

# Assemblymember Jo Anne Simon



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

I'm pleased to report that I recently passed bills on gun violence prevention, hospital closures, and to ensure that electric vehicle charging stations are accessible to people with wheelchairs. I also passed a bill to ensure that the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation preserves the habitats of monarch butterflies which are in steep decline, but which are essential pollinators.

We also passed the Climate Change Superfund Act, which will require the most prolific fossil fuel polluters to pay an estimated \$3 billion a year for the next 25 years to cover their share of emissions.

The district is also bustling with events like mammogram screenings, distributions of leaf bags and Covid-19 tests, and events like the summer reading challenge for kids. Please contact us with questions on unemployment, SNAP, housing, healthcare, subways or other issues.

Sincerely,

Jo Anne Simon

P.S. Email [simonj@nyassembly.gov](mailto:simonj@nyassembly.gov) to receive my bi-weekly email alerts.

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**Bill Passage: Preventing Gun Violence.** I am holding Glock and other firearm manufacturers accountable for enabling the spread of illegal machine guns in our communities. They have refused to redesign their pistols, which are being converted into illegal fully-automatic machine guns using auto sears, commonly known as “Glock switches.” These switches are cheap and easy to install. My bill (A10053) updates New York’s landmark gun industry accountability law to require gun manufacturers to ensure their handguns cannot be compatible with Glock switches. Governor Hochul must sign this bill into law by the end of the year.

**Bill Passage: Community Input before a Hospital Closes.** After over 9 years of advocacy, the LICH bill has passed both houses! This will ensure that the state has more oversight – and that there is planning and community input – before the closure of a hospital or unit that provides emergency, maternity, mental health, or substance use care.

When LICH in Cobble Hill closed in 2013, the community was not notified or asked for input on the hospital that had served them for 156 years. My bill (A1633) ensures that no other community experiences such a sudden hospital closure without transparency and oversight. The bill awaits the Governor’s signature.

**New Street Safety Bill: Daylighting.** I introduced bill A9985 to ensure that



New York City is no longer exempt from the state’s daylighting law. Daylighting creates additional space and visibility at curbs so that our streets are safer for pedestrians. Community Boards across the city passed resolutions in support of universal daylighting, including our very own CB8 and CB6.

**Free Flu Shot Clinic, 10/2/24.** I’m holding my annual event at the NYU Langone Health Cobble Hill ED, 70 Atlantic Ave., 2pm-7pm. RSVP to [simonj@nyassembly.gov](mailto:simonj@nyassembly.gov) or call 718-246-4889.

**NYS DOH & DEC Meeting on Gowanus Soil Vapor Intrusion Testing, 9/19/24.** PS 372, 215 1st St., 7-9pm.

**Housing Help, 9/17/2024 & 10/1/2024.** Visit the NYC Housing Preservation & Development’s mobile outreach van, 197 Bond St, 10am-5pm, to get your housing questions answered. HPD can help you apply for affordable housing, file a complaint, finance repairs, etc. [nyc.gov/hpdoutreach](http://nyc.gov/hpdoutreach)

**Nov. 5, 2024 General Election Information and Prop 1.** Register to vote by Oct. 26, 2024 at <https://vote.nyc> or visit the Board of Elections, 345 Adams St, Brooklyn, or call 718-797-8800. You may flip your ballot to vote on ballot proposition 1 which adds anti-discrimination provisions to the State Constitution. View Prop 1 text: <https://elections.ny.gov/2024-statewide-ballot-proposal>

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