



Assemblymember Robert Carroll

Legislative Update



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This year's state budget included important legislation providing protections for immigrants, promoting housing development, strengthening gun control, making our streets safer, and a host of other issues. The protracted budget negotiations between the Governor and the Assembly and State Senate meant that there was less time for the legislature to consider and pass bills outside the budget, but very significant stand-alone legislation was also passed regarding data-center development, digital surveillance, and the state's redistricting process. I am also proud of continued progress made when it comes to early childhood literacy and dyslexia and the funding secured for cultural organizations in the district. I remain grateful to represent a district comprised of vibrant diverse neighborhoods with so many engaged constituents and wonderful community and cultural organizations. I look forward to continuing to work in partnership on policy and community matters and the ongoing work of constituent services.

Legislative Accomplishments

I was the author and prime sponsor of two pieces of legislation that passed both the Assembly and Senate this session and will now go to the Governor for her signature and enactment into law.

The Libraries Literacy Guidance Act

My bill **A.5835B/S.8044A** directs the State Librarian to provide libraries across New York with guidance regarding evidence-based practices for teaching early literacy, helping ensure that families seeking literacy support through their local libraries have access to resources aligned with the science of reading. This legislation complements my ongoing efforts to see all New York State schools follow best practices in teaching reading. Libraries are one of our most trusted resources for families, and this bill will help them play an even stronger role in helping children become successful readers. As Chair of the Libraries and Education Technology Committee in the Assembly, I am especially proud to have authored and passed this legislation.

Electronics Repair Scores Act

My bill **A.3058C/S.6438C** calls for the New York Department of State to develop a repairability scoring criteria for digital electronic equipment such as smartphones and appliances, and for repair scores to be displayed on product packaging and on the original equipment manufacturer's website product listing. This first-in-the-nation legislation will allow New Yorkers to make informed choices about their electronics purchases while creating incentives for manufacturers to build products that last longer and generate less waste. E-waste is a major environmental issue, and the common-sense approach taken by this legislation empowers consumers, promotes sustainability, and brings New York closer to the international standards already embraced by our global peers.

Another of my bills (A.3055) passed the Assembly but did not pass the Senate while two other of my bills moved through committee to the floor of the Assembly, but did not receive a full vote. I will continue to work to see these bills pass when the Assembly next reconvenes.



Assemblymember Carroll in Albany with Cheryl Marriott, President of the New York Library Assistants' Association.



Assemblymember Carroll speaking about his literacy work at the NYC Literacy and Justice Summit in June.

Protecting credit scores – cashless toll fees (A.3055) prohibits late payment of cashless tolls from impacting credit scores. Cashless tolling is an important part of an efficient transportation system and people should absolutely pay their tolls in a timely manner, but no one should have their credit rating ruined for fines and fees on unpaid tolls without clear and timely communication of these charges.

The Protecting Libraries' Independence Act (A.7353) sets a strong standard against book banning in public libraries while protecting librarians from legal liability. In 2025, the American Library Association documented over 4,000 attempts to ban or censor books in public, school, and academic libraries nationwide. New York must join states such as New Jersey and Rhode Island in passing anti-book banning legislation.

Insurance for Food Delivery Workers (A.70) requires food delivery app companies to carry no-fault insurance covering bicycle (including e-bikes) delivery workers, providing benefits to delivery workers and others involved in an accident during a food delivery. This legislation is designed to incentivize app delivery companies to prioritize safety for workers and pedestrians rather than profits and deliveries being provided at unsafe speeds.

Legislative Accomplishments

There were many important bills passed this session that I was proud to support and vote for. Here are some that I consider among the most noteworthy:

The Responsible Data Center Development Act (A.11560) would establish a one-year moratorium on large data center permits to allow for the study of their impacts on the environment and utility system, as well as establish protections for communities. My office received many calls and emails from constituents and residents across the state calling for such a moratorium on data center development. At the time this newsletter went to press, Governor Hochul acted to impose a moratorium through Executive Order while this legislation is under review. I am confident that the Governor and legislature working together can develop a regulatory framework that balances innovation, equity, environmental stewardship, and long-term economic growth.

Defending Democracy Through Updating the Redistricting Process

With the Supreme Court undermining the Voting Rights Act and redistricting fights occurring throughout the country, it was important that New York take action. The Legislature passed a bill on redistricting, **A.11553**, for a constitutional amendment, which, if approved again by the Legislature next year, will then go to voters for final approval. It would temporarily allow the Legislature to redraw congressional district lines for the 2028 elections through the normal legislative process, helping ensure maps can be updated responsibly and after that would provide the Legislature the authority to make changes to congressional districts between census cycles, ensuring the state can respond to evolving legal standards while protecting voters and maintaining confidence in our electoral process.

Consumer Protection against Surveillance Pricing

As pricing algorithms become increasingly sophisticated, many companies now use consumers’ personal data to set individualized prices with a practice known as personalized algorithmic pricing or “surveillance pricing”. This involves entities charging different consumers different prices for the same good or service based on personal characteristics. **The One Fair Price Act A.9349-B** restricts surveillance pricing by preventing companies from using consumer data to set personalized prices and banning advertising, labeling, or displaying offers using personalized pricing.

Budget Wins for Brooklyn: the Brooklyn Botanic Garden and Brooklyn250

Two years ago, I took the lead in securing ten million dollars in state capital funding for the Brooklyn Museum. This was followed last year by successful advocacy for over \$13 million for renovations at Brooklyn Public Library branches throughout the Borough. This year, I led the successful effort, alongside the Brooklyn Delegation of the Assembly, to help secure \$4 million for the Brooklyn Botanic Garden for the restoration of the historic Japanese-Hill-and-Pond Garden. The BBG is one of Brooklyn’s great treasures, and the Japanese Garden is a jewel of the BBG.

