



**May 22, 2026**

**Greetings –**

This week, the Assembly and State Senate began voting on the state budget. There is much work still to be done, but real progress is being made. At the same time, other legislative business continues, including moving legislation through the Assembly Committee on Libraries and Education Technology Committee, which I chair.

**Budget Update: Defending Constitutional Rights and Protecting Immigrant New Yorkers**

The sections of the State Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget that were passed yesterday include provisions to protect communities and vulnerable populations from the Trump Administration's draconian approach to immigration enforcement.

**Limiting collaboration with ICE**

State and local law enforcement will be prohibited from entering formal or informal agreements to perform immigration enforcement functions, known as 287(g) agreements. The legislation will prevent local governments from entering into contracts and intergovernmental service agreements to house or detain individuals for federal civil immigration violations, as well as prohibit local governments from paying for or expending resources related to private immigration detention facilities.

**Protecting sensitive locations**

To help protect immigrant New Yorkers, the budget denies federal immigration officials' access to nonpublic areas of schools, daycares and state and local facilities without a valid court order or judicial warrant; this would also apply to a range of private locations such as healthcare facilities and houses of worship.

## Protecting state law and constitutional rights

The budget establishes the Office of Immigrant Trust within the Office of the New York State Attorney General to receive complaints and conduct investigations regarding potential violations of state law. It also establishes a private right of action for deprivation of constitutional rights by government officials, retroactive to January 1, 2025. The budget also prohibits law enforcement officers from wearing a mask or face covering while interacting with the public.

## Protecting schools and children

In addition, the budget legislation protects children from federal immigration officials. While reinforcing that children cannot be denied access to public education due to citizenship or immigration status, it also prohibits employees of state and local governments, schools and higher education institutions from collaborating with federal officials for immigration enforcement purposes. The budget requires schools and childcare providers to develop procedures for when a parent or guardian has been detained and is unavailable to retrieve their child.

## Legislative Update: Libraries and Education Committee moves bills forward

On Monday, the Assembly Committee on Libraries and Education Technology, which I chair, passed three bills: My bill, [A.7353](#), sets a strong standard against book banning in public libraries while providing protection for librarians - at a time when the Trump Administration is attacking free speech and diversity of views, NY needs to act on this issue; My bill, [A.9625](#), seeks to help level the playing field between libraries and publishers when it comes to the price of purchase of e-books; and, Assemblymember Jordan Wright's bill, [A.8786](#), makes a long overdue change to New York State law by substituting the term "indigenous libraries" for "Indian libraries."

## Dyslexia Advocay Day in Albany

Thank you to all the parents, students, educators, advocates, and organizations who came to the Capitol on May 14th, to fight for every child's right to read. I'm proud to be leading legislation to transform how New York supports students struggling to read, including: the Right to Read Act ([A.78A/S.9747](#)), the New York Individuals with Dyslexia Education Act — NYIDEA ([A.37/S.6844](#)), Teacher Training and Certification in Dyslexia Identification ([A.10968/S.10031](#)), and the Libraries Literacy Education Guidance Act ([A.5835B/S.8044A](#)). I also anticipate having an update soon on funding

for the state Center for Dyslexia and Dysgraphia, which was established through my legislation signed into law by the Governor this past December.



With Assemblymember Jo Anne Simon in Albany for Dyslexia Advocacy Day

## Constituent Chosen for DSNY's Trucks of Art

Catie Witherwax, a twenty-three-year-old Prospect Heights constituent and recent Rhode Island School of Design grad, was one of only five artists chosen city-wide for the latest round of Trucks of Art, a unique art project that challenges artists to beautify five 23-ton collection vehicles with hand-painted designs using recycled paint. The five painted trucks were on display at Union Square last week to highlight cleanliness, sustainability and New York's Strongest as they pick up trash, recycling and compost across the five boroughs. The five featured artists were chosen from among more than 400 submissions, which were evaluated by a team of DSNY personnel, Sanitation Foundation staff and board members, as well as special guests Nick Heller (better known online as NY Nico) and Emmy Award-winning host, producer and author Andy Cohen. [You can see her work here.](#)

Congratulations Catie!

## Answers to All Your NYC Trash Bin Questions

Starting June 1, properties with 1-9 residential units will be REQUIRED to use only official NYC Bins for trash set out. A warning period will be in effect from June 1 through September 7. Full enforcement of the NYC Bin requirements for trash will begin Tuesday, September 8, 2026. Official NYC Bins are available for pick-up at NYC Home Depot stores. We have heard that supplies are unreliable at the Home Depot, but DSNY has assured my office that they are frequently restocked, and it is best to go in the morning for the most reliable supply. Bins can also be ordered online for delivery using one of Home Depot's on-demand delivery partners. Please review the information in the [link provided here](#) for additional details.

Remember, the official black NYC Trash bin is the only bin that is REQUIRED. Separate NYC Bins are also available for recycling and composting, but are not required. You may use your own 55-gallon or less bins with lids for these purposes. Most questions are answered in [this FAQ link](#), but if you need more assistance, please feel free to call my office.

## New Portal for NYC Residents and Business Owners Affected by Flood Damage and More

With months ahead when there is the potential for flooding downpours, NYC Housing Recovery Operations (HRO) has activated a [portal for New Yorkers](#) who have experienced property damage from a disaster event or emergency. Eligible New Yorkers may be provided with disaster recovery assistance and be referred for

additional benefits or programs. The portal can be accessed even if you don't have a social media or email account by calling HRO at 212-615-8329.

If you have any concerns about any legislative or community issue, please email me at [carrollr@nyassembly.gov](mailto:carrollr@nyassembly.gov) or call (718) 788-7221.

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