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Policy Update from Assemblymember Robert Carroll

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ASSEMBLY 2023-24 STATE BUDGET PROPOSAL

- **Supporting public transportation:** The Assembly budget includes additional funding to the MTA to avoid fare hikes proposed by the Governor. The Assembly budget includes funding to the MTA to undertake a zero-fare bus route pilot program, including two free bus routes in each borough.
- **Fighting climate change:** The Assembly is calling for the core elements of the Build Public Renewables Act to be included in the budget. The Assembly is also calling for all new buildings in the State be designed to be “electric” and emissions free.
- **Ensuring higher education remains affordable:** The Assembly budget proposal includes additional funding for CUNY to avoid any tuition increases as are proposed in the Governor’s Executive budget.
- **Getting our schools the funds they need and deserve:** The Assembly budget proposal fully funds Foundation Aid and includes \$34.3 billion for State Aid to localities, \$3.4 billion more than last year.
- **Making sure our kids don’t go hungry:** The Assembly budget contains \$280 million to make school lunches free throughout the State.
- **Preventing gun violence:** The Assembly budget proposal includes over \$110 million to support anti-violence programming.
- **Caring for our immigrant neighbors and those fleeing violence and oppression:** The Assembly supports expansion of healthcare coverage to all immigrants through expansion of Medicaid and Medicare authorized by the federal government; the Assembly provides \$40 million for legal services to immigrants and asylum seekers.
- **Fair pay for everyone, including home care workers:** The Assembly supports adjusting minimum wage increases to keep pace with inflation and ensuring that home care workers’ wages stay at least three dollars higher than minimum wage.
- **Placing the tax burden on those who can most afford to pay it:** The Assembly budget includes an increase of income taxes by .5% on households with incomes over \$5 million.

**“Legislative results in Albany are important.
So is helping constituents like you with neighborhood problems.
Contact me any time you need assistance.”**

— ASSEMBLYMEMBER ROBERT CARROLL

2023 Legislative Session Priorities Include:

EDUCATION

- **Dyslexia Task Force (A.133 – Prime Sponsor):** Establishes a task force of stakeholders led by the State Education Department to make recommendations regarding education for students with dyslexia and other related learning challenges.
- **Right to Read (A.2897 – Prime Sponsor):** Requires statewide guidelines on evidence based literacy instruction and teacher training on these curricula.
- **Dyslexia Diagnosis Access Act (A.2898 - Prime Sponsor):** Requires insurance to cover neuropsychological exams to diagnose dyslexia allowing kids to get the help they need.

FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE AND PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

- **Build Public Renewables Act (A.279 – Prime Sponsor):** Allows the New York Power Authority to take a bigger role in renewable energy so the State can meet necessary climate goals.
- **Wildlife Crossing Assessment (A.4234 – Prime Sponsor):** Lays the groundwork for federal funding for wildlife crossings in New York State, an important initiative to preserve biodiversity.
- **Peaker Plant (A.2934 – Prime Sponsor):** Requires dirty power plants that operate during peak times to transition to clean and renewable energy generation.
- **Helicopter Tax (A.3333 – Prime Sponsor):** Places both a carbon and noise pollution tax on non-essential helicopter flights in NYC.
- **Climate, Jobs, And Justice Package (Co-Sponsor):** This package of bills endorsed by the NY Renews coalition would accelerate the transition to a green economy and ensure its benefits are widely and equitably shared by mandating using renewables and eliminating fossil fuels and raising taxes on corporations and the very wealthy to make the investments needed.

ELECTION REFORM

- **Same Day Registration (A.181 - Prime Sponsor):** This bill calls for a Constitutional Amendment to allow for same day voting registration.

HEALTHCARE AND SAFETY

- **Reproductive Freedom and Equity Act (A.361 – Co-Sponsor):** Establishes a grant program to provide funding to New York abortion providers and nonprofit organizations to increase access to abortion care.
- **Contingency Management (A.3298 - Prime Sponsor):** Establishes a statewide contingency management program to treat substance abuse.
- **Crash Victim Rights and Safety Act (Co-Sponsor):** This package of eight bills will save lives by expanding safe street design initiatives, empower cities to reduce speed limits, improve driver education, and help ensure those injured in car crashes have access to police reports and the ability to file a victim impact statement.

FAIR PAY FOR ALL

- **The Raise the Wage Act (A.2204 – Co-Sponsor):** Raises the minimum wage to \$21.25 by 2026, which would then be adjusted for inflation in subsequent years.
- **The One Fair Wage Act (A.1710 – Co-Sponsor):** Requires tipped workers to be paid the standard minimum wage as their base wage with tips on top of that.
- **The Fair Pay For Home Care Act (Co-Sponsor):** Establishes a minimum wage for those who care for our elderly at 150% of the regional minimum wage.
- **Expanding Unemployment Benefits To Immigrants: (A.4821 – Co-Sponsor):** Establishes a program to provide unemployment benefits to freelancers, other self-employed workers, and undocumented immigrants.

CONSUMER PROTECTION AND HOUSING

- **Good Cause Eviction (A.4454 - Co-Sponsor):** Prevents tenants from being forced from their apartments when there are no lease violations and prevents arbitrary rent increases.
- **Reducing Utility Charges (A.295 -Prime Sponsor):** Limits the fixed charges that utility companies can bill to actual costs, saving consumers on their monthly payments.

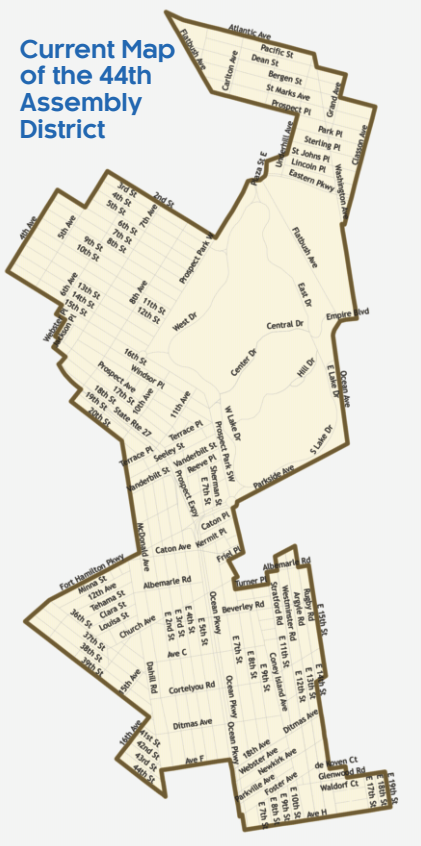
CONSUMER PROTECTION AND HOUSING *(continued)*

- **Flood Disclosure (A.1967 - Prime Sponsor):** Extends protections to home buyers regarding requirements for sellers to share information about prior flooding.
- **MTA Open Data (A.4043 - Prime Sponsor):** Requires the MTA to include more public information about their capital projects including if the projects are related to sustainability and accessibility.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

- **The Clean Slate Act (A.1029 - Co-Sponsor):** Requires the sealing of the conviction records of individuals who have served their time, are not on probation or parole, and do not have other pending charges, giving them a better chance of obtaining employment and turning their lives around.
- **The Elder Parole Bill (A.2035 - Co-Sponsor):** Provides that 55 year old inmates who have served at least 15 years of their sentence would have a chance to appeal for parole every two years.
- **Fair and Timely Parole (A.162 - Co-Sponsor):** Requires parole to be offered to incarcerated people who are eligible unless they pose a risk that cannot be handled by parole supervision.

Current Map
of the 44th
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