



**April 2, 2026**

**Greetings -**

Happy Passover and Happy Easter to all who celebrate!

This Tuesday, the Assembly and State Senate passed a budget extender bill to April 7th ensuring state workers will be paid while budget negotiations are ongoing. I will be continuing to advocate for essential investments in healthcare, education, housing, and libraries among other priorities and for measures providing sustainable revenues – progressive tax increases for individuals and corporations that can best afford to pay. I also strongly support the inclusion of legislation protecting immigrants against ICE’s illegal and immoral conduct – best done through the New York For All Act - as well as staying the course and implementing the state’s climate law as originally passed and enacted in 2019.

**No Kings March**

I was proud to join the No Kings March in Brooklyn this past Saturday. There is nothing more American than exercising free speech rights through peaceful demonstration and the great turnout throughout New York City sends a strong message that people from all walks of life oppose Trump’s authoritarianism, divisiveness, racism, and warmongering. It will require continued work and activism on many levels to undo the damage the Trump Administration is causing and restore America’s place in the world as a beacon of hope and bastion of democracy.



*Marching on Prospect Park West With Assemblymember Jo Anne Simon*

## Celebrating Trans Day of Visibility

On Sunday, I was glad to join Parents of Gender Expansive Kids (POGEEK) in Park Slope for its annual art making party celebrating Trans Day of Visibility. I am proud to co-sponsor bill [A.8841](#), which would establish a state program to provide funding to health care providers and nonprofit organizations for gender-affirming care.



## New Report Shows Why We Must Pass My Right to Read Legislation in New York State

Earlier this week, the Albany Times Union published [a report by the Hechinger Foundation](#) that details how the states' initiative to train teachers on evidence-based practices for early literacy has not been correctly implemented but instead draws on debunked practices from the "whole language" approach to teaching reading.

There is broad consensus that science of reading/evidence-based pedagogy represents best practice when it comes to early literacy and more and more states and localities are passing legislation that reflects this; California and New Jersey are recent examples. Governor Hochul

correctly committed in 2024 to set New York on a course embracing evidence-based practices. However, the state still has not adopted statewide standards and almost 70% of 4th graders in New York State scored below grade level in reading according to the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) 2024 test.

The Hechinger report dramatically illustrates why we need to pass my bill [A.78 -The Right to Read Act](#) if New York is to join the ranks of other states who are putting in place the policies that are improving reading outcomes so all children can be strong readers and successful students. We cannot continue with a patchwork system where districts interpret standards differently and ineffective practices persist.

### **My Appearance on The Point with Marcia Kramer**

I joined The Point with Marcia Kramer this past Friday to talk about why New York City and Lake Placid should host a future Winter Olympics. The core of the argument from a practical perspective is that with much of the sports infrastructure already in place and the recently completed Milan – Cortina Winter Games as a successful two site model to emulate, the time is right for New York to form an exploratory committee to consider mounting a New York City-Lake Placid bid for the Winter Olympics. From a broader perspective, I firmly believe hosting the Winter Olympics can be a great civic project bringing downstate and upstate together, showcasing to the world New York’s vibrancy and diversity, and affording the opportunity for infrastructure investments in housing and transportation that would well serve the State long after the Olympics are over. You can [watch the full interview here](#).

### **SAVE THE DATE: Annual Spring Clean and Green**

Sunday, May 3rd - 10 am to 2 pm at Park Circle in Prospect Park

E-waste collection, paper shredding, textile recycling, plus representatives from Brooklyn cultural institutions, community organizations and city agencies with giveaways and information.

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