



# Assemblyman Clyde Vanel

Reports to the Community



SUMMER 2018

Dear Neighbor,

We recently completed the legislative session this year. I want to update you on our legislative victories as well as update you on what we have been doing in the community. I am grateful for your support and I am honored to represent you as your New York State Assembly Member.

We passed a number of vital bills in the New York State Assembly including adding bereavement to Paid Family Leave, a bill to promote prosecutorial accountability, protecting net neutrality, passing New York Health Act, and fighting for criminal justice reform. We also have been fighting to bring equity to admissions for the specialized high schools, overhauled teacher evaluations, ensured fair wages on public construction projects and we continue to fight to expand voting rights, including early voting.

I am focused on keeping and bringing more jobs for New Yorkers in our district. In that vein, I was blessed to have a number of my bills passed including the Digital Currency Study Bill and the Artificial Intelligence Study Bill. Additionally, I have been working tirelessly in the community. My office has recently funded a number of local programs and activities and we hosted a local job fair. Also, I have attended countless local community events, graduations and programs.

Finally, the executive in federal government has promoted policies that have separated families and attacked organized labor and hard-working immigrants and Americans. We will continue to fight these policies. Such policies are against the moral fabric that this country was built upon. I urge you to stay connected with me via my electronic newsletter. Please send me your email address to participate and I look forward to seeing you all in the community.

Sincerely

Clyde Vanel  
Member of Assembly

## FIGHTING TO KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER

In New York and all across the nation, Americans are horrified and heartbroken by the inhumane treatment of migrant children. Families desperate for our help, fleeing violence and seeking asylum have reached our border only to have their families torn apart. From the misguided plan to construct a wall at our nation's border to using Immigrations and Customs Enforcement agents to intimidate people in civic spaces, the Trump administration has consistently and shamelessly targeted vulnerable immigrants and used them as scapegoats. Now, his administration has resorted to taking innocent migrant children from their parents and holding them in cages in detention facilities. This is an inexcusable effort to use children as political pawns to push his xenophobic and regressive immigration policies. The heartless and senseless separation of migrant children from their parents does not represent who we are as a country. This is not an issue of "law and order." It is about morals and integrity. Right, versus wrong.

As a brother, uncle and godfather, my heart aches for these parents and fears for the irreparable emotional trauma being inflicted on these children. We can and must do better. Across the board, child welfare experts agree that keeping parents and children together is the best practice for children. That is why my colleagues and I in the Assembly Majority called on President Trump to rescind this unethical and inhumane policy. We have always believed in putting families first – never tearing them apart. Recently, we found out that separated children are right here in New York City. We are working diligently to right this wrong.



Assembly Member Clyde Vanel at Haitian Unity day stressing the importance of togetherness and humanity.

## AROUND THE DISTRICT

### WE FOUGHT TO GET REDUCED \$5 TICKET ON LIRR FOR COMMUNITY



I along with the local elected officials have worked hard to bring transportation equity to our community. We understand that it takes too long to get to downtown Brooklyn and Manhattan from our community. We also understand that the LIRR is much faster than the bus and train but it is expensive. We recently announced that we were successful in getting the LIRR/MTA to start the pilot program that would change the quality of life for residents in my district. The Atlantic Ticket is a fare program that will help residents in Southeast Queens gain affordable access to the LIRR. Commuters have the choice of purchasing a one-way ticket or a weekly pass. A one-way Atlantic Ticket costs \$5.00 and a weekly Atlantic Ticket costs \$60.00 and includes a 7-Day Unlimited Ride MetroCard for free transfers to NYCT subways & buses. This only applies to Atlantic Terminal in Brooklyn, while over a third of our residents that travel to Manhattan travel to downtown. This is a huge step in the right direction to provide adequate transportation to constituents in the area. We will fight for Penn Station to be included. I urge you to use it!

### CLYDE HOSTS A JOB FAIR IN THE DISTRICT



In June, my office hosted a job fair with many companies and agencies that interviewed many people from the community for career and job opportunities.

### CLYDE HOSTED A BBALL CLINIC IN ST. ALBANS WITH NY KNICKS



It is important to teach the youth about discipline and keep them active. My office hosted a basketball clinic in St. Albans at IS192 with the NY Knicks. Former Knicks star Larry Johnson gave the children lessons on basketball and life.



## FIGHTING FOR JOBS AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY



I have been fighting for New Yorkers and our community to have good jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities now and in the future. As Chair of the Subcommittee on Internet and New Technologies, I am tasked to prepare our workforce for the future. I am excited to share that two of my bills have passed in the Assembly. Bill number A8783, Digital Currency Study Bill, relates to the creation of the digital currency task force and Bill number A8821, Artificial Intelligence Study Bill, relates to creating a temporary state commission to study and investigate how to regulate artificial intelligence. It is important that we prepare our work force for the future of work. We must work to ensure that the middle class is able to afford to remain middle class while the price of homes, food and basic services continue to rise. I can assure you that I will continue to work hard in creating opportunities to make sure we are not left behind.

## FIGHTING TO KEEP TRUCKS FROM PARKING ON OUR STREETS

Many of you have complained about trucks parked on the streets. I am working really hard on bill number A8363 which would increase the fine for tractor-trailer combinations that park on residential streets overnight. This has been an ongoing issue that I have not taken lightly. I will continue to fight on your behalf to find solutions.



## CLYDE AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Clyde attended the Queens Village Memorial Day Parade and greeted people around the neighborhood.



Clyde at his Annual Mother's Day Luncheon with the mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers in the community.

# CONGRATS TO ALL OF THIS YEAR'S GRADUATES



We want to congratulate all the graduates in 2018. We are proud of your accomplishments and we look forward to your bright future. We have full confidence that you will take this world by storm. My office is here to assist you in any manner.

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