



PATRICK J. CARROLL



ASSEMBLYMAN, 96TH DISTRICT

SUMMER 2025

Dear Neighbor:

It's an honor to represent you in the State Assembly. The first several months on the job have been incredibly busy. We've passed a state budget that delivers for Rockland families, I've attended events all throughout our district, and I've had numerous meetings with constituents, advocates, local leaders, educators, law enforcement, and first responders.

The state budget is a big win for Rockland County. Our schools are receiving record funding. We're providing relief for middle-class and working families with tax cuts and credits. And, we are protecting our communities by tackling the gun violence epidemic and mental health crisis. Additionally, we've secured significant funding to maintain and upgrade our infrastructure so that our roads, bridges, and public transit are safe and reliable.

I've also introduced legislation to protect first responders, combat congestion pricing, protect consumers, while co-sponsoring bills that protect our air and water, and increase gun safety (A.1962-B). I'm focused on making our county and state safer, cleaner, and more affordable.

My office is here to help you. Please feel free to call, email, or stop by the office if you have any issues or concerns. Thank you again for your support. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at events across Rockland in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Assemblyman Carroll Protecting our Environment



We must do more to protect our environment and ensure accessibility to clean water and clean air. Far too often, we're seeing the negative impacts climate change is having on our communities through constant flooding, damage to our infrastructure, and elevated levels of forever chemicals in our air and water. While efforts have been made to mitigate these risks, we still have a long way to go. Rocklanders and all New Yorkers deserve to breathe clean air, drink clean water, and have resilient infrastructure.

This year's state budget includes increased funding for the Environmental Protection Fund and millions of dollars for water infrastructure programs. This will help continue the progress we've made to keep our communities clean and healthy. I'll always fight to protect our environment and ensure New York is doing everything it can to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Assemblyman Carroll welcomed Cadet Christina Vozzo to the Assembly Chambers for the annual West Point Day in Albany. He's pictured here presenting Cadet Vozzo with a citation thanking her for her service to our country.

Assemblyman Carroll Delivers for Rockland Schools

I always have and always will fight for all students to receive the best education possible regardless of where they live and the type of school they attend. This year’s budget has significant wins for our students that will make tangible positive differences in their educational journeys.

First and foremost, the state budget includes record funding for schools, with all local schools receiving at least a two-percent increase in foundation aid (see the chart below for total funding increases per school district). Additionally, the Regional Cost Index (RCI) formula, a formula devised to allocate funding based on the cost of living in the various regions across the state, has been updated. The Hudson Valley’s cost of living formula has improved, a huge win for every school district in our region. While the RCI was not aligned with New York City and Long Island as I have advocated for, I will continue to fight for further improvements in next year’s budget.

We also know that children are more focused in class and learn better on a full stomach. I strongly advocated for universal school meals in the budget. Now, no student will have to go to school hungry. This budget delivers for our schools and all Rockland students.

	2024-2025 Funding	2025-2026 Funding	Increase Over 2024-2025
Clarkstown	\$64,066,615	\$69,200,792	▲ 8%
Nanuet	\$23,466,250	\$23,724,199	▲ 1.1%
North Rockland	\$121,157,835	\$135,909,815	▲ 12.18%
Nyack	\$23,383,937	\$25,825,940	▲ 10.44%
East Ramapo	\$165,657,831	\$185,864,652	▲ 12.2%

Assemblyman Carroll welcomed Clarkstown students, teachers, and administrators to the Capitol to recognize their work with Names, Not Numbers, an oral history program that documents lessons and stories of the Holocaust by interviewing Holocaust survivors and creating a documentary to preserve this important history. They were joined by Tova and Dov Rosenberg, the founders of Names, Not Numbers.



Assemblyman Carroll Making New York More Affordable

New York has become increasingly unaffordable as the cost of living has skyrocketed while wages remain stagnant. We must change that. One of my main priorities in Albany is to provide relief for middle-class and working families. I’m proud that this budget includes tax cuts for households making under \$323,000, reducing state income taxes to the lowest rates in decades.

