Brooklyn History (formerly the Brooklyn Historical Society), and funding for a consortium of Brooklyn organizations to organize events to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Brooklyn.

Top priorities on major policy issues that I am advocating for are stronger protections for immigrants, universal childcare, and sustainable funding for healthcare and other essential services through modest taxes increases that would make New York State’s tax system more progressive – the legislation that is part of the “Tax the Rich” campaign would achieve this objective. I believe [New York For All \(A.3506/S.2235\)](#), which would limit state and local law enforcement cooperation with ICE, should be included in the budget. I also fully support the Governor’s proposed legislation that would allow New Yorkers to sue ICE when their constitutional rights have been violated and restrict federal agents from certain sensitive locations including hospitals, schools, day care centers and religious institutions unless they have a judicial warrant. I believe it is important that libraries be included in the definition of “sensitive location.”

NYC Department of Finance / NY Connects in the District Office

This week we had another successful “DOF in the Office” day, with DOF officials on hand to help people with questions regarding property taxes and tax benefit programs. This time

DOF was joined by NY Connects/NYC Department for the Aging to help seniors access a range of government programs and services. More than fifty constituents attended!

For those who missed it and have questions and concerns related to property taxes, SCRIE and DRIE, and senior benefits generally please contact my office and we can connect you with our liaisons in the relevant agencies.



Celebrating Iftar

While I am in Albany most days of the week from now until June, it is my privilege to attend community events when the opportunity arises. This week it was great to be with Mohammad Razvi at the Council of People's Organization Iftar!



Ongoing Legislative Work

There are a number of bills that I authored that I am working to see passed this session as well as co-sponsoring and advocating for many bills championed by my colleagues. One such bill that there was progress on this week was [A8043](#), which would ban octopus farming in New York State. I have received many calls and emails from constituents in support of this legislation and I was proud to vote in the affirmative to pass it in the Committee on Environmental Conservation this week.

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

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