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Greetings –

The 2023 legislative session is starting to pick up steam. This week in Albany, the Assembly took a major step to protect the human rights of all New York State residents by passing the Equality Amendment ([A.1283](#)), which would amend the State's constitution to ban discrimination based on gender, ethnicity, pregnancy status, disability status and sexual orientation and protect a person's right to access reproductive health care.



Following the U.S. Supreme Court's devastating decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, enshrining reproductive rights in our state constitution is paramount. This measure builds on New York's record of protecting people's fundamental right to choose. We previously codified the protections afforded under *Roe v. Wade* into state law and, last year, we passed laws to protect health care providers and patients from other states' attempts to limit lawful access to abortion in New York State.

After passing both houses of the Legislature for a second consecutive legislative session, the Equality Amendment will go before voters as a ballot referendum in November 2024.

The MTA's Brooklyn Bus Network Redesign

The MTA is in the process of redesigning New York City's bus network and in December of 2022, they released the proposed Draft Plan. The intention is to simplify and straighten routes, create new connections, strengthen interborough service, adjust frequencies and right size bus stops. The MTA is now seeking community input and it has scheduled a series of VIRTUAL workshops organized by community district across the borough. If you use the bus and have thoughts about the draft plan or have questions or concerns to share, you should make every effort to attend and contribute to this process. **Community District 6's, which encompasses most of Park Slope is taking place tomorrow, January 26th.**

See the graphic below for a listing of all the sessions that overlap with the 44th Assembly District:



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All workshops take place from 6:30pm-8:30 pm. Sessions will begin at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., though you can join at any time.

Thursday, January 26: Community District 6

Carroll Gardens, Cobble Hill, Columbia St, Gowanus, Park Slope, Red Hook

Tuesday, January 31: Community District 7

Sunset Park, Windsor Terrace

Thursday, February 2: Community District 8

Crown Heights, Prospect Heights, Weeksville

Thursday, February 16: Community District 12

Borough Park, Kensington, Ocean Parkway

Thursday, February 23: Community District 14

Ditmas Park, Flatbush, Manhattan Terrace, Midwood, Ocean Parkway, Prospect Park South

Please use this link to register for your community workshop:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdBhhVVUVULQfCPT1D9m4GTIS3HkLBdgPdspBO-EYT1jJP7g/viewform>

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Each workshop will be conducted in English. Additional language interpreters as well as ASL and CART can be made available upon advance request via the registration form. Requests must be received no fewer than five business days before the workshop you want to attend.

2023 Legislative and Community Survey

There is a survey [posted on my website here](#). Please take a moment to share your views with me about legislation that you think I should prioritize this session as well as community issues on which you think I should focus this year. I would especially welcome the views of new constituents who were drawn into the 44th Assembly District during last year's redistricting.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please call my office at (718) 788-7221, or email me at carrollr@nyassembly.gov.

-Bobby

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