

Trump and the Budget

As I have shared in weeks past, the state budget was passed earlier this month, and within that budget, there is a provision that allows for the Governor to develop a plan for spending cuts if the federal government cuts \$850 million or more of funding to New York State. If this were to happen, the Governor's plan would go into effect unless the Assembly and Senate provide an alternative plan within 90 days.

In light of this possibility, I am hosting a town hall meeting on May 10th with New York City Comptroller, Scott Stringer to discuss the Federal Budget and the potential impact that President Trump's cuts could have on our state and city budgets. Comptroller Stringer has been an outspoken critic of the Trump administration's policies and as the Chief Financial Officer of the City of New York, he is an expert on budgetary issues and how the federal cuts could impact us here in New York.

I hope that you are able to join us to make your concerns known and to participate in the conversation. Please find full details below and RSVP by calling 718 788 -7221 or by emailing campanellid@nyassembly.gov.





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Public School Power Breakfasts

Education is a critically important issue to Brooklyn and our entire state. Over the course of the budget debate I advocated for the Governor to maintain the Foundation Aid formula and to fully fund our public schools according to the Campaign for Fiscal Equity. Over the last two days I have hosted the parent leadership and Parent Coordinators from public schools all over the 44th Assembly District to discuss not only budget issues, but issues ranging from PTA/PA fundraising, the middle school and high school application process, testing and more. I look forward to continuing these conversations and to work with parents from all over the district to address the needs of the students across all of our neighborhoods. In the future we look forward to hosting workshops and best practice seminars on PTA/PA fundrasing and the middle school and high school application process.



<u>Hospital Signage at New York – Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital</u>

On March 10th, Dr. Richard Liebowitz, the President of New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital in Park Slope and I, along with concerned members of the community and other members of the hospital staff, met at the Hospital to discuss the addition of new signage around the campus. Before the meeting many concerned constituents contacted my office about the addition of new signs around the campus and the aesthetic affect they are having on the neighborhood.

At our meeting Dr. Liebowitz was sensitive to these concerns and I am glad to announce that the **two signs seen below and which received the most criticism will soon be removed.** One of the two signs being removed is between 7th and 6th Street on 8th Avenue and the other sign is on the corner of 7th Street and 8th Avenue facing 7th Street.





I am heartened by the hospital's receptiveness to our concerns and its willingness to remove the most prominent signs. It is critically important to me to bring our community and its institutions together; New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital is a world class institution and I commend Dr. Liebowitz and the hospital staff for working with the community and me on this issue. We look forward to working together in the future on other priorities and ways to improve the health of our community.

Bus Turnaround Campaign

I attended a press conference yesterday with the Riders Alliance, the Straphangers Campaign, Tri State Transportation Campaign, the Transit Center and some colleagues in government to support the bus turnaround campaign, which is an effort to improve bus service across New York City. The campaign produced a citywide report card on bus service by Assembly District and it shows that our buses are too slow, too crowded, and prone to bunching. I would especially like to see the MTA focus on the B35 which has the highest ridership in my district, is the third slowest bus and the second most likely to experience bunching along the route. Unfortunately, the B35 is not unique, but is a clear example of the problem facing our buses all over Brooklyn. I would like to see the MTA focus on improving bus

service throughout Brooklyn - especially in those areas that are undeserved by subways or are main arteries between neighborhoods and shopping and business districts.



Get Organized BK

I was happy to speak to the large group meeting at GOBK as well as the Women's Health and Climate Change Working Groups. Get Organized BK is an organization founded by Councilmember Brad Lander and Rabbi Rachel Timoner of Congregation Beth Elohim and I have been happy to partner with Brad and Rabbi Timoner from GOBK's first meeting to defend democracy and human dignity, shine a light on corruption, resist hate and injustice, and protect our neighbors from harm posed by Trump Administration policies.

The two working groups that I spoke to this week: Climate Change & Women's Health are highlighting two pieces of legislation in the State Legislature that need action now.

The Women's Reproductive Health Act would revise the existing provisions of law regarding abortion; amend the penal law, the criminal procedure law, the county law and the judiciary law, in relation to abortion; repeal certain provisions of the public health law relating to abortion; repeal certain provisions of the education law relating to the sale of contraceptives; and repeal certain provisions of the penal law relating to abortion.

This bill provides further access to reproductive services, by stating that an abortion may be performed by a licensed, certified, or authorized practitioner within 24 weeks from the commencement of pregnancy, or there is an absence of fetal viability, or at any time when necessary to protect a patient's life or health. I proudly support this bill because this is a matter of health and women's choice.

This bill has passed the Assembly but has not come to the floor in the State Senate. Please call the Governor at (518) 474-8390 and tell him that you think this issue is important and that you would like for him to push the State Senate to bring this bill to the floor for an up or down vote.

On Climate Change, I am proud to be a co-sponsor of NY Renews or <u>A6694</u>, which would establish a body to implement a plan to make all sources of energy generation in the state renewable sources by 2052. This bill would have a tremendously positive impact on our environment and our econmy by making New York a leader in renweable energy production. I urge you to call the Governor at (518) 474-8390 and tell him that this bill is important to you and that you would like him to push the State Senate to bring it to the floor for an up or down vote.

Mammogram Vans

On May 25th, I am sponsoring two no cost Mammogram Vans with the Brooklyn Public Library and the American Italian Cancer Foundation. Please find full details below on each of the vans and please call us at 718 788- 7221 to make an appointment.

Borough Park Branch – BPL Cortelyou Road Branch – BPL

1265 43rd Street 1305 Cortelyou Road

Thursday, May 25 Thursday, May 25

9:00am - 12:00pm 2:00pm - 4:30pm

See you around the neighborhood,

Bobby