



# Assemblywoman **Nily Rozic**

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Dear Neighbor:

From a lengthy budget process to the legislative session to many changes in our community, 2017 has been a busy year so far! I hope you enjoy reading about some of these highlights below and catching up with our office. Thank you again for your support this year and every year!

We stood with seniors in restoring \$17 million dollars to senior centers, which provide continued education, meal services, and more to so many in Queens. We also brought better compensation to those who care for New York's most vulnerable. Starting in 2018, direct care workers who care for those with developmental disabilities will be receiving a 3.25 percent raise. All New Yorkers deserve a fair, living wage and I will continue to fight for that in Albany.

Post-budget, I authored and passed two bills in both chambers and five more bills in the Assembly, addressing such issues as expanding flexible working arrangements to increase work-life balance, improving rehabilitative programs for women, banning solitary confinement for pregnant women, and combatting domestic violence.

In the district, I continued working to protect small businesses and pedestrians, touring local small businesses in Oakland Gardens with State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli. I also secured long-awaited traffic safety improvements for our community, including many changes in front of M.S. 74 Nathaniel Hawthorne in Oakland Gardens and a crosswalk on Blossom Avenue in Flushing.

This Fall, I am thrilled to announce the release of my new **Senior Resource Guide** for services in and around the community. To pick up a guide please visit my district office at 159-16 Union Turnpike in Flushing or request a guide mailed straight to your door by calling 718-820-0241. I am also launching a new **Participatory Budgeting** effort at the state level. Please read inside for further information on the program and how to get involved.

Our work is never done and I am honored to keep fighting for our needs. For now, I look forward to hearing directly from you! As always, you can reach me at rozicn@nyassembly.gov with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

## New Committee Appointment

This year, I was appointed to serve on the Assembly's Ways and Means Committee, giving me the opportunity to dig into issues such as job creation, sustainable wages and economic security. Since taking office, I have written, passed, and supported legislation to improve the lives of working and middle class families across New York, including paid family leave and workforce development. It is an honor to serve on such an important committee and I will use my position to continue to fight for everyone's fair shot.

## Bringing Services to You!

This summer, I have enjoyed meeting so many of you at mobile offices across the district in Flushing, Douglaston, Fresh Meadows and Oakland Gardens. Thanks for voicing your thoughts and concerns! If you have a location recommendation for our next mobile office, please call my office at 718-820-0241.

## Around the 25th District

### 5th Annual Rain Barrel Giveaway!

This year's rain barrel giveaway was a huge success! My office has given out thousands of barrels to mitigate flooding and preserve water. Thanks to the Department of Environmental Protection for their continued partnership and to everyone who came out! If you would like to be notified about future events, please email me at rozicn@nyassembly.gov.



### Maintaining Open Spaces

It is always great to visit local parks and hear directly from the community on what we should do to beautify these shared spaces. This summer, I joined Kissena Park Civic Association President Beverly McDermott, community members, and Parks staff to identify areas in need of improvement. If you have similar suggestions, please feel free to contact my office.



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# Fighting for a Fair Chance

## Increasing Tax Exemptions

Good news! Legislation I co-sponsored to raise the maximum income threshold for senior and disabled homeowners under SCHE and DHE programs has been signed into law. With the expansion of this benefit, I am confident that more seniors will be able to stay in the communities they have long called home. This bill raises the maximum annual income threshold to \$58,400, taking effect immediately. Please feel free to contact my office for application assistance.



## Supporting Medical Care and Treatment

Legislation I authored this year to expand coverage for eating disorders passed! Eating disorders are real, complex, devastating conditions that affect health, productivity, and families across New York. This legislation closes a gap in coverage by requiring insurance companies to cover all aspects of eating disorders treatment, expanding coverage beyond anorexia and bulimia, and providing relief for families facing mounting medical costs.

## Celebrating Our Heritage

### Commemorating Israel with Ambassador Dani Dayan

It was an honor to welcome Ambassador Dani Dayan, Consul General of Israel in New York, to Albany this session (his first!) as we celebrated Israel's independence Day! To commemorate the occasion, I introduced a legislative resolution that was taken up and passed by the State Legislature.