I am also proud to have championed and helped secure \$350,000 in state funding to support Brooklyn250, a series of free educational and community-focused events across Brooklyn commemorating the Battle of Brooklyn in conjunction with the celebration of the 250th anniversary of America's independence.



Assemblymember Carroll with State Senator Andrew Gounardes, Assemblymember Jo Anne Simon, and leaders of partner organizations at Green-Wood Cemetery to announce the funding and kick-off the Brooklyn250 initiative.

A coalition of local organizations, including The Green-Wood Cemetery, the Old Stone House, Brooklyn Public Library’s Center for Brooklyn History, Prospect Park Alliance, and Fort Greene Park Conservancy, will be hosting activities that include historical reenactments, public events, and educational programs connecting the events of 1776 to the broader themes of liberty, resilience, and democracy that continue to shape the nation today. For Brooklyn250 scan the QR CODE HERE.



Assemblymember Carroll at the Center for Brooklyn History with Chief Historian Dominique Jean-Louis.

My Appointment to the Lake Placid-New York City Olympic and Paralympic Exploratory Committee

In June, I was named by Governor Hochul to the leadership committee of the Lake Placid-New York City Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Exploratory Committee. The Committee has been formed by the Governor to explore whether New York City and Lake Placid could jointly host a coordinated Winter Olympics that would be a world class sporting event and at the same time support the State's broader economic, tourism, infrastructure, and regional development goals. Since 2022, I have worked to build support for a New York City - Lake Placid Winter Olympics through policy proposals, meetings with Olympic stakeholders, a comprehensive white paper, and op-eds outlining how New York could host a sustainable and financially responsible Games. Last year, the Governor signed my bill (A.761) making Team USA athletes training for the Olympics in New York eligible for in-state tuition at SUNY and CUNY. In February of this year, I went to the Milan - Cortina Games to see how a joint host site model works in action and I believe a New York City - Lake Placid games could be even more successful than Milan-Cortina. The Knicks Championship and the World Cup were powerful reminders of how sports can bring people together as well as be a driver of economic activity and I am excited to participate in the work of the Governor’s Committee. You can watch the video I released coinciding with the Governor’s announcement by scanning the QR CODE HERE.



Joe Martens, Board Chair Olympic Regional Development Authority, Governor Kathy Hochul, Assemblymember Robert Carroll, and former Assemblymember Billy Jones in Lake Placid at the 1980 Herb Brooks Arena.

Around the Community



Assemblymember Carroll Marching in Brooklyn's Pride Parade on 5th Avenue, Park Slope.



Assemblymember Carroll with Mayor Zohran Mamdani and the Brooklyn Islamic Center community at the Parade Grounds for the celebration of Eid.



Assemblymember Carroll announcing state funding he helped secure for Shakespeare in the Park's Mobile Unit at the staging of As You Like It in Prospect Park.



Assemblymember Carroll at the graduation of the Makeup & Hair Styling program of New Life Minority Human Rights Council in Midwood.



Assemblymember Carroll with Rita McMahon and Karen Heidgerd of the Wild Bird Fund, which rehabilitates sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife and releases them back into the wild of New York City. Assemblymember Carroll directed \$250,000 in state capital funds to support the expansion of the Fund's Park Slope site.



Assemblymember Carroll speaking at PS 107 5th grade graduation.

Budget Highlights Statewide

The New York State Assembly passed the 2026-2027 enacted budget, totaling \$268.1 billion. Among many important budget initiatives were the following:

- Secures \$1.5 million to fund the operationalization of the State Center on Dyslexia and Dysgraphia. The establishment of this Center, authorized through my legislation (A.2687/S.5569), will help ensure that the State is following best practices for screenings, interventions, and professional development, data collection, and public awareness regarding dyslexia and dysgraphia.
- Maintains funding for libraries throughout the State, including \$44 million for Library Construction funding and \$106 million in Statewide Library Operating Aid. The budget also includes a record \$625,000 for the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, \$332,500 for the Langston Hughes Community Library, and \$100,000 for the Brooklyn Public Library Center for Brooklyn History - restoring the level of funding that the State provided for the first time through my advocacy last year.
- Includes record funding of \$39 billion for schools statewide, containing \$27.4 billion in Foundation Aid, a \$1 billion increase from last year, with formula adjustments ensuring at least a 2% increase for every school district and that account for students who are homeless or in foster care, and English Language Learners.
- Ensures access to affordable, reliable childcare by providing \$3 billion for childcare assistance and programs, including \$475 million in additional subsidies for New York City.

Budget Highlights Statewide

There were also many important legislative initiatives that were passed as part of the budget including:

- Protecting immigrants by limiting state and local cooperation with ICE, banning ICE from wearing masks, protecting sensitive locations like schools and houses of worship, and establishing a private right of action for deprivation of constitutional rights by government officials.
- Reducing red tape and duplicative procedures in the State’s Environmental Quality Review Act that slow down and increase the cost of certain housing development and other infrastructure projects. Developments in New York City covered by the reforms include projects of up to 250 units citywide and 500 units in medium- to high-density areas.
- Making our streets safer by cracking down on super speeders - drivers who have racked up 16 or more speed camera tickets over 12 months will have a speed-limiting device installed in their car at their own expense.
- Expanding criminal penalties related to ghost guns (guns assembled from different parts and lacking a serial number), prohibits the sale of convertible pistols, and cracks down on untraceable firearms produced using 3-D printing technology.



Assemblymember Carroll with Families for Safe Streets in Albany. Thanks in large part to the courageous advocacy of people who have lost family members to traffic violence, the “Stop Super Speeders” legislation was included in the State budget.

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- **FREE COMPOST AND LEAF BAGS**
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