

IN THE COMMUNITY



Dear Neighbor,

As we approach the close of my first legislative session in Albany, I remain focused on our district and making sure the government is working for you, both through the laws we are passing and the budget we have authorized. We have made great strides in education, mental health, and keeping our city affordable with the passage of this year's budget, and have delivered significant funding for the 73rd District.

Ensuring your tax dollars come back into our communities is imperative to me, and I am proud to have delivered over **\$3.2 million in new, dedicated funding for organizations within our district.**

We have all seen the effects inadequate mental health care has on our neighbors. This year, we finally did something about it, with a historic investment of **\$1 Billion** more for mental health care throughout New York State. Support for those impacted by mental illness, and their families, is vital to our state's well-being and growth, especially with the pandemic exacerbating these conditions.

An exciting addition to the budget is **\$34 million** to speed up our subway service! Starting this summer, train frequency will increase on the 5, 6, N, and R lines. We look forward to these upgraded services reducing crowding and wait times across the subway system.

Sincerely,

Alex Bores
Assemblymember for the 73rd District



Earth Day Celebrations: Assemblymember Bores had a fantastic Earth Day — celebrating our community's beautiful green spaces! Special thanks to the St. Vartan Park Conservancy, Murray Hill Neighborhood Association, and the Sutton Place Parks Conservancy for putting together wonderful events, and working hard to keep our neighborhoods clean and green!



Alex met with **The Lexington Democratic Club** to discuss his 'No Cap Act', which amends the New York State Constitution to remove the cap on Supreme Court Justices.

The Court faces an extreme case-backlog which grows by 60,000+ unresolved cases per year. Removing the cap will ease the burden on the court and shorten trial delays.



May is **Jewish American Heritage Month**, where we honor the values, culture, and contributions of the Jewish people of our nation.

We were honored to tour **The Museum of Jewish Heritage - A Living Memorial to the Holocaust.**



Assemblymember Bores was proud to speak at the **Clean Slate Rally** on May 9th in Albany supporting **Bill A1029a.**

This anti-recidivism bill will help those who served their time find legal employment instead of being forced to earn their living illegally.

OUR PROGRESS IN ALBANY

Updates on bills carried by Assemblymember Bores:

Bill Title	Summary	Status
A03158A Optometry Licensing	Addresses the shortage of optometrists in New York by allowing optometry students who have studied in a different state to engage in supervised clinical practice to get their careers started here.	Passed both chambers
A07106 PAID Act	The Political Artificial Intelligence Disclaimer (PAID) Act requires political communications using AI-generated media of any kind to clearly and prominently disclose it, and will protect our elections from disinformation.	Introduced
A06774 Protecting Future Passovers	Ensures the next candidate filing deadline which will conflict with Passover (in 2026) is shifted, so candidates, their staff, and volunteers won't have to miss their Seders.	Introduced

View full text by searching the bill # at nyassembly.gov/leg/

NEW YORK STATE BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



The NYS Budget includes \$1.9 billion in support for the SUNY and CUNY systems. Among other improvements, this will ensure in state students do not see any tuition increases this year.



The Budget also includes \$134.6 million to fund free school lunches. This, along with Federal subsidies, will provide meals to up to an additional 300,000 NY students.



The State Budget increased the minimum wage statewide. In January the minimum wage in NYC will rise to \$16. It will then increase to \$16.50 in 2025 and \$17 in 2026.

...all delivered without any new income taxes!

MOBILE OFFICE HOURS



Our office joined with Assemblymember Rebecca Seawright's team for mobile office hours at Ruppert Park, where we met with and assisted constituents. Be on the lookout for our team as the weather continues to warm up, you may catch us tabling on your corner! It is always our priority to be accessible and accountable.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Madison Avenue Gallery Walk:

Saturday, May 20th
E 57th St to E 86th St along Madison Avenue
11:00 AM — 5:00 PM

PS 6 Spring Fair:

Saturday, May 20th
E 82nd St between Park Avenue and
Madison Avenue
11:00 AM — 5:00 PM

The Brick Church Strawberry Festival:

Sunday, May 21st
62 E 92nd St
12:15 PM — 1:30 PM



JCRC-NY's Celebrate Israel Parade:

Sunday, June 4th
E 57th St to E 74th St along 5th Avenue
11:00 AM — 4:00 PM

Grant Funds - Manhattan DA and CUNY ISLG

Awarding up to \$20,000 in stipends for community based organizations working with young New Yorkers in areas facing gun violence. For more information, visit: cjii.org/gun-violence-prevention-initiative-23

News from New York State Attorney General Letitia James

May Highlights: Protecting Personal Data

Attorney General Letitia James released a Data Security Guide to help businesses better protect consumers' personal data. Last year, the Office of the New York State Attorney General (OAG) received 4,000 data breach notifications, in which it was informed that consumers' personal information may have been compromised. The OAG opened dozens of investigations and penalized companies millions of dollars for their failure to adopt reasonable safeguards to protect customer information or properly inform customers of the incident.



A common target for cybercriminals is social security numbers, and there were 1,876 data breach incidents reported to the OAG last year involving social security numbers. These reported incidents affected over 3.2 million New Yorkers. With social security numbers, a cybercriminal can open financial accounts in the victim's name and collect federal and state benefits.

The Attorney General's Guide discusses some of the data security failures found in recent data security investigations and recommends practices businesses should adopt to better secure their systems, fortify their networks, and strengthen data security measures. Some of the tips from the guide include:

- » Maintain controls for secure authentication procedures, such as multi-factor authentication;
- » Encrypt sensitive customer information, such as social security numbers;
- » Know where consumer information is kept - maintain an asset inventory that tracks where customer information is stored; and
- » Notify consumers quickly and accurately of a data breach so that they can take steps to protect themselves.

In a related action, Attorney General James is working with the State Legislature to regulate health data tracking by various on-line companies and apps.

To read a copy of the Data Security Guide ("Protecting Consumers' Personal Information") visit ag.ny.gov/protecting-data