



**Trump & The Budget**

I am hosting a town hall on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> with NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer at John Jay Educational Complex at 237 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Park Slope. We will be discussing President Trump’s proposed federal budget cuts and how they may impact our state and city budgets.



Assemblymember Robert Carroll



NYC Comptroller Scott M. Stringer



INVITE YOU TO A TOWN HALL MEETING:

**“TRUMP AND THE BUDGET”**

- Voice your concerns about Trump’s budget
- Learn what Trump means for NYC & State
- Hear the impact for Brooklyn residents
- See how your neighborhood will be affected

Join Assemblymember Carroll and Comptroller Stringer as they and others discuss what the next four years looks like for our City and State.



**JOHN JAY EDUCATIONAL COMPLEX**  
 237 7<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE  
 (BET. 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET)  
 PARK SLOPE, BROOKLYN  
 7:00 TO 9:00 PM  
 Doors open 6:30 PM  
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Earlier this month, Comptroller Stringer [released](#) an analysis of how Donald Trump’s tax plan would affect New York City taxpayers. He exposes it as [a tax plan](#) written by millionaires, for millionaires.

On average, NYC millionaires’ tax bills [would decrease](#) by a whopping \$113,000 – which is more than double the median household income for New York City. Meanwhile, the average cut for families making under \$50,000 would be less than \$300. What’s worse, nearly 40 percent of single parents would face [a higher tax bill](#), including 75 percent of those who make \$50,000 to \$100,000. Nearly half of single filers with incomes between \$100,000 and \$500,000 would also pay *more* in taxes.

At a time when we already have astounding wealth gaps across this city and across this country, the Trump tax proposal, if implemented, would only [exacerbate them](#). This plan is a tax giveaway to [millionaires and billionaires](#) that’s paid for by the rest of us.

Please come out to the Town Hall on May 10<sup>th</sup> to hear more about the tax plan and its impact as well as how proposals from President Trump’s recently released “skinny budget” can impact our city and state budgets.

**Please RSVP to my office at (718) 788-7221 or by emailing me at [carrollr@nyassembly.gov](mailto:carrollr@nyassembly.gov)**

**Voting Reforms**

I was proud to join with the League of Women Voters of New York State and colleagues in government this week to call on the Governor and his legislative colleagues to pass comprehensive voting reforms in New York State.

On Wednesday, the Assembly Election Law Committee, of which I am a member passed A.2064/S.2950, a bill to allow for early voting up to 7 days before any election.



Early voting is one of a few key reforms that would make the ballot box more accessible to millions of New Yorkers. Our election laws and voting procedures must be modernized so that participating in our democracy is as open as possible. I firmly support any effort to allow more New Yorkers to participate in our Primary and General Elections.

New York State ranked 41<sup>st</sup> in the nation in voter turnout for the 2016 General Election, with 57% of the voting eligible population participating. This is a pox on all our houses. We need more people to participate in our democracy. The only way to change Albany is to make sure more people are able to vote. If we do that, I am convinced we will have a better state government.

### **Earth Day Legislative Package**

As a member of the Environmental Conservation Committee, I was proud to vote in favor of the Assembly's Earth Day Legislative Package on Tuesday.

### **This year's Earth Day Legislative Package includes the following six bills:**

[A.6279](#) is a proposed amendment to the New York State Constitution that would ensure clean air and water are treated as fundamental rights for New Yorkers

[A.6282](#) is designed to protect the state's wetlands, which serve as buffers intercepting polluted runoff before it contaminates lakes, rivers and coastal waters. The United States Supreme Court determined that the federal government no longer has jurisdiction of isolated wetlands. Nationwide estimates from the Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers determined between 20 and 50 percent of wetlands would be left unprotected, with likely an even greater impact in New York State.

New York's Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is currently limited to regulating mapped wetlands of 12.4 acres or more. Under the proposal, the DEC would gain regulatory authority over freshwater wetlands of one acre or more and other wetlands of significant local importance

[A.6280](#) would help reduce toxins in landfills and reduce the need for mining and refining. This bill would establish a mandatory recycling program, free to consumers, for all non-rechargeable batteries); and

[A.2875](#) would set maximum mercury content for lightbulbs to minimize potential health effects and reduce the amount of mercury contaminating the environment.

[A.1773](#) would help address the negative impacts of accidents or the mishandling of petroleum products like crude oil. This bill would apply to crude oil and petroleum products stored and transferred at bulk storage facilities, vessels and railroads, and require that such entities demonstrate sufficient financial assets to meet all responsibilities for cleanup and decontamination costs associated with the accidental release of such products.

[A.1862](#) would require the DEC to publish a list of geographic areas in the state that are adversely affected by existing environmental hazards. Historically, communities with existing environmental hazards have frequently been selected for the placement of new projects, presumably due to the belief that the "incremental" adverse environmental impact would be less in such an area than in an area with fewer existing environmental problems. Unfortunately, this process typically compounds environmental hazards for a small geographical area, often disproportionately affecting low income communities and people of color. The bill recognizes the importance of considering such cumulative impacts.

### **Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce**

I had the opportunity to speak at the Brooklyn Chamber Of Commerce's Explore Brooklyn Tourism and Hospitality Council meeting yesterday, where I announced that I was recently appointed the **Chair of the Assembly's Subcommittee on Museums and Cultural Institutions.**



As someone who studied and worked in the arts prior to becoming a lawyer and Assemblymember, I am truly excited to get to work on issues impacting our cultural community. I am planning a symposium for the Fall for cultural institutions around the city – so if you would like to be involved, please email me at [carrollr@nyassembly.gov](mailto:carrollr@nyassembly.gov).

### **Senior Roundtable**

I hosted the leaders of many of the senior centers around the district this week at my office to discuss ways my office can assist in connecting them with the resources that they need to best serve their thriving senior communities.



We must make sure that our seniors, who have spent their lives building our communities, can continue to live and thrive across the 44<sup>th</sup> District. I am committed to partnering with organizations like the Senior League of Flatbush and Heights and Hills, two organizations that do so much to help make sure that our seniors are cared for and supported appropriately.

If you have any community concerns or legislative ideas, please reach out to my office at (718) 788-7221 or by emailing me at [carrollr@nyassembly.gov](mailto:carrollr@nyassembly.gov).

See you around the neighborhood,  
Bobby