



Assemblyman

David I. Weprin

Reports to the Community

SUMMER 2014

Dear Neighbor,

I hope this message finds you and your family well. As the legislative session drew to a close, I fought to pass bills to improve our neighborhoods in the 24th Assembly District, as well as for the good of the entire state of New York.

It has been an honor this year serving as Chair of the Assembly Taskforce on People with Disabilities. I am proud of the disabilities legislative package we passed in the Assembly this session, and I am eager to expand on my work next year. Together, we can make New York a state in which everyone can thrive.

As we gauge the impact these new laws will have in our state, I intend to hit the ground running at the start of the next session, to make sure that our needs are well represented in Albany.

I want to thank everyone who came out and made the Richmond Hill District Office's Open House a success. Of course, please feel free to contact my staff at either our Fresh Meadows or Richmond Hill District Offices if you have any issues. Both offices are open to assist you Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy summer.

Sincerely,

David I. Weprin
Member of Assembly

Congratulations to all 2014 Graduates!



Assemblyman Weprin (Alum. 1974) speaks to the final graduating class of Jamaica High School.



Assemblyman Weprin shares a few words with Queensboro Community College's Class of 2014.

NOW OPEN: Richmond Hill District Office

In June, Assemblyman Weprin opened his second district office in Richmond Hill. Hundreds of community leaders and constituents joined Assemblyman Weprin at the grand opening. This is actually the first State Assembly Office ever in the diverse neighborhood of Richmond Hill.

Assemblyman Weprin's staff is available full-time at the Richmond Hill office to assist constituents with problems and to address their concerns. This is in addition to our Fresh Meadows District Office.



HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday – Friday • 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP

This legislative session, Assemblyman Weprin and his colleagues in the State Legislature passed many groundbreaking bills. A few of the ones he co-sponsored are:

BRIARWOOD STATION RE-NAMING

Legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Weprin, which passed both the Assembly and the Senate, would change the name of the Briarwood—Van Wyck Boulevard subway station (E & F lines) to simply “Briarwood.” Van Wyck Boulevard has not existed in decades, and once the bill takes effect, the station’s name will accurately reflect its location.

RELIGIOUS GARB BILL



Assemblyman Weprin stands with leaders from the Sikh community and State Senator Sanders at a press conference about the Religious Garb Bill.

The religious garb bill, sponsored by Assemblyman Weprin, passed overwhelmingly in the Assembly, and is now pending passage in the Senate. This bill requires employers to respect employees’ religious beliefs and dress, allowing for religious attire to be worn in the workplace.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

The legislation co-sponsored by Assemblyman Weprin would allow licensed physicians to determine if a patient suffering from a debilitating or life-threatening illness is likely to benefit from the use of medical marijuana. The bill would prevent the marketing of medical marijuana to teenagers and patients would not be able to receive prescriptions to smoke medical marijuana. The forms of the drug that could be prescribed are oil-based extracts, pills, edibles and vaporized forms.

HELPING OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

The Assembly’s legislation, which Assemblyman Weprin co-sponsored, and which passed the Senate, would help veterans and their families in a variety of ways. The legislation would reduce the burden of moving for military families, and help provide resources for returning veterans pursuing their education.

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

Legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Weprin (A.2887-B) would require that mandated reporters receive additional training and coursework regarding identification of child abuse or maltreatment every three years.

The Assembly also passed another bill sponsored by Assemblyman Weprin that would add full- or part-time compensated school personnel who hold a temporary coaching license or professional coaching certificate to the list of mandated reporters of suspected child abuse (A.421-C). Additionally, the legislation strengthens the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS).

Assemblyman Weprin in the Community



Assemblyman Weprin, with Councilmembers Chin, Johnson, and Van Bramer, calls for a repeal of Madison Square Garden’s multi-million dollar property tax exemption. Madison Square Garden is the only for-profit institution in New York State that has an unlimited property tax exemption. If the exemption were repealed, it would result in an additional \$17 million annually for New York City. This exemption has been in effect since 1992 and resulted in the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars in tax revenue for New York City.



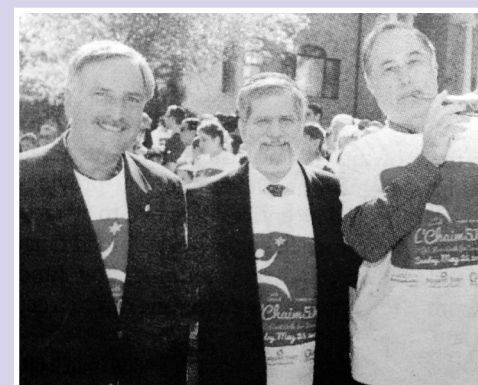
Assemblymen Weprin and Simanowitz present proclamations to the dedicated teachers at Yeshiva Education for Special Students (YESS).



Assemblyman Weprin watches the results of the historic Parliamentary Elections in India with thousands of New Yorkers in Times Square.



Assemblyman Weprin extends birthday wishes and Assembly Citations to 13 new centenarians at the Chapin Home for the Aging.



Assemblyman Weprin with Rabbi Shlomo Hochberg and Hilton Blachman at the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates’ 5K Run.



Assemblyman Weprin greets Monirul Hoque Sakku, the Mayor of Comilla, Bangladesh, who came to visit our community in Queens. Comilla is one of the oldest and most historic cities in Bangladesh. The Assemblyman presents Mayor Sakku with an Assembly Citation to mark their meeting.



To honor those who fought for our freedom, Assemblyman Weprin marched in the annual Little Neck-Douglaston Memorial Day Parade.



Assemblyman Weprin, Councilman Lancman, and Congresswoman Meng applaud the Department of Transportation on their approval of a One-Way Street on 168th street between Highland Avenue and Gothic Avenue. The corridor is highly trafficked by thousands of students commuting to and from Jamaica High School Campus and Thomas Edison High School each day, as well as by the members of the Jamaica Muslim Center. Assemblyman Weprin is glad to report that after six months of coordination with the DOT, 168th street will be safer for drivers and pedestrians.



Assemblyman Weprin walks to raise awareness for familial dysautonomia (FD).



Assemblyman Weprin speaks to senior citizens at Services Now for Adult Persons (SNAP) about the expansion of senior benefits, including SCRIE.

How can Assemblyman Weprin Help You?

Our office is here to assist you. Frequently, constituents seek our help in contacting various governmental agencies, and our office most commonly assists with issues involving transportation, buildings, and quality of life. If you have any issues, please fill out this form and submit this to us via fax, email, or in person.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Issue/Concern: _____

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Serving the partial or entire communities of Briarwood, Bellerose, Bellerose Manor, Fresh Meadows, Glen Oaks, Hillcrest, Holliswood, Jamaica Estates, Jamaica Hills, Oakland Gardens, Queens Village, Richmond Hill, South Richmond Hill, and Utopia.

ASSEMBLYMAN WEPRIN'S JOB FAIR

The Job Fair is open to the public, and free of charge.
Come by to meet prospective employers and others in the community.

Thursday, September 18th, 2014 • 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Boys & Girls Club of Metro Queens, Inc

110-04 Atlantic Avenue South Richmond Hill, NY 11419

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