



Assemblymember
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Greetings--

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Protecting the Integrity of New York State’s Election Systems

In September 2017, the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) confirmed to election officials in 21 states that their election systems had been targeted by Russian hackers during the 2016 election cycle. Such attacks included attempts to infiltrate state voter registration databases and, in two instances, hackers were successful in obtaining access to information in state voter registration systems. This confirmation by DHS comes on the heels of United States House, Senate and intelligence community investigations which offered further substantiation of Russian attempts to influence the 2016 election. Furthermore, these investigations confirmed that there is no reason to believe that such disruption attempts were isolated incidents, and that states need to upgrade their cyber security efforts to prevent, recognize and mitigate threats to state and local election systems.

On Tuesday, the Assembly Committee on Election Law held a hearing to examine the condition of the State’s election infrastructure and take testimony with regard to protecting the integrity of election systems against cyber-infiltration or attack.



As a member of the Election Law committee, I attended the hearing and questioned New York State and City Board of Elections officials about the cyber security protections that we have in place to protect the integrity of our election systems as we approach the 2018 election cycle and beyond. View my exchange with Michael Ryan, the Executive Director of the New York City Board of Elections by clicking the photo above.

Change 4 Change at PS 139

The wonderful students and PS 139 community concluded their highly successful “Change 4 Change” drive, which brought in over \$1,300 for children in need from Bangladesh, Mexico and Puerto Rico.



I joined the 1st Grade Class at an assembly at PS 139 last week to congratulate them for raising the most money in the entire school! It was heartwarming to celebrate the generosity of some of our youngest citizens for those in need.

Community Education Council District 15 Launches Garden Train

I was thrilled to join Community Education Council District 15 earlier this week to support the launch of Garden Train, a wonderful initiative started by a constituent and parent at PS 39, Kathy Price, which focuses on the district's public school gardens.



Our school gardens serve an important role in our community because they help give our children a hands-on appreciation for the beauty of the natural world right here in Brooklyn. I look forward to seeing the gardens grow over the coming year and stand ready to roll up my sleeves and assist in the planting!

MTA Metro Card Van

On Wednesday, my District Office hosted the MTA Metro Card van so that constituents could speak directly to an MTA representative and handle all their Metro Card business. Dozens of constituents were able to apply or refill their Reduced-Fare Metro Card, buy pay-per-ride cards, check the balance on expired cards and consolidate multiple cards that have a balance to one card.



It's rare for people to be so happy about something dealing with the MTA, but this service seemed to be hit, and I hope to be able to do it again in the future.

Free Flu Shot Day

Partnering with SUNY Downstate Medical Center, we offered free flu vaccines at my District Office. Almost 30 constituents from all over the 44th District came in to get vaccinated.



I even got one myself and was very glad that I did. This is an important service, because many don't know that even if you rarely get the flu, you can still carry it and give it to someone else who can get sick. A big thanks to all the helpful staff from SUNY Downstate Medical Center who came by to help administer the vaccines for us.

Subway Delay Action Kit

I'm still working on ways that we can fix the MTA and get basic repairs and services implemented so that we achieve a reliable system that we can be proud of. Last week, I joined with transit advocates, the Riders Alliance, to announce their new initiative called the Subway Action Delay Kit. This kit gives everyday straphangers the tools to tell the Governor how an underfunded and mismanaged MTA is impacting their lives.



Often when it comes to major political or government issues, it can be hard for the everyday person to really know what they can do to change it or to feel they are getting their message across to elected officials. The Subway Action Delay Kit offers direct actions that riders can take on social media to let Governor Cuomo know if they are impacted by a delay or unexpected service cancellation. Instead of complaining to the person next to you, you can use these tools to amplify our voice and push the Governor to finally do something about the ailing mass transit system in New York.

Help Someone in Need this Holiday Season

Toys for Tots

Make sure no child goes without a present to open this Holiday season. My office is partnering with the Park Slope Civic Council to collect gifts for Toys for Tots. Donate a new or very gently used unwrapped gift for children ages 12 and under at locations across the Slope, including my District Office. All toys collected are given to local organizations that work with families in need. Donations can be brought to my District Office at 416 7th Avenue, 9:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday.

100 Suits for 100 Men

I'm excited to announce that my office is a temporary collection location for the non-profit [100 Suits for 100 Men](#). This community program serves men and women in need of business attire for the job search process. The mission of 100 Suits for 100 Men is "to help underprivileged men and women improve their role in society, build dignity and self-esteem, foster self-sufficiency, dispel stereotypes, and promote community involvement in order to build each other up." 100 Suits for 100 Men seeks Business Attire in both Men's and Women's sizes from XS to 6X along with belts, briefcases, purses, ties and shoes. You

can drop off donations at my District Office in Park Slope at 416 7th Avenue (between 13th and 14th Streets) between the hours of 9:30 to 4:30, Monday through Friday.

Relief Drive for Victims of Hurricane Maria

Our relief drive for victims of Hurricane Maria continues, so if you would like to contribute, we are still accepting baby wipes, diapers, water, batteries, and feminine hygiene products at my District Office (416 7th Avenue), so please stop by between 9:30am-4:30pm Monday –Friday if you wish to donate.

Upcoming Community Meetings & Events 12/2/2017-12/8/2017

70nd Precinct Sector B NCO meeting, Midwood area

IS 152, 1087 Ocean Avenue

Tuesday, December 5

7:00PM to 8:00PM

[Neighborhood Coordination Officers](#), or NCOs, are your local problem solvers. They spend all their working hours within the confines of their assigned sectors, actively engaging with local community members and residents. They get to know the neighborhood, its people, and its problems extremely well. PO Rakhmanov and PO David Yegros, the NCOs for the Sector B, will provide a neighborhood update and respond to questions and concerns from residents.

72nd Precinct NCO meeting, Windsor Terrace area

Marian Center, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 2805 Ft Hamilton Ave (E. 5th Street)

Thursday, December 7

6:30PM - 7:30PM

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Park Slope Women's Shelter Tree Lighting 21st Annual Celebration

Park Slope Women's Shelter, 1402 8th Avenue

Thursday, December 7

6:30PM to 8PM

Come enjoy cookies, hot cocoa, music and the holiday spirit as the shelter celebrates and gives thanks to the community for their dedication, generosity and commitment to helping residents.

Park Slope Civic Council monthly General Meeting

Old Stone House at J.J. Byrne Playground / Washington Park, 5th Avenue between 3rd and 4th Streets

Thursday, December 7

7:00PM to 8:30PM

The [Park Slope Civic Council](#) promotes the health, vitality and character of the Park Slope neighborhood and advocates for the interests of residents, businesses and others with a stake in the community. The Trustees' meeting, which is open to the public, usually takes place on the first Thursday of the month.

See you around the neighborhood,

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