



Assemblyman

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Dear Neighbor(s):

For months, I fought to pass a \$150 billion state budget that I believe reflects our community's values. My colleagues and I secured record-breaking funding and resources for New York City public schools, higher education, healthcare, and senior services.

I'm proud to have pushed back against original proposals that unfairly targeted and vilified teachers across this state. I rejected plans that would have led to more students being taught to the test, not learning with purpose in classrooms.

Instead, I fought and voted for a budget that included the largest increase (\$1.6 Billion) toward our public schools.

You have my word that I will continue to fight in Albany for more benefits for our children, senior citizens, and working families. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with this or with any other issue.

Sincerely,

Ron Kim
Member of Assembly

ASSEMBLYMAN RON KIM CARES DEEPLY ABOUT OUR VETERANS

Assemblyman Kim's dad was a marine who fought in the Vietnam War with American soldiers. It was during this time when Ron's dad grew a deep appreciation of the American democratic system and decided after the war to pursue the "dream" himself. To this day, Assemblyman Kim feels passionate about always giving back to the veterans who have sacrificed to uphold and spread the values of this great nation. That is why Assemblyman Kim is especially proud to have voted for a state budget this year that included \$350,000 for the Veterans Entrepreneurial Assistance Program to provide veterans the training they need to start a new business. This is just a small token of appreciation of our veterans' hard work and sacrifice.



2015 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET IN DEPTH

Protecting Children and Teachers

We fought tooth and nail to achieve concessions that will continue to let local districts determine the effectiveness of our teachers based on student growth, not just standardized testing. Through tough negotiations, I rejected the executive's unrealistic teacher evaluation plan that amounted to an attack on teachers.

Investing in Education

We voted to secure \$9.2 billion for New York City Schools, which is about \$500 million more than last year; \$75 million in grants for struggling schools; and \$20 million in grants for libraries, teacher centers, and bilingual education.

Helping the Elderly

In an effort to help the poor and elderly, we voted to restore \$78.9 million to Medicaid, and \$10.7 million to preserve spousal refusal, which protects couples from losing their life savings in the event that a spouse requires long-term care.

Expanding Affordable Housing

The budget provides \$415.6 million for housing and community development programs, allotting \$225 million for repair and rehabilitation programs. It also provides \$34.7 million for community development programs and \$155.5 million for other affordable housing programs.

Cracking Down on Corruption

By requiring greater disclosure, transparency and accountability, this year's state budget makes a series of ethics reforms to help restore the public's trust in government. The state budget requires public officials to disclose outside income they receive from non-government employment on their annual financial disclosure forms.

Fighting for Better Healthcare

The final budget also rolls back the governor's shortsighted cuts and makes a strong commitment to vital public health programs, including a \$21.3 million restoration for 39 discrete health programs that would have had their funding cut by 15 percent.

COMMUNITY UPDATES



Assemblyman Ron Kim always will take time to speak with young people and he most recently visited Boston College to lecture on state policymaking and education policies.



Assemblyman Ron Kim continues to meet with seniors and older adults from the district to address their concerns for more affordable housing and better social services.



Assemblyman Ron Kim fights to add more funding toward college scholarships so more students will have an equal opportunity to succeed.



Assemblyman Ron Kim met with countless numbers of teachers in the district and in Albany as he joined his colleagues to make sure the budget does not unfairly target the teaching profession.



Assemblyman **Ron Kim** Reports to the People

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Assemblyman Ron Kim will continue to meet with health-care advocates to fight for more equitable health benefits for working families.

For Assemblyman Ron Kim, there's nothing more important than ensuring the success of the next generation, including his newborn Olive Priscilla and her future friends.