The budget also includes various tax credits for millions of eligible New Yorkers, including increasing the Empire State Child Tax Credit and expanding eligibility requirements for the STAR property tax relief program.

Furthermore, the federal government’s inconsistent and disastrous tariff policies have caused inflation to rise. To combat this, New Yorkers will receive inflation rebate checks of up to \$400 per family.

I’ll always fight to make New York more affordable so our children who were raised here can stay in our communities, while seniors who have contributed so much can retire in dignity. There is still more work to be done; but this is a great start to providing the necessary relief for New Yorkers throughout our state.

Legislative Update

I'm proud to have introduced several important bills during the legislative session in Albany. Below is a summary of some of those bills:

- **A.3597** would create a congestion pricing toll offset tax credit for residents of Rockland and Orange Counties. While congestion pricing seems to be alleviating traffic in New York City, Rockland and Orange residents shouldn't be bankrolling the MTA when we don't have a one-seat ride into Manhattan.
- **A.8585** would phase out the sale of products that contain intentionally added PFAS chemicals. These forever chemicals are in our air and drinking water and we must do more to safeguard our communities from ingesting harmful chemicals.
- **A.7954** directs the Public Service Commission (PSC) to require refunds or reductions in rates for inadequate or interrupted electric or steam service. Utility rates are sky high allowing greedy corporations to provide poor service while ripping off consumers. This legislation will give the PSC power to require utilities to provide quality, consistent service.
- **A.6289** would increase fines and expand remedies for violations of State uniform fire prevention and building codes. This legislation would increase fines on bad actors who illegally convert buildings putting occupants and emergency service responders at risk.



Assemblyman Carroll joined the Haverstraw Little League at their Opening Day Ceremony. He's pictured here with various local elected officials celebrating the start of the new season.

Assemblyman Carroll Supports Local Zoning

I've received dozens of calls from constituents concerned about the Faith-Based Affordable Housing Act (A.3647-B) which would allow religious institutions to bypass local zoning when building housing on their properties. I wholeheartedly agree with those concerns. Municipalities have the rights and authority to govern their own zoning and land use matters. As a former Town Councilman, I strongly believe that power should remain with our towns and villages and I do not support stripping them of that authority. I know we need more affordable housing options in Rockland County and across New York State; but we cannot bypass local zoning and planning. Due to this simple fact, I strongly oppose the Faith-Based Affordable Housing Act. I've shared my concerns regarding this legislation with Assembly leadership and will remain steadfast in my opposition to any legislation that seeks to eliminate home rule.



Assemblyman Carroll joined Jawonio and other Rockland based service providers at the Rally in the Valley in March to speak out to save Medicaid from potential federal budget cuts.

Assemblyman Carroll Maintaining and Improving Our Infrastructure

Our local governments rely on the state to help fund maintenance and upgrades of our town and village roads. I pride myself on being a good partner to our Mayors and Supervisors, doing everything I can to ensure Rockland receives its fair share. I, along with my Assembly colleagues, fought hard for increased funding for the State Transportation Capital Plan securing an additional billion dollars for infrastructure upgrades, as well as increased funding to improve our local roads and highways. Rockland will certainly see its share of this funding.



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Assemblyman Carroll has met with Town Supervisors and Mayors throughout his district to discuss priorities and ways to work together. He's pictured here meeting with Clarkstown Supervisor George Hoehmann at Clarkstown Town Hall.



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Assemblyman Carroll Secures Funding for Local Non-Profit Organizations

Our local non-profit organizations are the lifelines of our communities, providing critical services and programs in a variety of areas across Rockland County. I'm grateful that I was successful in securing hundreds of thousands of dollars in state funding for many of our local organizations. This funding will help cover the operations of our food pantries, legal services, youth recreational programs, veterans services, summer camps, domestic violence prevention, and much more.