



Assembly Member **AL TAYLOR** Reports to You



Winter 2023

2023 in Review



Dear Neighbor,

As we reflect on 2023, it's evident that the year has brought its share of joys and challenges. But as with many years before, it has showcased the remarkable resilience of our beloved 71st Assembly District. This year, I have not only collaborated with city and state officials but also forged meaningful partnerships with community organizations and advocates. Together, we've championed the needs of our District and fought hard to secure much-needed resources.

In the legislative landscape, our collective efforts have been pivotal. The Legislature has been proactive in addressing housing issues, working closely with housing organizations and tenants to establish renovation plans that cater to the needs of current residents. Furthermore, I've had the privilege of co-sponsoring numerous legislative bills, spanning from educational enhancement to reforms in criminal procedure law. A topic that has gained notable traction in the Assembly is the ethical and safe application of Artificial Intelligence (AI). We have already introduced several pieces of legislation to ensure the safety and security of employees, making certain they are not unfairly disadvantaged by AI implementations.

Looking ahead to 2024, I am invigorated by our shared commitment to address the critical issues that resonate deeply within our community. From housing and public safety to education and environmental stewardship, I remain unwavering in my dedication to fostering growth and empowerment for all our residents. With this letter, you'll find highlights from this year that have left an indelible mark on me, alongside a legislative update detailing our accomplishments in Albany.

I extend to you my heartfelt wishes for a serene conclusion to 2023 and a prosperous, hopeful new year ahead.

Sincerely,

Al Taylor
Member of Assembly

UPDATES FROM ALBANY

The 2023 Legislative session was crucial for the residents of New York State as we championed topics of housing, safety, and education. As Speaker pro tempore I had the privilege of leading session and assuming this honorable role as I supported my fellow Assembly Members on the Assembly floor. As the Legislative session came to a close, we were able to pass several bills that cover topics that are near and dear to my heart, and I hope to continue this trajectory as we enter the new year. I am very excited to provide you with some of the bills that I was able to Sponsor and Co-Sponsor in this report.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Listed below are few of the many pieces of Legislation that I have introduced and co-sponsored:

- A 3785 – Sponsor** - Expungement of records for certain juveniles convicted of a nonviolent offense after seven years
- A 3793 – Sponsor** – Establishing a special prosecutor to investigate and prosecute matters involving the death of an unarmed civilian caused by a law enforcement officer
- A 3825 – Sponsor** – Bill prohibits a fee for admission to any exam that would award a high school equivalency diploma
- A 3970 – Sponsor** – Promotes the inclusion of houseless children in pre-kindergarten by prioritizing their position on waitlists for programs that have not reached maximum capacity
- A 3811 – Sponsor** – Public Health Law – Enact the Infant Vision Information, Education and Wellness Program for screening newborns and infants for vision abnormalities
- A 5954 – Sponsor** – Prohibition of state and local police from accepting military surplus equipment from the federal government
- A 6214 – Co-sponsor** – Establishes a state SNAP minimum benefit program to provide a minimum amount of supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits that is higher than the amount of federal SNAP benefits
- A 3794 – Sponsor** – Instates the creation of Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board to review unsolved civil rights crimes committed no later than December 31, 1979

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Collaborative Endeavors: NY Legislators' Conference in the DR

This summer, I joined a legislative delegation to visit our brothers and sisters in the Dominican Republic. Pictured in this photo are the Dominican Counsel General of New York, Eligio Antonio Jaquez Cruz and Minister of Police, Jesus Vasquez.



Vigil for October 7th

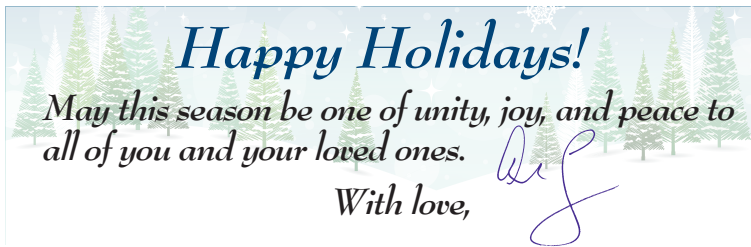
As we reflect on the year, I am continually reminded and saddened at the thought of the number of lives that have been lost on and after the events of October 7th. As we gathered across New York City to provide support to our neighbors and important figures of the Jewish community, many of us are still grappling with a deep sense of grief. My heart goes out to all the lives that have been lost, the families that have been broken, and the children that have been orphaned. We must hope and pray for peace for the communities that are struggling abroad, and I will continue to support my fellow leaders as we aim to provide support in whatever way we can.



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Sharing Moments, Creating Memories: Senior Center Visit

Over the course of the year, I've had the honor of spending time with the legends of Harlem themselves at various events catered to our older adults. During these visits we were able to equip our older adults with essential resources and information including financial literacy and will writing while also addressing transport and accessibility for senior centers.