### Pushing Back Against Anti-Semitism

Over the past few months I have been actively working with local law enforcement and in the Assembly to counter the rise of hate crimes against Jewish communities across New York. Most recently, I wrote a letter to President Trump urging him to fill the current vacancy in the U.S. Department of State for a Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat anti-Semitism, a position that has been key in fighting anti-Semitism overseas. I will continue pushing for solutions that address the uptick in hate crimes, and also ask that we join together in condemning such actions that have no place in New York.

## Rallying Around Education

### Increasing State Education Funding

This year, we increased K-12 education aid for a total of \$25.7 billion, which is a 4.1% increase from last year, as well as a \$700 million increase for Foundation Aid, for a total of \$17.2 billion. Thanks to the teachers from District 25 & 26 (pictured below) who traveled up to Albany on United Federation of Teachers Lobby Day for their continued advocacy!



### Engaging Our Youth

It is always great to stop by and visit our schools! This time I had the pleasure of spending time with the fifth graders at P.S. 46 while reading from Catherine Stier's *If I Were President*. Now more than ever it is important to teach kids at a young age about civic involvement! This Fall we also welcome students of P.S. 376 opening in Bayside!



## Around the 25th District...cont.

### Re-Opening the Queensboro Hill Library

After some needed renovation, the library at Queensboro Hill has re-opened for all to enjoy. Local libraries will always be neighborhood staples and I am proud to support them!





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## PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING VOTING

### VOTING BALLOT

- SCHOOL HANDICAP RAMP**  
M.S. 158 Marie Curie ADA ramp
- PARK BIKE PATH REPAVING**  
Kissena corridor park bike pathways
- PLAYGROUND UPGRADES**  
Utopia playground equipment
- PARK LIGHTING**  
Kissena park security lighting

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### VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Read the detailed proposals at [www.nily.nyc](http://www.nily.nyc)
- 2 Vote for your favorite proposal to the left by checking the box. Only vote for one proposal.
- 3 Tear off the ballot as indicated below
- 4 Mail it in or drop off at 156-19 Union Tpke, Flushing, NY 11366
- 5 You may also vote online at [www.nily.nyc](http://www.nily.nyc)

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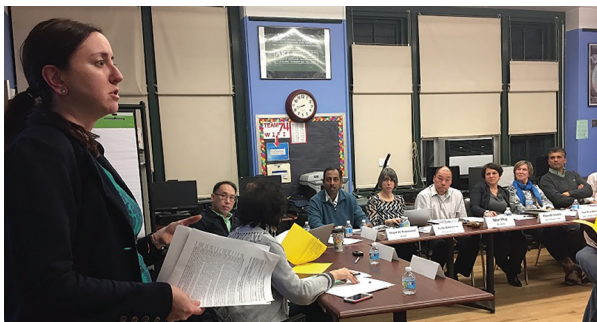
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## Embracing Diversity

### Hosting an IDNYC Pop-Up Center

Our second IDNYC pop up opened this summer at Selfhelp Rosenthal Innovative Center in Flushing. IDNYC provides a photo ID to anyone living in NYC, regardless of immigration status, and comes with significant cultural, educational and extracurricular benefits. For more information, visit [www.nyc.gov/idnyc](http://www.nyc.gov/idnyc).



### Expanding Language Access in Schools

Recently I had the opportunity to meet with the District 26 Community Education Council to discuss a bill I authored to encourage foreign language learning in schools and increase funding for young professionals to become foreign language teachers. The CEC passed a resolution supporting this legislation, and I am grateful to have their backing as I continue my push for this legislation!

### Celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

It was an honor to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month by recognizing community leaders for their dedication to serving others. Special thanks to my colleagues for their partnership in co-sponsoring and celebrating the honorees, and to Selfhelp Community Services for having us!

This year's event marked my fifth annual celebration and followed the historic announcement of the first ever Asian Pacific American Task Force which will be the first ever government body formed solely to represent the AAPI community.

我非常榮幸能為慶祝亞太裔傳統月榮耀致力皇后區的亞裔社區領袖！特別感謝所有共同贊助的參與者以及自助社區服務為他們的合作！



