



July 1, 2022

Dearest Friends and Neighbors,

I hope you are all enjoying the summer weather!

As always, it is the greatest honor of my life to represent you in the New York State Assembly. If you ever have any concerns or need help on any matter, do not hesitate to contact my office at **718-805-0950** or stop by at **83-91 Woodhaven Boulevard** on **weekdays from 9:00am to 5:00pm** and **Saturdays from 11:00am to 2:00pm**.



Speaking at the street co-naming honoring baseball legend Phil "Scooter" Rizzuto

A Productive Legislative Session Concludes...

The beginning of June marked the end of the 2021-22 legislative session in Albany. I am proud to announce that my colleagues and I were responsible for the most productive session in 25 years, passing over 1,000 bills. Our landmark legislation included bills to improve gun safety, protect women's health, create more affordable housing, protect voting rights, promote organ donation, create a "blue alert" system to catch people who kill or injure a police officer, elevate the Division of Veterans' Services to a full-fledged department, and much more.

I authored and passed a bill creating the first-ever New York Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission. My Commission will be housed in the governor's Division of Human Rights, and will develop solutions to issues facing the Asian-American community, including the rise in hate crimes. I also passed legislation to support crime victims giving them the support they need to get back on their feet

and helping them through some of the most difficult times in their lives. Both my bills passed with overwhelming bipartisan support.

...An Emergency Session Begins

Like many of you, I was troubled by the recent Supreme Court decisions. In response, Governor Kathy Hochul made the necessary decision to convene an extraordinary session this week to do whatever we can to counteract the consequences of these rulings.

As I write, my colleagues and I are passing legislation supporting an Equality Amendment to the State Constitution that will guarantee equal rights for women, including healthcare access. We are also passing legislation to place new restrictions on where people can carry firearms, create stronger background checks, and enhance training requirements for concealed firearm permits.

Through all the tribulations this extremist Supreme Court has wrought upon us, I promise you I will continue doing everything in my power to protect women's healthcare and prevent gun violence.



Celebrating Woodhaven's 187th Birthday

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This session I unanimously passed the first-ever resolution recognizing Woodhaven's Birthday. July 1st marks 187 years since John R. Pitkin purchased the land that would become Woodhaven. To mark the occasion, I hosted a spectacular 187th Birthday Party for the Woodhaven Residents' Block Association. If you missed out on the festivities, do not fret: we will now celebrate Woodhaven's Birthday every year!

My Woodhaven Birthday resolution is available [here](#). If you want an official printed and stamped Assembly copy, just stop by my office.



Honoring Principal Elizabeth Orsini-Fox of P.S. 60
The Woodhaven School

Take the New York State Assembly's 2022 Summer Reading Challenge

I encourage all young people in my district to take the New York State Assembly Reading Challenge. To complete the Challenge, children must read for a minimum of 15 minutes a day for 40 days during the summer, and log it on a calendar. Students who complete the calendar can send it in to my office and receive a certificate. Let's show the whole State Assembly that District 38 is the book-lovingest district in New York!

For a calendar, contact or stop by my office. I expect to receive a huge stack of calendars by the end of the summer!



Speaking at MS 137 graduation

Queens Rockfest Comes to Forest Park July 9

Hands down, Queens is the cultural epicenter of New York. We will prove it once again with the Fourth Annual Queens Rockfest, a showcase of some of the greatest musical acts who trace their roots to Queens. I am sponsoring the free daylong event on **Saturday, July 9** from **10:00am to 8:00pm** at the Forest Park Bandshell. I look forward to seeing many of you as we rock out together!



With the 106th Precinct at Community Against Gun Violence

Pop-up COVID-19 vaccination site at my office

Get Yourself and Your Children Vaccinated and Boosted

If it has been four months since your COVID-19 vaccination, or four months since a booster shot if you are over 50, the time is now to get a booster dose. Children 5-17 are also now eligible for a booster. Even better, vaccines are now available for children under 5. In studies involving thousands of children under 5, the vaccine was up to 80% effective in preventing symptomatic infection, with almost no serious side effects.

To schedule a COVID-19 vaccination, visit vax4nyc.nyc.gov or call **877-VAX-4NYC**. As always, my office is available to help schedule appointments, with language assistance in Spanish, Punjabi, Bengali, and Albanian. We also have COVID-19 home test kits.

For full details on booster recommendations, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html>.

Thank you and have a wonderful 4th of July!

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jenifer Rajkumar", enclosed within a circular scribble.

Jenifer Rajkumar

New York State Assemblywoman

38th District